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Challengers unseat ACSD incumbents

Doria, McCallum win convincingly

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — An Addison Central School District board election firmly rooted in the debate over the future of small rural schools culminated in wins on Tuesday for two outspoken advocates for keeping all of the ACSD's elementary schools open.

Town Meeting Day voting saw residents in the ACSD towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge endorse challenger Joanna Doria over incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802, to

represent Ripton on the 13-member panel.

In the other contested race, Jamie McCallum bested incumbent (and ACSD board Chair) Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to serve three years as the Weybridge representative on the board, which oversees preK-12 education for children in the seven member towns.

Doria, a member of Save Our Schools (SOS), already serves on the Ripton School District board, which is overseeing the town's transition from ACSD member

to an independent school district. Ripton has navigated all the statutory hurdles to become independent, effective July 1, 2023. So barring Ripton's re-entry into the ACSD, Doria's term on the district board will last 16 months, instead of three years.

McCallum, a first-time candidate for local office, is also an advocate for preserving rural schools. While the ACSD board has no plan on the table to close any

"Coming together will be a challenge, given the lingering history, but I hope doable if we all agree to begin to heal together."

— Joanna Doria

of the district's seven elementary schools, a solid majority of the panel has stated that declining enrollment and rising education costs are likely to soon drive decisions on how many school buildings the district will be able to afford without overburdening local taxpayers.

All four candidates ran active campaigns that included multiple support messages that appeared in (See ACSD board, Page 15A)

Exchange student stands up for Ukraine

By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

MIDDLEBURY — When Diana Herasim left her European home last August to come to America and take part in a student exchange program she thought that the uneasy peace between her country and her neighbors would hold.

"I didn't have any idea how this would change," the 15-year-old Middlebury Union High School junior said in a Tuesday (See Herasim, Page 14A)



DIANA HERASIM

Vergennes OKs \$25.5M for big sewer overhaul

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Vergennes residents on Tuesday strongly backed spending up to \$25.5 million — with an expectation of major outside government funding — for a complete overhaul of the city's failing and aging sewer collection system and treatment plant.

The vote in favor of the council proposal went 384 to 60, or about 87-13%.

Vergennes officials believe ratepayers will probably have to (See Vergennes, Page 16A)

Cannabis sales OK'd in 3 towns

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

BRISTOL — Bristol voters on Town Meeting Day overwhelmingly approved a measure that will permit licensed cannabis retailers to operate in town.

They were joined by Ferrisburgh and Weybridge residents who also OK'd retail cannabis questions on their ballot. Leicester and New Haven defeated similar proposals.

In Bristol, the article, which (See Cannabis, Page 16A)



By the way

Henry Luther Sheldon, founder of the Henry Sheldon Museum, was an avid collector. Now the Middlebury museum that bears his name (and his collection) wants to see, and display, some of your interesting artifacts. The Sheldon Museum is organizing a summer exhibit called "Addison" (See By the way, Page 15A)

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All in favor?

IT WAS JUST like old times ... plus face masks. As we approach the second anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic and most Vermont towns again decided all of their annual town meeting decisions by Australian ballot, folks in Goshen saw the falling infection rate and decided to host an in-person town meeting this past Monday night. Here some of the three dozen participants weigh in on an article with a show of hands. Read all of our town-by-town coverage of town meetings on Pages 8A-13A.

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Midd picks Hooper, Seeley and Thomas

Delia-Lôbo's selectboard bid falls short

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Esther Thomas, Andy Hooper and Heather Seeley on Tuesday prevailed in a four-person race for three available three-year terms on the Middlebury selectboard.

Incumbent Esther Thomas was the top vote-getter with 955 tallies, followed by challenger Andy Hooper (845) and incumbent Heather Seeley (783). Resident Matthew Delia-Lôbo finished out of the running with 516 votes in his first municipal election.

Longtime incumbent Middlebury Selectman Nick Artim chose not to run for re-election.

Thomas, a one-year incumbent and residential director at Middlebury College, is a member of the town's Infrastructure Committee and a leader of the community's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts.

"I want to thank people for voting for me and being so supportive," Thomas said during a post-election interview.

Her priorities for the next three years include expanding Middlebury's affordable housing stock, supporting a library renovation/expansion project and continuing to make Middlebury a welcoming community through the DEI work that's under way.

Hooper, an IT programmer at the Agri-Mark/Cabot corporate office in Waitsfield, is pleased to have been elected after having lost out on a selectboard spot (to Thomas) last year.

"I'm thrilled," he said. Among other things, he's looking forward to getting up to speed on board protocols and touring municipal facilities to speak with town workers. Having previously served four terms on the Montpelier City Council, Hooper already knows a lot about municipal government.

His stated priorities include increasing the local affordable housing stock, making the community more business-friendly, and finding ways for (See Middlebury, Page 16A)

"I want to thank people for voting for me and being so supportive."

— Esther Thomas



A LITTLE BOY gets a civics lesson while his mom votes Tuesday in the Middlebury Recreation Center, where three candidates won seats on the local selectboard.

Independent photo/Steve James

Majority of school budgets approved

OV & Slate Valley plans are rejected

By INDEPENDENT STAFF

ADDISON COUNTY — Residents in the Addison Central, Mount Abraham Unified and Addison Northwest school districts on Tuesday all strongly supported spending plans for the 2022-2023 academic year.

But at the same time, the Otter Valley Unified Union School District budget was defeated, 522-462, by voters in the Brandon area. The district's proposed budget presented a 7.8% jump in spending to \$22,710,955 with per-pupil spending increasing by 9.72%.

Taxes throughout OVUSD district towns, however, were not expected to rise nearly as much, with Brandon's taxes rising only 1.69% compared to the prior year, for example.

School officials were surprised because very little public comment (See School budgets, Page 14A)

MAUSD towns ratify Lincoln's withdrawal vote

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

LINCOLN — Members of Save Community Schools are celebrating after an overwhelming affirmation Tuesday of their proposal to withdraw Lincoln from the Mount Abraham Unified School District.

This past August, in an effort to prevent their school from being closed, Lincoln residents voted by a 3-to-1 margin to withdraw from the MAUSD. That was the first step in a long process dictated by state statutes.

The second step was getting the four other MAUSD member towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro to ratify Lincoln's vote. That was accomplished on Town Meeting Day, when the voters of those towns approved Lincoln's plan — by a combined 3-to-1 margin.

In all, the towns cast 1,366 votes in favor, 441 against.

Individual town results broke down as follows:

- Bristol: 554-219.
- Monkton: 289-70.
- New Haven: 240-90.
- Starksboro 286-54.

"We're delighted," said Paul Forlenza, the Lincoln selectboard's liaison to Save Community Schools (SCS) and an active and outspoken supporter of the withdrawal movement. "This victory reflects an incredible amount of hard work, not only in Lincoln but in other towns as well."

SCS is a group of parents and community (See Lincoln, Page 15A)

Groups critical of logging in national forests

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

VERMONT — A new coalition of national and regional environmental and climate policy groups launched an initiative last month taking aim at logging on federal lands, including the Green Mountain National Forest.

The Climate Forest campaign, which is supported by 70 organizations, including the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Center for Biological Diversity, is calling on the Biden administration to end logging of mature and old-growth forests on federal public lands, pointing out that such forests “store vast amounts of carbon and continue absorbing it as they age,” making them “critical in the fight against climate change,” according to a Feb. 15 media release.

“It’s time to adopt a new policy: Let our forests grow,” said Zack Porter, director of Montpelier-based Standing Trees, which has been sounding the alarm about logging in Vermont and New Hampshire’s national forests for the past two years. “The last thing we should be doing is cutting down mature forests that remove climate-harming pollution, safeguard wildlife, reduce the threat of flooding and drought, and provide clean water for our communities.”

Of particular concern to Standing Trees and other regional advocates of “letting forests be forests” is the 72,000-acre “Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project,” which spans nine towns in Addison, Rutland and Windsor counties and includes more than 32,000 acres of National Forest lands in Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield and Stockbridge.

Green Mountain National Forest officials have indicated that up to 11,000 acres in the area — 85% of which contains trees that are more than 80 years old — could be opened up to commercial timber harvesting in the coming years, as part of the federal logging program.

These “mature” but not yet “old” forests are “still recovering from logging and burning that leveled more than 99% of the region’s original forests,” according to the

Climate Forest campaign media release. And though they’re still a long way from returning to full health, they capture more carbon than the private forests being logged for profit around the region.

In fact, the Climate Forest campaign says, “Today, logging is the leading cause of tree death in New England and accounts for 86% of all carbon that is lost from New England forests, annually.”

Logging on federal lands not only constitutes one of the most environmentally harmful subsidies in the United States, it comes at a great cost to taxpayers, according to a 2019 report issued by the Center for Sustainable Economy. The report estimated that the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) authorizes the logging equivalent of 650,000 full log truckloads per year nationwide.

“And because the Forest Service sells its timber far below cost, it results in significant taxpayer losses.”

The report cited research by the John Muir Project estimating that the USFS logging program costs U.S. taxpayers roughly \$1.7 billion a year, in 2018 dollars.

But eliminating logging of mature and old forests on federal lands isn’t about eliminating the timber industry, Porter said.

“About 90% of wood products come from private lands,” he told the *Independent*. “We don’t have to choose between wood products and wildlands. We just need to be smarter about how we zone. We need to let these mature forests get older and do what we need the most right now.”

FOREST MANAGEMENT

In order for that to happen, there needs to be a change in the current forest “management” mindset, Porter said.

“For generations in New England we have failed to question this idea that we have to cut trees to save the forest,” he said. “That’s a myth, not fact. It’s born from this 400-year-old Puritan idea that land has no value unless it’s ‘put to use.’”

But this is starting to change as forest management practices come

under increased scrutiny.

Porter pointed to a 2015 report, “Enhancing Flood Resiliency of Vermont State Lands,” prepared for the state Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation by two Bristol residents, Kristen Underwood of South Mountain Research & Consulting, and David Brynn, executive director of Vermont Family Forests.

The report, prompted by record flooding on Lake Champlain in the spring of 2011, and the widespread damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene later that year, found that while many of Vermont’s state lands are in “forest cover,” Irene caused significant damage to their man-made infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, because the landscapes’ natural vulnerabilities to “overland flow and soil erosion has been exacerbated by a legacy of land use impacts dating as far back as the 1700s.”

Porter noted the following passage of the report in particular:

“There may be a tendency to assume that lands in forest cover are resilient to the effects of flooding simply by virtue of their forested status. However, forest cover does not necessarily equate to forest health and forest flood resilience. Headwater forests of Vermont include a legacy of human modifications that have left certain land areas with a heightened propensity to generate runoff, accelerate soil erosion, and sediment streams. These legacy impacts affect forest lands across the state, not just state lands.”

And they’re not just brought on by tropical storms.

Brynn recalled the wave of August 2004 storms that dropped several inches of rain in northern Addison County, causing widespread flooding and damage in Bristol and New Haven.

“It was unbelievable,” Brynn told the *Independent*. “You could hear boulders rolling down the (New Haven) river.”

The storm precipitated an unusual high-elevation event in Bristol, as well.

‘GULLY-WASHERS’

A wall of water came cascading down Hogback Mountain, depositing tons of earth into the backyards of Bristol’s Mountain Street residents and crashing into Bristol Elementary School.

The following day, eager to find out where all that water had come from, Brynn started walking up

Hogback Mountain, he recalled. What he found was so fascinating that he walked all the way to top and had to make his way down in the darkness.

“It was roads and erosion all the way up,” he said. “We had concentrated the (water) flow from the Hogback Mountain down onto the door of the elementary school.” All of the water would eventually have reached the bottom of the mountain anyway, he acknowledged, but an uninterrupted landscape would have been able to absorb more of it, and slow it down.

It was but one Addison County example of what can happen during particularly intense gully-washers, which are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in Vermont as a result of climate change.

As it stands now, forest management practices are not poised to address future climate stresses.

“If we want forests to do what we want them to do, we need to think less about ‘forest management’ and more about ‘ecosystem protection,’” Brynn said.

But he’s not sure about eliminating logging entirely from federally owned lands.

“I’m not saying we shouldn’t cut some timber,” Brynn said. “But I think we need to let the forest teach us how to practice exemplary forestry. The trees are the gurus.”

Which is why Brynn and his colleagues at Vermont Family Forests are advocating for the addition of a new category — Reserve Wildlands Forest Land Use — to Vermont’s Use Value Assessment Program, which is the keystone of the state’s conservation strategy.

Currently, wildlands, which “are the very best at combating a rapidly changing climate and conserving a resilient landscape,” make up less than 3% of Vermont’s landscape, Vermont Family Forests says.

BIODIVERSITY

Rep. Amy Sheldon, D-Middlebury, is hoping to change that.

In January Rep. Sheldon introduced bill H.660, the “Community Resilience and Biodiversity Protection Act.”

The goal of H.660 is to conserve 30% of Vermont’s total land area — including state, federal, municipal and private land — by 2030, and 50% by 2050.

The mix of biodiversity reserves, ecological conservation areas and sustainable resource management areas would be determined by the goals within Vermont Conservation design, the bill says, including the goal of maintaining or restoring old forests across at least 9% of Vermont forestland.

“We all know how important our open spaces are,” Sheldon told the *Independent*. “This is: Let’s be more intentional about how we spend our conservation dollars, so that we’ll be leaving the Vermont we have now for future generations.”

The full text of H.660 can be found online at tinyurl.com/VTh606.

For more information about Vermont Family Forests, visit familyforests.org. For more information about the Climate Forest campaign, visit climateforests.org.

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Career Center projects get OKs from voters

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Voters in 17 Addison County towns resoundingly approved a proposal to spend up to \$8.1 million on significant renovations to the Patricia Hannaford Career Center’s Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury.

Voters OK’d the measure, 4,278-1,470.

The lion’s share of the work will involve upgrading the heating system while replacing the ventilation and electrical systems at the Charles Avenue building. The to-do list for that structure also calls for energy efficiency upgrades (including solar), enhanced security and safety equipment, ensuring the structure meets current code and ADA requirements, and complete asbestos abatement.

Improvements targeting the North Campus building, located in Middlebury’s industrial park, include installation of LED light fixtures and making an upstairs classroom usable and accessible.

“With many systems at maximum end or past, we need to update (them to ensure) the career center is ready to meet the needs of students for the next 50 years and more,” PHCC board Chair Suzanne Buck said of the project prior to Tuesday’s vote.

Career Center officials simply asked voters to for permission to incur project debt; they’ll spend the

coming weeks determining the best payback mechanism for the \$8.1 million. A recent PHCC mailing to affected taxpayers suggests the yearly cost for a homeowner is expected to be “less than \$19 for every \$100,000 in assessed property value, and will vary based on town.”

The Career Center serves students in the Addison Central, Addison Northwest and Mount Abraham Unified school districts.

Career Center Superintendent Dana Peterson noted the proposed energy efficiency improvements to the main campus would save taxpayers more than \$48,000 per year. The goal is for the main campus to become net zero.

Construction is expected to start at the end of this academic year and proceed through the summer, and during vacations during next school year. Some of the less disruptive work could be done while school is in session, before concluding at the end of the summer of 2023.

In other PHCC-related voting on Tuesday, residents voted:

- 5,081-859 in favor of transferring \$175,000 of the school district’s FY21 fund balance into the Building & Equipment Reserve, to use for capital improvements and equipment.

- 4,528-1,427 in favor of the proposed 2022-23 PHCC budget of \$4,104,157.

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Bristol seeks principal

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Unified School District is considering three finalists for the post of principal at Bristol Elementary School, and the BES community will get a chance to meet them this week.

One homegrown candidate and two from Midwestern states will visit the school on Thursday, March 3, to meet with faculty, staff and students. That evening, between 5 and 7:30 p.m., the finalists will be available to speak with community members, who will be asked to share their thoughts afterward via online survey.

A schedule of events and meetings can be found on the MAUSD website at tinyurl.com/schedBES.

The winning candidate will begin work on July 1, succeeding Interim Principal David Wells, who was appointed last May to serve for the 2021-22 school year.

MAUSD began the principal search in January with an online survey seeking input from the community about what characteristics it would most like to see in a new administrator.

Respondents emphasized communication, classroom experience, a long-term commitment to the school and a desire to advocate for students, families and staff, Reen told the *Independent*.

The survey results align with many of the concerns raised by the community over the past few months as the school struggled with student behavioral issues, overtaxed teachers, angry parents and learning disruptions officials said were caused by the pandemic.

Other schools and school districts in Vermont and nationwide have also been struggling in recent years.

The MAUSD has responded by adding staff and increasing budgets for student supports, among other things.

But even before this year Bristol Elementary had struggled to retain its top administrators. The school’s next principal will be its fourth in five years.

The finalists for the job were chosen from a pool of nine applicants, Reen said.

Jonathan Bratko of Naperville, Ill., has more than seven years of teaching experience and has served as an assistant principal for one year.

Joshua Tebo of Shawano, Wis., has nearly 20 years of teaching experience, in addition to serving three years as an athletic/aquatics director.

Justin Bouvier of Bristol has four years of teaching experience and more than five years of administrative experience, including his current role as assistant principal of Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School.

Bouvier has been a finalist for BES principal once before, in 2016. The district, then known as the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union, ultimately chose Kevin Robinson, who went on to serve in the role for three years.

The BES Search Committee, which will make the final recommendation, consists of 10 members: the superintendent, a classroom teacher, an administrative assistant, a community member, a school board member, an instructional coach, an interventionist, a special educator, a building principal and a guidance counselor, Reen said.

The committee is hoping to make a final decision by mid-March.

For more information about each of the candidates, including their cover letters and their vision for a successful school, visit tinyurl.com/BESfinalists.

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AS LOGGING CONTINUES across parts of the Green Mountain National Forest (as seen here in Rochester), activists are gearing up to fight on a new front, the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. Much of the more-than-32,000 acres of publicly owned land is designated as “available” for timber harvesting.

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Member or Not...Anyone Can Shop at the Co-op!

Pollinator pathway takes shape in Addison County

By JOHN FLOWERS

WEYBRIDGE — Most people associate pathways as being routes cleared for human travel.

A group of Addison County residents is mapping out a pathway that will be reserved for small, winged travelers essential to the pollination of so much of the fresh fruit and produce that humans depend upon.

Actually building up places for pollinators — butterflies, bees and other insects — to live is more important than ever as their natural habitats have been reduced by human development.

The new organization, called Pollinator Pathways of Addison County, is the brainchild of Bethany Barry and Fran Putnam. Barry had learned about the importance of pollinators during a garden tour of Horsford Gardens & Nursery in Charlotte last fall.

“The woman who was leading this informal tour said, ‘If you can do anything, plant some native plants for pollinators,’” Putnam recounted.

It’s a directive that resonated with Barry. She resolved to introduce more pollinator plantings on her own property, but knew a countywide effort could increase the impact manifold. So Barry contacted Putnam — a passionate advocate for reversing climate change — to strategize.

Turns out that Putnam had already been looking at increasing biodiversity on her own property in Weybridge. She had received advice from the Vermont Natural Resources Council on a range of steps landowners can take to stem the dwindling numbers of insects.

Addison County also happens to be home base for “Bee The Change,” founded by Dr. Mike Kiernan, which introduces a diverse array of plantings in and around the solar fields. Its goal is to support native pollinators, such as butterflies, hummingbirds, moths and bees, that move from plant to plant, “providing a vital and sustainable reproductive pathway for many of the fruits, vegetables, nuts and plants we consume,” according to the Bee The Change website.

As a first step, Barry decided to gauge the interest of Cornwall residents in a pollinator pathway. She posted a blurb on social media, which drew a surprising 15 people to her home this past September. Attendees were full of ideas and enthusiasm, and they resolved to make their properties more pollinator-friendly, according to Putnam.

The pathway group will also work with garden clubs, conservation commissions, landscaping businesses and gardeners to get them on board with a pollinator planting strategy.

“Small changes could create this pathway across Addison County,” Putnam said. “Other counties and towns will do the same, hopefully.”

The pathway idea gained considerable momentum when

Middlebury College sophomore Brett Gilman signed on. Putnam had met Gilman through a climate activism group to which they both belong. Turns out Gilman hails from Wilton, Conn., where the Pollinator Pathway New England (PPNE) organization was established in 2017 by Donna Merrill — who happens to be Gilman’s mentor.

Since the founding of PPNE, pathways have been established in almost 300 communities throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Putnam and Barry want to add Vermont to the list, including every town in Addison County, if possible.

Gilman — an organic farmer since fifth grade — urged Putnam and Barry to reach out to PPNE for support. They did, and now there’s an “Addison County, Vt.” page on the PPNE website, which can be found at pollinator-pathway.org.

“They said, ‘You can do this in Addison County. You can join us, and we’ll be the umbrella. Start recruiting people,’” Putnam recalled. “It sounded like a good idea, and we didn’t have to reinvent the wheel.”

In relatively short order, Gilman, Barry and Putnam had recruited Addison County pollinator pathway supporters in Cornwall, Shoreham, Whiting, Bristol, Middlebury, Leicester, New Haven, Lincoln, Weybridge, East Middlebury, Salisbury, Vergennes and Monkton. They’ll continue to pollinate various media platforms with their message in order to bring more towns into the fold.

SPREADING THE WORD

The group is also lining up speakers for a half-dozen free Zoom events that will explain the importance of pollinators and how landowners can simply and inexpensively introduce the plantings that pollinators find irresistible. Not surprisingly, PPNE founder Donna Merrill was the first speaker in the Pollinator Pathways for Addison County kickoff on this past Tuesday.

Emily May from the Xerces Society will be second on the Zoom list. She’ll address local pathway boosters on Thursday, March 10, on how to plant diverse, native plants without using pesticides. Organizers are lining up four more speakers to cover such topics as bee biology, rewilding, and the Ecotype Project.

May described the importance of the pollinator pathway during an email exchange with the *Independent*.

“Planting diverse, locally adapted native plants creates stepping stones of food and shelter

for pollinators between larger patches of habitat,” she said. “The more of these patches we can establish for pollinators, the more resilient they’ll be to the many threats they face, including habitat loss, pesticides and climate change.”

She believes Addison County has “incredible potential for supporting pollinators across public and private lands, including yards and gardens, municipal lands, roadsides, farms, and natural areas.”

Gilman realized as a child that his love of gardening was dependent on pollinators making the rounds to his homegrown produce.

“It cultivated in me a deep connection with land and the spirit of place and working organically,” he said. “(Nurturing pollinators) was something I had to do for my livelihood and lifestyle as a farmer.”

Sowing native plants has become Gilman’s passion, with guidance from PPNE and the Ecotype Project.

AT THE COLLEGE

He’s pleased to see the nascent pollinator pathway effort in Addison County, and believes Middlebury College — the county’s largest property owner — should join the effort. To that end, he established a student initiative called “Rewild Midd” to encourage the Middlebury College administration to reserve some of the college’s real estate for growing native plants. Students have begun asking why the Middlebury campus does not match the college’s ecological values, Gilman said.

“We’re frustrated about seeing all the leaves get carted off and acres and acres of lawn. This energy started growing for rolling back the lawn and rewilding the landscape with native plants,” he said.

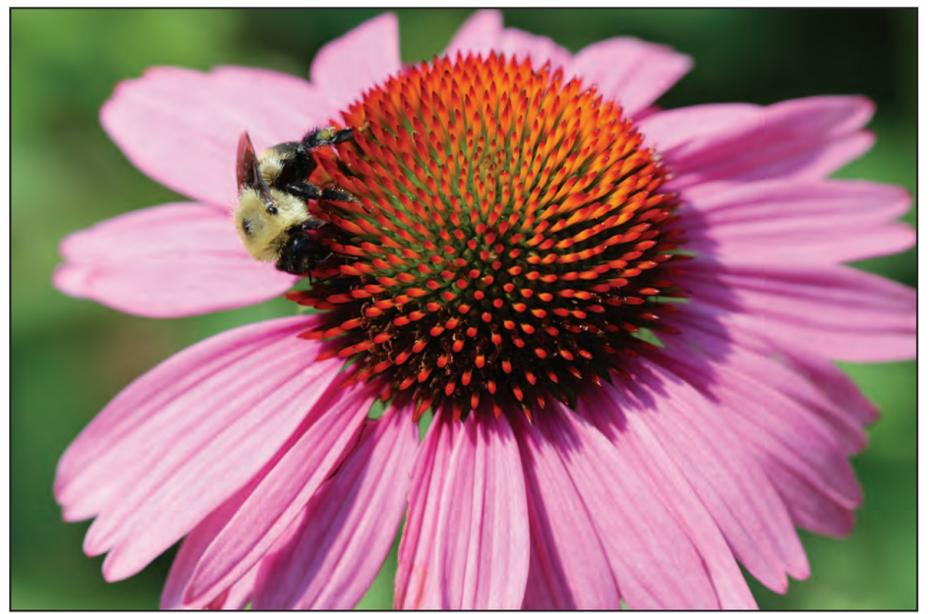
College officials have yet to agree to a rewilding plan, according to Gilman.

Meanwhile, Putnam is suggesting folks refrain from raking or leaf blowing areas they aren’t inclined to mow. She explained insects like to over-winter and mature in clumps of fallen leaves, so clearing that kind of natural debris removes potential habitat for pollinators.

“More trees, more leaves, more places for those insects to over-winter so the next spring, they can come up, they’ll have food and start pollinating.”

“It’s not just the plants; it’s the whole habitat around the plants,” Putnam said.

She stressed flowers and shrubs are only part of a pollinator-friendly landscape. Oak, wild cherry and willow are among native tree varieties that should also be part of the picture, Putnam



EMILY MAY, WHO took this photo of a bumble bee pollinating a purple coneflower, will deliver a March 10 Zoom talk on “Planting for Pollinators in Vermont” as part of the Pollinator Pathways of Addison County education series.

Photo by Emily May, Xerces Society

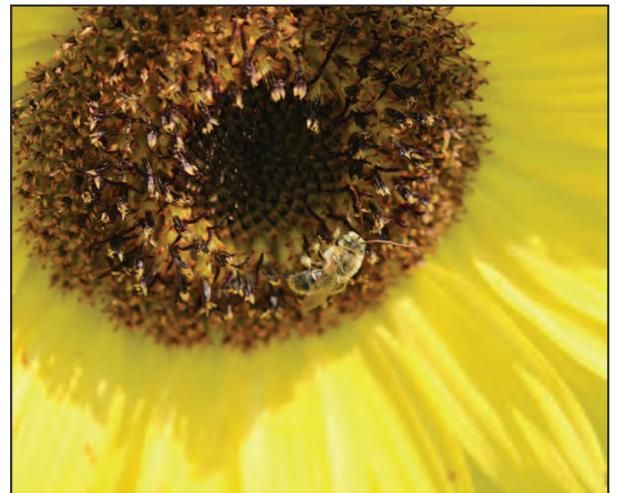
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“They are magnets for these beneficial insects,” she said. “We need to plant more and we need to be careful with the ones we’ve got.”

Pollinator pathway boosters stressed landowners needn’t spend scads of money to augment plantings. For example, you can find acorns in a nearby forest and plant them. There are fine pollinators growing at the side of many roads, so transplant a few of those. Don’t mow a section of your property, and you might find pollinator plants emerge without much effort on your part. Members of the county pathway group will conduct seed swaps to help diversify your garden.

Visit pollinator-pathway.org for tips on what to grow.

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A LONGHORN BEE is busily working on a sunflower; the work happens to spread pollen from plant to plant.

Photo by Emily May, Xerces Society

“It’s not just the plants; it’s the whole habitat around the plants.”

— Fran Putnam



A HONEY BEE and a bumble bee spread pollen around a plant known as a blazing star.

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Editorials

Votes demonstrate the populist appeal of self-determination

From an editor's perspective, the school board elections in Addison Central School District and the decision by the four-member towns of the Mount Abraham Unified School District to approve Lincoln's exit from the district were the most noteworthy of this year's Town Meeting. That's because those votes reflect a strong current of dissatisfaction with how Act 46 and its movement toward school consolidations are limiting a town's ability to choose a self-determined path.

The Lincoln vote by the four MAUSD member towns, in particular, was a pointed rejection of the State Board of Education's year-long campaign to discourage other small schools to follow in Ripton's footsteps. The forceful resistance is noteworthy because it demonstrates the depth of anger to forced consolidation, even among neighboring communities that might benefit from the merger.

What it also signals, as loudly as any election can, is the need for legislative changes in the process — not that make it harder for small towns and their schools to secede (that would only make the dissatisfaction deeper), but to create viable ways to make it possible.

That's no easy task. The state constitution requires school education be financially equitable, which makes it difficult to figure out ways small schools can survive without residents of larger communities paying for those cost inefficiencies. The math is plain enough: small schools, if run independently, will not be as cost effective as a larger school could be. That is economics of scale.

But saving a few dollars should not be the primary focus. That's the rub. The focus should be twofold: academic excellence that also encapsulates the overall wellness of Vermont communities. School board members, at the state and local levels, who maintain their only concern is student outcomes are not serving the public well. Actions have consequences and if those consequences damage as much or more than they help, it's a negative. Much of Vermont's character and its uniqueness is embodied by the state's 251 towns, most of which are rural communities with small schools. Laws that undermine the very essence of that character need review and change.

This is particularly true in a digital era that separates and divides community; that isolates individuals at home and at work; that telegraphs messages of unknown origins and veracity. At a time when individuals need strong communities to bring people together to work for the common good, to discuss ideas person-to-person, to sort through ways to make communities and our children strong, informed and resilient the last thing we should be doing is undermining our town schools. It is, for many voters, the last stand for community. Lose the school, and you lose town unity.

It's a passion that should not be lightly dismissed.

It remains a challenge, however, to portray a model in which very small schools are economically and academically viable. The state has seen one-room schoolhouses close one-by-one throughout the past 50-75 years. What, then, is too small? Is it 35 students K-5, or 50 or 75? Or is that the wrong question?

A good argument can be made that if a community embraces its school and supplies abundant parental support and resources, student outcomes will excel. The counter argument that larger schools can offer foreign languages, art, music and other activities with greater variety is certainly valid and sets a high bar, but it doesn't necessarily surpass the advantages of strong community support at a smaller school. It's this latter point that some school board members have been reluctant to accept, and consequently to insist they know better and should dictate policy to small towns.

The votes in ACSD and MAUSD are hard to explain without recognizing the populist appeal of these small towns yearning to determine their own fate; and of the voters' rejection of initiatives to prevent them.

Hence, in the MAUSD, voters in the four neighboring towns approved Lincoln's exit by an overwhelming 3-1 margin — even though it was not in their financial interest. Meanwhile, in ACSD, two challengers to positions on the school board defeated incumbents over this very issue.

Perhaps it is Vermont's uniquely libertarian streak, akin to the state's romantic admiration of the Green Mountain Boys, that leads towns to be so reckless.

Or perhaps there is wisdom in allowing towns to determine their own way when citizens believe core community values are at risk.

Angelo Lynn

Putin's evil, Ukraine's heroism

To adjust from Tuesday's Town Meeting concerns to the dizzyingly complex world stage of this past week is mind-numbing. Putin's increasingly brutal invasion of Ukraine has shocked our collective senses. The personal stories of survival and death, of fear yet determination, of heroic acts and national resilience among the Ukrainian people have reawakened the heart of democracies around the world and spurred them to collective action.

There is hope in such passion and their righteous cause.

But Russia's military muscle is sobering. Its overwhelming size and firepower foretells its own story unless Putin can be convinced that enormous bloodshed is not in his best interest. Already he has lost any favorable narrative. He has isolated Russia, economically and politically; and he has run into a foe willing to fight and inflict significant damage on Russian forces for weeks or months, not the few days he had expected. Moreover, he has united NATO and other neighboring countries in ways no one imagined.

He also has revealed his true self: a lawless, ruthless dictator with a crazed vision of recapturing Russia's former territorial might. NATO's and the West's resolve to punish Putin with all the resources it has for as long as it takes is the task of today's world leaders. President Joe Biden has demonstrated the behind-the-scenes patience needed to unite our allies, the insight to be a step ahead of Putin and deny him a false narrative, and the no-nonsense rhetoric used to exercise force while not bringing the world into nuclear war.

The clear strategy is to pressure Putin to take an off-ramp soon and avoid a potential years-long siege that crushes prospects for peace. The question the West must determine is how much stronger a show of force is needed, and how great are the consequences of imposing it.

Angelo Lynn



Get the details right

JEN SWEENEY CHECKS a fact in the town report at the Goshen town meeting at the town hall Monday night.

Independent photo/Steve James

Why we put women of color in power

There is a lot of pain in the world right now. People continue to fall victim daily to a global pandemic. War has broken out in Europe. In our own backyard, we continue to see black, brown, and indigenous people killed by the police. Women's reproductive rights are being stripped from them. Hate runs through our streets. Our southwestern border is stained with the blood of migrants and refugees, many killed by the targeted, racialized violence of a border control apparatus made up of ICE agents and border fences. Black, brown, and native folks are diagnosed with debilitating diseases at much higher rates than white ones due to environmental toxic exposure. In short, overall things are grim. In 2022 America, racial inequality and racism still loom unbelievably large.

Even with all of these things and more happening, life must go on. At the end of last month, for instance, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer announced that he intends to retire from the U.S. Supreme Court. That means, of course, that Joe Biden will get to nominate his replacement and as of this week, we know who he has chosen.

Ketanji Brown Jackson is his pick. Jackson went to Harvard — twice. She has served in the Office of the Federal Public Defender, which is an uncommon occurrence for Supreme Court picks, but means she knows the ins and outs of the criminal justice system. She has already been confirmed by the Senate twice. She is known as an incredible public speaker. She has also worked for a private law firm. In her early years, she clerked for prestigious justices and judges, including Stephen Breyer. She served as Commissioner

for the U.S. Sentencing Commission as well as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. From all accounts, she seems to not only be exceptionally qualified for the job, she also appears to have an impeccable, scandal-free record.

Oh, and she is also a black woman.

I didn't list her race last because I think that the beauty of this historic moment should be downplayed or because I don't think it is important and shouldn't be celebrated. Believe me, as a historian of race in

Ways of Seeing

By Mary E. Mendoza



the United States and a woman of color, I watched Joe Biden introduce Judge Jackson and then watched her moving remarks as tears formed in my eyes, much like I did when I watched Kamala Harris speak after her 2021 inauguration and as I did when Sonia Sotomayor accepted her nomination from Barak Obama to the country's highest court. Seeing these women in these positions of power matters. It matters for women like me and it matters for young people to see and understand that women of color belong in these spaces.

That last part of my last paragraph, though, bears repeating: women of color belong in these spaces. Not just because "representation matters," but because we have earned our place in these spaces.

The other day I was sitting in a public place and the news was on and, for a moment, the newscaster discussed the impending nomination of a black woman. Someone in my earshot said the predictable, "never mind who the best candidate is, let's just pick someone because she is a black woman." If I had

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Lawmakers crafting climate policy

The current legislative semester is crucial in Vermont's effort to address the climate crisis. Lawmakers are working hard to turn the recommendations of Vermont's first Climate Action Plan into effective policy that puts us on the right path towards limiting our greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to renewable energy, and preparing our infrastructure for climate-related challenges.

A key element of this project is the establishment of fair and effective environmental standards: ones that hold us accountable to our stated goals, help us reach them, and ensure that the costs and benefits of doing so are shared equitably between all Vermonters.

The legislature is now evaluating our Renewable Energy Standard (which sets guidelines for Vermont's electric distribution utilities) and a proposed Clean Heat Standard (which would affect suppliers of heating fuel). There are serious problems with both: they leave open loopholes that let us think we're making far more progress than we are. Without a course correction, we could end up in a situation where Vermont's energy sector meets state environmental standards, and yet we do very little to curb emissions and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and other environmentally-destructive energy sources.

Developing effective and sensible energy standards

is especially crucial as we move towards electrifying our transportation and heating: driving an electric car or installing a heat pump are fine, but what if the electricity that powers them is still generated from emissions-heavy sources? To ensure that these standards do what they should, we need to examine them carefully.

Community Forum

This week's writer is Roger White, an artist, teacher and volunteer with 350VT from Middlebury.

WHAT'S RENEWABLE?

Vermont's renewable energy standard is higher than those found in many of our neighboring states. However, this is misleading: our definition of "renewable" is broader than the one found in these comparable standards. Our utilities are able to meet their mandated quota of renewably generated electricity because we treat large-scale hydropower as a renewable source of energy; it has a dubious claim to the title, to say the least.

Hydropower produced by the massive Canadian utility, Hydro-Québec (our state's largest energy provider, from whom we now get about 30% of our electricity) generates substantial amounts of both methane and carbon dioxide. These emissions are completely disregarded under the Renewable Energy Standard, which treats hydropower as an emissions-free energy source. (Methane is especially worrisome because it drives short-term global warming even more than CO2 does.)

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Letters to the Editor

Beware of 'strongmen'

Now that Trump's favorite dictator (after himself of course), Putin, has invaded democratic Ukraine and attempts to assert the same kind of brutal rule that he has over Russia, it's time for everyone to stand up to and speak out against this kind of blatant aggression.

I have never understood why a people that have given the world so much greatness in the form of music, dance, the arts, and sciences, have perpetually let themselves be taken in and allowed to be ruled by strongmen throughout the centuries ... They seem to pathetically only be happy to be led around by the nose, as cattle, and need to have a czar to bow down to. In 1917 they threw off the royalist shackles during the Russian Revolution, only to allow themselves to be subjugated by Lenin, and then worse, Stalin, for over 50 years. Then after the Soviet Union fell in the early 1990s, they could only manage a mere 10 years of "freedom" before taken in by the sinister ex-KGB agent and dwarf, Putin. Yes, a few brave people have tried to speak out and stand up to the tyrant and his cronies, but they have either been killed, imprisoned (as in the case of Alexi Navalny), or otherwise silenced.

I'm glad that our government under the strong leadership of Joe Biden, and most nations of the world, are standing up to this bully. I wish that we could have responded militarily, but imposing the strictest sanctions against the Russian state that can be imposed will hopefully have an impact. I don't care if it causes the worst hardships on the Russian people. If they don't depose Putin, then they deserve it. I was against the Iraq war, because it was based on lies fabricated by G. W. Bush, who should have been tried as a war criminal. Whatever we do to stand up to Putin is justified.

If Trumpy Dumpty, Putin's pal, had still been president (god forbid), he would be praising the dictator right now, as he has already done numerous times, no matter how many Ukrainians lose their lives. This is why we need to be vigilant, because Trump, much of the Republican party, and those MAGA morons want America to be like just like Russia is now, an autocracy.

Bruce Acciavatti
Salisbury

It's time for a religious revival

Save our Sacred Structures — our churches, our souls, and their attendant congregations and communities at large, preserving our cultural and moral landscape that we may go forward and worship together forever.

The very first public structure erected by the first Pilgrims was a church, which served as a house of worship and the meeting center for the community — from the very beginning, the heart and soul of the community.

Today, many churches are suffering from dwindling congregation attendance due to a large variety of causes. Churches are threatened with shutdowns, abandonment and even sale for non-religious operations. Some are threatened with demolition.

We cannot survive and function without a heart and soul. Let's turn this around and have a powerful, unprecedented revival. Funding would be critical for this movement.

Let us restore and preserve our earliest and most critical tradition. God bless America.

Rustan Swenson
Shoreham

Togetherness is the best policy

I would like to share my thoughts regarding Lincoln's petition to withdraw from MAUSD. Although I am a Bristol rep to the MAUSD School Board, these are my own thoughts and opinions, and do not represent

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Letters to the Editor

Democracy can be messy, but has great rewards

On Tuesday, for the first time in my 32 years, I will vote in an election. I have lived in the United States for nearly all of my adult life and was granted citizenship last summer. What makes this even more of an honor is that I get to cast a ballot for my partner who is running to be a Vergennes City Alderwoman.

I grew up in Bombay, India — a bustling megacity of 20 million. Many years and U-Hauls later, in the Spring of 2018, Zoe and I found ourselves moving into a well-aged Victorian on a quiet street in the heart of a community of 2,600.

When we were young, my cousins, brother and I knew that a big grin and a “hello” meant that the elderly aunty from the 1st floor flat would go digging in her purse for a caramel. When an overly ambitious swing would lob our only cricket ball over the driveway wall, we knew which gate was chained just loosely enough that our skinny four feet frames could just barely squeeze through. When Mothers’ Day was approaching, we knew that saving a week’s worth of pocket money in 5-rupee coins equaled a box of strawberries.

Home is a layer cake of memories with a frosting of nostalgia that’s good at smoothing out the imperfections. It is familiarity — a way of

knowing a place that is as affective as it is spatial. Its where proximity feels like comfort, and where kindness feels like belonging.

At some point over these four years in Vergennes, every shop and restaurant, street and corner had begun to be imbued with familiar ritual. Acquaintanceships had crossed the threshold into friendships. And before we knew it, this little city was now our home. Nothing draws us closer to this feeling than when we lend our energies and voices to civic engagement. All those public meetings and park clean-ups, farmers markets and nonprofit events helped solidify our sense that we belonged to this community and this community belonged to us.

Despite the historic and ongoing barriers to enfranchisement and empowerment, we get together and make choices together and make progress together. Yes, we take steps forward and take steps back, but people keep showing up and the work is never done. This participation was a reminder that the exercise of democracy is not just for election days but for everyday.

It’s not hard to get a sense of what’s at stake. As chaos wages its battering ram on the people of Ukraine this week, on the

people of Afghanistan over the past few months, on our Capitol a year ago, it’s the littlest acts of democracy that fight to hold the door closed. It’s not just grand policies and movements, it’s the small choices we make, the memories we create together, the familiarities we develop, and our acts of kindness that make the idea of “home” worth defending.

Zoe is seven months pregnant with our first child. We’re hoping that one day he will find his own caramel aunts, lost cricket balls, and strawberries for his mother here in Vergennes. We feel immensely lucky to be able to spend the next several decades of our lives in this community, and we take incredible pride in calling this little city our home.

Whether in our smallest towns or our biggest cities, democracy is a privilege and like any privilege, there are many excluded from it. This makes it all the more important that we don’t take this gift for granted and that we fight to ensure that all our neighbors have a voice. Democracy is messy and hard work but without our participation, it is meaningless. Each little act of democracy is what makes our home a home and that is worth showing up for.

Nial Rele
Vergennes

Siringo letter

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those of the Board.

I have admired the passion, commitment and efforts by the Save Community Schools (SCS) group to ensure that the Lincoln Community School is not closed (along with similar efforts in Starksboro). I believe that these efforts have helped to shape and improve the work of the Board and the future of our District in a number of ways:

- As a result of Lincoln community members’ request to present an alternative to the plan offered by Superintendent Reen to address declining enrollment, the MAUSD Board invited all community members to be a part of creating solutions to this problem and we received six proposals.

- The MAUSD Board hired a consultant, Nate Levenson, to ensure that all of the components of each proposal would be thoroughly evaluated, without bias, so the Board could determine which were most aligned with community values, financial stability and above all, the desire to provide the very best education our students deserve.

- Because of the advocacy and involvement of SCS in this process, the work with Nate Levenson and the report that came out of this work was robust, inclusive of many important stakeholder voices, provides a number of options that allow us to phase in changes that will meet our stated goals.

- In this report and in his presentation to the Board on Jan. 25, Mr. Levenson also clearly

stated two key points: 1) school closure is incredibly difficult and usually unsuccessful, and 2) the Board should take a strong position on ensuring that towns retain the right to vote before a school is closed, even in the case of a merger with another district.

- In his report, Mr. Levenson also suggested MAUSD utilize a “bounded autonomy” approach to increasing building principal decision-making over the budget and staffing, as well as to pursue cost-effective measures that would encourage growing leaders from within and to fill coaching roles and other positions as needs arose. I believe both of these suggestions will greatly improve District operations and also find significant savings.

- Also in direct response to advocacy from SCS and folks in other towns, the Board resolved that “students’ elementary education will be provided and maintained at the school located in the town in which they reside until such time as the town votes to discontinue or change the scope of elementary education in its local school.” This resolution ensures towns have the right to vote before the school in their town is closed or significantly repurposed.

If you read the Levenson report, listen to Board discussion, and examine how this conversation has evolved over the past 12-18 months, I think you will see a process that has been thoughtful, inclusive, and open. I understand that when withdrawal efforts were initiated in Lincoln, school closure seemed imminent. However, I don’t think we are in that same

place today. Instead, I believe we are at the beginning of an exciting new phase in envisioning the future of MAUSD.

The work of Save Community Schools demonstrates how important each of our towns is in ensuring the vibrancy and success of our District. There has been significant emphasis on the fact that if Lincoln successfully withdraws from MAUSD, we will not see great tax implications, therefore the remaining four towns have no stake in what happens. However, there has been little to no recognition about the fact that if Lincoln leaves MAUSD, we will certainly be losing a valuable member of our educational community. MAUSD’s most veteran building principal and many veteran staff will not be at the table to offer their perspectives on the best way forward. We will also feel the loss of knowledge, experience, passion and commitment of Lincoln community members who have the capacity to advocate for change that we might all benefit from, as the Save Community Schools group has demonstrated. It is harder to quantify these losses than it is to calculate tax rates, but I believe they are no less significant.

It is my hope that we find a way to recognize and celebrate that we are a community much larger and greater than our five town lines, and that we depend upon one another to be our very best selves.

Krista Siringo
Bristol

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The network of dams operated by Hydro-Québec also floods a yearly average of about 6,000 square miles of land, some of which is unceded First Nations territory, causing massive ecosystem disruption. There’s an “out-of-sight, out-of-mind” quality to our disregard of the environmental impact of Hydro-Québec: imagine nearly two-thirds of Vermont being underwater for all or part of the year.

Large-scale hydropower may be renewable in the sense that water isn’t used up in the process, but it certainly fails in the task of “protecting and promoting air and water quality in the State and region” and may ultimately fail in “contributing to reductions in global climate change”—two goals of the Renewable Energy Standard set forth in Vermont statute.

HOW CLEAN IS CLEAN HEAT?

The same holds true for two other energy sources currently being treated as “clean” for the proposed Clean Heat Standard:

biofuel and “renewable natural gas.” Both present significant problems in terms of emissions, ecosystem damage, and social impact.

Biofuels (liquid or gas fuels made from plant material or agricultural waste) almost always end up emitting *more* carbon than fossil fuels do, when we take into account both their production and combustion. Biofuel is a land-intensive source of energy: not only does it displace food crop production (resulting in instances of food shortages and increases in food prices), it results in large-scale deforestation that prevents a given ecosystem from naturally absorbing carbon dioxide — exacerbating its greenhouse gas emissions problem.

“Renewable natural gas” is methane captured from organic waste and wastewater treatment, livestock operations and factory farms. Like biofuel, it is predominantly produced out of state, making potential pipeline leakage and other transportation concerns an issue. To take it seriously as a “clean heat” energy,

we would need to overlook the significant environmental impact of (for example) the large-scale industrial dairy operations that make renewable natural gas production profitable. Renewable natural gas is an effective public relations tool for the natural gas industry, but, ironically, it’s unscalable as an energy source; it just isn’t possible to generate enough of it to significantly meet Vermont’s energy demands in the first place.

We should also note that the environmental impacts of large scale hydropower, renewable natural gas, and biofuel are disproportionately severe for members of the vulnerable communities near which production sites are often located. This suggests that, when we treat them as “clean” sources of energy, perhaps what we really mean is: they’re clean for us.

Editor’s note: Read Part 2 of Roger White’s commentary in next week’s Independent.

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felt better that day, they probably would have regretted saying that within my earshot because what they said is extremely problematic. It’s also wrong, and it’s racist, and it fuels further racism. Here’s why: in 2022 America, racial inequality and racism still loom very large.

That means that there are both structures in place that prevent people like Judge Jackson from ever getting close to places like Harvard and people who actively want to prevent people like Judge Jackson from getting into positions like Supreme Court Justice or Vice President or CEO or tenured professor or any other position that they have more than earned. Because of these people

and structures, we have to seek out people like Judge Jackson and hold space for them in order to offset those sometimes otherwise impenetrable barriers. And then, when we do hold space for them, reducing them to their race erases everything they have done to get to where they are. Because in the end, those people of color who make it into the rare position of power do so because in order to get there they had to be better and work harder than just about any of their white counterparts.

We need better language to discuss holding historically denied space for qualified people to fill positions. Diversity hires, quota fillers, all of the ways we discuss these things only hurt those who

killed themselves to get into those positions.

Anyone who denies them that by making false claims about them getting something because of the color of their skin should take a look around. This nation is still run by white men and many of those white men are still allowing minorities to die at the hands of the state. Please don’t diminish this historical moment and Judge Jackson’s trailblazing achievements by claiming this nation is giving people of color handouts.

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From the grassroots

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Obituaries

Dale "Snuffy" Smith, 74, of Panton

PANTON — Dale "Snuffy" Smith, age 74, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2022 at UVM Medical Center with his family by his side.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1947, the son of Burton and Betty Smith. He lived in Vergennes most of his life. He worked in Addison, Vt., on the Franklin Farm for many years, and then worked for Don Weston Excavating in the construction field until 1999, when he was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney disease.

Since his "retirement" he enjoyed spending time with family. His most precious days were spent with his grand- and great-grandchildren as well as fishing with his brother Eddie on Lake Champlain. He was surely one of the first ones in the morning to be riding the back roads with a coffee visiting all the farmers and looking for everyone's



DALE "SNUFFY" SMITH

"secret" buck and checking up on the Weston crews to see what jobs they were working on.

Snuffy is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Susan (Chamberlain); daughter Tammy (Castel) Edwards and son Craig Smith; grandchildren Daniel (Trish), Jessica (Evan), Jason (Kelsey), Megan (Joe) and Rayven; and great-grandchildren Riley, Colton, Joey, Lincoln and Colton. He is also survived by his sisters, Nonie Gallant and Diane Smith-Tucker; sister-in-law Earlene Smith; and many dear friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Burton and Betty Smith, brother Edward Smith, and brother-in-law Stephen Tucker.

A service of remembrance will be held at the Vergennes Congregational Church on Saturday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m., with a luncheon following at the American Legion Post 14 in Vergennes. ◊

Aiden Colangeli, 16, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Aiden Colangeli passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 18, 2022, in his home in Bristol, Vt. He was just 16 years old.

Aiden was born in Burlington, Vt., on May 22, 2005. He was an only child. Through his life Aiden had physical and cognitive challenges which didn't stop him from being an integral part of his community. He persevered with an unsinkable spirit through many medical challenges. He was non-verbal but communicated in many ways that showed he cared and had a huge heart. He shared his love of life with those who could see him by lighting up the room upon entry with his positive nature and easy smile.

Aiden was a sophomore at CVU in Hinesburg, where he



AIDEN COLANGELI

enjoyed acceptance in the learning community and was supported by a skilled and passionate team

of professionals. Aiden enjoyed the outdoors and reveled in taking in the beauty of nature. He loved watching clouds drift by on a sunny day, scanning the sky for airplanes, visiting with family and friends, dancing to music and sharing special gifts. His legacy will be his final gift of organ donation.

Aiden is survived by his mother, Corinne Hayes of Bristol, Vt., and father, Steven Colangeli of Charlotte, Vt.; and stepparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and grandparents.

In lieu of flowers donations to Bristol Rescue Squad, Middlebury Regional EMS and Vermont Ambucs bikes would be appreciated.

Memorial celebrations will be announced in the future. ◊

Neal P. Bunde, 66, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Neal Philip Bunde of Vergennes, Vt., passed away peacefully on Feb. 18, 2022, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. He was born July 19, 1955, in Yonkers, N.Y., to Arthur P. Bunde and H. Ruth (Daley) Bunde.

Neal attended elementary school in Yonkers and middle and high school in Eastchester, N.Y. After graduating high school, he began his college career at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, N.Y., and finished with a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Vermont.

Neal was employed at General Electric (then Lockheed Martin, then General Dynamics) in Burlington, for over 30 years. As part of his career, Neal traveled to Saudi Arabia and later Morocco, where he met his ex-wife, Kenza Hammach. After returning from overseas, he settled in Vergennes with his three sons.

In 2010 Neal took an early retirement and lived peacefully surrounded by loved ones until his passing.



NEAL P. BUNDE

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur P. and his mother, H. Ruth; a sister-in-law, Janet Bunde; and several aunts and uncles. Neal was a beloved father, son, brother, grandfather and friend. He enjoyed many things in life, including watching football, playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

Neal is survived by his three

sons, Adam Bunde and his wife, Jamie, and their children, Ford, Karagyn, Emma and Adam Jr., all of Vergennes; Jesse Bunde of Vergennes; and Bassim Bunde and his daughter, Amira of West Jordan, Utah; his sister, Helen Greg and partner, William Thiel of Pine Bush, N.Y.; a half-brother, Robert Bunde of Yorktown, Va.; his aunt Gloria Daley of Yonkers, N.Y.; a "brother" and best friend, Terry Cutich and his wife, Brenda of Addison, Vt.; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held in the Sanborn Cemetery in East Hardwick on May 15.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Vergennes Area Rescue, P.O. Box 11, Vergennes, VT 05491.

Arrangements are in the care of Dian R. Holcomb of Northern Vermont Funeral Service, 60 Elm Street, Hardwick. Online condolences are welcomed at northernvermontfuneralservice.com. ◊

Raymond Burton Allen Jr., 86, Middlebury native

CHARLOTTE HALL, Md. — Raymond B. Allen Jr., 86, of Charlotte Hall, Md., died Feb. 22, 2022, with his loving wife, Clara, at his side. Born in Middlebury, Vt., Ray was the son of the late Raymond and Catherine Allen.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Clara, whom he married in June 2009. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by

his wife Edna, and siblings Alice, Nancy, John, Tom, Barbara and Mike. In addition to his stepson, Ricky of Bowie, Md., he is survived by his sister Patty of Estero, Fla.

Family will receive friends for Ray's life celebration on Saturday, March 5, at Hughesville Baptist Church, Hughesville, Md., with visitation at 10:30 a.m. and service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at

Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Pastor Keith Corrick and Pastor Kevin Cullins will be officiating. Pallbearers will be Jim Waybright, Harry Arnold, Jim Thorne and Ralph Cross.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors; Hospice of St. Mary's County, Md; or Hughesville Baptist Church, Hughesville, Md. ◊

Joan M. Charbonneau, 88, formerly of North Ferrisburgh

BURLINGTON — Joan M. Charbonneau (née Beecher), 88, died Feb. 25, 2022, surrounded by loved ones.

Joan was a native of Bennington, Vt., daughter of the late Jennie (Finlan) Beecher and William Henry Beecher. Joan graduated from Mount St Joseph Academy in Pennsylvania. A resident of North Ferrisburgh, where she and the late Edward G. Charbonneau raised 11 children, she is survived by their eight daughters and three sons: G. Patricia Duffy, Jackie Christie, Jill Charbonneau, Jocelyn Barton (John), Mary Griffin (James), Susan Cullen, Colleen Millstone (Bob), Julie Elitzer (Hank), Edward G.M. Charbonneau, Paul M. C. Charbonneau and Thornton D.J. Charbonneau. She was blessed with 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Our mother's clarity of thought and expression, coupled with her lively sense of humor, created a loving environment where family and friends thrived. A lifelong Democrat and fervent practicing Catholic, Joan lived her ideals, and practiced her faith and convictions every day. She kept her religious



JOAN M. CHARBONNEAU

belief and voting record separate, reminding her children that "there but for the grace of God, go I" and "you can't legislate morality."

Originally a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, Joan quickly adapted to changing times and 2004 found her at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, clutching her Sacred Heart medal, praying, and cheering on the Red Sox to a World Series win. A vibrant personality and lovingly devoted mother, she committed energy to Habitat for Humanity (Bennington chapter), served as Addison

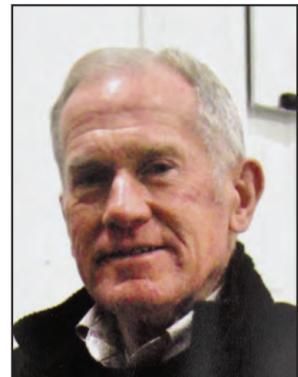
Rev. Dr. Donald G. Lewis Jr., 78, of Addison

ADDISON — The Reverend Dr. Donald G. Lewis Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, died unexpectedly on Feb. 21, 2022, at UVM Medical Center with his family at his side.

Donald was born on May 10, 1943, to Amelia V. Beal and Donald G. Lewis Sr. in Bethlehem, Pa. He attended schools in Montgomery County, Pa., graduating from Upper Moreland High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Millersville State University in 1965 with honors in Philosophy. He pursued further studies at Franklin and Marshall College and became a graduate assistant in Philosophy at Bucknell University.

In 1972 Donald Lewis graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with the degree Master of Divinity. He completed his doctoral work at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was Director of Annual Giving at Princeton Theological Seminary and served congregations as pastor in Shrewsbury, Toms River, Chatham and Fanwood, N.J., as well as Richardson, Texas. He further served as an Army Reserve Chaplain, retiring in 2003 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Donald Lewis married Judith Ann Slater in 1969, with whom



REV. DR. DONALD G. LEWIS JR.

he had three children: Kathryn Elizabeth, Donald Gordon and Matthew James.

Donald retired from active ministry and moved to Addison, Vt., in 2010. Together, Don and Judy opened a small inn, where they welcomed many people into their home, many of whom have remained dear friends.

Donald found his way to Northlands Job Corp in 2012, where he enjoyed working with youth as a counselor for nearly 10 years. He enjoyed reading, sailing on Lake Champlain, gardening and tending to his roses, blueberries and small orchard. He loved his

German Shepherds. His favorite day of the year was Christmas.

Don was blessed with seven grandchildren who loved coming to spend time with him, picking flowers, sailing and riding in his blue MG.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Lewis, of Addison, Vt.; children, Kathryn E. Lewis (Jason) of Pt. Reyes, Calif., D.G. III (Leah) of Mill Valley, Calif., and Matthew James (Carrie) of Brandon, Vt.; his seven grandchildren; his sister Marilyn Smith (Winton) of Memphis, Tenn.; and his brother Robert Lewis (Jill) of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A private family service took place on Feb. 27. Interment will take place at a later date at the Vermont National Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be sent to Princeton Theological Seminary. ◊

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The family of Dick Collitt would like to thank everyone for all the notes and cards expressing their sympathy. I am especially thankful for Mac and Laurie Cox and all the dog walkers who have walked our dog, Red, throughout Dick's illness and passing. These special friends from Ripton have gone above and beyond and I am so grateful. Special thanks to Dick's sister, Jane, who has been here for us through all these tough times. Thank you to Stephanie and Sarah from Addison County Home Health. Thank you to Rosie's, Mister Up's, Jessica's, and Nino's for all the meals they provided through the Meals with Love program and to Frank for delivering them. Special thanks to Emily and her family, who know how helpful they have been. There are so many people to thank there is no way I could mention you all but please know I am deeply appreciative.

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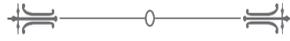
Obituaries

Ralph Perry Farnsworth, 81, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Ralph Perry Farnsworth, 81, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. He was born on Nov. 15, 1940, in Middlebury, the son of Harold and Flora (White) Farnsworth. His hobbies were going to auctions, his collections of antiques and traveling with his

wife, Yvonne. Ralph is survived by his son Michael and his wife, Maria; two granddaughters, Jade Hunt and Whitney Prouty; as well as three great-grandsons, Landon and Oakley Hunt and Carson Prouty. Ralph is also survived by his brother, Arthur and several nieces and nephews.

Ralph was predeceased by his parents; his beloved wife, Yvonne; his sister, Inez French; and great-grandson, Liam Hunt. A graveside service will be held at a later date. To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com.



Leight M. Johnson, 96, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Leight Johnson, of Middlebury, Vt. and Maryland died on Feb. 24, 2022, at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Immediately before his passing at 96, he was surrounded by close family members. He died from complications, including pneumonia. Over the years, Leight created a life of photography and writing, as well as skiing and sailing with his family. With his infectious personality, great humor and bright blue eyes, he raised a large family and built a strong community of friends, both in Maryland and Vermont. Born in Milford, Conn., on March 22, 1925, he became the Salutatorian of his high school class. He attended Yale University, where he graduated in 1945. Leight was part of the U.S. Navy's V-12 Program. He served in the Pacific theater and was in training to be a "frogman" as World War II drew to a close.



LEIGHT M. JOHNSON

In 1947, Leight met his future wife, Shirley West, on the T-Bar at the Stowe ski resort in Vermont. They married and went on to have five children together: Sally, Leight Jr., Peter, and twins Tim and Chris. Shirley and Leight loved skiing and volunteered with their children on the Ski Patrol. They also built

a home in Middlebury, Vt., to ski and enjoy New England summers. Sailing was another of Leight's favorite pastimes and he spent many days sailing the Chesapeake Bay on his sailboat, the Star of India, named after Sally's adventures in India. When he retired, Leight turned to his love of photography and started a summer photography school in Middlebury. Leight and Shirley also liked traveling, including trips to Australia, Singapore, the Canadian Rockies and many European countries, including a favorite trip down the Danube River. Leight is predeceased by his wife, Shirley; his daughter, Sally; and his son, Leight Jr. His survivors include his sons Peter and Timothy, as well as Chris Johnson and his wife, Dr. Maureen Harmon of Shelburne, Vt. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Leight, Hannah, Sophie, Kristin, Maggie, Alec and Will.

Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — On Feb. 27 Vermont State Police issued a series of citations connected to a Feb. 13 speeding incident in Salisbury. Police report that on the 13th at about 10 minutes before 2 p.m. a trooper was participating in a high-visibility traffic safety patrol on Route 7 in Salisbury with a focus on intervening in speeding and aggressive driving when he saw two vehicles traveling abreast on Route 7 — one car trying to pass another at a dangerously high rate of speed. The trooper clocked both vehicles at 96 mph in a 50 mph zone. The trooper managed to pull over one of the vehicles. The driver identified himself to the trooper as a 26-year-old St. Albans man, who was actually the driver's brother. The trooper investigated and concluded that the driver was actually 19-year-old Tallon Real of Middlebury, and that Tallon Real did not have a valid driver's license. The trooper contacted Real, and

Real turned himself in to authorities at the New Haven state police barracks, where he was cited for driving with a suspended license, making a false report to a police officer, negligent driving and speeding. Police didn't catch up with the second vehicle that day, but they hope a member of the public can help them find it. They describe the vehicle as a dark blue or black Ford pick-up truck with Vermont plates; the model year is potentially 2014. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or the manner of operation of either vehicle in the Leicester/Salisbury area is asked to contact Trooper Christopher Hein in Special Operations at 802-878-7111. In other recent activity, troopers: On Feb. 22 at around 8 p.m. responded to a report of a disabled vehicle on Route 7 north of the intersection with Fern Lake Road in Leicester. After detecting signs of

impairment in Dillon MacDougall, 24, of Leicester, police cited MacDougall for driving under the influence, second offense, and driving with a suspended license. On Feb. 25 at about 1 a.m. responded to a report of a one-car crash on Monkton Ridge in Monkton. Police identified the driver as Joseph Graham Jr., 19, of Duxbury, Mass. The trooper cited Graham for driving under the influence. On Feb. 26 at about 11:41 p.m. observed a violation and stopped a vehicle on Route 7 near its intersection with Greenbush Road in Ferrisburgh. After screening him, police cited Gregory Cromis, 64, of Middlebury for driving under the influence. At the conclusion of processing, troopers released Cromis to a sober party with a citation to appear in Addison County Superior Court, criminal division, and answer the charge on May 18.

Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — A truck driver and his company found taking a shortcut in Vergennes on Feb. 21 to be expensive. Vergennes police pulled over a tractor-trailer unit on Monkton Road on that Monday because it lacked an overweight permit. Upon weighing the commercial vehicle police discovered the truck was 52,700 pounds over the legal limit for the city street, and they issued an \$8,762 ticket. In other action between Feb. 21 and 27, Vergennes police conducted four patrols by cruiser and one on foot and also: On Feb. 21 told the owner of a vehicle blocking a traveled lane of School Street to move it. On Feb. 22 looked into a report of possible gunshots near Thomas Circle and found no problem. On Feb. 23: Began investigating the theft of two bottles of beer from the Maplefields convenience store on Main Street. Police said they have so far been unable to identify the woman captured on store video. Provided security for Sen. Patrick Leahy's visit to downtown. Took a report of a minor two-car accident on South Water Street. Responded to a collision between a vehicle and a logging truck on Main Street. Police said a vehicle apparently pulled out of South Maple Street into the path of the truck, causing major damage to its front end. The driver was taken to Porter Hospital with a possible head injury. The truck suffered a blown tire and other minor

damage, police said, and its driver was unhurt. On Feb. 25 dealt with a series of accidents during a snowstorm. Police directed traffic around a vehicles that slid off West Main Street and Monkton Road, and around a tractor-trailer that couldn't make it up Woodman Hill south of town, an action taken to help Vermont State Police. On Feb. 26: Began investigating a significant allegation of check theft and fraud from an Armory Lane resident. The resident alleged she put a \$20 check in the mail and that it was stolen, altered to read \$4,000, and cashed at a local bank. Police are still looking into the case. Checked into a report that men

with three pickups were loading tires from a Meigs Road business into their trucks after 10 p.m. The vehicles were gone when police arrived, and police on Tuesday were still waiting to hear from the business owner whether this was a theft or a permitted action. On Feb. 27: Responded to a one-car accident on Basin Harbor Road in Pantown and stood by until state police could process the driver for driving under the influence. Took a report of suspicious activity in an Alden Place parking lot. Expunged records on behalf of Addison County Superior Court. Conducted a records check on behalf of New York State Police.

Climate matters

Perspectives on Change

Information and its roots matter

5th in a series
By NADINE CANTER

While it took me less than a minute to say yes to contributing to Climate Matters: Perspectives on Change, I am a reluctant columnist. I accepted this assignment because it is time. Time to share and attempt a similar path bravely taken by one of the greatest systems thinkers of our time, Donella Meadows (1941-2001).

Meadows resigned a professorship at MIT to become a newspaper columnist after a career in academia where she was notoriously famous for co-authoring the study and book, "The Limits to Growth." The science behind "The Limits to Growth" posited that there was approximately 30 years left before planetary resources would be depleted. This conclusion was based on data created from groundbreaking computer modeling at MIT generated by Meadow and colleagues in the early 1970s. While 30 years proved not to be a precise timeline, the conclusion — that a global economy based on the extraction of natural resources is unsustainable — is inarguable today. Then, Meadows and her colleagues were subjected to a hostile backlash by the scientific establishment, which attempted to discredit their work.

For those of us still toiling to bring awareness to the same systemic problems, it is notable that Meadows and her colleagues were struck by the same curse we still wrestle with, the Cassandra Dilemma. The Cassandra Dilemma is the state of being a person whose valid warnings or concerns are disbelieved by others. The term originates in Greek mythology where the story goes that when Apollo was love-struck by Cassandra, a daughter of the King of Troy, he gave her the gift of prophecy. When she didn't return the feelings, Apollo placed a curse on her such that no one believed her predictions and warnings of future events. Environmentalist Alan AtKisson wrote a 1999 book about this curse on the environmental movement.

The experience of being discredited forever changed Meadows. She lost faith in the Academy and saw the wielding of power in a whole new light. In time, she turned to where she believed she could have influence: she called it the Informationsphere. She writes: "A society that refuses to consider the idea that there are limits to growth is not going to bring forth a physical economy that fits within the constraints of the planet. A society that thinks there is an 'away' to throw things is going to find itself choking on its own waste. People who do not see [N]ature as the support base for all life, including their own, will destroy [N]ature and eventually themselves."

Thus, she launched the new direction for her life's work by writing a syndicated newspaper column. She created and shared 15 tenets to address cultural realities and constraints that prevent the human species from acknowledging patterns and practices that must be overcome or suffer the consequences. I devoured her weekly column, which was published from 1986 until her untimely

death in 2001. I live and work by a similar tenet: We humans need to look carefully at our patterns and choices in order to stop depleting our natural resources through our extractive practices that poison us as we transform those resources into energy (food, fossil fuels, and so on) and material goods. We are insatiable — driven by our consumptive ways that are ruled by a cultural story of scarcity. In no way do I claim to be free of this same lifestyle.

In my 30-plus years studying, practicing and teaching about environmental issues in the context of the Informationsphere, my interdisciplinary social science training (I have two degrees in Communications studying the social impact of mass media aka the Informationsphere) is rooted in the following ideas: We obtain our stories (information) from many sources (modes) and the stories themselves come in codes with multiple meanings encoded by a creator and de-coded by a receiver. Meanings emerge from contexts we typically cannot see, but that we co-create as our dominant social paradigm. This culture — the water in which we swim — forms and holds our worldviews. In most cases it is manufactured for us by the same people/institutions who wish to extract our attention and sell it, as if our attention and money are infinite resources. They are not.

I am a reluctant columnist. I don't want you to know my name. Does it really matter what I think? I want you to know and understand what you think about climate change and social justice. I want you to know how to make sense of what you hear, and read, and ultimately feel. I want you to be able to see the patterns and places where you personally can feel empowered to make change that is neither disruptive nor scary. I want you to be aware of your own power — the power of the pen, the power of the purse, the power of community — ideas I'll address in future columns. I want you to know that it is OK to follow and lead. That either/or is an expression of fear and limitation, and that both/and should roll off your tongue multiple times each day to support your ideas and visions, your neighbors' ideas and visions, your personal expansion and your capacity to love and experience pleasure.

Nadine Canter has spent more than three decades studying and working on environmental issues as a community organizer, cultural translator and storyteller. She has produced hundreds of Informationsphere products, including: websites; print, radio and television ads; maps; white papers; annual reports; and more for private- and public-sector clients. To learn more: wooddragonadvising.org.



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Town Meeting Results

Addison

ADDISON — Addison on Tuesday elected without opposition Cheri Waterman as only its third town clerk in about 50 years.

Waterman replaces Marilla Webb, who stepped down after almost a decade. Webb took over from Jane Grace in 2012 after Grace had served 40-plus years.

Webb decided to retire, effective March 1, after about 35 years in the Addison Town Clerk's Office — she served as Grace's assistant clerk for 26 years.

Also elected without opposition on the Addison ballot were incumbent selectboard members Roger Waterman and Steve Torrey, lister John Spencer, and Tri-Town Water District Board member Larry Blacklock.

Addison's only contested race was a family affair in which youth was served. Incumbent delinquent tax collector Caetlin Harwood fended off a challenge for the job by her father, Alden Harwood, 125-81.

In Australian balloting on Tuesday Addison voters also backed about \$200,000 of higher town spending, an increase offset by the selectboard decision to apply about \$74,000 of an audited fund balance to check taxes, plus grant money to help pay for increased sheriff patrols due to vehicles taking shortcuts on town roads because of the Route 125 washout.

They supported a selectboard's general fund budget of around \$590,000, 175-46. Pushing that budget higher were decisions to make the assistant clerk's position fulltime, with associated benefits, and to keep Webb on to help with the transition to a new clerk.

The board also decided to add a fulltime position to the town road crew, a move that along with benefits were the major drivers of a roughly \$90,000 increase in town Highway Fund spending to \$893,914. That proposal won approval, 181-40.

Voters also backed all social-service and nonprofit requests.

Addison on March 1 joined the other four Addison Northwest School District communities in approving a \$22,327,585 spending plan for the next school year. Ballots were counted all together so there is no town-by-town results. That budget will increase spending by 3.35%, but not raise taxes.

According to the district estimates homestead property taxes would drop in all five ANWSD communities if voters supported that budget. Officials said they were confident in their estimates, but actions by state officials and/or legislators could move the numbers.

In Addison, ANWSD officials expect a decrease in the homestead rate of about 2 cents, from \$1.6929 per \$100 in assessed property value to \$1.6722.

Voters also backed an ANWSD board request to use \$1.5 million of the district's \$1.86 million audit-confirmed surplus for repairs and upgrades at Vergennes Union elementary and high schools.

See a school budgets story on Page 1A for vote and spending details.

Brandon

BRANDON — In Brandon's one contested race during Town Meeting Day voting, incumbent Selectman Timothy Guiles won re-election to a three-year term over first-time challenger Marielle Blais in a fairly tight race, 466-396. The two contestants shared similar progressive values, though differed in approach and personality.

Blais said she was not disappointed.

"Campaigning has been a good experience and I would certainly consider running again for select board," she said on Tuesday night.

Guiles praised the tenor of the campaign, noting that "Marielle ran a positive race and in many ways, we have a very similar progressive point of view."

Brandon's general fund budget, highway budget and 11 articles that requested separate spending all passed by significant margins.



GOSHEN SELECTBOARD CHAIR David McKinnon and colleague Diane O'Classen survey attendees at the tiny community's town meeting Monday night. Goshen was one of a few communities to hold an in-person town meeting this year.

Independent photo/Steve James

In other voting, residents overwhelming re-elected Bill Moore as town moderator, 884-10; re-elected Seth Hopkins and Michael Markowski to one-year selectboard terms by votes of 658 and 700 respectively; elected Courtney Satz to a three-year term as Trustee of Public Funds with 861 votes, and elected David Roberts to a two-year term as trustee of the Brandon Free Public Library with 822 votes. All were unopposed.

Barbara Ebling of Brandon won a three-year term for an at-large seat on the OVUUSD board. Residents OK'd the \$3,230,130 town budget, with \$2,712,274 to be raised by taxes, by a vote of 629-307. Voter's also approved spending \$92,000 for the Brandon Free Public Library, 690-262, and \$82,580 for the Brandon Area Rescue Squad Inc., 786-165.

But all was not positive on the spending front. In voting across the six towns in the Otter Valley Unified Union School District, voters rejected the proposed \$22,710,955 school spending plan, 522-462. The district's proposed budget presented a 7.8% jump in spending but taxes were not expected to rise nearly as much, with Brandon's taxes projected to rise only 1.69%.

The defeat comes as a surprise only because very little public comment against the budget had been noticeable ahead of the Town Meeting Day vote.

Bridport

BRIDPORT — Bridport residents on March 1 joined other Middlebury-area voters in deciding two contested races for the Addison Central School District board, and also endorsed a proposed \$8.1 million repair plan for the Patricia Hannaford Career Center.

Residents in the seven ACSD member towns voted out two incumbents. Challenger Joanna Doria defeated incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802 to represent Ripton on the 13-member panel. They also endorsed Jamie McCallum over incumbent Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to serve three years as the Weybridge rep on the board, which oversees pre-K-12 education for children in the ACSD.

Running unopposed for three three-year seats representing Middlebury on the ACSD board were James "Chip" Malcolm, Steve Orzech and Brian Bauer.

Bridport residents approved, by comfortable margins, a fiscal year 2023 highway budget of \$1,099, and the 2022-2023 general fund request of \$322,380.

Residents also agreed to support the Bridport Fire Department to the tune of \$20,000 during FY'23,

and also OK'd a variety of social service agency requests, ranging from \$190 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living, to \$12,180 for Middlebury Regional EMS.

There were no contested races on the Bridport ballot. Unopposed candidates elected to Bridport offices included Tim Howlett for a one-year term as town moderator; Robert Sunderland, two years, selectboard; Pierre Bordeleau, three years, selectboard; and Darwin Pratt, three years, Tri-Town Water District No. 1 commissioner.

Bridport residents on Tuesday supported a 2022-2023 ACSD budget of \$41,578,089 that passed by a 1,805-630 tally (see related story on Page 1A).

In other school-related voting, Bridport citizens weighed in on a 2022-2023 Patricia Hannaford Career Center 2022-2023 budget of \$4,104,157 that will bankroll a variety of career and technical education programs for children in 17 Addison County towns. The request passed, 4,528-1,427.

They also supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury. The project earned a combined 4,278-1,470 endorsement.

Bristol

BRISTOL — On Town Meeting Day, Ian Albinson (three-year term) and Darla Senecal (two-year term) were re-elected to the Bristol selectboard. Both ran unopposed.

Two elections of note were contested. In the often sleepy race for town moderator, Jennifer Wagner defeated Gary Russell, 386-334. There was also a contested school board election; Erin Jipner defeated William Mount, 496-212, to complete the remaining two years of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board term she was appointed to in 2021.

"I am just grateful to continue working towards the healthy and sustainable future of MAUSD," Jipner told the *Independent* in an email Wednesday morning. "I hope to keep being a strong voice for the stakeholders of Bristol and offer an open opportunity for all to speak with me and others on the board about their experiences, wishes, and hopes."

For the other Bristol seat on the MAUSD board, Liz Sayre, who ran unopposed, was re-elected to a three-year term.

The following municipal officials were also elected: First Constable Bruce Nason; Library Trustees Elizabeth Almeter and Erin Jipner; and Lister Mark Bouvier.

All of the warned articles in Bristol were voted on by Australian ballot this year, and all of them passed. On Tuesday voters approved:

- \$957,425 in General Fund spending.
- \$830,770 in Public Works/Highway spending.
- \$320,546 for the Arts, Parks and Recreation Department.
- \$537,000 for various Town Reserve Fund accounts.
- \$153,899 for Lawrence Memorial Library.
- \$29,000 for the Bristol Cemetery Association.
- \$108,531 for 28 voted appropriations.
- Transferring a total of \$150,000 of the FY 21 surplus to five future-needs accounts.

Bristol voters also approved, 513-264, a measure that will permit licensed cannabis retailers to operate in the town (see story Page 2A).

Folks in the Bristol Police District (primarily the village) approved \$504,579 in spending for the Bristol Police Department

next year.

A few MAUSD items were also on the ballot Tuesday:

In combination with the other four district towns, Bristol gave a thumbs-up to all of the MAUSD's spending requests for next year, including a \$32.6 million budget (see story on Page 1A).

Bristol voters also ratified Lincoln's plan to withdraw from the MAUSD, 552-219 (see story on Page 1A).

Bristol voters also helped pass a number of spending requests from the Patricia Hannaford Career Center (see story Page 1A).

Cornwall

CORNWALL — Cornwall voters on Town Meeting Day agreed to switch the date of their annual gathering, helped decide two contested races for the Addison Central School District board, and fielded several municipal and education funding requests.

Residents voted 268-102 to henceforth convene their annual meeting on the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March, at 10 a.m., rather than the current practice of meeting on Monday evening preceding the first Tuesday in March.

In other action, Cornwall residents voted:

- 369-14 to appropriate \$505,072 for fiscal year 2023 general fund expenses.
- 361-16 to allocate \$476,100 for highway expenses. The town is expected to receive enough state aid to bump that figure down to \$411,100.

• 369-12 for \$4,000 for the Cornwall Free Public Library.

• 378-5 to earmark \$67,950 for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department.

• 352-6 to set aside \$50,000 of the town's fiscal year 2021 surplus of \$111,317 surplus to use for an upcoming town-wide reappraisal, and use the remaining \$61,317 to stabilize property taxes.

• 355-20 to exempt Mary Baker Allen Chapter DAR House from property taxation for five years.

• 351-31 to make the town clerk's position appointed rather than elected; and 248-31 for the same switch for town treasurer.

Cornwall had no contested elections. Among those elected unopposed were Don Burns, for a three-year term on the selectboard; Benjamin Marks, two years, selectboard; Cy Tall, one year, town moderator; Rodney Cadoret, one year, collector of delinquent taxes; Don Burns and Lauren Ringey, each for three years, Cornwall Planning Commission.

In other action on March 1, residents in the seven ACSD- (See *Cornwall*, Page 9A)



PARTICIPANTS AT MONDAY'S Goshen town meeting dispense with a warning item with a show of hands.

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Ripton

Orwell
Salisbury
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Panton
Shoreham
Vergennes
Weybridge

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of cannabis, residents said No on 56 ballots, and Yes on only 53; one ballot was left blank. Bristol, Ferrisburgh, New Haven and Weybridge all had similar retail cannabis questions on their ballots and they all passed.

There were no contested races on this year's ballot, but two new faces landed in town government. Diane Randall won a two-year seat on the Leicester selectboard (she replaced Ron Fiske); and Rolande Morrison won the remaining year of an auditor's position that is currently vacant. Also on the ballot, winning incumbents were Richard Reed (town moderator, 1 year), Diane Benware (selectboard, 3 years), Donna Pidgeon (auditor, 3 years) and Beth Swinington Ripley (delinquent tax collector, 1 year).

In voting across the six towns in the Otter Valley Unified Union School District, residents rejected the proposed \$22,710,955 school spending plan, 522-462. The district's proposed budget presented a 7.8% jump in spending but taxes were not expected to rise nearly as much.

The defeat comes as a surprise only because very little public comment against the budget had been noticeable ahead of the Town Meeting Day vote. See more in a school budgets story on Page 1A.



ESTHER THOMAS (LEFT) and Andy Hooper (third from left) hold signs outside the polls at Middlebury's recreation facility off Creek Road on Tuesday. Thomas and Hooper each won three-year terms on the Middlebury selectboard.

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Lincoln

LINCOLN — On Town Meeting Day Alan Schmidt defeated incumbent Will Sipse, 190-174, for a three-year term on the Lincoln selectboard.

"I would like to thank the voters for the opportunity and look forward to serving on the board," Schmidt told the *Independent* in an email Wednesday morning.

Incumbent selectboard member Bay Jackson, who ran unopposed, was re-elected for another two-year term.

Also elected in Lincoln were Town Clerk Sally Ober, Town Treasurer Lisa Truchon, First Constable Matt Collins, Second Constable Mark Truax, Collector of Delinquent Taxes Nancy Stevens, and Lincoln Library Trustees Erika French and Jacqueline Olson.

Town Moderator Todd Goodyear didn't file his paperwork in time to appear on the ballot (ahem), but he ran a successful write-in campaign and was re-elected with 144 votes.

Lincoln voters also gave the selectboard permission to appoint the town treasurer in the future.

All of the warned articles in

Lincoln were voted by Australian ballot, and all of them passed. On Tuesday, Lincoln voters approved:

- \$496,425 in General Fund spending.
- \$1,069,057 in Highway Fund spending.
- \$175,000 for the Paving Reserve Fund.
- \$5,000 for the Lincoln Cooperative Preschool.
- \$44,000 for the Lincoln Library.
- \$3,000 to help Lincoln Sports Inc.
- \$55,896 for the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company.
- \$7,500 in support of Bristol Rescue.
- \$5,000 for the Lincoln Cemetery Association.
- \$1,000 for the Lincoln Community School Mentor Program.
- \$300 for Addison Allies to support migrant farmworkers in Addison County.
- \$19,560 for various voted appropriations.
- The establishment of a reserve fund to pay periodic costs for reclamation of town sand pit property after extraction of sand.

On the Mount Abraham Unified School District front, Lincoln, in

combination with the other four district towns, gave a thumbs-up to all of the MAUSD's spending requests for next year, including a \$32.6 million budget (see story on Page 1A).

Lincoln voters also helped pass a number of spending requests from the Patricia Hannaford Career Center (see story Page 1A).

And finally, more than six months after Lincoln voters approved, by a 3-to-1 margin, a proposal to withdraw from MAUSD, voters in the district's four other member towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro ratified Lincoln's exit plan — by a 3-to-1 margin (see story on Page 1A).

A total of 394 Lincoln residents cast Town Meeting Day ballots this year — 14 fewer than last year. Of those, 154 were absentee ballots.

Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury residents on Town Meeting Day decided a contested election for three seats on the town selectboard and overwhelmingly supported a relatively light business agenda.

That agenda included a proposed 2022-23 municipal budget of \$11,927,483 — with \$7,881,063 to be raised by taxes — that will result in a 3-cent bump in the town tax rate (a 3.9% increase).

There were four people vying for three available three-year terms on the Middlebury selectboard (see story on Page 1A). Incumbent Esther Thomas was the top vote-getter with 955 tallies, followed by challenger Andy Hooper (845) and incumbent Heather Seeley (783). Resident Matthew Delia-Lôbo finished out of the running with 516 votes in this, his first municipal election.

The municipal spending proposal earned a 1,076-to-137 nod. The budget reflects inflationary pressures, the commitment to capital improvements and scheduled replacement and maintenance of municipal vehicles and equipment. It also maintains the current level of town services.

Middlebury's municipal tax rate will rise from the current \$0.7969 to \$0.8269 per \$100 in assessed value, as a result of the new budget. It's the first increase in several years.

In other action on Town Meeting Day, residents voted:

- 1,111 to 109 to extend the property tax exemption for Middlebury Regional Emergency & Medical Services for five years.
- 1,128-98 to give \$750 to the nonprofit Addison Allies Network Inc. to continue assisting migrant farm workers and immigrants in Addison County.
- Those winning uncontested seats were Steve Gross and Joe McVeigh, Ilsley Library trustee, both for three years; Susan Shashok, town moderator, one year; and Elizabeth Dow, town lister, three years.
- Three of Middlebury's seven seats on the Addison Central School District board were up for grabs, and three people stepped forward to fill those three-year terms: Incumbent James "Chip" Malcolm (1,821 votes), Steve Orzech (1,566) and Brian Bauer (1,537).
- In other action on March 1, residents in the ACSD member

towns — including Middlebury — voted out two board incumbents in favor of their challengers. Joanna Doria defeated incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802, to represent Ripton, and Jamie McCallum defeated incumbent Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to serve three years as the Weybridge rep.

Middlebury residents on Tuesday supported a 2022-23 ACSD budget of \$41,578,089 that passed by a 1,805-630 tally (see related story on Page 1A).

In other school-related voting, Middlebury citizens weighed in on a 2022-23 Patricia Hannaford Career Center budget of \$4,104,157 that will bankroll a variety of career and technical education programs for children in 17 Addison County towns. The request passed, 4,528-1,427.

They also supported — by a margin of 4,278-1,470 — spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury.

Monkton

MONKTON — On Town Meeting Day, MariKate Kelley (three-year term) and Paul Low (two-year term) were re-elected to the Monkton selectboard. Both ran unopposed.

Other Monkton officials elected were Town Clerk Sharon Gomez, Town Moderator Jerry Schwarz, Constable Marc Beaupre, Auditor Randall Charboneau, and Planning Commissioners Peter Close, Lee Mahoney and Gary Strait.

Jane Low, Samuel Ludwig and Cynthia Walcott won spots as Russell Memorial Library trustees.

All of the warned articles in Monkton were voted by Australian ballot and all passed. On Tuesday voters approved:

- \$767,272 in General Fund expenditures.
- \$931,814 in Highway Fund expenditures.
- \$27,749 for social service

agencies.

• Spending up to \$46,790 to purchase a three-quarter-ton pickup truck.

• A measure to delay the sale of the 1859 Town Hall building until Sept. 1, in order to give the Monkton Museum and Historical Society or other community group time to generate an acceptable proposal to take on responsibility for the building.

A few Mount Abraham Unified School District items were also on the ballot Tuesday:

In combination with the other four district towns, Monkton gave a thumbs-up to all of the MAUSD's spending requests for next year, including a \$32.6 million budget (see story on Page 1A).

Monkton voters also ratified Lincoln's plan to withdraw from the MAUSD, 289-70 (see story on Page 1A).

One of Monkton's two seats on the MAUSD board was up for election this year — a seat left open after board member Kristin Blanchette decided not to run again. Bailee Layn-Gordon, who ran unopposed, was elected to the seat for a three-year term.

Monkton voters also helped pass a number of spending requests from the Patricia Hannaford Career Center (see on Page 1A).

New Haven

NEW HAVEN — On Town Meeting Day in New Haven, Kathleen Barrett (three-year term) and John Roleau (two-year term) were re-elected to the selectboard. Both ran unopposed.

The list of New Haven officials also elected Tuesday included Auditor Ted Foster, Delinquent Tax Collector Sylviasue Ford, Library trustees Darcy Cummings and Kristin Swartzentruber, Lister Ted Foster, Moderator Pam Marsh, Town Clerk Pamela Kingman, and Treasurer Danielle Hubbell.

On Tuesday New Haven voters approved articles 6-10 and 12-33 by Australian ballot, including:

- \$735,689 in General Fund expenses.
- \$590,000 for a school payment.
- \$1,227,693 for Road Fund spending.
- \$25,608 in smaller voted appropriations.
- Spending up to \$100,000 from the Road Equipment Fund to buy a new town truck.
- Spending up to \$40,000 from the Reserve Facilities Fund to fix up the Town Hall facade.

By far the most hotly contested item on the New Haven ballot this year was Article 11, a measure that would permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers in town. Voters defeated the measure, 180-152.

A few Mount Abraham Unified School District items were also on the ballot Tuesday:

In combination with the other four district towns, New Haven gave a thumbs-up to all of the MAUSD's spending requests for next year, including a \$32.6 million budget (see story on Page 1A).

New Haven voters also ratified Lincoln's plan to withdraw from the MAUSD, 240-98 (see story on Page 1A).

One of New Haven's two seats on the MAUSD board was up for election this year — a seat left open after board member Andrew Morton decided not to run again — but there were no candidates for (See New Haven, Page 11A)

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 the post, so the school board will appoint someone to fill it later this year.
 New Haven voters also helped pass a number of spending requests from the Patricia Hannaford Career Center (see Page 1A).
 A total of 346 ballots were cast on Town Meeting Day in New Haven this year, 41 fewer than last year.

Orwell

ORWELL — You might say that Orwell's Town Meeting Day election was a sleepy affair because all the officials running for town offices were unopposed and all of the articles on the warning passed. But there were 22 articles for Orwell residents to consider, and they did return a slate of 11 civil servants.

Orwell residents also weighed in on the Slate Valley Unified Union School District Spending plan of \$26,270,047, which is about \$10,000 less than the figure approved last year. Voters in the six-town district defeated the budget proposal by nine votes — Yes 852, No 861. Slate Valley Superintendent Brooke Olsen-Farrell was scratching her head on Wednesday morning when trying to attribute the reason for the budget's defeat. She noted that the spending plan included significant tax decreases for each of the six towns, and that the spending number was less than it was three years ago.

Back in Orwell, voters OK'd a \$1,236,685 town spending plan for fiscal year 2023. That's nearly \$102,000, or 9%, more than the figure OK'd last year. The proposed budget would require an 18% increase in the amount of taxes raised.

They approved a sewer budget of \$94,135, which is funded by user fees, and is 46% less than the sewer spending plan approved last year.

Orwell voters approved 14 separate social service agency requests.

In the no-new-faces category, elected on Town Meeting Day in Orwell were Michael Audet, moderator; Betty Walker, town clerk; Bryan Young, town treasurer and trustee of public funds; and Andrea Ochs, three-year term on the selectboard. Glen Cousineau was re-elected to a three-year seat on the SVUUSD school board.

One new face was Gary Murdock, who was elected for two years on the selectboard to replace outgoing Selectman Robert Barnes.

Winning five-year terms as library trustees were Emily Casey, Sarah Harris and Amy Buxton Torrey.

Winning one-year terms were Diane Jackson for delinquent tax collector and Allen Alger for first constable.

Panton

PANTON — Panton residents in Tuesday Australian balloting returned incumbents to office, agreed to a selectboard recommendation to abolish the position of auditor, and approved all financial requests.

Returned to office were selectboard member and current chair Howard Hall and Vergennes-Panton Water District Commissioner Chris Cook. Both

incumbents ran unopposed.

Selectboard members had made the case that the town's annual professional audit provides sufficient oversight, so residents agreed to abolish the town auditor post by an 81-19 margin.

Residents also backed:

- The selectboard's budget proposal of \$756,151, by 114-31.
- A series of annual capital fund requests that totaled \$65,500, by 120-24.
- Nonprofit funding asks that come up to another \$11,301, by individual tallies.

Total spending will rise by about \$88,000 to \$832,952 following the approval of all those items.

Drivers of the higher spending include the first annual payment on Panton's new highway sand/salt shed (\$32,500), an added request on one of the capital funds (\$15,500), and three new nonprofit donations (about \$3,000).

But officials estimate only an increase of about 3%, or less than 2 cents, on the municipal portion of Panton's tax rate will be needed to cover the increase.

Panton also on Tuesday joined the other four Addison Northwest School District communities in backing a proposed \$22,327,585 budget for the next school year.

That budget will increase spending by 3.35% over the current level, but not increase taxes.

According to district estimates, homestead property taxes will drop in all five ANWSD communities with the budget approved on March 1. Officials said they're confident in their estimates, but actions by state officials and/or legislators could move the numbers.

In Panton, ANWSD officials expect a decrease in the homestead rate of about 5 cents, from \$1.7219 to \$1.6495.

Panton residents also joined other ANWSD communities in backing the use of \$1.5 million of the district's \$1.86 million audit-confirmed surplus for repairs and upgrades at Vergennes Union elementary and high schools, and another \$337,763 of that surplus to help keep district taxes in check.

They also supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury. The project earned a combined 4,278-1,470 endorsement.

Ripton

RIPTON — Ripton postponed its town meeting until May, but voters still weighed in on a variety of local and district-wide school referenda on March 1 — including a closely monitored race for community's lone seat on the Addison Central School District board.

Residents of the seven ACSD-member towns — including Ripton — voted out two board incumbents in favor of their challengers. Joanna Doria defeated incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802 to represent Ripton; and Jamie McCallum defeated incumbent Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to represent Weybridge (see story on Page 1A).

Running unopposed for three three-years seats representing Middlebury on the ACSD board were James "Chip" Malcolm, Steve Orzech and Brian Bauer. All members of the ACSD board were voted at-large throughout the seven-town district.

Officials said 189 voters — 45.1% of Ripton's checklist —



DAVID MCKINNON AND Tony Clark stand outside Goshen Town Hall to let people know where to vote on Tuesday.

Independent photo/Steve James

turned out at the polls on Tuesday.

Ripton residents agreed, 146-42, to expand their local school board from three members to five. The current three members assert it would be useful to have two additional colleagues to help Ripton transition to its own preK-12 school system. The two additional members will be elected on the rescheduled annual town meeting of May 10.

Ripton residents on Tuesday also supported a 2022-2023 ACSD budget of \$41,578,089 that passed by 1,805-630 (see story, Page 1A). In other school-related voting, Ripton citizens weighed in on a 2022-2023 Patricia Hannaford Career Center 2022-2023 budget of \$4,104,157 that will bankroll a variety of career and technical education programs for children in 17 Addison County towns. The request passed 4,528-1,427.

They also supported — 4,278-1,470 — spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the PHCC's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury.

Looking ahead, Ripton will hold its 2022 town meeting on May 9, to be followed by Australian ballot voting on municipal elections on May 10. The hope is that pandemic conditions will have improved and school funding issues will have become clearer by then.

Meanwhile, Ripton School District directors are tentatively scheduled to hold an informational meeting at the local school (and virtually) on Wednesday, March 16, from 7-8:30 p.m., to bring folks up to date on the community's withdrawal from the ACSD.

Salisbury

SALISBURY — Salisbury voters on March 1 approved a variety of financial requests and helped decide contested races for the Addison Central School

District board.

The selectboard's proposed fiscal year 2023 general fund budget of \$331,081 passed, 173-10. The proposed highway spending plan of \$505,342 was endorsed, 166-1.

A proposal to apply more than \$30,000 in budget surplus to help stabilize property taxes next year eased through by a 159-26 margin.

Residents voted 102-85 in favor of a request for \$16,213 to finance mosquito control — specifically the spraying of adulticide — in the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (formerly known as the BLSG).

Also approved by Salisbury voters in March 1:

- \$10,500 to complete a town forest survey (148-38).
- \$89,725 in funding requests for a variety of nonprofits that deliver services to folks in need, including Salisbury residents.

There were no contested municipal elections in Salisbury. Those elected include Wayne S. Smith, town moderator, one year; Susan Scott, town clerk, one year; Patrick Dunn, selectboard, three years; and Paul Vaczy, selectboard, two years. There were no takers for a one-year term as delinquent tax collector.

In other action, Salisbury joined residents in the other six ACSD member towns in voting out two school board incumbents. Challenger Joanna Doria defeated incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802 to represent Ripton, and Jamie McCallum defeated incumbent Mary Cullinane, 1,389-

845, to represent Weybridge (see story on Page 1A).

Running unopposed for three three-year seats representing Middlebury on the ACSD board were James "Chip" Malcolm, Steve Orzech and Brian Bauer.

Salisbury supported a 2022-23 ACSD budget of \$41,578,089 that passed by a 1,805-630 tally (see related story, Page 1A).

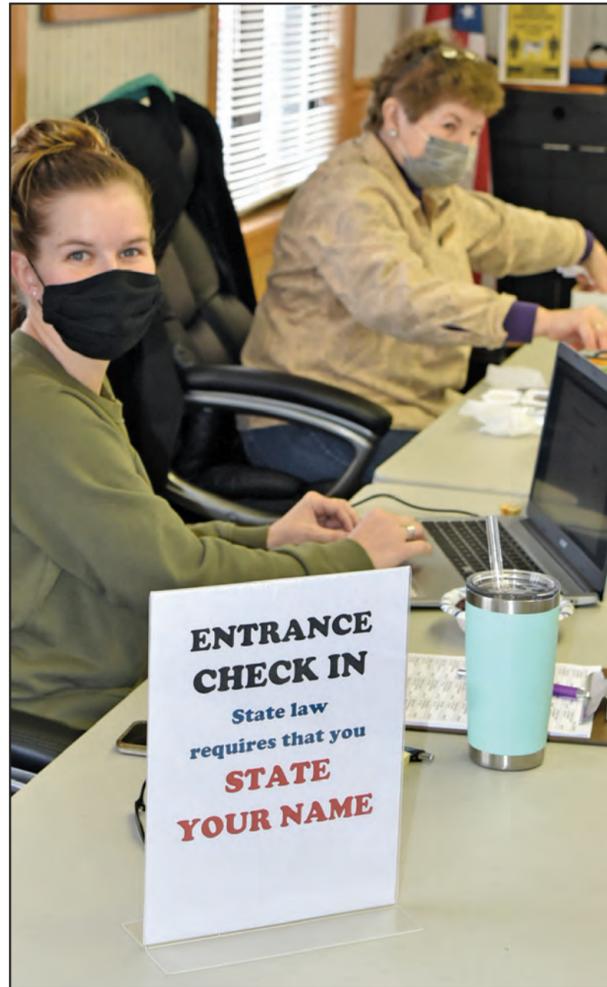
In other school-related voting, Salisbury citizens weighed in on a 2022-23 Patricia Hannaford Career Center budget of \$4,104,157 that will bankroll a variety of career and technical education programs for children in 17 Addison County towns. The request passed, 4,528-1,427. They also supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury (see related story).

Shoreham

SHOREHAM — Shoreham voters on Town Meeting Day were asked to OK the purchase of a new tractor/mower and decide contested elections for two seats on the Addison Central School District board.

Residents on Tuesday agreed, 148-81, to allow the selectboard to spend up to \$110,000 in town funds on an "industrial tractor/mower." Residents voted 212-19 in favor of

(See Shoreham, Page 12A)



CHECKING FOLKS IN at the Leicester town clerk's office on Tuesday were Ashlie Hall (daughter of Town Clerk Julie Delphia) in the foreground, and Donna Swinington. Turnout was moderate but steady throughout the day.

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moving \$60,000 from Shoreham's General Fund into its Buildings and Grounds Reserve Fund.

Residents supported the proposed 2022-2023 highway fund request of \$922,885 by a 210-21 tally. They also endorsed 212-19, a town budget request of \$374,945.

A series of 17 separate human service agency requests all garnered voter support by wide margins.

There were no contested municipal elections in Shoreham. Those running unopposed include Julie Ortuno, one year, town clerk; Kathleen Brisson, town treasurer, one year; Stephen Goodrich, selectboard, three years; Molly Francis and Eric Boire, selectboard, one-year terms; Tanya Scuteri and June Lapidow, for five years and four years, respectively, on the Shoreham Library board; Tim Steady, planning commission, four years; and Eric Leonard, water commissioner, three years.

In other action on March 1, Shoreham joined residents the six other ACSD-member towns in voting out two school board incumbents. Challenger Joanna Doria defeated incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802 to represent Ripton, and Jamie McCallum defeated incumbent Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to represent Weybridge (see story on Page 1A).

Elected to three-years seats representing Middlebury on the ACSD board were James "Chip" Malcolm, Steve Orzech and Brian Bauer.

Shoreham residents on Tuesday supported a 2022-2023 ACSD budget of \$41,578,089 that passed by a 1,805-630 tally (see story on Page 1A). In other school-related voting, Shoreham citizens weighed in on a 2022-2023 Patricia Hannaford Career Center 2022-2023 budget of \$4,104,157 that will bankroll career and technical education programs for 17 Addison County. The request passed 4,528-1,427.

They also supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury.

Starksboro

STARKSBORO — On Town Meeting Day in Starksboro Nancy Boss was re-elected to a three-year term on the selectboard and John Painter was re-elected to a two-year term.



BRANDON ELECTION OFFICIALS help check in and get residents their ballots for Australian ballot voting at the Brandon American Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 1. Staffing the two stations were, left to right, Wendy Rowe Feldman, Bud Coolidge (27 years), Laura Peterson, Marge Munger and Hillary Knapp.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

On Tuesday in Starksboro the following officials were also elected:

- Moderator: Keegan Tierney.
- Auditor: Robert Turner.
- Delinquent Tax Collector: Amy McCormick.
- Planning Commission: Brad Boss, Jeffrey Keeney and David Schmidt.
- Library Trustees: Katie Antos-Ketcham and Jake Mendell.

All of the warned articles in Starksboro were voted by Australian ballot this year, and all of them passed. Voters approved:

- \$1,068,546 in General Fund spending.
- \$52,268 for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.
- \$106,216 for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund.
- \$40,000 for the Paving Reserve Fund.
- \$39,478 for the Starksboro Public Library.
- \$12,000 for Starksboro First Response.
- \$800 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services.
- \$1,200 for the Four Winds Program at Robinson Elementary School.
- \$37,000 for various in-town requests.
- \$34,536 for various out-of-town requests.

A few Mount Abraham Unified School District items were also on the ballot Tuesday:

In combination with the other four district towns, Starksboro gave a thumbs-up to all of the MAUSD's spending requests for next year, including a \$32.6 million budget (see story on Page 1A).

Starksboro voters also ratified Lincoln's plan to withdraw from the MAUSD, 286-54 (see story Page 1A).

Brad Johnson, who ran unopposed, was elected to keep his seat on the MAUSD board and finish the final year of the three-year term he was appointed to in 2021.

Starksboro voters also helped pass a number of spending requests from the Patricia Hannaford Career Center (see story Page 2A).

A total of 351 Town Meeting Day ballots were cast this year in Starksboro, 67 more than last year.

Vergennes

VERGENNES — The major question facing Vergennes voters on Tuesday was whether to support a \$25.5 million bond proposal for an upgrade of the city's sewer

and stormwater collection and treatment system, a project city officials believe will be 50% supported by grant funding.

Voters backed that proposal overwhelmingly, 384-60, or by about 87-13% (see related story).

Three candidates ran unopposed for three city council seats that came open on March 1: incumbents Dickie Austin, the current deputy mayor, and Jill Murray-Killom, plus newcomer Zoe Kaslow. All will assume their seats at the next



ANNA SEILER (LEFT) raises her hand to ask a question at Goshen's town meeting on Monday.

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council meeting.

Incumbent Vergennes-Panton Water District Commissioner Chris Bearor won election without opposition, as did Bruce McIntire for a remaining year from the term of a resigned board director.

The city's three incumbents on the Addison Northwest School District board also won election without opposition: John Stroup and Keith Morrill each earned another three years, while Mary Sullivan, appointed in 2021 to replace a resigned director, won the final year of that term.

Residents also backed, by 452-34, the swap of small pieces of land near Vergennes Union Elementary school with the Addison Northwest School District, an exchange that makes possible the construction of a proposed covered recreation pavilion.

A number of nonprofit funding requests were also on the ballot, all of which won voter approval, but the Vergennes City Council will set the city budget in June.

Vergennes on Tuesday joined the other four ANWSD communities in backing a \$22,327,585 budget for the next school year.

That plan will increase spending by 3.35% over the current level, but not increase taxes.

According to district estimates, homestead property taxes will drop in all five ANWSD communities as a result of the approved budget. Officials said they're confident in their estimates, but actions by state officials and/or legislators could move the numbers.

In Vergennes, ANWSD officials expect a decrease in the homestead rate of almost 5 cents, from \$1.8220 to \$1.8052.

Vergennes residents also joined other ANWSD communities in backing the use of \$1.5 million of the district's \$1.86 million audit-confirmed surplus for repairs and upgrades at Vergennes Union elementary and high schools, and another \$337,763 of that surplus to help keep district taxes in check.

In other March 1 voting, city residents supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the Career Center's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury. The project earned a combined 4,278-1,470 endorsement.

Waltham

WALTHAM — In Australian balloting on Tuesday Waltham residents approved all articles on the Town Meeting Day warning and elected two unopposed candidates to major positions: Brent Newton to the selectboard and Mary Clark to Waltham's lone seat on the Addison Northwest School District board.

Town officials did not supply (See Waltham, Page 13A)

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Bridport	Ferrisburgh	Whiting	Lincoln	Middlebury	Hancock	Leicester	Starksboro	Vergennes
							Ripton	Weybridge

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 vote totals to the *Independent* for any results.

Residents backed a \$23,971, or 13%, increase in town spending, not including capital funds or nonprofit requests, to \$260,107.

A proposed increase of about \$18,000 in road spending was the major driver of that budget hike.

At the same time, Waltham residents also approved a selectboard proposal to use up to \$20,000 of a fund balance from prior fiscal years to offset the tax impact of that higher spending.

Town officials had said if residents backed spending measures and the proposed use of the fund balance that the effect on the municipal portion of Waltham's tax rate will be almost nil.

Also supported were a Bixby Library request for funding that was equal to 2021's (\$10,692), and other nonprofit requests that totaled \$3,729, an amount that was a little lower than in 2021.

Voters also backed the selectboard's requests for a series for capital funds (\$23,100) that equaled those of a year ago.

Waltham also on Tuesday joined the other four Addison Northwest School District communities in supporting the ANWSD's proposed \$22,327,585 budget for the next school year.

That plan will increase spending by 3.35% over the current level, but not increase taxes.

According to the district estimates homestead property taxes would drop in all five ANWSD communities if voters supported that budget on March 1. Officials said actions by state officials and/or legislators could move the numbers.

In Waltham, ANWSD officials expect a decrease in the homestead rate of about 5 cents, from \$1.7257 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.6731.

Waltham residents also joined other ANWSD communities in backing the use of \$1.5 million of the district's \$1.86 million audit-confirmed surplus for repairs and upgrades at Vergennes Union elementary and high schools, and another \$337,763 of that surplus to help keep district taxes in check.



A PARTICIPANT AT Monday's town meeting in Goshen refers to the town report while following the action.

Independent photo/Steve James

education programs for children in the 17 Addison County towns that feed the PHCC. The request passed by a 4,528-1,427 tally.

They also supported spending \$8.1 million to finance significant renovations to the PHCC's Charles Avenue and North Campus buildings in Middlebury (see related story). The project earned a combined 4,278-1,470 endorsement from residents of the 17 member communities.

On the election front, five incumbents won re-election. They were: Marcia King, selectboard, three years; Peg Allen, lister, three years; Alison Remy, auditor, three years; Rani Fallon, collector of delinquent taxes, one year; Heather Mattison, library trustee, three years; and Rusty Brigham, first constable, one year.

Those at town meeting assented to giving the collector of delinquent taxes the power to collect delinquent taxes, and set the due date for property taxes — in hand, not postmarked — as Dec. 1.

There was no vote on the last topic, but participants discussed the repairs needed to the library and, of course, town hall.

Whiting voters on Tuesday also took part in voting on the proposed Otter Valley Unified Union School District spending plan of \$22,710,955. The six-town district rejected the school spending plan, 522-462. The district's proposed budget presented a 7.8% jump in spending but taxes were not expected to rise nearly as much.

The defeat comes as a surprise only because very little public comment against the budget had been noticeable ahead of the Town Meeting Day vote.

Whiting

WHITING — It was something like an old Town Meeting Day in Whiting this week as residents held an in-person meeting on the first Tuesday in March, after postponing their annual town meeting until May last year because of the pandemic.

But the annual town meeting was held in a new venue — the firehouse, because the town hall needs repairs. Plus, everything passed as warned.

Whiting voters OK'd proposed town spending of \$411,218 (with \$291,088 coming from taxes).



GOSHEN TOWN TREASURER Vickee Whiting addresses her fellow town meeting attendees at Monday's gathering. Whiting decided to not run for re-election after more than 12 years of service.

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Weybridge

WEYBRIDGE — Weybridge residents on March 1 voted 131-118 in favor of opening its doors to potential cannabis retail sales in the future, and helped decide a contested election for the community's lone seat on the Addison Central School District board.

Residents in the ACSD-member towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge voted out two board incumbents in favor of their challengers. They endorsed Jamie McCallum over incumbent (and ACSD board chair) Mary Cullinane, 1,389-845, to serve three years as the Weybridge representative on the

board, which oversees preK-12 education for children in the seven member towns. They also picked Joanna Doria over incumbent Amy McGlashan, 1,461-802, to represent Ripton on the 13-member panel. (See related story).

Running unopposed for three three-years seats representing Middlebury on the ACSD board were James "Chip" Malcolm, Steve Orzech and Brian Bauer.

Like Bristol, Weybridge had an "opt-in" vote in the issue of cannabis retail sales, which will soon become legal in Vermont.

The contested race for Weybridge's ACSD board seat featured incumbent (and ACSD board chair) Mary Cullinane, who was challenged by resident Jamie McCallum.

Weybridge's proposed fiscal year 2023 highway budget of \$524,700, and its general fund budget of \$174,800, both passed

by substantial margins.

Residents also supported:

- Contributing \$25,000 to support the local fire department during FY'23.

- Allocating \$10,000 to support the municipal recycling programs.

- A proposal to replenish the Weybridge Conservation Fund through revenues generated by a penny on the local tax rate during each of the next four years. This measure passed, 243-27.

- A variety of Addison County nonprofits in amounts ranging from \$94 for the Otter Creek Natural Resource Conservation District, to \$2,600 for Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects.

There were no contested municipal elections in Weybridge this year. Those running unopposed include Spencer Putnam, town moderator, one year; Kelly Flynn, selectboard, two years; and Megan Sutton, selectboard, three years.

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Dedication and diligence

JIM GISH, MIDDLEBURY'S Community Liaison to the downtown construction project was given the Melvin Jones award from the Middlebury Lions Club this past Monday. The highest award any non-member can receive from the organization was given to Gish for the dedication and diligence he has practiced in his pivotal role the past few years. Gish is flanked by Lions David Morse, left, and Jesse Gillette.

Photo courtesy Jesse Gillette

School budgets

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against the budget had been noticeable ahead of the Town Meeting Day vote.

One possible reason for the OVUUSD defeat was low voter turnout, because ballots were not mailed out, according to RNESU Superintendent Jeanne Collins.

"It is unfortunate in the Otter Valley budget that the two larger towns (Brandon and Pittsford) voted to mail municipal ballots, but the school district could not unless all six towns agreed to. Thus, voter turnout was very low."

Votes in Brandon for the selectboard race, for example, yielded a total of 877 votes, while the total vote for the OVUUSD budget — among all six towns — was only 984.

Collins said voter turnout for the school budget question was less than 30% of last year's turnout. She said the OVUUSD board reorganizes on March 16 and will discuss next steps then.

And residents in OVUUSD towns — which also include Whiting, Leicester and Goshen — were not the only Addison County towns that will have to revote their school budget. The Slate Valley Unified Union School District, which serves Orwell, is also dealing with a failed budget proposal. Residents in the six-town Fair Haven-area district narrowly defeated the \$26,270,047 spending plan, 861 to 852.

Slate Valley Superintendent Brooke Olsen-Farrell was trying to figure out the reason for the outcome on Wednesday morning. She noted that the spending plan included significant tax decreases for each of the six towns, and that the spending number was less than it was three years ago.

SOME BUDGETS PASS
Budgets solely within Addison County experienced no such issues:

In ACSD the vote in favor of a \$41,578,089 spending plan ran 1,805-630, or 74-26%.

MAUSD residents backed a \$32,665,311 budget by 1,409-778, or 64-36%.

Support for the ANWSD \$22,327,585 spending proposal ran 902-495, or 64-36%.

Voters in each school district also supported capital funds and, in the case of ANWSD, an improvement project.

Most towns in all three districts are

projected to see lower or comparable school tax bills based on budgets approved on Tuesday, according to estimates released before voting.

But officials in each district cautioned decisions made by state agencies and lawmakers between March 1 and the end of the current session of the Legislature could still move the needle.

Still, they remain confident in their estimates based on the latest information from lawmakers and the Agency of Education and Department of Taxation, particularly because of a \$90 million surplus in the Vermont Education Fund, at least a good portion of which the Legislature is expected to use to help control property taxes.

The ACSD and ANWSD boards also applied some of the fund balances from the 2020-2021 fiscal year to help offset the effects of rising salaries and health care costs and the lost revenue from declining enrollment. Officials caution the coming years could be financially challenging.

In ACSD, only two of seven town are expected to see homestead tax increases — Middlebury and Ripton, and those by only around a penny. Two ACSD towns' rates could drop by about 10 cents.

In MAUSD, three towns are expected to have essentially stable rates, while New Haven's could slide by more than 2 cents. Starksboro is the outlier in MAUSD and county-wide, with a low Common Level of Appraisal number pushing the town's estimated homestead rate up by almost 11 cents.

In ANWSD, homestead rates are projected to drop across the board in its five communities by a range of 2 to 7 cents.

ACSD
The ACSD board's 2022-23 budget of \$41,578,089 will increase spending by about \$1.22 million from the current fiscal year, or by roughly 3%.

With the student count projected to be stable, major budget drivers are rising health insurance premiums and contracted raises for teachers and staff, while the district also expects less revenue from tuition and special education reimbursements.

ACSD residents backed a plan to put roughly \$2.3 million of its fund balance into the district's Capital Reserve Fund. The board applied \$550,000 of that fund balance to

offset taxes.

ACSD officials are projecting homestead property tax rates to rise in Middlebury and Ripton by a cent. They anticipate homestead rates to decline by 2 or 3 cents in Cornwall and Shoreham, and to drop 8-10 cents in Bridport, Salisbury and Weybridge.

MAUSD
MAUSD voters on Town Meeting Day backed a \$32,665,311 budget that would increase spending by 2.87% over the current year.

MAUSD officials said the spending plan includes \$500,000 for hiring new staff to support the needs of the district's roughly 1,443 equalized pupils. Student behavior and needs became district-wide issues in the current school year. Officials said additional support for teachers is also built into the budget.

Voters on Tuesday also approved using the fund balance to put \$870,000 in the district's Capital Reserve Fund, 1,686-463; and \$549,316 in its Educational Reserve Fund, 1,706-448.

According to the district estimates:

- Bristol would see a 1.07-cent decrease in its FY23 tax rate.
- Lincoln, 0.33-cent increase.
- Monkton, 0.24-cent decrease.
- New Haven, 2.37-cent decrease.
- Starksboro, 10.49-cent increase.

Starksboro has the lowest Common Level of Appraisal in the district, officials said.

ANWSD
The ANWSD budget of \$22,327,585 backed by voters will increase spending by 3.35%.

The budget keeps all existing programs and adds a number of paraeducators at all three district schools, plus two Vergennes Union High School employees, a psychologist and a new member of the school's Response Resource Center, which works with students with disciplinary and other issues.

Residents also backed using \$1.5 million of the district's \$1.86 million audit-confirmed surplus for repairs and upgrades at Vergennes Union elementary and high schools. The margin was 1,007-386.

Despite the proposed higher spending, property taxes will drop in all five ANWSD communities by a range of between about 1.7 and 7 cents, according to the latest estimates.

Herasim

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interview.
But change has come to her home country — Ukraine — and in a sudden and awful way.

Speaking five days after the Russian army invaded Ukraine, Herasim was calm, articulate and forceful in expressing her beliefs.

"I know my nation, I know how committed they are. We are ready to protect our country," the Ukrainian national said.

In some ways Herasim is much like a typical MUHS student.

She has a favorite class; in her case it is philosophy.

"I'm really into thinking and pondering things," she said.

Another favorite class is physical education. She's active, and played Tiger field hockey last fall. She's a big ping-pong player, back home. And there's another sport she likes.

"I'm a boxer in Ukraine; I want to box in the national championship when I go back," she said. "My host family got me a punching bag."

But she's so different from her peers here in that she her days include a lot of time worrying about the safety of her family, 4,000 miles away. Her father, Victor, and 25-year-old brother, Vladyslav, face daily threats from a hostile foreign army. Her friends back home tell her in texts about figuring out how to survive without necessary medication that has become unavailable, about how Russians are bombing hospitals and sending people away in buses to destinations unknown.

"What they are doing is cruel ... but it's not going to work," Herasim said.

"I'm really proud of Ukraine," she said, pointing to the flood of Ukrainian civilians who have volunteered for official and unofficial duty to fend off the invader.

"Those who can't fight, do what they can," Herasim said, noting that she's heard of common people making Molotov cocktails — bottles filled with flammable liquids that can be thrown at Russian soldiers.

Herasim had some teenage Russian friends she had known before she came to the United States. She has reached out to them, but regrettably she said they parrot Russian government propaganda that says the occupying army is in Ukraine to "protect" people.

"They do believe it," Herasim said. "That's why they don't communicate with me anymore."

She has phone calls and Facetime chats with her family about once a day.



FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD DIANA HERASIM from Ukraine is an exchange student at Middlebury Union High School this year. She is worried about her family who is besieged by the Russian army back home, but she is fervent in belief in the Ukrainian people and vigorous in her support for her native country.

Independent photo/John S. McCrirt

"It makes me calmer," she said.

She texts with friends her own age back in Ukraine.

She said she looks at different news sources and has to compare them to figure out what is really going on back home.

Her dad is a truck driver, and her brother drives truck and runs his own business, though, Herasim said, he has essentially lost his business.

Herasim's mother died two years ago.

She speaks highly of her Middlebury host family, Fernanda and Tim Wright, and their four children, Kaya, Kaden, Kendall and Kohen. The Wrights have been very supportive — praying and fasting for the people of Ukraine. Many of Herasim's peers and teachers at MUHS have offered help.

"I'm really grateful for my community here," Herasim said.

Herasim earned her spot in the exchange program — run by an organization called ASSE — because of her intelligence and spunk. She was chosen for a scholarship given to only 200 teens from among 10,000 applicants. She speaks Ukrainian and Russian and quite good English. She has a goal of learning Spanish and Chinese, too, so she can work in the foreign service.

She would like to attend college in the United States.

David Rose of Leicester, the local ASSE representative, said his organization is sponsoring

many Ukrainian exchange students across the United States, and they are unsure what the future holds.

"These kids are scheduled to go home in a few months ... but they may not have a home to go to," he said.

"The biggest thing anyone in the U.S. can do is give financial support to the Ukrainians," he added.

Herasim herself has a favorite charity to target funds to; it can be found online at <https://bank.gov.ua/ua/news/all/natsionalniy-bank-vidkriv-spetsrahunok-dlya-zboru-koshtiv-na-potrebi-armiyi>.

The young Ukrainian here in Middlebury also wonders what will happen when her departure date — June 21 — arrives. She is trying to stay positive.

"I keep in my head, 'June 21.' I hope for the best. I want to see my family safe and healthy," she said.

It is too dangerous for her to return now, and she doesn't know if she will be able to return when her exchange program ends in June.

"I want to go to my hometown, where all my memories of growing up are."

At the same time she is realistic about what havoc a war can wreak.

"Everything changed," she said.

She wants Americans to know that people in her hometown north of Crimea are dying.

"My mission here is to let people know what is going on in Ukraine."

Her message to Americans: "Ukraine is a strong country. We are ready to fight."

County students make Champlain College dean's list

Champlain College has released its honors list for the fall 2021 semester. A number of local students were named to the trustees', president's and dean's list.

Trustees' list, students who have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters, include: Maeve McGuinness of North Ferrisburgh, a Graphic Design and Visual Communication major, and Ronald Bragg of Vergennes, a Business Management major.

Students named to the president's achieved a grade point average of 4.0

or higher in the fall 2021 semester. They include: Graphic Design and Digital Media major Brenna Cook of Middlebury; Connor Winnay of New Haven, a Business Administration major; Brianna Billings of North Ferrisburgh, who is majoring in Social Work; and John Badger of Vergennes, a Business Management major.

For achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the fall 2021 semester, these students have gained dean's list honors: Olivia Hutchins, a Business Administration major; Computer and Digital

Forensics major Michael Beard of Brandon; seven Bristol students — Business Administration major Ezekiel Berry-Savage, Game Art major Wisdom Edwards, Finance major Cole Kouwenhoven, Cybersecurity major Stephanie Menotti, Professional Writing major Gillianne Ross, Computer and Information Systems major Bethany Rule, and Game Design major Michael St. Louis; Hunter Gale of East Middlebury, a Computer Science and Innovation major; and Jaskaran Singh of Middlebury, who is majoring in Filmmaking.

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ACSD board

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Addison Independent and on Front Porch Forum during the weeks preceding Town Meeting Day.

Doria and McCallum were thankful for their wins.

Doria believes her ample margin of victory was emblematic of voters' sense that schools are "struggling with a crisis."

"Our at-large community showed up yesterday with the power of their vote, and my reaction is to take a beat, hear the missive, and stand steadfast in my commitment to follow through with the promises to grow trust, rein in the distance between the power at the board level and the voices in the towns, and establish honest and direct avenues of access to the board," she said in an email to the *Independent*.

McCallum infused his response with some humor after what was a very long night. The election results weren't tabulated until around midnight, as election workers worked hard to process many hundreds of ballots.

"I feel grateful that so many people supported us," McCallum said. "It means our message resonated far and wide, and I hope to carry that momentum with me as a productive board member. Also, I'm very much looking forward to not seeing my name on yard signs."

McCallum said the next three years will, among other things, bring the district's many constituencies together after a long pandemic to navigate some big challenges — including budgeting and addressing student unrest at a Middlebury Union Middle School that this year added sixth graders.

"It's clear there are stark divides about how to approach the future of our district," he said. "Building the trust to move forward as a more unified group might take time, so it's important to start now. We need to assess what went wrong with the MUMS move of sixth-graders, and be more proactive in resolving those issues. That probably means staffing with teachers at the appropriate level. (Also), we need to address the root cause of our budget woes, which are driven

by rising healthcare costs. As it stands, students, who need quality schools, and teachers, who need quality healthcare, are essentially competing for scarce resources. This is unfair and unsustainable, and requires that we think creatively about how to disentangle healthcare costs from the education budget."

Doria acknowledged her service on both the RSD and ACSD boards could pose potential conflicts of interest; the two panels certainly differ, for example, on policies related to school closures and consolidation.

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— Jamie McCallum

She promised transparency and recusals on votes in which there might be a conflict of interest.

Looking ahead, Doria emphasized delivering the best possible services to all children.

"There are many factors at play that are putting strain on our current systems," she said. "From the accumulation of pandemic trauma to staffing, to the state-level approach to funding healthcare, I believe that the board

needs to reflect on the systems we control and/or are part of to ensure that they are indeed fulfilling their obligations to serve our students. If they aren't, adjustments are necessary.

"Coming together will be a challenge, given the lingering history, but I hope doable if we all agree to begin to heal together," Doria added.

IT'S ABOUT PROCESS

McCallum and Doria acknowledged the Save Our School dimension to the election, but believe it went deeper than that.

"This election and our collective voices have clarified the significance of rural schools and brought their importance in the health of our district to the forefront in a way that can't be ignored," Doria said.

"I see it as a referendum on the process by which the board makes decisions, and the extent to which important stakeholders are actually heard or kept out of the process," said McCallum, who has a child at Weybridge Elementary. "The consolidation question falls under this umbrella but doesn't fully

define it. It's important that we begin to move away from thinking about rural schools versus Middlebury. Instead, we need to re-examine the system as more complex. I believe voters chose us because we plan to broaden the approach to improving our schools."

Meanwhile, McGlashan was humble in defeat. She thanked her supporters and wished Doria well in managing her challenging, simultaneous service on two school boards.

"I hope she can honor her pledge to serve on behalf of *all* students in the district while simultaneously serving on the Ripton School Board," she said.

Looking back on the election, McGlashan said, "Naturally I'm sad that my campaign for equity above all didn't prevail. I'm not a politician. I'm an educator and a school board member, so perhaps I should have heeded Emily Dickinson's words, 'Tell all the truth but tell it slant ... as lightening to the children eased with explanation kind, the truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind.'"

She credited McCallum and Doria for getting out early with their message, and running a strong campaign, with backing and support from SOS.

In retrospect, McGlashan said she wasn't as successful as she'd hoped in conveying her message "about working across the district to achieve equitable outcomes."

McGlashan rejected what she believes was a false campaign narrative that the current ACSD board "lacked transparency."

"Our facilities master planning process was so transparent that single documents or discussions were being reported out as decisions, when in fact they were merely pieces of information being sorted out in a long, deliberate and complex planning process," she said.

"I have no problem with stakeholders challenging our work. I do take it personally when they challenge our integrity," she added. "I'm sorry voters didn't see it that way."

Cullinane offered the following post-election comment: "I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the students and educators of ACSD these past years. I congratulate the new members of the board and I wish the all board members great success in the work ahead."

By the way

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County Collects." It will feature a diverse selection of objects loaned from area collections that spark conversation and tell stories. The items need not relate to Addison County or Vermont. They can be anything from fine art to fun collectibles. Exhibit space is limited and organizers might not be able to accept all proposals. If you have an object you'd like the museum to consider for inclusion, please go to henrysheldonmuseum.org and complete the Addison County Collects interest form. An Addison County Collects curatorial team will make the final decision about which objects to include in the exhibit. If your object is selected, you'll be contacted. If you have any questions, email henrysheldonmuseum@gmail.com.

Are you looking for a way to volunteer in the community and empower middle school girls and gender-expansive youth? Volunteer with "Rosie's Girls" as a co-facilitator this spring. Vermont Works for Women (VWW) and the Mount Abraham Unified School District are looking for volunteer facilitators to support the Rosie's Girls afterschool program. Rosie's Girls empowers youth by teaching hands-on skills in carpentry and metalworking, accompanied by a similarly empowering social and emotional curriculum relevant to the age group. Previous experience working with youth is required; technical experience working with wood or metal is helpful, but not required. VWW supports volunteer facilitators with projects, activities, and program planning. All volunteer facilitators must complete a background check process in compliance with school requirements. Interested high school students are also encouraged to serve as volunteer counselors in training (CIT). To ask questions or volunteer, please contact Caelan Keenan at ckeen@vtworksforwomen.org, or 802-655-8900, ext. 106.

The Friends of the Ilsley Public Library group in January launched a two-year campaign called "What are Friends For" with a goal of increasing total membership of the Friends to 145 active members during year one of the campaign. A new goal for

year two of the campaign will be determined at the end of 2022. The campaign will promote the work the Friends do for Middlebury's Ilsley Library, and will strive to increase the age diversity of group. The Friends of the Ilsley Public Library was born 55 years ago. Since then, the group has held true to its commitment to advocate for and support the library. The Friends' work provides funding for programming not included in the town library budget. During the last 15 years, the Friends has contributed more than \$270,000 to the library for such offerings as free community access to the First Wednesday lecture series sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council, coverage of library card fees for out-of-town residents who are unable to pay, and speakers for both children and adults. For more information contact Barbara Doyle-Wilch at bdwilch@gmail.com.

The Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC) is currently seeking new members. LVFC provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the town of Lincoln. The group serves the community both through emergency response and community events. Respond to community emergencies and have some fun along the way, meeting people, preparing chicken barbecues, contributing to the town-wide lawn sale and providing general assistance to other town organizations. Many current LVFC members have children who have grown up around the station, and several of those kids have joined as full members through the organization's cadet program for adolescents. Currently certified emergency response personnel are welcome, and training will be provided to those with no prior experience. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the firehouse on Gove Hill Road. Feel free to show up for a meeting, or call Alan at 802-349-4588 or Dan at 802-349-3594, if you'd like to learn more about LVFC.

In light of ongoing developments related to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and its impact on U.S. financial markets, the Department of Financial Regulation is reminding investors in Vermont to have patience

and use caution. The S&P 500, NASDAQ Composite, and Dow Jones Industrial Average have each lost more than 5% of their value over the last week, and while every investor must be prepared to live with a certain amount of risk and uncertainty, financial upheavals can be emotionally distressing. The DFR is recommending that folks maintain their long-term financial strategy. Investors should also be on the lookout for scam artists trying to market the recent market downturn for so-called "100% safe" or "guaranteed" investments. Connect with the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation on Twitter, Facebook, or its website, dfr.vermont.gov.

Speaking of Russia, Gov. Phil Scott this week directed the Vermont Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery to remove Russian-owned products from state agent store shelves and to cease purchasing new stock from Russian-owned distilleries until further notice. He promised to issue an executive order later this week detailing further action and state sanctions Vermont will pursue to respond to what Scott termed as "the illegal and heinous Putin invasion of Ukraine." The governor said he's heartened by the "overwhelming and united response from the Free World in support of the people of Ukraine. Vermonters are inspired by the bravery, courage, and sacrifice of those who seek nothing more than the freedom to determine their own futures. The Ukrainian people are fighting for the same values we believe in, and we must come together to support them."

Lincoln

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members whose mission is to preserve local schools, starting with the one in Lincoln.

The group is already looking past Tuesday's success, Forlenza said.

"We realize this is just the second of a 10-step process, and we need to strategize on the next eight."

Step three of the process involves submitting Lincoln's withdrawal plan to the Vermont State Board of Education (SBE) for conditional approval.

Before that, however, SCS intends to spend about a month or so further exploring a potential

partnership — likely in the form of a supervisory union — with the town of Ripton, which recently completed its withdrawal from the Addison Central School District.

A supervisory union structure would allow the two towns to share costs of many of the administrative services schools are required to provide — such as special education and transportation — which are typically shared across larger

"We realize this is just the second of a 10-step process, and we need to strategize on the next eight."

— Save Community Schools

unions such as the MAUSD or the ACSD.

The towns are hoping to hire a consultant with school district business office experience to help shape their ideas, Forlenza said, with the goal of eventually presenting the SBE with a clearer picture of the viability of their independent schools.

Whether Lincoln and Ripton will have enough resources between them to provide the required supervisory union services — and

whether the SBE would approve such a partnership — remains to be seen, but supporters have expressed optimism about the creative possibilities of combining their efforts.

If Lincoln passes step three and obtains conditional approval from the SBE, it could elect its own school board and begin negotiating an exit agreement with the MAUSD, which would address such financial details as the Lincoln school's outstanding building-improvement debt. That exit agreement would then have

to be ratified by the other four district-member towns.

After that, the plan would go to the SBE again.

In the meantime, Lincoln, Ripton and the larger education community will be watching the state Legislature as it considers proposals that could change district consolidation rules, including those governing withdrawal, and the way education is funded in Vermont.

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Middlebury

(Continued from Page 1A) surrounding communities to share in the funding of infrastructure and services that are enjoyed by all, but are largely shouldered by Middlebury taxpayers. Seeley, a two-term incumbent who helps manage a family business (Seeley Earthmoving Inc.), said she's excited for the next three years and is grateful to voters

for returning her to office. Her goals include supporting efforts to get high-speed internet service to underserved areas, exploring ways the town could advance child care services and affordable housing projects, and making progress on the town's DEI efforts. As chair of the town's Infrastructure Committee, one of Seeley's biggest goals is to see

the community make progress repairing and updating its roads, bridges and culverts, as well as its water and sewer amenities. "I'm also interested in doing whatever we can to boost economic development and support our local business," she added. Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com

Cannabis

(Continued from Page 1A) passed 513-264, was added to Bristol's town meeting ballot in response to a petition filed earlier this year by downtown retailer Greg Newman. He co-owns EmeraldRose Gifts and EmeraldRose Grows on Main Street.

products from large operations, but if you're a small craft grower, I'm your man." The storefront of EmeraldRose Grows is not likely to see any significant changes.

practically every town across Vermont, cannabis is already being bought and sold," said Silberman, who has been an outspoken champion of cannabis legal reforms.

"I think it's great," Newman said of the ballot results Wednesday morning. "We're stepping into the future." Newman plans to do some minor interior remodeling of EmeraldRose Grows — which sells gardening supplies, hemp plants, cannabis seeds and other products — to get it ready for retail cannabis sales in the fall, he said. Supporters of retail cannabis are hoping sales can begin as early as October.

"I don't want to change the aesthetic or vibe of Bristol," Newman said. "It's a great town with amazing people."

"In voting to allow retail cannabis shops yesterday, Vermonters in dozens of towns cast their ballots for moving those sales from parks and parking lots into well-lit, safety-minded stores where the products are tested and accurately labeled, where customers have to show proof of age, and where other substances are not on the menu."

"We will continue to be a grow shop and garden center offering lights, soils, tents and other products to help craft growers succeed," Newman said. More immediately, Newman aims to continue putting his neighbors at ease regarding the arrival of retail cannabis.

Dozens of Vermont communities had already approved retail cannabis going into Town Meeting Day, including Middlebury, Salisbury, Vergennes and Brandon.

The minimum legal age in Vermont for possessing — and eventually purchasing — cannabis is 21.

Ferrisburgh voters approved cannabis retail operations, 294-172, and integrated cannabis licenses, 295-170. Weybridge residents voted 131-118 in favor of opening the doors to potential cannabis retail sales in the future.

On Tuesday, Bristol and 40 other Vermont communities were considering joining them, including four in Addison County.

Not only was "opting in" a vote for local economic opportunity, Silberman added, but it was also a vote for public and consumer safety.

"This isn't turning into some kind of crazy drug haven," he said. "Any products I sell will be tested as part of a legitimate market of licensed growers, preferably craft growers." The craft cannabis growing community is something Newman hopes to nurture and act as a hub for in the future, he said.

But similar measures were defeated in Leicester, 56-53, and in New Haven, 180-152. In an email to the *Independent* Wednesday morning, Middlebury attorney and Addison County High Bailiff Dave Silberman offered congratulations to communities that successfully "opted in."

For towns that "opt in" to retail cannabis, state law provides limited regulatory rights, through zoning, sign ordinances and nuisance ordinances. Municipalities may not, however, use these regulatory rights to effectively prohibit a cannabis establishment.

"I have no intention of buying

"Practically every day, in

The Cannabis Control Board's January 2022 guidance for municipalities is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/cannabisregsVT>.

Vergennes

(Continued from Page 1A) fund a bond for half the project's cost because state and federal grants, some already locked in and others that officials describe as highly likely to be awarded, will pay for the balance.



MAYOR MATT CHABOT

The most obvious of the sewer system's failures are the persistent overflows — mostly stormwater, but also containing a small portion of untreated waste — into Otter Creek from its Macdonough Drive pump station, which handles about 70% of the city's wastewater. Those overflows can at times be measured in hundreds of thousands of gallons.

"Ron and Jennie and Rick and Jim have done an outstanding job of pulling this all together and making what are very complex and difficult decisions very easy for people to understand."

The Department of Environmental Quality has issued an order to Vergennes to stop the overflows, and at some point the city will face fines. The system also includes a 60-year-old cast iron sewer main that runs under the river from that pump station to the treatment plant, at least some collection pipes that are more than 100 years old, and a collection of sump pumps that are major contributors to the overflows.

And Chabot believes residents appreciated the fact there's plenty of available federal money — from an earmark from Sen. Patrick Leahy, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development arm.

The treatment plant itself, built during the early 1960s and according to officials twice unsuccessfully updated, has two lagoons stuffed with sludge, an inefficient layout, and obsolete equipment that, according to plant operator Rick Chaput, never worked properly even when it was installed two decades ago.

"The overwhelming amount available to assist the city in this project made it a lot more palatable than it would have been otherwise," Chabot said.

City officials were thrilled by Tuesday's support for a comprehensive plan they believe will solve all the system's woes even though earlier fixes — in 2000 and in 1978 — failed to address problems successfully.

Now the work begins in earnest. Redmond was asked when efforts would begin and responded by text on Tuesday night.

"I was hoping for a positive outcome. This exceeds all expectations," said Mayor Matt Chabot.

First steps will include reaching out to a major funding source, the USDA's Rural Development arm.

Chabot credited Chaput, public works director Jim Larow, City Manager Ron Redmond, and Hoyle & Tanner Associates project engineer Jennie Auster for communicating the need for the project and explaining how it would work.

"We are providing USDA RD with the engineering documents they need to calculate the subsidy we'll receive," Redmond said. "The positive results of the bond vote — that demonstrates the community's strong commitment to the project — strengthens our case for more grant support. That we put the entire project into one bond also increases our prospects for higher funding."

Hoyle Tanner will also start working on details for upgrades to the Macdonough Drive pump station and the addition of a second main under Otter Creek from the pump station to the treatment plant. "(Hoyle Tanner) wants to move judiciously to get that work done and approved by the state so we can get to the final engineering and construction," Redmond said.

Councilor Mel Hawley also weighed in on Tuesday night via email. He said he was pleased with the voting outcome, but it will be critical to make sure the project solves the overflow issue.

"I was pretty confident it would get approved by a large margin, but didn't expect nearly 87% in favor," Hawley wrote. "Now the heavy lifting begins to get the much needed grant funding and to make sure that the money is used wisely so that overflows from the Macdonough

Drive pump station will never occur again once the various projects are completed."

If city officials are correct about outside funding for the sewer project, annual fees for most users — who pay a set fee per unit, home, business or apartment — would rise gradually from \$500 to \$860 over a three-year period.

PROJECT DETAILS Work will include a crackdown on technically illegal sump pumps, which a Hoyle Tanner study identified as the single biggest source of overflows. City officials will rewrite the sump pump ordinance, but have also pledged to work with owners of sump pumps to ease the transition from them.

Key points in the project include: Replacing the outdated, and according to Hoyle Tanner "highly inefficient," cloth filters and lagoon system with a modern "sequencing batch reactor" system, and adding a "secondary clarifier" to remove more solids.

Replacing 5,000 feet of sewer collection pipes in five sections, and determining if more of the 100,000 feet of pipes need repair or replacement.

For the Macdonough Drive pump station, more storage "to allow for flow equalization during wet weather events & keep sewage out of the river" and new screening technology to remove "rag" & other debris ... which can damage or clog pumps."

The headworks building across the river, which intakes from the collection system and forwards it to the treatment plant, will receive better metering, ventilation upgrades, and "More efficient grit & rag removal processes" to replace work now done by hand.

Like Hawley, Chabot said the council should and would monitor the project to make sure it solves the system's issues.

"I think we understand this is a significant amount of money, and there have been other false fixes in the past. We wanted to make sure it didn't occur again. I think the council was prudent in being diligent at every step, as we have to be in every step going forward," he said. "I don't want to flush \$25 million down the drain."

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MUHS Nordic girls capture D-II skiing title; boys are third

By ANDY KIRKALDY

RIPTON — After rolling to a big lead on Feb. 24 in the first day of the Nordic state championship meet, the Middlebury Union High School girls' team cruised to the Division II title on Monday at Rikert Nordic Center.

With freshmen Beth McIntosh and Ava Schneider leading the way, the Tigers finished first in Monday's 5-kilometer freestyle race and second to Harwood in the skate relay to defeat second-place Harwood, 105-141.

The Tigers led by 30 points after winning both the classic 5K race and relay over Harwood at Craftsbury on Feb. 24. They then extended their lead on their home course on Monday even though the Highlanders edged them by about 12 seconds in the relay.

McIntosh finished fourth in Monday's 5K, with Schneider in fifth, while junior Lia Robinson (13th) and senior Astrid Olsen (14th) also scored for the Tigers as they won the program's first girls' title since 2018.

In the 5K classic race at Craftsbury on Feb. 24, Schneider led the way in sixth, followed by McIntosh (eighth), Robinson (11th) and Olsen (14th). Those same four skiers also took to the course for both successful relay teams.

The Tigers' victory snapped a three-title winning streak for U-32, which finished third in the 11-team field at 174, ahead of Craftsbury (210) and Woodstock (278).

In cold but sunny and calm conditions on both days the Tiger boys finished third with 197 points behind four-time winner U-32 (55) and Craftsbury (105). MUHS finished ahead of Woodstock (265) in fourth and Montpelier (288) in fifth.

Sophomore Baxter Harrington led the MUHS boys on both days, taking seventh in the individual race at

Rikert and 13th at Craftsbury, while junior Eliot Schneider was 14th on both days.

At Craftsbury junior Trey Bosworth (21st) and freshman Aaron Carr-Perlow (32nd) also scored for MUHS, and at Rikert Bosworth (17th) and freshman Matthew Berg (25th) rounded out the Tiger scorers.

Schneider, Bosworth, freshman Haakon Olsen and Harrington skied the Tigers to third place in the classic relay at Craftsbury. The quartet of Schneider, Bosworth, Berg and Harrington finished third in the skate relay on Monday at Rikert.

GIRLS' DAY ONE

The Tiger girls took the lead after the classic events in Craftsbury on Feb. 24 by placing all four scorers in the top 14 in the 5-kilometer individual race and then edging Harwood in the relay.

The relay win was pivotal — essentially it equaled a 20-point swing, with 10 points for first and 20 points for second.

The Tigers thus led second-place Harwood, 49-79, with U-32 in third at 87, and Craftsbury in fourth at 99.

The winner and Tiger finishers in the 5K were:

1. Ava Thurston, Harwood, 14:43.5;
6. Schneider, 16:52.6;
8. McIntosh, 17:00.4;
11. Robinson, 18:36.2;
14. Olsen, 18:52.2;
31. Ella Landis, 20:57.5;
37. Eva Andrews, 21:26;
41. Ari Graham-Gurland, 22:40.2;
- and 49. Dahlia Harrison-Irwin, 23:03.1.

The Tigers' first-place relay time of 31:12.6 edged Harwood (31:24.9) by about 12 seconds, with McIntosh, Olsen, Robinson and Schneider skiing for MUHS. Craftsbury (32:23.5) took third.

GIRLS' DAY TWO

The Tiger girls nailed down their win by placing their four scorers in the top 14 in the individual race again at Rikert on Monday.

The winner and Tiger finishers in (See Nordic, Page 4B)



BETH MCINTOSH ZIPS along on the way to finishing fourth in Monday's 5K freestyle at Rikert Nordic Center on the second day of the D-II championship. That was the best individual result for a Tiger team that won the title.

Independent photo/Steve James



SOPHOMORE BAXTER HARRINGTON finished seventh in this race, the 5K freestyle at Rikert Nordic Center on Monday, the second day of the Nordic state championship. He helped the Tiger boys finish third in D-II.

Independent photo/Steve James

Of jump shots and heroes

A jumping-off point for a hoop memory lane

I'm so old, I predate the jump shot.

It's true. When I first learned to play basketball, the two-hand set shot was a staple of the game and the first shooting technique we all learned and practiced endlessly.

It's still the way kids first contrive to get the ball up to the 10-foot hoop. It's natural. The ball is big and meant to be held with both hands. The one-handed shot is learned.

It requires that you place your dominant hand underneath the ball, elbow in, and the off-hand on the side to guide it. It's tricky, not at all intuitive.

Dolph Schayes was a terrific player in the 1950s in the early stages of the National Basketball Association. He had a deadly outside shot, a two-handed set shot that he got off quickly. If he were closely guarded, he would use his 6-foot-8-inch height to drive to the basket and score that way.

To shoot a one-handed shot, I copied the form of Celtics great Bill Sharman: both feet stationary (See Lindholm, Page 3B)

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3/12 Final in Barre..... 7:30 PM

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NESCAC Final Four at Midd

3/5 #1 Midd vs #4 Hamilton..... 1 PM

3/5 #2 Colby vs #3 Amherst..... 4:30 PM

3/6 Final..... 2 PM

Given rapidly changing schedules those interested in attending or viewing events are advised to check school websites for the latest updates.



EAGLE LEADING SCORER Henry Cogswell penetrates for two of his 14 points in Tuesday's playoff win. The senior contributed 10 assists as the Mount Abe boys won a playoff game for the first time in 12 years.

Photo courtesy of Mark Bouvier

Eagle boys' hoop downs Milton Mt, Abe prevails, 66-47, and continues postseason run

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — It had been since 2008 that the Mount Abraham boys' basketball program hosted a Division II playoff game, and since 2009 that an Eagle boys' team had won in the postseason — that year the No. 12 Eagles defeated No. 5 Middlebury.

On Tuesday night the Eagles, seeded No. 7 this year, shrugged off that history — and visiting No. 10 Milton — with a 66-47 victory in front of their own fans.

The key stretch for the 16-5 Eagles began with two minutes

left in the third quarter. Mount Abe got off to a strong start, but the 9-10 Yellowjackets, a team that had played well down the stretch, battled back from down as many as 13 points to make a game of it.

Six straight points in a two-minute span of the third quarter drew Milton to within 46-39 at 2:15 of the period — it was still anybody's game.

But then the Eagles put the hammer down.

Over the next 7:17 they swatted the Yellowjackets with an 18-0 run. Five Eagles scored in the decisive surge.

Senior guard Daniel Rodriguez triggered the outburst with a putback and then a transition bucket. In the final minute of the third period senior guard Henry Cogswell scored on a pullup jumper in the lane, and senior forward's Noah Gargano's fast-break hoop at the horn made it 54-39.

After a Gargano free throw and another transition bucket, this one by junior guard Chance Denecker, to open the fourth period, sophomore forward Ian Funke put back in his own miss, Rodriguez stole the ball (See Hoop, Page 2B)

Local wrestlers win three state titles; Tigers take fourth as a team

By ANDY KIRKALDY

HINESBURG — Mount Abraham junior Devan Hemingway, Vergennes senior Taylor Stearns and Middlebury freshman Avery Carl won titles on Sunday at the Vermont State Championship Wrestling Meet, hosted by Champlain Valley Union High School.

The coaches chose Carl, seeded second at 132 pounds, as the meet's Outstanding Wrestler after he rallied from a 3-0 deficit to pin top-seeded Anthony Matas of Essex in the final. Matas had twice defeated Carl this season, according to the Tiger coaching staff.

Hemingway at 120 and Stearns at 152 were the top seeds at their weight classes and wrestled to their abilities.

Carl's win, along with five other top-six finishes by Tiger wrestlers — notably a second-place performance by freshman Alex Sperry at 113 — helped the Tigers claim fourth place with 97 points.

That total was one point ahead of a strong effort by the OV (See Wrestlers, Page 2B)



VUHS SENIOR TAYLOR Stearns gets ready to pin one of his three foes at 152 pounds at this past weekend's Vermont wrestling tournament at CVU. Stearns pinned all of them in the first round on the way to the 152-pound crown.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Brace



EAGLE JUNIOR CHANCE Denecker soars in for a layup during Mount Abe's Tuesday playoff win. Denecker led the Eagles with 11 rebounds.

Photo courtesy of Mark Bouvier

Hoop

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and coasted in for a layup, and Cogswell capped the 18-0 surge with a three-point play in the lane at 2:58. That made the lead a game-high 25 points, 64-39.

Despite the offensive outburst, that was not the first thing Eagle Coach Martin Clark talked about when asked about the game-breaking stretch. He pointed out Milton did not score for seven minutes.

"We clamped down defensively pretty good for a while," Clark said.

Part of that effort was a phenomenal performance by Denecker, the shortest Eagle starter, on the defensive glass. He grabbed 11 boards to help the Eagles out rebound the Yellowjackets, 43-29, including team rebounds. Bannister was next with seven.

Clark also noted Mount Abe's offensive balance and unselfishness on Tuesday. Five Eagles scored in the decisive stretch, and four finished in double figures: Rodriguez and Bannister had 16 points apiece; Cogswell, 14 points, plus 10 of the Eagles' 22 assists and five rebounds; and Gargano, 11 points plus five rebounds.

"We came out early and had good offensive movement, ball movement, got some good shots and knocked them down. And then the third period we really passed the ball well, got some easy opportunities inside," Clark said. "And that just changed the whole momentum of the game."

Clark was referring to another key Eagle run. The Yellowjackets had rallied in the second quarter, closing it with a 13-2 spurt sparked by Ben Godin and Ian Bessette to make it 34-30 at the break.

But Mount Abe opened the second

half with a 12-3 run powered by 10 points in the paint combined from Bannister, Cogswell and Gargano, including four assisted baskets. That made it 46-33.

Milton then got a three from Bessette and a three-point play inside from Godin to pull within seven, only to see the Eagles take complete charge. Godin finished with 22 points, Bessette added 11, and Donovan Dallas chipped in seven.

By then Milton, trailing, had to abandon its zone, and the Eagles soon adjusted to the Yellowjackets' man-to-man defense and continued to get easy looks.

Clark was pleased how his team responded when Milton did make a couple of runs at them. He described the Eagles as a "level-headed" and mature group that also executes well offensively.

"We've done that throughout the winter. We've had a couple of rough patches and always come through and settled ourselves and gotten back in the game," Clark said. "That's just one of the good qualities of this team. They don't get rattled."

A challenge almost certainly awaits the Eagles in a Friday night quarterfinal. No. 2 Montpelier (19-1), the two-time defending champion, is considered the title favorite. The Solons were set to host No. 15 Missisquoi on Wednesday.

Clark said the Eagles will give it their best shot, including by trying to avoid getting into a track meet with the Solons.

"We'll have to be on top of our game," he said. "Hopefully we can control the pace a little bit and keep it within reach, and you never know."

Wrestlers

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(fifth place), which also placed a half-dozen wrestlers on the podium with top-six efforts, and six points ahead of VUHS (sixth place), which placed five wrestlers on the podium. Mount Abe was 13th out of 22 teams with 50 points.

Perennial power Mount Anthony kept its decades-long winning streak alive, but just barely. The Patriots edged Spaulding for the crown, 217.5-212, a margin less than the points awarded for winning a single match.

The Tiger coaches were thrilled with their team's effort.

"While Carl's performance was the biggest highlight, there were many," said Assistant Coach Jon Ashley in an email.

Ashley also described Carl's winning tactics, which paid off about a minute into the second period after Matas took a 3-0 lead: "Carl set up and threw Matas to his back on the edge of the mat with a lateral drop and then finished with a pin."

In taking second at 113, Sperry earned two pins before falling by decision to Spaulding's Caleb Hunington in the final. The Tigers' next best result came from Nick Sheldrick, third at 285.

For Mount Abe at 120 Hemingway won by a second-period pin in his first-round match, earned a 7-2 decision in his semifinal, and then pinned Colchester's Noah Quigley in the final's third period. Senior Matt Conant's fifth-place finish at 138 proved to be the next best effort for the small Eagle squad.

For VUHS, Stearns dominated

at 152, winning all three of his matches with first-period pins, including over Colchester's Jordan Lavoie in his final. Commodores Caden Howell, third at 182, and Eli Brace, fourth at 126, also excelled.

No Otters won their weight classes. Sam Martin placed second at 220, losing to Mount Anthony's Hayden Gaudette by a third-period pin. That result clinched the title for the Patriots.

C a l e b W h i t n e y ' s third-place effort at 138 was the next best individual effort for OV, and Simon Martin took fourth at 195.

All the top three finishers in each weight class qualified to compete this weekend at the New England meet in Providence, R.I. By weight class, the results for local wrestlers were:

• 1 0 6 Jackson Marks of OV finished fifth despite compiling an 0-2 mark.

• 113 Sperry went 2-1 in finishing second, and Eagle Logan PIERRO (0-2) was

sixth.

• 120 Hemingway went 3-0 in finishing first, and Tiger Keagan Stone (1-2) was sixth.

• 126 Brace of VUHS went 2-2 in finishing fourth after losing a 4-3 decision in the semifinal round.

• 132 Carl went 3-0 in taking first place.

• 138 OV's Caleb Whitney (4-1) was third, Eagle Matt Conant (3-2) was fifth, and Tiger Layne



COMMODORE SENIOR TAYLOR Stearns earned his way to the top of the podium at CVU on Sunday by pinning all of his 152-pound opponents in the first round. His efforts helped boost VUHS to sixth place.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Brace

Girls' basketball: Eagles reach Barre; others fall

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — While all four local high school girls' basketball teams won their first-round playoff games, only Mount Abraham advanced to a quarterfinal matchup.

The Eagles, seeded sixth in Division II, ousted No. 3 Fair Haven on Saturday, and were set take on No. 2 Enosburg on Wednesday night in a semifinal played after the deadline for this issue of the *Independent*.

But Middlebury, Vergennes and Otter Valley all came up short in their quarterfinal games on Saturday.

EAGLES

The Eagles bolted to a 22-7 first-quarter lead over host Fair Haven on Saturday and withstood a Slater comeback to prevail, 40-32.

Maia Jensen hit three three-pointers and scored 13 points in the first quarter as the Eagles took the 15-point lead. Mount Abe still led by 29-22 at the half, but a fourth-quarter three-pointer by Slater **Brittney Love** cut the Eagles' lead to two.

The Eagles responded by icing the game from the line, hitting eight free throws in the final minutes, five from Jensen, two from **Lucy Parker** and

one from **Laura Bonar**.

Jensen finished with 21 points, **Abby Reen** contributed 10 points, seven rebounds and five steals, while Bonar added five points and blocked three shots.

For the Slators, **Izzy Cole** had eight points, and **Alana Williams** scored seven. The Slators dropped to 16-6 and saw a streak of eight straight trips to the D-II semifinals snapped.

The Eagles improved to 14-8 on the way to their matchup with Enosburg (20-2). The Eagles split two games with the Hornets, but Enosburg was not at full strength for the setback.

TIGERS

The Tigers, No. 10 in D-II, had won on the road in the first round, but fell short at No. 2 Enosburg on Saturday, 44-35. The Hornets improved to 20-2, while the Tigers wrapped up at 9-13.

Enosburg led after one period, 20-3, and at the half, 28-8. The Tigers fought back by scoring 18 in the fourth period, including six points from **Cady Pitner** and key threes from **Ele Sellers**, **Ivy Doran** and **Gennie Dora**, to cut the lead to four

points in the final minutes. But the Hornets hit their free throws to nail down the win.

Emily Adams led Enosburg with 10 points, and Kayla Gervais and Lilly Robtoy each added nine. Sellers scored 13 points for MUHS, Pitner finished with eight points and 10 rebounds, and Dora scored six.

COMMODORES

The No. 9 Commodores had prevailed on the road in their first-round D-II game but ran into a buzzsaw at Windsor on Saturday, as most teams have this winter against the 19-2 Jacks: Windsor took a 39-14 halftime lead and cruised to an 85-28 victory.

Reese Perry led Windsor with 33 points and 15 rebounds, and Audrey Rupp (11 points) and Sydney Perry (10) also reached double figures as 10 Jacks scored.

Kyra Bradford led VUHS with 11 points, and **Felicia Poirier** added nine as the Commodores finished a rebuilding season following a mass graduation of seniors at 8-14.

OTTERS

In the Feb. 23 first-round D-III game, No. 6 seed OV coasted past visiting No. 11 Oxbow, 69-37. The

Chant went 0-2.

• 145 OV's Chase Cram (3-2) was fifth.

• 152 while Stearns was dominating, Mount Abe's Lucas Graham and OV's Malachai Sheldrick each went 1-2.

• 160 OV's Tucker Babcock (4-2) defeated Tiger Tucker Kennett for fifth place, 6-0. Kennett finished with a 2-2 record. Eagle Lucas Philips went 0-2.

• 170 Tiger Calvin Kennett (3-1) defeated Commodore Isaac Preston, 7-2, for third place. Preston compiled a 4-2 record in taking fourth. OV's Isaac Whitney went 2-2.

• 182 Commodore Howell went 4-1 in finishing third, while OV's Dom Davis went 0-2.

• 195 OV's Simon Martin (3-2) was fourth, Eagle Wyatt Allenson (2-2) was sixth, and Tiger Liam Wagner went 0-2.

• 220 OV's Sam Martin pinned two opponents before losing in the final. Commodore Jamison Couture (2-2) took fifth.

• 285 Tiger Nick Sheldrick lost his first match, but bounced back with three straight pins to finish third. OV's Derek Li went 0-2.

The team scores were: 1. Mount Anthony, 217.5; 2. Spaulding, 212; 3. Essex, 193.5; 4. MUHS, 97; 5. OV, 96; 6. VUHS, 90; 7. Mount Mansfield, 74.5; 8. St. J, 66; 9. Springfield, 56.5; 10. Burr and Burton, 54; 11. Randolph, 52; 12. Colchester, 51; 13. Mount Abe, 50; 14. Fair Haven, 37; 15. CVU, 32; 16. Mill River, 20; 17. Harwood, 17; 18. Winoski, 14; 19. Rutland, 12; 20. Bellows Falls, 10; 21. Mount St. Joseph, 1; 22. Milton, 0.



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on the floor, one foot forward of the other (the foot on the side of your shooting hand). You aimed over the top of the ball and released from your chin a nice high spinning orb. Swish.

Sharman's backcourt mate, the immortal Bob Cousy, had a shot that Celtics announcer Johnny Most called a "running one-hander," a variation of the layup and likewise shot on the run. A maestro of the fast break, Cousy lifted off his left foot and released the ball right-handed 15 to 20 feet from the hoop (after a Bill Russell blocked shot or rebound had ignited the break).

After winning four NBA championships together, the Cousy-Sharman all-star backcourt gave way to the Joneses, KC and Sam, who then won five more titles with Russell, under their irrepressible coach, Red Auerbach. The Celtics won 11 titles in 13 years (1957-69).

My favorite Celtics player was Sam Jones. He played with a cool detachment. KC would push the ball up the floor on the break and pass it to Sam on the wing for a jumper that he would (get this!) bank in off the glass! The bank was always open for Sam, and he made lots of deposits.

Sam Jones had a jump shot to

die for, a thing of beauty, what we call a mid-range jump shot today, as there was no three-point shot then. At 6-foot-4 Sam was tall for a backcourtman in the '50s and '60s and his shot was actually a "jump" shot — he "elevated" as he released the ball.

Jerry West was the quintessence of a jump shooter! He had beautiful form. West was leader of the Los Angeles Lakers, the Celtics main rivals in the 1960s.

Oscar Robertson, "The Big O," was another great jump shooter from the NBA's early days. Like Sam Jones, he too was big for a guard (6 foot, 5 inches), and muscular, and could take smaller defenders into the paint and shoot a jumper. He seemed never to miss.

Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks was a frontcourt player with a deadly accurate jumper, generally from short range. He was 6-foot-9 and released the ball high over his head, averaging 26 points a game for his career.

By the time I was in 5th or 6th grade, I knew I had to have a jump shot (even then, I knew running fast and jumping high would never be my game).

I had to learn to be square to the hoop, feet parallel, release the ball over my head, and jump at the same time. It took me a long time

to get it, but I had a hoop in my driveway and time on my hands (and no competition from screens).

My shot was more like Larry Bird's than Sam Jones's. No, I am not delusional: I am not comparing myself to the great Bird. I'm contending that our shots did not feature a high vertical leap, more a flick of the wrist from the top of the head.

So what has provoked this nostalgic disquisition on the jump shot?

A couple of weeks ago I watched the NBA All-Star Game with son Peter, a genuine hoop maven. The game itself was a cavalcade of dunks and long range three-pointers: ho hum. However, the halftime ceremony was wonderful! That's when the league's 75-year history (1947-2022) was celebrated and its 75 greatest players were introduced (actually 76, as there was a tie in the selection committee's deliberations).

Forty-five of those greats were present in the arena, including Pettit at 89 and West, 83. Others appeared on video, including Cousy (93), Russell (88) and Bird (65). A number had died, inevitably — Schayes, who passed on at 87 in 2015, and Sam Jones, just two months ago at 88, among them.

In 2011, I was thrilled to meet

Dolph Schayes. It was at the Basketball Hall of Fame induction weekend in Springfield, Mass. Through the generosity of a friend, Peter (then in high school) and I were given tickets to the dinner the night before the induction ceremony, when many of the Hall of Famers gathered. Our neighbor in Cornwall, Alex Wolff, was being honored with a big award for his writing on basketball.

Peter and I eschewed pen and paper, and camera, taking a page from the playbook of Bill Russell, who would often decline to sign autographs, offering instead: "I'll shake your hand — or have a conversation with you." At the very next table to ours were 75th Anniversary team members Rick Barry and the magnificent Laker, Elgin Baylor.

The first hand that Peter shook was Julius Irving, "Doctor J" himself, and the longest conversation he had with Bill Walton, who seemed to take a real interest in this 15-year-old fan. We were in hoop heaven.

Eleven years later, Peter still plays as much basketball as he can — pick-up. He has nice long-range jump shot

... of the Larry Bird variety.
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SHOWING BEAUTIFUL FORM on his jump shot, Middlebury College All-American Matt St. Amour hits a three-pointer in a win against Bates in 2017. A consummate jump shooter, St. Amour is third on the Panther all-time scoring list with 1,700 points.
Photo courtesy of Middlebury Athletic Communications

Panther women advance in hockey But Middlebury College men's team comes up short against Tufts

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The undefeated Middlebury College women's hockey team this past weekend won its NESCAC quarterfinal and will host the league tournament this weekend. Meanwhile, the Panther skiers placed third in the East, and the men's basketball and hockey teams lost in their NESCAC tournaments, and in somewhat of a surprise, the men's hoop squad didn't earn an NCAA playoff bid.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Visiting No. 8 seed Connecticut battled the 22-0 Panther women's hockey team in Sunday's NESCAC quarterfinal, but Cat Appleyard's tiebreaking power-play goal early in the third period proved to be the difference in Middlebury's 2-1 victory.

Middlebury took the lead with 4:27 gone in the opening period while skating with an extra player after a delayed penalty. Julia Johnson's slap shot from the right circle trickled through traffic and past Camel goalie Abby Wieczorek.

The Camels (9-15-2) knotted the score on a power play at 10:09 of the second period. Panther goalie Sophia Merageas made the initial save, but Camille Phelan tapped in the loose puck following a scramble just outside the crease.

Appleyard's game-winner came with the Panthers a skater up 4:11 into the third period. Shortly after Wieczorek denied doorstep bids by Appleyard and Eva Hendrickson, Appleyard picked up a Camel turnover and wristed the puck over Wieczorek's right pad.

The Panthers controlled most of the period, but the Camels pressed late. With 5:20 Panther goalie Sophie Merageas flashed her right

pad to deny a wrist shot from Rylie Griffith. Merageas also made a couple key saves after the Panthers were whistled for a penalty with just over a minute to go with the Camels skating six on four after pulling their goalie.

Merageas made 18 saves, while Wieczorek made 28 saves.

On Saturday, the Panthers will host No. 4 Hamilton (12-9) at 1 p.m., while second-seeded Colby (16-4-1) will face third-seeded Amherst (13-8-2) at 4:30 p.m. The championship game is set for Sunday at 2 p.m.

SKIING

The Middlebury ski team finished third at the EISA Championships hosted by the University of New Hampshire. UVM (981 points) won, while UNH (728) edged the Panthers (724 points) for second place.

Nordic action took place at the Jackson Cross Country Center, while the alpine events were contested at Cannon Mountain/Mittersill. Middlebury skiers who qualified will compete March 9-12 at the NCAA championships in Park City, Utah.

In Saturday's Nordic men's 10-kilometer classic, the Panthers had all three scorers in the top-15 for the second straight day to finish second in the event. Peter Wolter took second in 26:28.9, Willson Moore was eighth in 27:25.4, and Logan Moore was 13th (27:41.4).

Charlotte Ogden was eighth in the 5K classic to lead the Panther women with a time of 15:46. Avery Ellis took 13th place (15:59.2), and Quincy Massey-Bierman completed the scorers in 28th (16:20.5).

The men's alpine team placed three skiers in the top 15 to finish second in the giant slalom. Justin Alkier took third with a two-run time of 2:10.16, Bradshaw Underhill was fourth (2:10.90), and Axel Bailey

was 15th in 2:13.58.

In the women's giant slalom, only Alexandra Cossette, who was eighth in 2:17.08, cracked the top 15.

In Friday action, the Panther Nordic men also took second in the 20K freestyle. Wolter finished fourth in 52:14.3, and Sam Hodges was 12th in 54:51.5.

In the women's 15K freestyle, Ellis led the way in 20th in 45:48.7.

On the slopes on Friday, the Panther women excelled in the slalom, with Lucia Bailey leading the group with a third-place effort (1:41.92). Mika-Anne Reha was sixth (1:42.37), and Sofia Yubero was 11th in 1:43.77.

In the men's slalom, Alkier placed 13th in 1:31.32; Underhill tied for 14th in 1:31.69.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 4 seeded Williams, ranked No. 21 in NCAA D-III, defeated the No. 3 seed Middlebury men's basketball team, 78-61, in a NESCAC semifinal played at Wesleyan on Saturday. The Ephs improved to 17-3 and lost to top-seeded host Wesleyan in overtime for the league playoff title on Sunday.

Despite their 18-6 record, the Panthers were not awarded an NCAA bid on Monday. At least two teams with 18-7 records, Rochester and Babson, were given bids. NESCAC teams have traditionally excelled in the D-III tournament, but only Wesleyan and Williams will participate.

In Saturday's NESCAC semifinal, the Ephs broke open a tight game with a 16-2 run to close out the first half and take a 37-19 lead at the break.

The Panthers were more competitive in the second half and several times cut the Williams lead to 14 or 15 points, and once to 13

(69-56) with 3:22 to go. But the Ephs answered their runs every time with three-pointers and balanced scoring.

The Panthers shot 32.9% and made only one of 15 three-point attempts, while Williams shot 43.6% and made 13 of 27 from behind the arc.

Alex Sobel paced Middlebury with 19 points, and Sam Stevens scored 18. David Brennan contributed eight points and eight rebounds.

For the Ephs, Spencer Spivy scored 20 points, Cole Prowitt-Smith had 17 and grabbed eight boards, and Nate Karren chipped in 11 points and eight rebounds.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The No. 9 seed Middlebury College men's hockey team saw a third-period rally come up short at Tufts on Friday and lost to the No. 8 Jumbos, 4-1, in a first-round playoff game.

The Panthers also saw the end of their four-game winning streak, all of which came on the road. Friday's setback left them with a final 6-13-3 record. Tufts improved to 7-15-2 heading into a Sunday quarterfinal at No. 1 Colby.

Tufts took the lead with three minutes to go in the first when Andrew Gurlock scored from the blue line. The Jumbos added another goal seven minutes into the second period, a Harrison Bazianos wraparound. The Jumbos made it 3-0 at 2:17 of the third, when Gunlock's slap shot from just inside the blue line made in through traffic.

Middlebury cut the deficit to 3-1 at 14:58, when Tucker Lamb converted a Jin Lee feed to the far post. The Panthers continued to press, but Gurlock added an empty-netter.

Jake Horoho made 28 saves in goal for Middlebury, while Josh Sarlo stopped 32 shots for the Jumbos.

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Commodores win playoffs; OV out

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — In first-round boys' basketball playoff action on Tuesday, No. 4 Vergennes advanced at the expense of visiting No. 13 Thetford in Division III, while No. 13 Otter Valley fell to No. 4 Fair Haven in D-II.

Mount Abraham, No. 7 in D-II, also hosted No. 10 Milton; see story on Page 1B.

Middlebury (4-16), the No. 14 seed in D-II, was set to visit No. 3 Spaulding (18-2) on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition of the *Independent*. The Tigers were looking to avenge a 30-point regular-season setback to The Tide. If the Tigers turned the Tide this time, No. 5 Hartford (14-5) would probably be next.

COMMODORES

The 13-7 Vergennes boys on Monday earned the highest seed among local teams, their No. 4 nod in D-III. But No. 14 Thetford gave the Commodores a run for three quarters and trailed by 34-33 entering the fourth.

But the Commodores caught fire in the final period and put their visitors away by outscoring them, 26-10, over the final eight minutes. **Elijah Duprey** broke loose for 22 points to pace VUHS, and **Tyler Bergmans** finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The Commodores on Friday at 7 p.m. will host the winner of a

Wednesday game between No. 12 Randolph (6-12) and No. 5 Bellows Falls (15-5). VUHS did not play either of those teams this winter.

OTTERS

The host No. 4 Slaters on Tuesday went on a second-quarter run to lead by 43-23 at the half and cruised to a 78-44 victory over No. 13 OV in D-II.

The 16-5 Slaters got 31 points from **Sawyer Ramey**, 25 in the first half, and **Brandon Eastman** added 16. They will host No. 5 Mount St. Joseph, also 16-5, in the next round.

Sophomore **Owen Thomas's** 12 points led the 4-17 Otters. Seniors **Elijah Tucker-Bryant**, **Evan Thomas**, **Hayden Bernhardt** and **Dylan Stevens-Clark** played their last hoop game for OV.

REGULAR SEASON

On Feb. 23 host North Country, D-II's first-place team, snapped the Eagles' 12-game winning streak, 73-52. Cooper Brueck's 22 points led four Falcons in double figures as their team improved to 17-1. **Henry Cogswell** scored 19 for Mount Abe.

The Eagles bounced back the next evening to defeat host MUHS, 55-44, in the regular-season finale for both teams. Mount Abe limited Middlebury to four points in the third period and led by as many as 17 points, with **Noah Gargano** scoring nine of his 11 points in the second half.

Cogswell, who finished with 19 points, hit six fourth-quarter free throws to help hold off the Tigers. **Penn Riney** led MUHS with 15 points.

On Feb. 23 VUHS defeated host Twinfield, 73-54. **Tim Ashley** hit seven three-pointers and scored 23 points. Bergmans contributed 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists, and Duprey chipped in 11 points.

On Feb. 24 the Commodores dropped a home game, 49-41, to Milton (8-9). VUHS was unable to recover from a slow start. Ashley's 15 points led the Commodores.

On Saturday the Commodores bounced back to derail D-III's first-place team, visiting Winooski, 67-64, to clinch the No. 4 seed. **Abram Francis** scored 17 points and added five rebounds; Bergmans helped across the board with 14 points, six rebounds and five assists; Ashley scored 13; and **Ian Henderson** hit a key late bucket as VUHS wrapped up at 13-7.

On Feb. 24 the Otters wrapped up their regular season by defeating visiting Springfield, 85-62. OV stretched its lead in the fourth quarter by hitting 20 of 24 free throws in the final eight minutes.

Tucker-Bryant poured in 32 points for OV (4-16), Bernhardt scored 20, and Stevens-Clark and Owen Thomas added 13 apiece.

Boys' hockey falls to No. 1 Hartford

By ANDY KIRKALDY

HARTFORD — After a first-round Division II playoff victory, the No. 9 Middlebury Union High School boys' hockey team couldn't hold a third-period lead against undefeated top-seeded host Hartford on Tuesday and fell, 4-2, in a quarterfinal.

Hartford improved to 21-0, while the Tigers finished at 9-10-3.

Coach Jordan Stearns was happy with his team's effort on Tuesday.

"The boys played so well and fought really hard," Stearns said. "We just couldn't quite hold on in the third."

Ezra Mock gave the Hurricanes the lead with a goal late in the first period. But the Tigers scored twice during second-period power plays to go on top.

Jake Kadar knotted the score, with an assist from Joey Niemo, and Jordan Martin gave the Tigers the lead, with assists from Cole Schnoor and Nate Muzzy.

But early in the third period Hartford's Ozy DeFelice made it 2-2, and James McReynolds

netted the unassisted game-winner at 6:36. Mock's second goal of the game came with 1:29 to go and effectively ended the Tigers' comeback hopes.

Tiger goalie Eddie Hodde made 32 saves, and Hartford's Davey Bradley made 21.

On the previous Saturday the Tigers hung on to defeat No. 8 Lyndon, 3-2, in a first-round matchup after taking a 3-0 lead. Hodde backstopped the victory with 42 saves, while his Viking counterpart, Logan Miller stopped 28 shots.

Gus Hodde gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead 1:26 into the game, with an assist from Martin. Gavin McNulty made it 2-0 45 seconds into the second period, with assists from Martin and Hodde, and McNulty added a goal in the final minute of the middle period with a helper from Niemo.

The Vikings began their comeback with an Ashton Gould goal with 11 seconds left in the second period, and Dylan Miller made it 3-2 at 5:02 of the third.

But the Tiger defense and Hodde held the fort from there.

Stearns was pleased with his team's play on Saturday.

"Lyndon was really physical," he said. "It was a really hard-fought, gutsy win."

The Tigers had to play that game on the road because in the final game of the regular season the Tigers took a costly 3-2 loss at Brattleboro on Feb. 23. The setback to the 9-10-1 Colonels dropped MUHS from the No. 8 to the No. 9 seed in the D-II standings.

Gus Hodde in the first period and Martin late in the third scored for the Tigers, and Niemo, Kadar and Matthew Kiernan picked up assists.

Brattleboro scored all three goals in the middle period, with Will Miskovich, Will Taggard, and Evan Wright doing the damage. Colonel goalie Darek Harvey played well, especially as the Tigers pressed hard in the third period, including making a big kick save in the final minute.



JUNIOR ELIOT SCHNEIDER, seen here during Monday's 5K freestyle at Rikert Nordic Center, was the Tigers' No. 2 skier as the team finished third in D-II over the two-day state championship meet. Independent photo/Steve James

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the 5K were:

1. Thurston, Harwood, 12:57.9; 4. McIntosh, 15:08.6; 5. Schneider, 15:25.5; 13. Robinson, 17:14.9; 14. Olsen, 17:16.4; 19. Landis, 18:11.6; 32. Graham-Gurland, 19:43.9; 43. Lila Cook-Yoder, 20:49.1; 49. Harrison-Irwin, 22:03.3.

The Tigers' second-place relay time of 29:06.3 trailed Harwood (28:54.9) by about 12 seconds, with the same quartet skiing for MUHS. Craftsbury (32:23.5) took third.

BOYS' DAY ONE

U-32 built a big lead after Feb. 24 classic skiing in Craftsbury. The Raiders led second-place Craftsbury, 24-50, with the Tiger boys third at 107 and Montpelier fourth at 136.

The Raiders placed three skiers in the top 10 individually in the classic 5-kilometer race and edged Craftsbury in the relay event.

The Tigers were joined in the boys' races by two Mount Abraham and two Otter Valley skiers participating as independents.

The winner and Tiger, Eagle and Otter finishers in the 5K were (the top four MUHS finishers scored):

1. Tevi Schwartz, U-32, 13:49.7; 13. Harrington, MUHS, 15:07; 14. Schneider, MUHS, 15:15.7; 19. Lorenzo Atocha, Mt. Abe, 16:09.7; 21. Bosworth, MUHS, 16:18.1; 28. Abel Atocha, Mt. Abe, 16:56.6; and 32. Aaron Carr-Perlow, MUHS, 17:21.3.

Also, 41. Baker Nelson, MUHS, 17:51.1; 44. Matthew Berg, MUHS, 18:14.8; 49. Ben Munkres, MUHS, 18:35.3; 54. Luke Calvin, OV, 19:12.7; 68. Baker Larock, OV, 20:42.6; and Lucas Flinger, MUHS, 22:33.5.

U-32 won the relay in 25:22.4, with Craftsbury in second (25:42.6) and MUHS in third (28:09.5). Schneider, Bosworth, Haakon Olsen and Harrington skied the relay.

BOYS' DAY TWO

U-32 did nothing but extend its lead on Monday at Rikert, placing all four scorers in the top seven of the 5K individual event and winning the relay by 10 seconds.

Again Mount Abe and OV independents raced with the Tigers in the boys' races.

The winner and Tiger, Eagle and Otter finishers in the 5K were:

1. Schwartz, U-32, 12:46.8; 7. Harrington, MUHS, 13:10.9; 14. Schneider, MUHS, 13:40.8; 19. L. Atocha, Mt. Abe, 14:11.1; 17. Bosworth, MUHS, 14:13.4; 28. A. Atocha, Mt. Abe, 15:07.9; and 25. Berg, MUHS, 15:25.9.

Also, 32. Carr-Perlow, MUHS, 15:43; 33. Munkres, MUHS, 14:44.1; 49. Nelson, MUHS, 15:52.2; 55. Calvin, OV, 17:53.3; 67. Larock, OV, 18:54.1.

U-32 won the relay in 23:43.4, with Craftsbury in second (23:53.6) and MUHS in third (25:34.7). Schneider, Bosworth, Berg and Harrington skied the relay.

JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Meanwhile, on Feb. 20 after the Eastern Cup Nordic season wrapped up with a competition in Dublin, N.H., a number of local

skiers were named to U.S. Junior National teams, or were chosen as alternates.

McIntosh was named to the national girls' 16-and-under team, and Ava Schneider was chosen as an alternate.

Elvis McIntosh, a former MUHS skier now attending Green Mountain Valley School, made the U-20 men's team.

Joe Graziadei, a former Mount Abe independent, and former Tiger skier Lucas Palcsik both made the boys' 18-and-under team. Both now ski for Green Mountain Valley School.

Former Tiger and current GMVS skier Phoebe Hussey was named an alternate to the girls' U-18 squad.

They all competed on the Eastern Cup circuit, as did Baxter Harrington, Middlebury Union Middle School student Mary Harrington, both Ava and Eliot Schneider, and GMVS student Matthew McIntosh.

Both Harringtons, Ava Schneider and Beth McIntosh are also members of the Frost Mountain Nordic Club, based at Rikert.



LIA ROBINSON, an MUHS junior, was the Tigers' No. 3 scorer in both the classic and freestyle races in the two-day Nordic championship meet as she helped MUHS win the D-II title. Here she is skiing to a 13th-place finish at Rikert Nordic Center on Monday. Independent photo/Steve James

Girls' hockey gets D-II's No. 5 seed

MIDDLEBURY — The girls' hockey team finished the season at 9-11 and was awarded

the No. 5 seed for the Division II playoffs. The Tigers were set to visit No. 4 Harwood/Northfield (10-9-1) at 5 p.m. on Wednesday after deadline.

The Tigers and Highlanders split two games this winter, each team winning on the other's ice. Wednesday's winner will almost certainly take on No. 1 Woodstock (18-1) in the next round at a time to be announced.

Back on Feb. 23, in their final regular-season game, Hana Doria's goal in the first minute of overtime gave the Tigers a 3-2 victory over visiting Missisquoi (6-14).

Goals in the first period from Erin Mulcahy (assisted by Avery Gale and Lia Calzini) and from Gale (assisted by Calzini and Mulcahy) had helped MUHS to a 2-1 lead. But T-Brid Rory Schreindorfer scored late in the third period to knot the score. Tiger goalie Ruby Hubbell made 16 saves, and Missisquoi's Karissa LeClair made 25.

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Susan Conley and Elizabeth Wilcox: How Story Can Help Heal Trauma virtual conversation. Thursday, March 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Join friends and Middlebury College alums Susan Conley, author of the bestselling novel, "Landslide," and Elizabeth Wilcox, author of the critically acclaimed "The Long Tail of Trauma: A Memoir," in conversation about their new books and the power of memory to reimagine the past and set a course towards hope. Their good friend Dr. Jim Miller, English and American Studies Professor at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater will host this far-ranging talk about the ways story can help heal trauma. Free. Participation is limited to 90. Registration required. Visit vermontbookshop.com for registration links and more event details.

mar 4 FRIDAY

Age Well indoor sit-down special. Patty's Picnic in Middlebury. Friday, March 4, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Doors open at 11 a.m. for Irish music by O'Anleigh. Meal will be served at noon of BBQ Chicken, O'Brien red potatoes, gourmet blend vegetables, green leaf salad with two dressings, roll, Congo bar and milk. Please bring your own place setting. \$5 Suggested donation collected in advance. Must arrange advance tickets by Sunday, Feb. 27. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, March 4, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Beef stroganoff over egg noodles, broccoli florets, cauliflower, roll, strawberry shortcake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Feb. 27, 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

mar 5 SATURDAY

Repair Fair in Middlebury. Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave. Don't trash it, repair it. Addison County Solid Waste Management District and the Hannaford Career Center co-host this free community event where members of the community with relevant skills volunteer their time and knowledge to fix broken items. Bring broken objects to the event and engage with the fixers to learn a new skill. All attendees must register for a time slot to bring in their items. More info and registration at AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Online college and career planning fair. Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Vermont Student Assistance Corp. (VSAC) is offering a free for Vermont high school students and their parents/guardians. Join VSAC online to attend live virtual workshops, discover free resources, get expert advice, and meet with local reps from colleges and training programs across the state. Register at vsac.org/plan/college-career-pathways.

Book Sale in Middlebury. Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Isley Public Library, 75 Main St.

King Pede in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. The Ferrisburgh Grange "King Pede" card parties are back. A sandwich supper followed by an evening of fun and card games. King Pede involves trick-taking techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking. Attendees should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

mar 6 SUNDAY

Pancake breakfast in Middlebury. Sunday, March 6, 8-10 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Menu includes pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, hash, sausage, hash browns, eggs, toast, coffee and orange juice. Adults 10/Children \$5. Open to the public. All proceeds go to veterans programs.

Wood-Fired pizza in Goshen. Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Ski or snowshoe and then stop by the oven to munch on some fresh 'za when you get hungry. Repeat! Bring your own beer. Suggested \$25 donation for trail use and pizza, but pay what you can. Pizza available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. while supplies last. RSVP at the Outdoor Center's Facebook page.

mar 7 MONDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, March 7, 11:15 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Roast beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, roll, leprechaun cake and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, March 3, 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

mar 8 TUESDAY

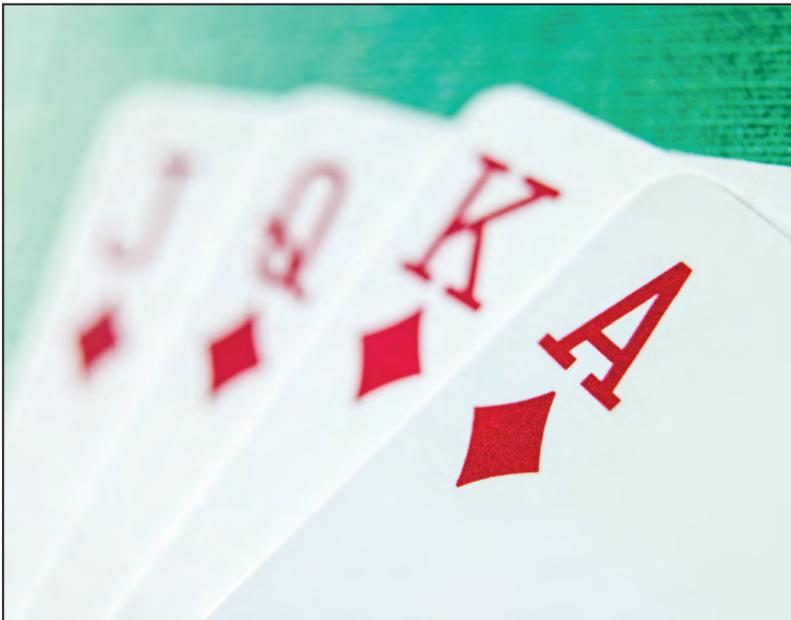
Bixby virtual book club. Tuesday, March 8, 6 p.m. Bixby Library's March book is "My Name is Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok, a masterful telling of the story of Asher Lev, an artist cloistered in a Hasidic community in post-war Brooklyn. More info at laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org or the circulation desk.

"The Invention of Wings" virtual book discussion. Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. Rokeby Museum hosts this free virtual book discussion on Sue Monk Kidd's novel. Joan Gorman, Rokeby's visitor center coordinator will lead the discussion, delving into the story of Hetty Grimke, a slave in early 19th-century Charleston, S.C., and her mistress, Sarah Grimke. These women's experiences over 35 years will be a fitting narrative for Women's History Month.

mar 9 WEDNESDAY

Age Well indoor sit down Leprechaun Lunch in New Haven. Wednesday, March 9, Porky's, Route 7. Doors open at 11 a.m. Meal served at 11:30 of corned beef with cabbage, potatoes, and carrots, roll and dessert. Coffee, tea, water, or milk. \$5 suggested donation collected at the meal does not include gratuity. Advanced reservations only by Friday, March 4. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Age Well grab and go meal in Shoreham. Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.-noon, Halfway House, Route 22A. Pick up at back door, meals will be brought out. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.



Return of the king

KING PEDE RETURNS to the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center on Saturday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m., after a two-year, COVID-induced hiatus. Join the fun in this trick-taking card game and be prepared to use your strategic thinking.

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mar 10 THURSDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m., St Peter's Parish, 85 S. Maple St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, roll, leprechaun cake, and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, March 6, 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

Career counseling in Vergennes. Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Get advice on strategizing for your career and how to create a resume from Vermont Department of Labor career counselors. More info at laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org or the circulation desk.

Great Decisions Lecture Series: "Drug Policy in Latin America" in Middlebury. Thursday, March 10, 3 p.m. Be a virtual participant in Mark Williams's presentation on Drug Policy in Latin America at EastView at Middlebury. Lecture will be conducted in-person (for EV residents) and virtually on Zoom. For Zoom links, call the EastView Concierge at 802-989-7500.

mar 11 FRIDAY

Lenten Series noon concert in Middlebury. Friday, March 11, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. Pianist Tejas Srinivasan will play works by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Originally from Cincinnati, Srinivasan is a Middlebury College sophomore. He has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center, Chicago Symphony Center and Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Aside from the piano, Tejas is also a composer, and his String Quartet "Kafka's Dream" was played by the Jupiter String Quartet in Dec. 2021.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, March 11, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, roll, leprechaun cake, and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, March 6, 802-377-1419. Advanced reservations only. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

mar 12 SATURDAY

Wildlife walk in Middlebury. Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m., meet at Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust to survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill, and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

Green Mountain Club hike in Addison. Saturday, March 12, Chimney Point. Observe birds from the Chimney Point / Crown Point bridge and an easy walk among the fort ruins on the Crown Point side at the lake's edge. About three miles with minimal elevation gain. Contact leader Ruth Penfield at 860-214-4180 or ruthpenfield@gmail.com for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Takeout only corned beef and cabbage supper in Vergennes. Saturday, March 12, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, onions, and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m., Thursday, March 10. To order call 802-877-3150.

mar 14 MONDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, March 14, 11:15 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Roast beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage, and carrots, roll, leprechaun cake, and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, March 10, 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

mar 15 TUESDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Bristol. Tuesday, March 15, Bristol Watershed, Plank Rd. Three miles, beautiful pond, rock formations, beavers. Bring snowshoes or microspikes. Contact

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"Polarization — What is it? How Did We Get Here? Post-Racial Post Mortems" presentation in Middlebury. Tuesday, March 15, 7-8 p.m., Isley Public Library, 72 Main St. The latest AAUW speakers series presentation is by Linus Owens, Associate Professor of Sociology, Middlebury College, who explores issues of polarization, both between political factions and between beliefs and actions, following the 2008 election of Barack Obama.

mar 16 WEDNESDAY

The Great Jigsaw Puzzle Swap in Vergennes. Wednesday, March 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Bring any puzzles you'd like to swap or just come a choose a puzzle and swap it out at then next event. Bixby. More info at laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org or the circulation desk.

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mar 18 FRIDAY

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Crows in winter

By SUSAN SHEA

During winter, I catch glimpses of crows as they fly swiftly over our valley, cawing, or gather in small groups to feed on roadkill along the highway. Sometimes I find their wandering tracks leading to holes in the snow where a crow probed for food. These sightings have made me curious about how these large birds survive the winter.

Most crows that breed in Canada and far northern Maine migrate south, some stopping in other areas of the Northeast to join local flocks. Crows that nest in our region often travel short distances to spend the winter. A 2018 study led by Andrea Townsend of Hamilton College fitted crows in New York State with satellite transmitters to track their movements. Crows in the study migrated an average distance of 310 miles and returned to their breeding territories in spring. Some remained on their territories year-round. The migratory crows were flexible from year to year about where they spent the winter.

Crows use a wide variety of habitats, but prefer open landscapes for ground-feeding with nearby woods for perching and roosting. They frequent garbage dumps in towns and cities. Crows tend to stay away from large forested areas and high elevations where their larger cousin, the raven, is common.

Omnivorous and opportunistic, crows feed on a diversity of plants and small animals. In winter, crows consume grain, seeds, nuts, and fruit, supplemented by carrion and garbage. Like hawks and owls, crows regurgitate indigestible materials such as bones in pellets. Intelligent and alert, they will steal food from other crows and other animals. Crows have even been seen pulling a cat's tail to distract it

from its food. When they happen upon a bonanza of food, these birds will cache some of it for later, concealing it from others. In his book "Ravens in Winter," biologist Bernd Heinrich writes that he spent two hours watching a pair of crows make 44 trips to cache fat from a piece of meat he had placed outside his cabin in the Maine woods. Crows have also been observed using and even fashioning tools to obtain food, for example, shaping a stick to poke into a hole and pulling out insects.

Crows are highly social birds, and families live together year-round. The young remain with their parents for a few years and help raise the new nestlings. Heinrich observed groups of crows feeding amicably together on his meat baits in Maine.

In winter, large flocks of both resident and migratory crows may roost together at night. Biologists Kent McFarland and Sara Zahendra of the Vermont Center for Ecostudies followed thousands of crows to a night roost in pines near West Lebanon, N.H., in the winter of 2017. The crows began gathering in small groups a couple of hours before sunset in pre-roost trees, then streamed towards the roost like a black river. Communal roosts provide more eyes and ears to detect predators such as great horned owls, known to swoop through crow roosts at night. The body heat generated by multitudes of birds makes temperatures in the roost warmer.

Communal roosts may also serve as information centers for finding food and mates. Around dawn, crows leave their roosts, flying in many directions to forage. Crows may use the same winter roost

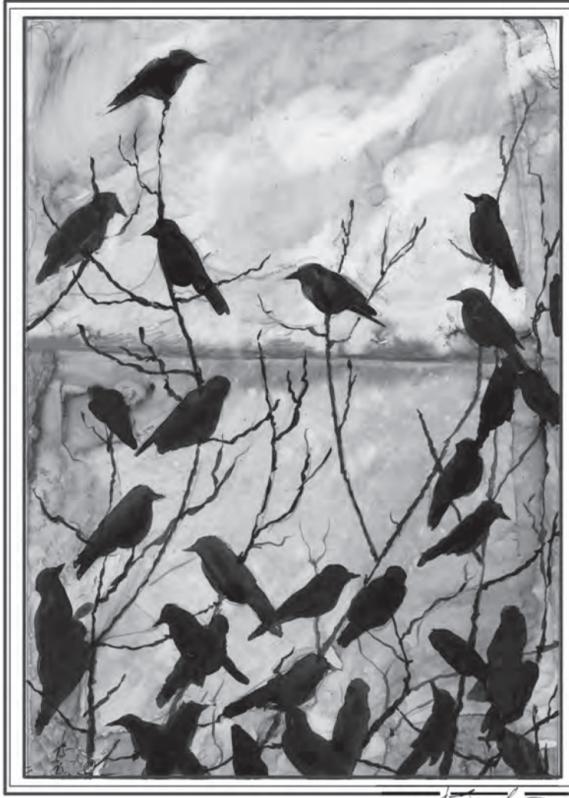


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for many years. A survey of communal roosts in New York State discovered six roosts that had been used for more than 40 years and one roost in use

The number of birds in the roosts surveyed ranged from a few hundred to two million.

for more than 125 years. The number of birds in the roosts surveyed ranged from a few hundred to two million. The massive roosts were located in areas with abundant food. In recent decades, more crows have been roosting in urban areas, including spots with

artificial lights, which predators tend to avoid. In Vermont, communal roosts have been reported in Burlington and Middlebury. Crows have long been viewed

as a nuisance because of the crop damage they can cause, their habit of preying on the eggs and young of other birds, and the noise and mess of large roosts. Today, however, there is recognition of their role in insect control and more appreciation for their intelligence and adaptability, although crow hunting is still permitted in many states.

Susan Shea is a naturalist, writer, and conservationist based in Vermont. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: www.nhcf.org.

Area businesses are offering webinars

ADDISON COUNTY — The Addison County Chamber of Commerce (ACCOC) and the Addison County Economic Development Corp. (ACEDC) have planned a series of business webinars in 2022. Each webinar covers a different topic relevant to the Addison County business and nonprofit communities, presented by local business owners and support organizations.

"This series will provide information requested by our members and further the partnership between ACEDC and the Addison County Chamber of Commerce," ACEDC Executive Director Fred Kenney said.

Chamber Executive Director Phil Summers said his organization is "excited to partner with ACEDC to bring these free educational seminars to all of our members."

These webinars are open and free to members of the Addison County Economic Development Corporation and the Addison County Chamber of Commerce.

- WEBINAR SCHEDULE:**
- Tuesday, March 8: "Maximizing Financing Alternatives" by Fred Kenney, ACEDC.
 - Tuesday, April 12: "Digital Listing Management" – the basics

of what businesses need to know about maintaining an accurate and effective reputation online by Christy Lynn and Jenna Hunsinger, *Addison Independent*.

- Thursday, May 5: "Business Succession and Preparing for the Future" by the Vermont Employee Ownership Center.

- Thursday, June 9: "Social Media – It doesn't have to be a fulltime job" by Gold's Gym International.

- Tuesday, June 14: "2022 Legislative De-Briefing" by Phil Summers, ACCoC and Fred Kenney, ACEDC.

- Tuesday, July 12: "Strategies for Business Resilience" by the Small Business Development Center.

- Thursday, Aug. 11: "Business Insurance: How much should you have?" by Scott Gaines, Gaines Insurance Company.

- Tuesday, Sept. 13: "Retirement Planning 201" by Tyler Wood, Client-Centered Financial.

- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: "What's up in HR?" by Theresa Miele, HR Acquired.

For information on ACEDC go to: addisoncountyledc.org. For information on the Chamber go to: www.addisoncounty.com.

ADDISON COUNTY School News Briefs

Oziah Wales of Weybridge was featured in the Feb. 21, 2022, episode of American Public Media's radio show Pipedreams. In the program, Wales performed Paul Hindemith's "Ruhig Bewegt" on the 1974 Flentrop organ at Oberlin Conservatory.



Wales is in the 4th year of a 5-year double degree program at Oberlin College and Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio where he holds a 3.91 GPA and majors in English and Organ Performance. He was the 2021 recipient

of the Oberlin College English Department's Bongiorno Prize, awarded to a junior for excellence in English. A 2018 graduate of Middlebury Union High School, Wales was a student of Anne Severy and

was accepted to District, State, New England and Eastern Jazz Ensembles and Concert Bands. He was also under the tutelage of resident Middlebury musicians and teachers, Dr. Kevin Parizo (organ) and Miles Donahue (jazz piano and saxophones).

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Zoe Noble

Middlebury Union High School introduces Zoe Noble, daughter of Gavin and Mary Heather Noble of Middlebury, as its Student of the Week. Zoe has a younger sister, Maggie, who is a ninth-grader at MUHS. Reflecting on the past three and half years, Zoe is grateful for her teachers and her friends as they have all navigated the pandemic together. It's been a busy four years combining athletics, academics and extracurricular activities, including the last two years while being mindful of COVID protocols.

A three-sport athlete, Zoe captains the Tiger girls' soccer team and also participates in the school's basketball and track teams. One of her favorite extracurriculars is Best Buddies. She loves the inclusive nature of the club and the wide range of activities she and her friends participate in together. She's also a Peer Leader and a member of SCHOR, the school's human rights club. Zoe feels that the club has made impactful change within the educational community and she was proud to have been part of the group that helped raise the Black Lives Matter flag at MUHS.

Zoe has carefully considered her post-secondary options and is looking ahead to college with enthusiasm. She would like to attend a smaller, four-year liberal arts college in the Northeast where she can connect with the faculty much in the same way she has at MUHS. She's not yet certain of a specific major but is leaning toward the sciences. She thanks her teachers for always being there to help when needed, both in and outside the classroom. As a candidate for the International Baccalaureate diploma, Zoe has appreciated the commitment of the MUHS teachers, especially during the pandemic.

Zoe is an accomplished student and a member of the school's National Honor Society and a National Merit Semifinalist. Academically talented, she is recognized by our faculty for her thoughtful approach in the classroom, her ability to question creatively and work collaboratively with her classmates.

To earn spending money Zoe spends her free time babysitting and, in the summers, she works at the maple creemee stand. The MUHS community wishes Zoe well in the final months of her high school career and looks forward to seeing what the future brings forth for this talented young woman.



Zoe Noble MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Jade Edwards

Jade Edwards is Vergennes Union High School's Student of the Week. Jade lives in Lincoln with his parents, Rachel and Lonny Edwards, and his younger brother, Kestrel. His older brother, Wisdom, is a sophomore at Champlain College.

Jade is enrolled in the Walden Project, an outdoor, alternative public education program supported by VUHS and the Willowell Foundation. There he has experienced a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes writing, philosophy and environmental studies. He has been inducted into the National Honor Society and was chosen to be the student representative on the Willowell Board. He is also exploring his interest in filmmaking, taking filmmaking at Community College of Vermont.

Jade is involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including playing soccer and lacrosse. He has been involved in school musicals every year since 7th grade, and is doing his first Town Hall Theater musical this spring. He has also been in the VUHS Jazz band for the past two years.

Jade works for Extended Learning Programs teaching the card game Magic The Gathering to elementary schoolers in Lincoln and Starksboro. Doing so has taught him how to be more patient and how to explain things more clearly. He's found that he enjoys teaching and spending time with kids. He has also been working as a carpenter's apprentice, improving his skills at using tools and creative problem solving.

Jade plays lots of music outside of school. He has mastered the flute and bass guitar, and is teaching himself guitar and trying to improve his singing. He also loves reading, writing poetry and plays, and going on walks in the woods. He finds these interests very fulfilling, making him feel like he's improving at something, getting something done, educating himself and growing.

He says high school has taught him to be present and to do things for himself, not other people. "It's so easy to get caught up in your head and just rush through everything to get to the next thing," he says. "I see so many other students always planning and worrying about their future, and while it is good to have plans and goals, it is so important to just be where you are in the moment and enjoy life."

In that spirit, Jade plans to take a gap year and do some farming or a work trade program in another country. He may attend college when he returns. "Unless I change my mind," he says. Whatever he decides to do, we at VUHS wish him well.



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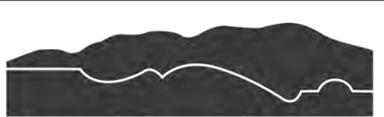


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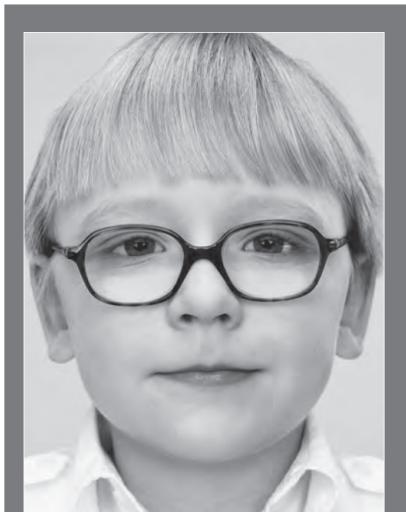
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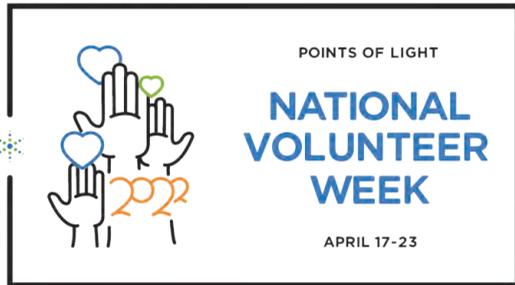
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Compassionate career

NURSE MOLLY MERKERT, left, a Medical-Surgical Unit RN at Porter Medical Center, receives a DAISY Award from Chief Nursing Officer Tiffany Love. The DAISY award is a national award from the DAISY Foundation that celebrates both clinical skills and compassionate care. Nominations come from patients.

Photo courtesy of Porter Medical Center

Driver cited for suspended license

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Micah Pratt, 37, of Middlebury for driving with a criminally suspended license, following a traffic stop on Route 7 South on Feb. 24.

In other action last week, Middlebury police ticketed vehicles in violation of the town's winter parking ban in downtown Middlebury on Feb. 24, 25, 26 and 28, and also:

- Monitored Cady Road on Feb. 21 following recent complaints of speeding and other traffic violations.
- Assisted a local person with disposal of an unwanted firearm on Feb. 21.
- Helped a woman who had been experiencing problems with an ex-boyfriend on Feb. 21.
- Responded with Middlebury Regional EMS to a Birchard Park residence for a medical call on Feb. 22.
- Euthanized an injured deer on North Pleasant Street on Feb. 22.
- Responded to report of someone driving erratically on Exchange Street area on Feb. 22.
- Investigated a driver for allegedly trying to elude police following an attempted traffic stop at the intersection of Court and Cross streets on Feb. 23.
- Were informed of the theft of a crystal vase by an unknown person

Middlebury Police Log

from a Marble Works business on Feb. 23.

- Investigated an allegation of a person violating a no-trespass notice in the Washington Street area on Feb. 23.
- Were informed of the theft of a large No Parking sign from a Creek Road business on Feb. 24.
- Investigated a theft complaint lodged by a John Graham Court resident on Feb. 24.
- Searched in vain for a vehicle that someone had been driving erratically on Feb. 24.
- Investigated the reported violation of an abuse prevention order in the Court Street area on Feb. 24.
- Arrested Timothy Farr, 68, whom police described as homeless, on an active arrest warrant for failure to appear in court on Feb. 24.
- Assisted a person who had driven off of Quarry Road on Feb. 25.
- Logged the Feb. 25 report of the theft of two license plates from a Lower Planes Road property.
- Assisted a South Pleasant

Street resident who wanted a no-trespass notice served on another person on Feb. 25.

- Assisted a person who had driven off Route 7 South on Feb. 25.
- Responded to the South Village Green apartments on Feb. 25 to a reported domestic dispute.
- Were informed of a theft from a Court Street business on Feb. 26.
- Checked on a person having a mental health crisis in the Merchants Row area on Feb. 26.
- Connected a person to food and other vital services on Feb. 26.
- Responded to the report of a family disturbance at a Court Street residence on Feb. 26.
- Followed up on a noise complaint about dump trucks that were moving snow in the South Street Extension area during the late evening of Feb. 27.
- Assisted a local person who was having an issue with an ex-spouse about child care visitation on Feb. 27.
- Assisted a local person who believed she had been the victim of a scam over the phone on Feb. 27.
- Helped a person experiencing a mental health crisis on Feb. 27.
- Arrested Daryn Barsalou, 25, of Middlebury on an instate arrest warrant on Feb. 28. Police said Barsalou was released on citation after posting \$200 bail.

Family fight draws citations

BRISTOL — On Feb. 19, after responding to a report of a family fight on Main Street, Bristol police arrested April Brennen, 39, of Bristol and cited her for domestic assault.

Brennen was ordered to answer the charge in Addison County Superior Court, criminal division.

Between Feb. 14 and 20 Bristol police completed 19 foot patrols, conducted four traffic stops, and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School six times, at Bristol Elementary School seven times, and at local businesses seven times.

Police also processed six fingerprint requests, facilitated the return of three loose dogs, and conducted two welfare checks

Bristol Police Log

without incident.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On Feb. 14 responded to a motor vehicle crash with no injuries on West Street.
- On Feb. 14 helped Mount Abe with a truancy concern.
- On Feb. 16 began investigating multiple reports of inappropriate photos being sent via social media on Airport Drive.
- On Feb. 18 helped the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

remove a dead deer from Route 116.

- On Feb. 18 directed traffic around a tractor-trailer on Stoney Hill Road.
- On Feb. 18 helped the Addison County State's Attorney's Office by obtaining contact information from a witness.
- On Feb. 18 issued a verbal warning for a parking violation on Main Street.
- On Feb. 18 issued a no-trespass order to someone on Airport Drive.
- On Feb. 19 helped the Bristol Department of Public Works with a parking problem.
- On Feb. 19 issued a verbal warning for a parking violation on Pleasant Street.

Sign up now for business coaching

BURLINGTON — Registration is now open for the 2022 Business Coaching Sessions, offered by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension for Vermont farm, forest and maple businesses.

Extension business experts are available for free, individual consultations to provide financial guidance and business planning. Sessions are tailored to the needs of the farm or business and may be used for help with budgets and business plans, preparation of balance sheets, review of business goals including marketing and strategic planning and other financial questions.

Consultations are 90 minutes and will take place primarily through video conferencing or telephone. Times must be reserved no later than Thursday of the week prior to the desired slot to ensure adequate preparation.

To register, go to go.uvm.edu/agbizcoaching. Once registered, individuals will be contacted to make arrangements for their appointment.

Sessions may be booked with the following UVM Extension specialists:

Chris Lindgren (forest and maple): Mondays, March 21-July 25, 12:30 or 3 p.m.; Fridays, March 25-May 20, 9:30 a.m. and

Wednesdays, March 23-May 11, 1 p.m. Note that the Wednesday sessions will be in-person at the UVM Extension office in Brattleboro.

Betsy Miller (farm): Thursdays or Fridays, March 2-May 11, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Zac Smith (digital marketing and farm): March 3-April 22, Wednesdays or Fridays, 10 a.m. or 3 p.m.

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March 3, 2022



Kate Tilton is the chief organizer of the Middlebury Community Players' closet located in the HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) complex on Boardman Street in Middlebury. Tilton is thinning the closet for the upcoming sale at Town Hall Theater on March 19.

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Find your new look at the THT Closet Sale

Let's talk wardrobe... like *fabulous* wardrobe. If you're looking to add a little (or a lot) of flare to your closet, mark your calendars for the Town Hall Theater Closet Sale coming up Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The sale will feature costumes, gowns, vintage duds, everyday wear

BY **ELSIE**
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and accessories, all pulled from the vaults of Opera Company of Middlebury (OCM), Middlebury Community Players (MCP), and friends of Town Hall Theater (THT).

"Our collection grows every time there's a production," said Kate Tilton, who works props for OCM and is the chief organizer of MCP's "big closet," located in the HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) complex on Boardman Street in Middlebury. "I've got garment racks stacked so deep you can't even

look through them."

For several years, Tilton has been moving and organizing everything into this new space. She does "one carload at a time"; taking trips from the MCP's old storage building on Route 7 South in Middlebury. MCP will need to vacate that storage area by July 1 because Addison Residential needs the space so it can expand its business.

"The old space doesn't have heat or a bathroom, and the new space does, so I can be here working for hours," said Tilton, who's now retired. "We have four rooms in the new space: the main room is costumes, the second room is shoes, hats and fake flowers, the third room is more remote with suitcases, typewriters, telephones, buckets — you wouldn't believe how many buckets we use — and other props. Then there's the bathroom that has lots of cabinets full of props."

But Tilton is still running out of room. And there's more...

Debby Anderson, who works as the costume and graphic designer for OCM, has been stuffing every inch of her and her husband Doug's (OCM's artistic director) house with OCM costumes, props and sets.

"I've done the costumes for OCM for 19 years," Debby said. "And we've been stacking all the costumes and sets in our house since — we got rid of the guest room, and there's metal shelving racks on every inch of our walls. We don't have any more room. So we thought, let's sell some of this wacky stuff!"

"Yes," Doug agreed. "Let's prune — prune carefully — and see what we will use again and what we can sell. Yes, there have been a few arguments; it's a little painful to say goodbye to a piece that brings you on a trip down

SEE CLOSET ON PAGE 3

New exhibits and events at local art venues

In like a lion.... they say. March is here and if you need some distraction to get through this month, check out the new exhibits and events coming up at Edgewater, Brandon Artists Guild and the Henry Sheldon Museum.

EDGEWATER GALLERIES

Edgewater Galleries in Middlebury open two new exhibits "Tools of the Trade" at Edgewater on the Green, and "Time and Memory" at Edgewater at the Falls. The gallery will also continue its Winter Lecture Series with two artist talks in March. Katie Runde will talk about "Painting Alexander Twilight" on Thursday, March 3, at the Gallery at the Falls. Later in the month Kate Gridley will speak about "Tools of the Trade" at The Pitcher Inn on Thursday, March 31.

Here are the details:

"Time and Memory" featuring Alexis Serio. On view for the month of March at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, One Mill St., Middlebury. Serio uses a horizon line as a foothold to suggest the landscape but from there she describes her abstract compositions as visual perceptions of time, and memory.

"Tools of the Trade," a group exhibition featuring Tom Dunne, Kate Gridley, Duncan Johnson and Peter Kirkiles. On view March 18-April 26 at Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchant's Row. "Tools of the Trade" honors the process of crafting fine art, the tools themselves that make the work possible and the beauty of the finished product.

"Painting Alexander Twilight," an artist talk given by Katie Runde, Thursday, March 3, from 5:30-7 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, One Mill St., Middlebury. Discussion and reception with light refreshments following the presentation. This event is free and open to the public. Masks are required.

"Tools of the Trade," an artist talk given by Kate Gridley, Thursday, March 31, from 5-8 p.m., at The Pitcher Inn, Warren. The evening includes dinner at the inn following the lecture. Attendees are asked to call the inn at 802-496-6350 to make dinner reservations.

For more information on the exhibits or to register for the talks, visit edgewatergallery.com, call the gallery at 802-458-0098 or 802-989-7419, or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

"Vermont: In the Village"

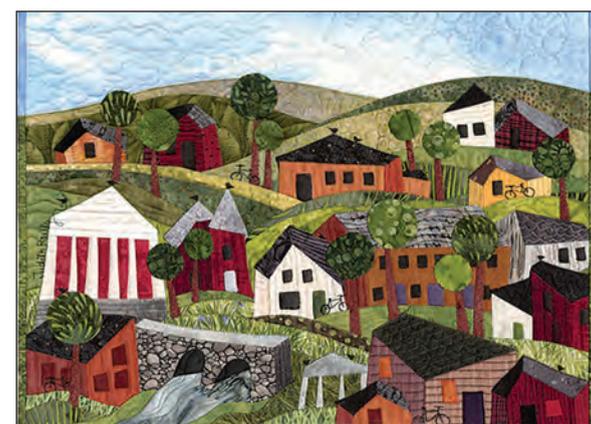
This month, the Brandon Artists Guild presents "Vermont's Villages," the first in a series of three all-member shows celebrating unhurried, unspoiled and unforgettable Vermont. This show will highlight what it's like to work and play in Vermont's villages. Members will share their perspectives on historic architecture, mountain views, delightful village greens, and local festivities through a variety of mediums from painting to photography to fiber arts.

The exhibit will run from March 4-April 1, with a reception open to the public and an opportunity to meet the artists on Friday, March 4, from 5-7 p.m. Brandon Artists Guild is located at 7 Center Street in Brandon. Visit brandonartistsguild.org or call (802) 247-4956 for more info.

HENRY SHELDON MUSEUM

Henry Luther Sheldon, founder of the Henry Sheldon Museum, was an avid collector. He acquired a huge variety of historical objects and artwork that relate to Addison County and beyond. He amassed a rich, but often overlooked collection with many hidden treasures, including his own teeth.

Are you as passionate about collecting as Henry? What hidden treasures are in your



Judith Reilly is one of the exhibitors in "Vermont: In the Village" on view at Brandon Artists Guild.



Yew Root Wood vessels by Tom Dunne are on view at Edgewater Gallery on the Green.

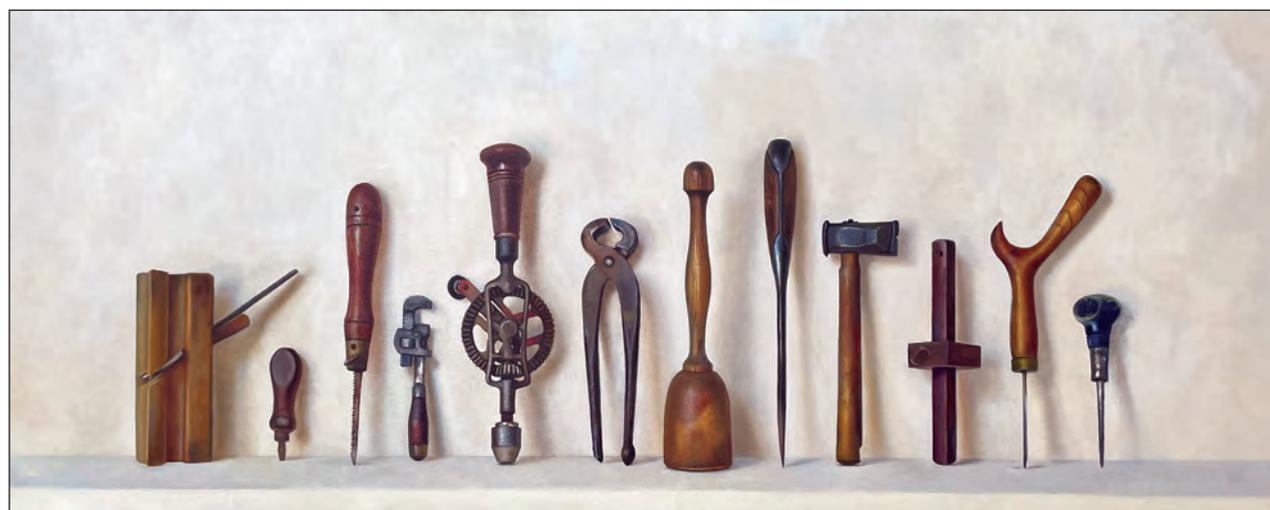
collection? Would you like to share a piece from your collection with our community and visitors from far afield?

The Sheldon Museum is in search of objects for our summer exhibit "Addison County Collects."

The exhibit will feature a diverse selection of objects loaned from area collections that spark conversation and tell stories. The items do not need to relate to Addison County or Vermont. They can be anything from fine art to fun collectibles.

We are looking forward to seeing what fascinating objects Addison County residents have collected. Exhibit space is limited and we may not be able to accept all proposals. In conjunction with the exhibit, we will offer a series of talks and events related to collecting and collection care.

If you have an object that you'd like the Museum to consider for inclusion in the exhibit, visit henrysheldonmuseum.org and complete the "Addison County Collects" interest form. The curatorial team will make the final decision about which objects to include in the exhibit. If your object is selected, the team will be in touch regarding logistics, insurance information, label text, photography, etc. Email henrysheldonmuseum@gmail.com with any questions.



"Odd Man Out" by Kate Gridley is one of the pieces on display at Edgewater Gallery on the Green.

CLOSET

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memory lane."

All the pieces sold at the closet sale on the 19th will be tagged with labels for who

donated them, and the profits from each item sold will benefit the donor.

"This is a wonderful way to support the Opera Company of Middlebury, Middlebury Community Players and Town Hall Theater," Doug encouraged. "Now, not everybody can pull off that little leopard bustier.... But there will also be wonderful, wearable clothes."

MCP has had closet sales in the past (usually around Halloween), but this is the first time one of this scale has been organized. The event is hosted by THT and will take place in the main theater. The event is free to attend. However Town Hall Theater observes strict COVID protocols, requiring proof of vaccination and a booster, if eligible, or proof of negative PCR test, as well as a photo ID. Masks must always be worn inside the theater.

"The THT Closet Sale is a treasure trove of eye-popping theatrical clothing and amazing everyday wear," added THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell. "It's not easy to part with clothing and accessories rooted in the nostalgia of beloved productions. These pieces helped define a character, a scene, a place in time. But it's time for these items to have new life with the lucky shoppers who nab them."

Come find your new fabulous!

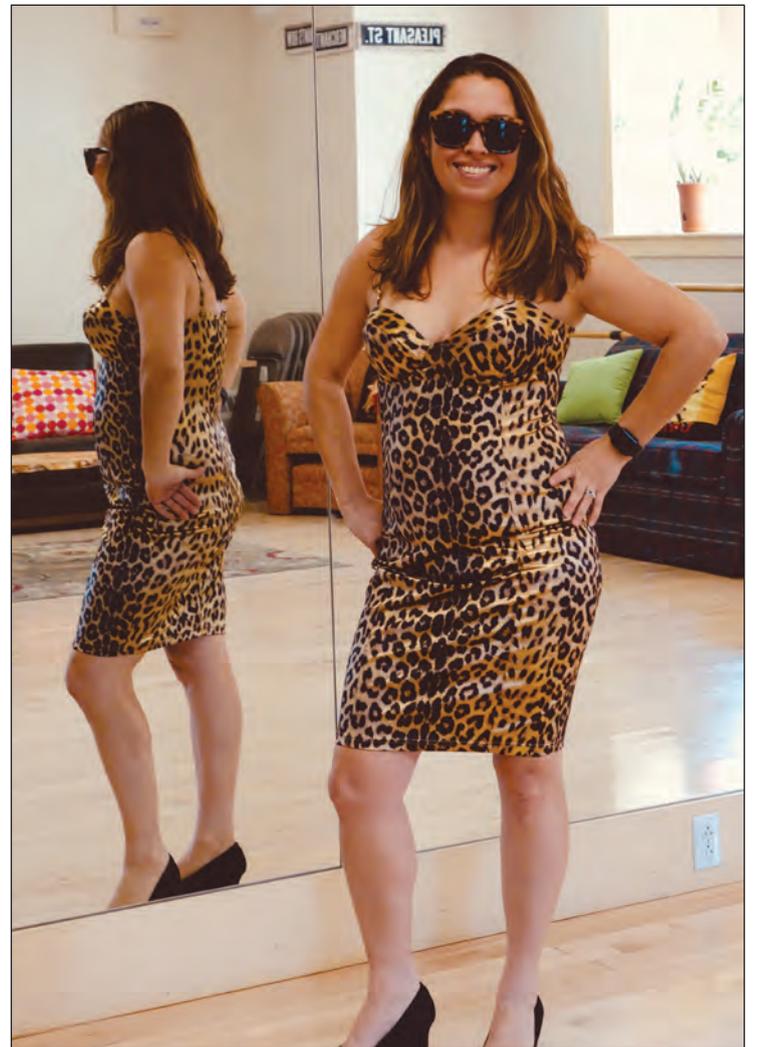


Kate Tilton shows off some of the many shoes in storage.

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— Doug Anderson



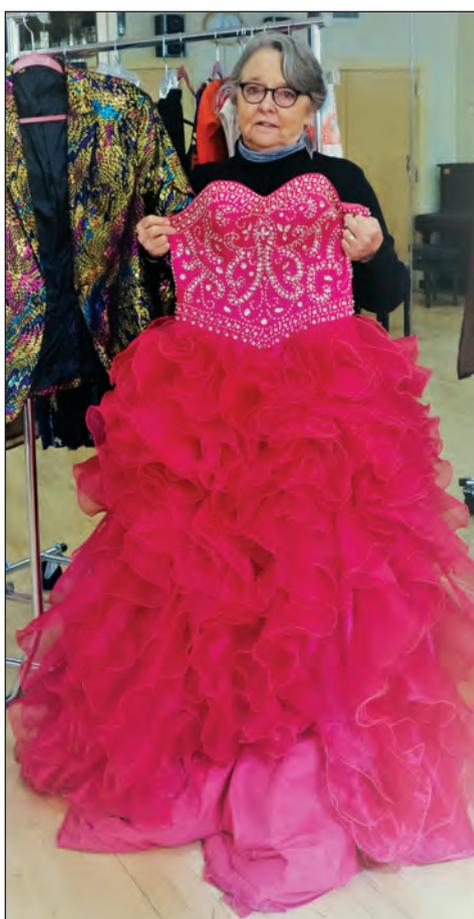
Lisa Mitchell found a leopard dress that will be available at the THT Closet Sale. Do you have a perfect occasion for this piece?

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Doug Anderson (above) and Debby Anderson (right) model some of the pieces that will be on sale on March 19 at Town Hall Theater.

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MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



Actors From The London Stage:
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UPCOMING

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MAC PERFORMING ARTS SERIES BRINGS FIVE BRITISH ACTORS TO THE STAGE MARCH 3-5

The Middlebury Performing Arts Series presents Actors From The London Stage, one of the most historied Shakespeare theatre companies in the world, in three public performances of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," March 3-5. The Bard's comedic masterpiece explores two wildly different romances, each wrapped in secrets and trickery. In this inventive production, five actors perform all the roles, with only a few simple props and costume pieces. Shakespeare newcomers and scholars alike will delight in this classic play, ushered nimbly into the present day.

This live, in-person event is open to audiences from both on- and off-campus. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Actors From The London Stage (AFTLS) was founded in 1975 at the University of California, Santa Barbara by Professor Homer "Murph" Swander and the renowned stage and screen actor Sir Patrick Stewart, best known as Captain Picard on TV's Star Trek: The Next Generation, and Professor Xavier in the X-Men film franchise.

The AFTLS company ethos and mission is simplicity at its finest. Five actors take the stage, with minimal props and costumes, and direct themselves in a performance of a complete Shakespeare play, with each actor portraying multiple roles.

But the performance is only part of the



Actors From The London Stage will perform Shakespeare's classic romance "Much Ado About Nothing" on March 3-5 at Wright Theatre. PHOTO / ROBIN SAVAGE

experience. The company tours to colleges and universities across the U.S. twice a year, with each tour organized and administered by Shakespeare at Notre Dame. Each company of five actors leads classes and workshops throughout the residency week. Middlebury's residency includes more than a dozen classes in five different departments, plus a master class at Town Hall Theater for actors from the community.

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MUST-READ BOOKS IN TRANSLATION

Tokyo Ueno Station, by Yu Miri (Morgan Giles)

Winter in Sokcho, by Elisa Shua Dusapin (Aneesa Abbas Higgins)

The Books of Jacob, by Olga Tokarczuk (Jennifer Croft)

Jawbone, by Mónica Ojeda (Sarah Booker)

In the Eye of the Wild, by Nastassja Martin, (Sophie R. Lewis)

When I Sing, Mountains Dance, by Irene Solà (Mara Faye Lethem)

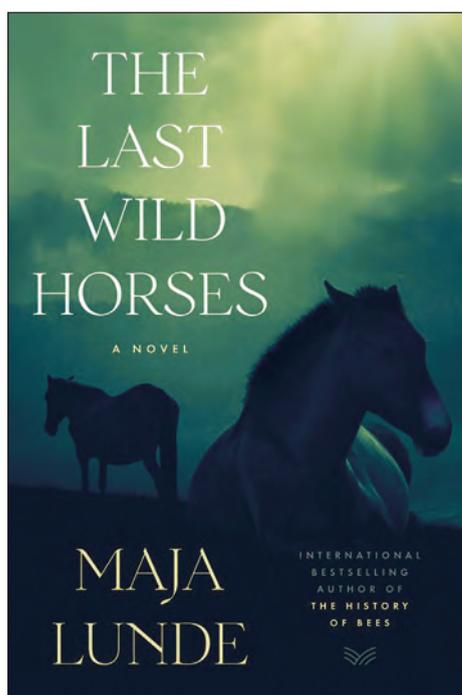
Portrait of an Unknown Lady, by Maria Gainza (Thomas Bunstead)

Bitter Orange Tree, by Jokha Alharthi (Marilyn Booth)

Extreme North, by Bernd Brunner, (Jefferson Chase)

In the Company of Men, by Véronique Tadjo (John Cullen)

THE LAST WILD HORSES — BY MAJA LUNDE,
(TRANSLATED BY DIANE OATLEY)
(Harpervia)



The takhi, a Mongolian wild horse, also known as Przewalski's horse, is the common bond that ties together the human beings who form the emotional core of this novel. Beginning in the 1880s, when a German explorer and a Russian zookeeper journeyed to Mongolia to find the fabled horse, to when a German veterinarian in the 1990s returned the almost-extinct animals to the country of its origin in a bid to rebuild the species, to Norway in the 2060s where generations of one family created a safe haven for the creatures in crisis as a result of the changing climate, including a few of the takhis. Horses are honest, they don't lie or betray you, you know what you will get, and for that reason, these people in particular are drawn to them and invested in their survival. This book, winner of the Norwegian Booksellers' Prize, Lundé's books have been translated into 36 languages; their universal appeal is the connection she is able to illustrate in the people that populate her writing, most especially in this rich, rewarding novel that entwines past, present and future in three remarkable narratives.

— Reviewed by Jenny Lyons. Connect with her on Instagram @jennysbookshop to find more great book reviews and recommendations. Look for these titles and more at your local bookstore.

ART ON EXHIBIT

PHOTOPPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury.

Visit photos@photoplacegallery.com or call (802) 388-4500 for more info.

"The Magic of Light." This exhibit was juried and curated by Ann Jastrab. Artists responded to the call for images whose success rests in the quality of the light — harsh or diffuse, bright or dim, natural or artificial — their subjects made magic by the light that falls on them. Thirty-five images were selected for exhibition in the gallery and 40 more for the digital gallery. On view through March 26.

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

7 Center Street, Brandon.

Visit brandonartistsguild.org or call (802) 247-4956 for more info.

"Vermont's Villages," will highlight what it's like to work and play in Vermont's villages. BAG members will share their perspectives on historic architecture, mountain views, delightful village greens, and local festivities through a variety of mediums from painting to photography to fiber arts. On view March 4-April 1, with a reception open to the public and an opportunity to meet the artists on Friday, March 4, from 5-7 p.m.

EDGEWATER GALLERY AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more information.

"Time and Memory," featuring work by Alexis Serio. Serio uses a horizon line as a foothold to suggest the landscape but from there she describes her abstract compositions as visual perceptions of time, and memory. On view for the month of March.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, an exciting relationship may soon develop after you socialize with friends. If you already are involved romantically, someone you meet could be an important ally.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Unexpected changes are the name of the game this week, Taurus. This could mean anything from learning a new skill to having to train a new coworker.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. Gemini, there's potential to meet someone interesting on a trip you will be taking shortly. Strike up conversations with those around you, as you never know what will happen.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Cancer, do not be discouraged when something seems like an insurmountable task. You just have to find the right help and then you'll quickly master the job.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. An unexpected phone call or text from someone in your past could come your way soon, Leo. Whatever the news, don't let it scare you. You'll do fine.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. A significant sum of money could be coming your way shortly, Virgo. It may be a bonus or some sort of repayment. Be pleased at the windfall and utilize it wisely.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, an exciting group activity involving a number of your friends is on the horizon. You may be wondering whether to go. Don't pass up the opportunity.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Exciting prospects and fortunate events seem to be in your orbit, Scorpio. Enjoy this bit of good luck that garners much of your attention and could have further benefits.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Sagittarius, are you feeling adventurous lately? Now may be a good time to enter a race or try something daring, like sky diving. Let your instincts guide your decision.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Your mind is attuned to learning new lessons. If time permits, enroll in some college courses or explore trade school offerings. This will enable you to expand your mind.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. This is a good week to travel or to make the arrangements for it, Aquarius. The journey promises to be an exciting time that you will remember for a while.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, bizarre dreams may invade your comfort levels. Don't try to analyze their meaning too much, but be aware of symbolism.

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MARCH 3 — Chief Joseph, Nez Perce leader (d)
MARCH 4 — Simone Biles, gymnast (25)
MARCH 5 — Penn Jillette, magician (66)
MARCH 6 — Kiri Te Kanawa, opera singer (77)

MARCH 7 — Bryan Cranston, actor (65)
MARCH 8 — Jeffrey Eugenides, writer (61)
MARCH 9 — Juliette Binoche, actor (57)

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3

"PAINTING ALEXANDER

TWILIGHT," LECTURE IN MIDDLEBURY.

*RESCHEDULED FROM JAN. 20 * Thursday, March 3, 5:30-7 p.m., Edgewater at the Falls, 1 Mill St. Painter Katie Runde will discuss the process of creating the portrait of Twilight, who was believed to have been the first African American college graduate and the first African American legislator in the U.S. Discussion and light refreshments will follow the lecture and slide presentation. Attendees must show proof of vaccination and wear masks. Free. Register at t 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB SNOWSHOE IN

HANCOCK. Thursday, March 3, Worth Mountain from Middlebury Gap. Strenuous, about 2 miles each way. Will go to top of Middlebury Snowbowl and explore forgotten ski trails. Contact Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com with questions or to register.

LENTEN NOON SERIES ORGAN RECITAL IN

MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, March 3, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. Fred DeHaven will perform music by three great organ composers: Buxtehude, Bach and Brahms. No admission required.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" ON STAGE IN

MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Wright Memorial Theater, 96 Chateau Rd, Middlebury College. Actors From The London Stage, one of the most storied Shakespearean theatre companies in the world, perform

Shakespeare's comedic masterpiece, which explores two wildly different romances, each wrapped in secrets and trickery. Followed by a short talkback with the actors. Tickets \$25 general public/\$20 Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni/\$10 /youth/\$5 Middlebury College students. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required. More info, tickets and health and safety protocols at 802-443-MIDD (6433) or go to middlebury.edu/arts.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

"VERMONT'S VILLAGES" EXHIBIT OPENING IN

BRANDON. Friday, March 4, 5-7 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. The first of three all-member shows, this show highlights what it's like to work and play in Vermont's villages. Members will share their perspectives on historic architecture, mountain views, delightful village greens and local festivities through a variety of mediums from painting to photography to fiber arts.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 5

YOUNG TRADITION TOURING GROUP VIRTUAL

CONCERT. Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater Youtube channel. Watch these young musicians perform a 60-minute online concert. The show will feature the ensemble, solo and small group performances by the 22 teen members of the Touring Group, under the

artistic leadership of Pete Sutherland and youth leaders Ava White and Ben Munkres. Access live streaming via townhalltheater.org/event/young-tradition-touring-group-2. Donations appreciated. More info at townhalltheater.org.

QUEENS OF THE BLUES, MISTY BLUES BAND

IN VERGENNES. Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera house, 120 Main St. Queens of the Blues features Gina Coleman, who takes on the music of four jazz legends: Bessie Smith, Big Mama Thornton, Ruth Brown and Koko Taylor, with the expert support of the Misty Blues Band. Tickets \$20, available at vergennessoperahouse.org/events.html. Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 p.m.

YANN FALQUET AND KEITH MURPHY IN

LINCOLN. Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. The Ripton Community Coffee House concerts return to Burnham Hall with this talented duo. Tickets general to generous admission, \$15/\$20/\$25, or pay what you can. Livestream available. Streaming links and concert information at rcch.org or 802-388-9782.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" ON STAGE

IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Wright Memorial Theater, 96 Chateau Rd, Middlebury College. See March 3 listing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

BIXBY VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB. Tuesday, March 8, 6 p.m. The Bixby's March book is "My Name is Asher Lev," by Chaim Potok, a masterful telling of the story of Asher Lev, who is an artist cloistered in a Hasidic community in post war Brooklyn. More info at laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org or the circulation desk.

POPS CONCERT IN BRISTOL. Tuesday, March 8, 6-9 p.m., Auditorium, Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Rd. Come watch Mt. Abe's middle school and high school ensembles perform their 2022 Pops Concert. This year's theme is "A Light in the Dark." Middle school performance begins at 6 p.m. High school performance follows at 7 p.m. Donations accepted at the door. Concessions available.

"THE INVENTION OF WINGS" VIRTUAL BOOK

DISCUSSION. Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. Rokeby Museum hosts this free virtual book discussion on Sue Monk Kidd's novel. Joan Gorman, Rokeby's Visitor Center Coordinator will lead the discussion, delving into the story of Hetty Grimke, a slave in early 19th-century

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Charleston, S.C., and her mistress, Sarah Grimke. These women's experiences over 35 years will be a fitting narrative for Women's History Month.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

"SEX AND GENDER IN THE ARCHIVES" VIRTUAL PRESENTATION IN MIDDLEBURY.

Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., Zoom www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events. In this "The Elephant in the Room" virtual lecture talk, Professor Rachel Hope Cleves, from the University of Victoria, will discuss her experiences unearthing the histories of sex and gender in archives large and small, and how she turns those archival discoveries into award-winning articles and books.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

SHAKESPEARE'S "TWELFTH NIGHT" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., Black Box Theater, Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave. Come see the latest production by The Addison Repertory Theatre. Only 60 tickets available per show at addisonrep.ludus.com or 802-382-1024. Join us and support Vermont's longest-running Theatre CTE program as it returns to live indoor performance.

DANÚ ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., Robison Concert Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Come hear one of the world's leading traditional Irish ensembles Danú takes its audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience. Open to audiences from both on- and off-campus. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required. Tickets \$25 general public/\$20 Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni/\$10 / youth/\$5 Middlebury College students. More info, tickets and health and safety protocols at

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11

LENTEN SERIES NOON CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, March 11, noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the town green. Tejas Srinivasan, pianist, will play works by Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Srinivasan is a sophomore at Middlebury College. He has performed at The John F. Kennedy Center, The Chicago Symphony Center and Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. Aside from the piano, Tejas is also a composer, and his String Quartet "Kafka's Dream" was played by the Jupiter String Quartet in Dec. 2021.

SHAKESPEARE'S "TWELFTH NIGHT" IN MIDDLEBURY.

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ANIKAYA: CONFERENCE OF THE BIRDS ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., Dance Theate, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. The multi-national dance company will perform their evening-length, multi-media movement theater work inspired by the epic poem of 12th-century Persian poet Farid Ud din Attar. Tickets \$25 general public/\$20 /Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni/\$10 / youth/\$5 /Middlebury College students. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) and masks are required. More info, tickets and health and safety protocols at 802-443-MIDD (6433) or go to middlebury.edu/arts.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

TOME TALK BOOK DISCUSSION IN MIDDLEBURY.

Tuesday, March 15, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St., or via Zoom. Join Renee to discuss "Tuesday Mooney Talks To

Ghosts" by Kate Racculia.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

CHARLIE NARDOZZI IN MIDDLEBURY.

Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. In "Ecological Gardening & Companion Planting" Charlie Nardozzi talks about ways to build the soil without harming soil creatures. He will also discuss cover cropping and companion planting as ways to grow plants with less work. Whether you're a beginning veggie and flower gardener or an experienced one, there will be something for everyone. No registration needed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

"BIOLOGIE!" discussion in Middlebury.

Thursday, March 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom at Ilsley Public Library (depending on COVID conditions), 75 Main St. Watch the film in your own time, available through Kanopy, then join The Middlebury Community Classic Film Club for discussion. Just before the fall of the Berlin wall and the end of a divided Germany, a teenage East German girl finds that a nearby construction project is being planned in an environmentally protected area. The project violates the law and she aims to stop it. Her cause is noble but will she go too far?

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

RUSTY DEWEEES IN VERGENNES.

RESCHEDULED FROM JAN. 29 Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Rusty DeWees, comedian, musician and storyteller, returns to the Vergennes Opera House with a year's worth of new material for a night of humor, storytelling and music. Tickets \$15 available at vergennessoperahouse.org/events.

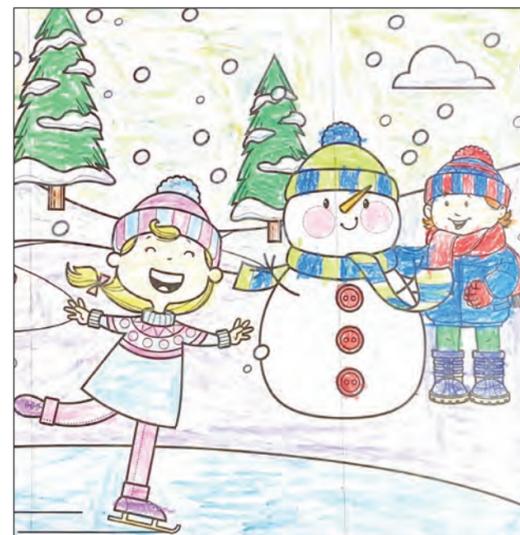
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ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

WINTER FUN COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

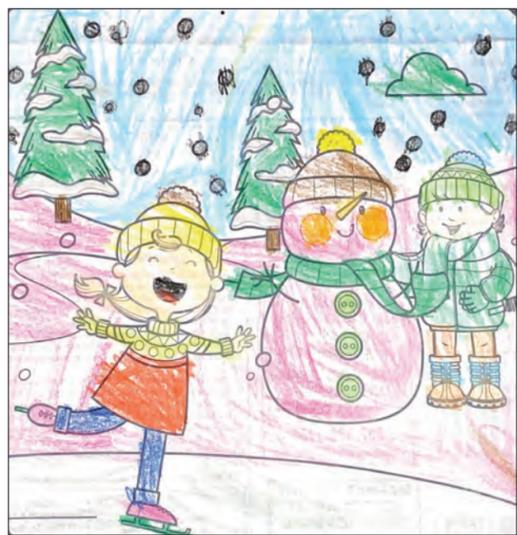
We received dozens of colorful masterpieces in our Winter Fun Coloring Contest. By using crayons, markers, colored pencils, and even glitter, each artist really let their creativity shine. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the winners below:



Asher Perkins, Age 4
Brandon



Harper Perkins, Age 4
Brandon



Lauren Green, Age 5
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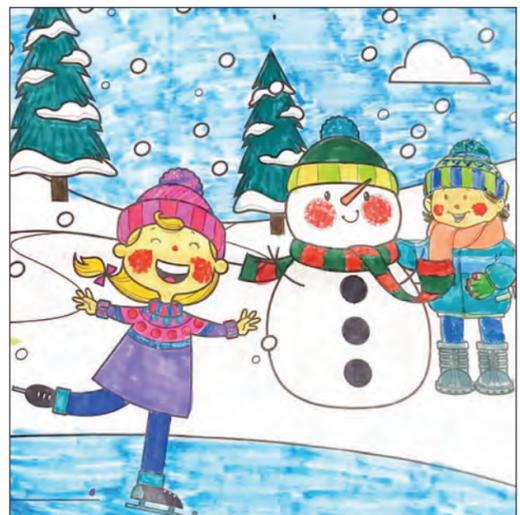
Sam Gardner, Age 6
Middlebury



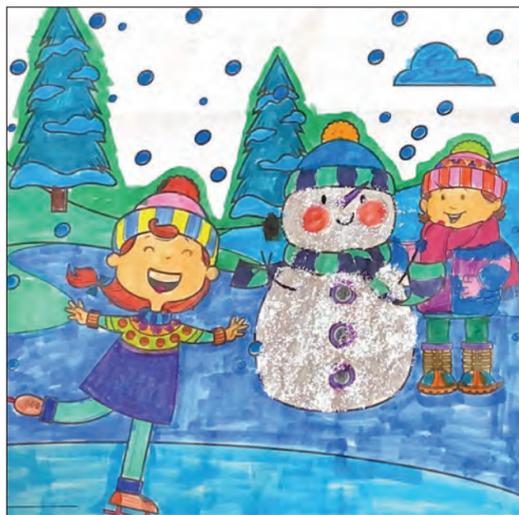
Brighton Escude, Age 8
Middlebury



Cecily O'Leary, Age 7
Ripton



Caroline LaRocque, Age 11
East Middlebury



Saylor Goddard, Age 10
Bristol



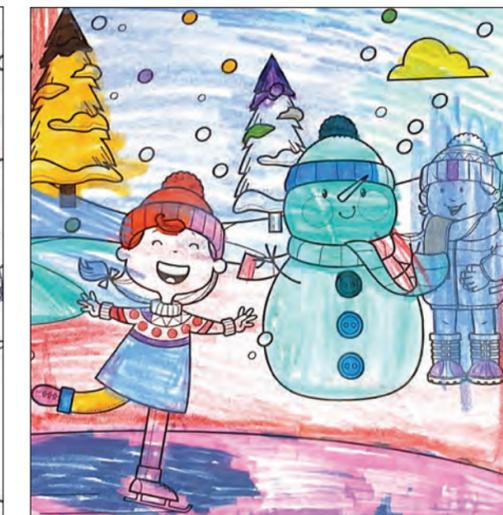
George Cammack, Age 12
Ripton



Sarah Tolgyesi, Age 14
Cornwall



Deanna Lawson, Adult
Middlebury



Hillary Stone, Adult
Middlebury

This contest was made possible through the support of:



All participants are encouraged to visit our office at 58 Maple Street, Middlebury, to pick up their artwork and/or prizes, along with a tasty treat, before 4pm on March 18th.

Spring is (almost) in the air: Our next coloring contest will start in April!

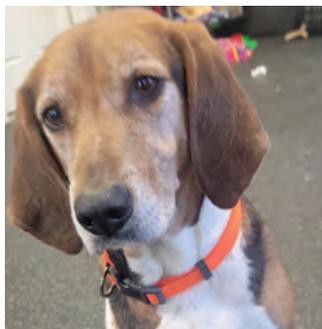
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Cash is a 6-year-old cheese-loving hound mix. He loves being outside and active with you. Cash has good manners, loves to snuggle, and is very sweet. He is good with dogs as long as there is a proper introduction, and is also good with kids. Cats only entice his hound senses for the thrill of the chase and so he should not live with cats. Cash needs a human buddy who will put in the time to share new experiences with him, take him hiking and on other outside adventures, and provide a stable home.



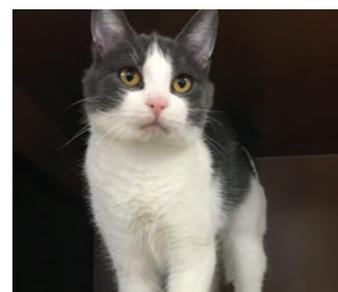
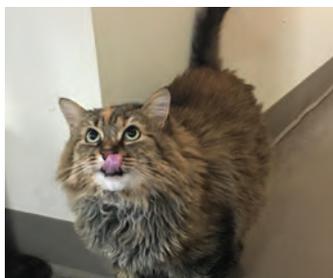
Izzy is a sweet, lovable, curious, high-energy 10 month-old pup. She is an absolute cuddle bug who wants to be with you all the live-long day. She is crate-trained, has shown to be good with kids, and loves car rides. Izzy has a high-energy level that is not compatible with cats. She gets along with most other dogs with proper introductions and another dog sharing the household might be better off having a similar energy level to keep up with constant play and motion. Because she is a puppy, Izzy needs further training for leash walking and overall manners, but with patience, she will prove to be a wonderful addition to your family.

Keeba is a 1-year-old growing pup who needs someone to provide him with a lot of exercise. We are still getting to know this young German Shepherd, but have found him to be friendly, playful, sweet, and very energetic. Keeba knows basic commands, walks on leash, and is house-trained. He would benefit from continued socialization skills training and has lived with other dogs, cats, birds, and rabbits.



Mavis was returned to the shelter because she does not want to be a lap cat. What she can be is a beautiful, independent feline presence in your home and will be affectionate and lovable on her own terms. She was originally found as a feisty feline wandering around the Marbleworks district and has come a long way since then, but still does not like to be picked up. She gives "love bites" to show her affection. Mavis would be best in a home without other pets and without the pressure to be a lap cat. Love her for who she is!

Raphy is a spicy girl with a lot of personality. She has many great qualities and is playful and sweet. Raphy does have a history of biting and we are still figuring out her triggers. She does not like to feel cornered and does not like to be followed around. Raphy would do best in a quiet home with no cats, dogs, or kids where she can explore at her own pace without feeling bothered.



Rita is an 8 month-old playful little lady who loves head rubs and toys. She will playfully swat at people when she gets rambunctious. Rita does not like other cats.

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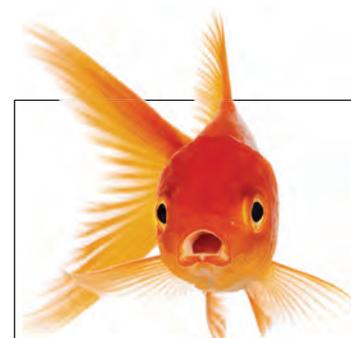
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This is Merlin, a great helper around the house. He not only helps with puzzles — including knocking pieces off the table, but he seems to always want to read the Addy Indy when I do and sits right in the middle of the pages. He is an excellent mouser and chipmunk but luckily stays away from birds. He celebrates his 14th birthday on March 17th — or at least that is the day we assign as his birthday since in seems he was born in the spring.

Linda Horn
New Haven



Pet of the WEEK

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Sheldon's virtual lecture *'Sex and Gender in the Archives'*

A he Henry Sheldon Museum presents a lecture by historian Rachel Hope Cleves on March 9, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. This is the sixth talk in the virtual series "Elephant in the Room: Exploring the Future of Museums" convened by the Stewart-Swift Research Center. In this talk, professor Cleves, from the University of Victoria, will discuss her experiences unearthing the histories of sex and gender in archives large and small, and how she turns those archival discoveries into award-winning articles and books.

Cleves is a Professor of History at University of Victoria, British Columbia. Best known for



Double silhouette of Sylvia Drake and Charity Bryant, c. 1810.

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her 2014 book "Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America," which she researched at the Henry Sheldon Museum, Cleves has also researched and written about a teenage female poet of the American Revolution, a gender-bending woman educator from 19th-century Illinois, a notorious British writer of the early 20th century, and further research that sheds new light on the history of sex and gender.

This series, funded by Vermont Humanities, is free and open to all. To learn more about the "Elephant in the Room" series and to register for the talk, visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/elephant-in-the-room.

EXHIBITS

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"Tools of the Trade," a group exhibition featuring Tom Dunne, Kate Gridley, Duncan Johnson and Peter Kirkiles. This exhibit honors the process of crafting fine art, the tools themselves that make the work possible and the beauty of the finished product. On view March 18- April 26.

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"Contemporary to Classical: Highlights from the New Collection Handbook,"

featuring more than 40 works from the museum's new permanent collection handbook. Objects range from modern to ancient and include prints, photographs, paintings, and sculpture. Among the artists represented are Derrick Adams, Banksy, Judy Chicago, Robert Gober, Fairfield Porter, Medardo Rosso, Anna Stanichi, Paul Strand, Edmund de Waal, and William Zorach. On view Jan. 28-Aug. 7.

"Into the Screen: Digital Art from teamLab."

Founded in 2001 by Toshiyuki Inoko, teamLab is a Tokyo-based collaboration of more than 500 designers, engineers, and technologists with a shared mission to integrate art, technology, and nature. This exhibition highlights a singular immersive digital experience by teamLab and the traditional 17th- to 20th-century screens and prints that inspired it. On view Jan. 28-Aug. 7.

March brings new offerings to Town Hall Theater

Town Hall Theater in Middlebury is ramping up this month to offer different ways the Addison County community can engage with the arts. Coming up Saturday, March 5 is **Young Tradition Touring Group's online concert** from 7-8 p.m. This is a free live stream concert (donations appreciated). Then there are a bunch of opportunities for in-person and virtual education classes for both youth and adults. Check it out at townhalltheater.org.

Those ages 10 and up have the chance to join **The Theater Lab with Ashley Betton**. For six weeks on Tuesdays, March 8-April 12, from 3:30-5 p.m., attendees will hone their creativity as they explore creating characters, directing scenes and taking a deep dive into the ins and outs of creating theatrical magic. This program is great for those new to the theater as well as those who call the stage home.

Or maybe you're more into musicals? Great! Learn songs, scenes and choreography from **musical theatre** repertoire from Broadway veteran Elisa Van Duyne. Her classes run Wednesdays, March 9-April 13, from 3:30-5 p.m.

The **Met Live in HD** picks up on Saturday, March 12, and **Doug Anderson** will lead a three-part Zoom series on Sondheim through March. **Lindsay Pontius**, THT's Education Director, will also lead a Zoom series for adults called "Creative Mindset," while **Tom Verner** will host a 15-hour workshop on performing magic over spring break. Whew! Shake off those winter blues, and explore the variety at THT.

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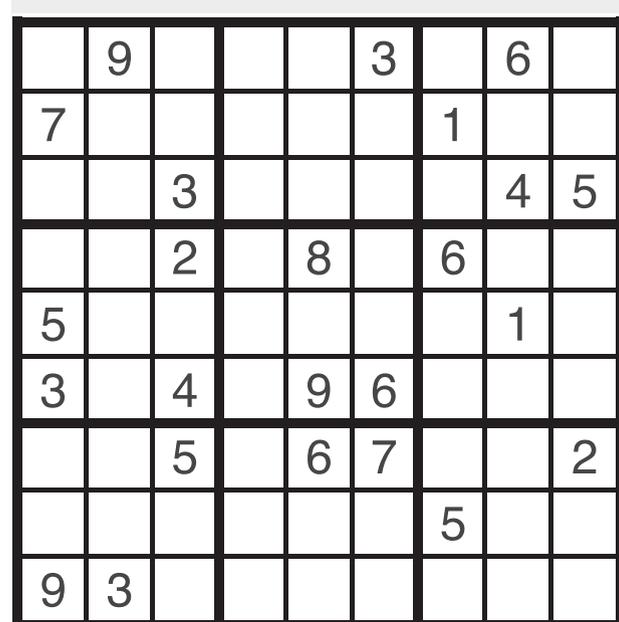
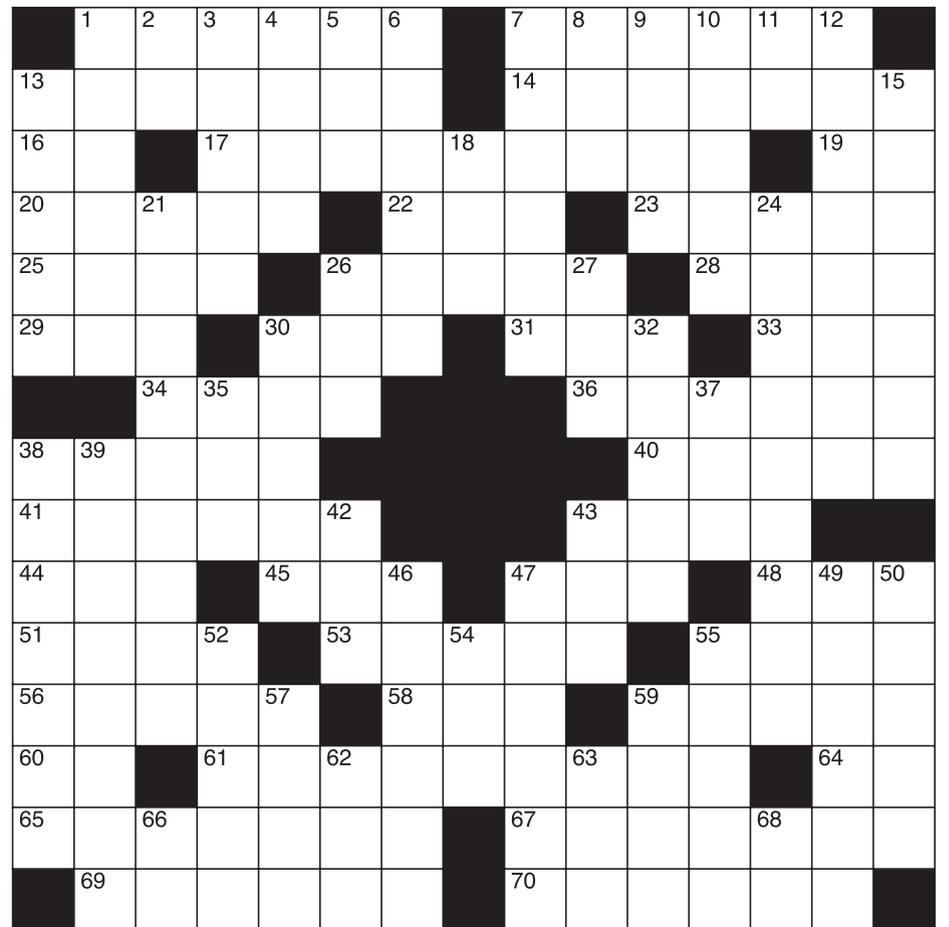
ACROSS

- 1. Neckwear
- 7. Fish parts
- 13. Cooking
- 14. Quality
- 16. Rural delivery
- 17. Popular superhero
- 19. Partner to Pa
- 20. Shivering fits
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Linguistics pioneer
- 25. Large integers
- 26. A way to prepare food
- 28. Group of badgers
- 29. Peyton's little brother
- 30. Rock out
- 31. Danish krone
- 33. Take from with force
- 34. Baroque musical instrument
- 36. Zodiac sign
- 38. Hebrew alphabet letter
- 40. Independent member of a clone
- 41. Type of garment
- 43. Satisfy
- 44. One point south of due east

- 45. A way to wipe out
- 47. Moved quickly on foot
- 48. Bar bill
- 51. An idiot
- 53. Performed with the voice silent
- 55. Body fluids
- 56. Rhythmic patterns
- 58. "__ my i's"
- 59. Type of wrap
- 60. It shows who you are
- 61. Carousel
- 64. Type of college degree
- 65. Molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Surface

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Short, thick stick
- 2. Rhode Island
- 3. Animals of the horse family
- 4. Very important persons
- 5. Folk singer Di Franco
- 6. Boredom
- 7. Long speech
- 8. Footballer Newton
- 9. Expression of sorrow or



Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

- pity
- 10. Linear accelerator
- 11. One quintillion bytes
- 12. Smallest interval in Western music
- 13. Box
- 15. Cheese dish
- 18. Make a mistake
- 21. Done by all people or things
- 24. Circumference
- 26. Chum
- 27. Electrocardiogram
- 30. Sandwich chain Jimmy __
- 32. Showed old movie
- 35. Important event on Wall St.
- 37. Where wrestlers work
- 38. Free from contamination
- 39. Eastern Canada coastal region
- 42. Slang for gun
- 43. High schoolers' test
- 46. Fathers
- 47. Call it a career
- 49. Productive
- 50. Musical groups
- 52. Yellowish-brown
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge
- 55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- 57. Fill up
- 59. Cardinal number that's the sum of 5 and 1
- 62. Frost
- 63. Jewel
- 66. Atomic #45
- 68. Top lawyer



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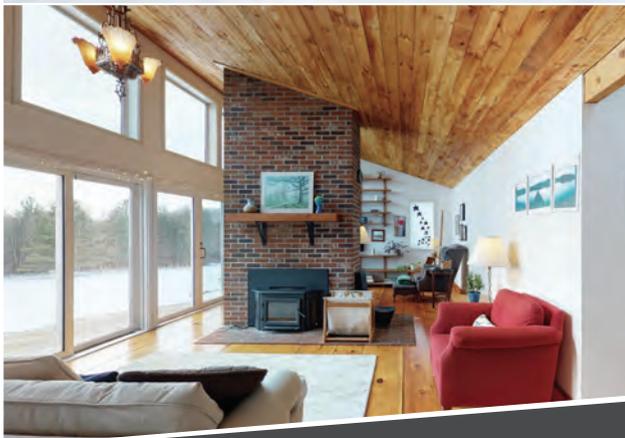
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How's your grass?

WHAT TO LOOK FOR AFTER A LONG WINTER

Snow-covered lawns can be pretty, but heavy snowfall can contribute to winter lawn damage. So when all the snow melts, how do you know if your grass has suffered? Here are some telltale signs that winter took a harsh toll on a landscape.

WILTED GRASS

Many things can cause grass to wilt over the course of winter, so homeowners may have to put on their sleuth's cap to determine why grass that was healthy as recently as late fall is now wilted as the spring bloom begins. Grass that's adjacent to walkways and driveways might have wilted due to the application of de-icing solutions. Such products can prevent the formation of ice on driveways and walkways. However, when they're tracked onto the grass by people or animals or blown there by winter winds, grass can wilt. A deep watering in spring can flush any lingering solution from the lawn. In future winters, homeowners can be as careful as possible when applying de-icing solutions, making a concerted effort to avoid spreading any onto the grass and limited applications to areas of the driveway and walkways that are not close to the grass.

BROWN PATCHES

The National Association of Landscape Professionals notes that brown patches in a lawn often develop after heavy snowfall. Such patches tend to develop where large piles of shoveled snow were deposited, so homeowners can inspect alongside driveways and walkways. The NALP advises homeowners to rake away part of the brown patches first. If green tissue is emerging beneath, then the lawn will likely be fine in due time. However, if the area beneath is not green and surrounding areas are already turning green,

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GRASS

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homeowners may need to rake up dead tissue before applying topsoil to the affected spots. Once topsoil is spread, some grass seed can be spread and the grass should regain its green glory.

GRAY OR PINK GRASS

Another indicator of winter lawn damage linked to snow is gray or pink grass. The NALP reports that this is a byproduct of snow mold caused by lingering snow. Action may be unnecessary, as the NALP notes these circular patterns often go away on their own. If not, raking the affected areas might be enough to get the lawn on the road to recovery. If the issue continues to linger after raking, a topsoil application and subsequent seeding may be necessary.

These are three common signs of winter lawn damage in areas where snowfall is significant during the coldest months of the year. Homeowners concerned about their damaged lawns are urged to contact a local landscape professional to correct any issues that linger into spring.

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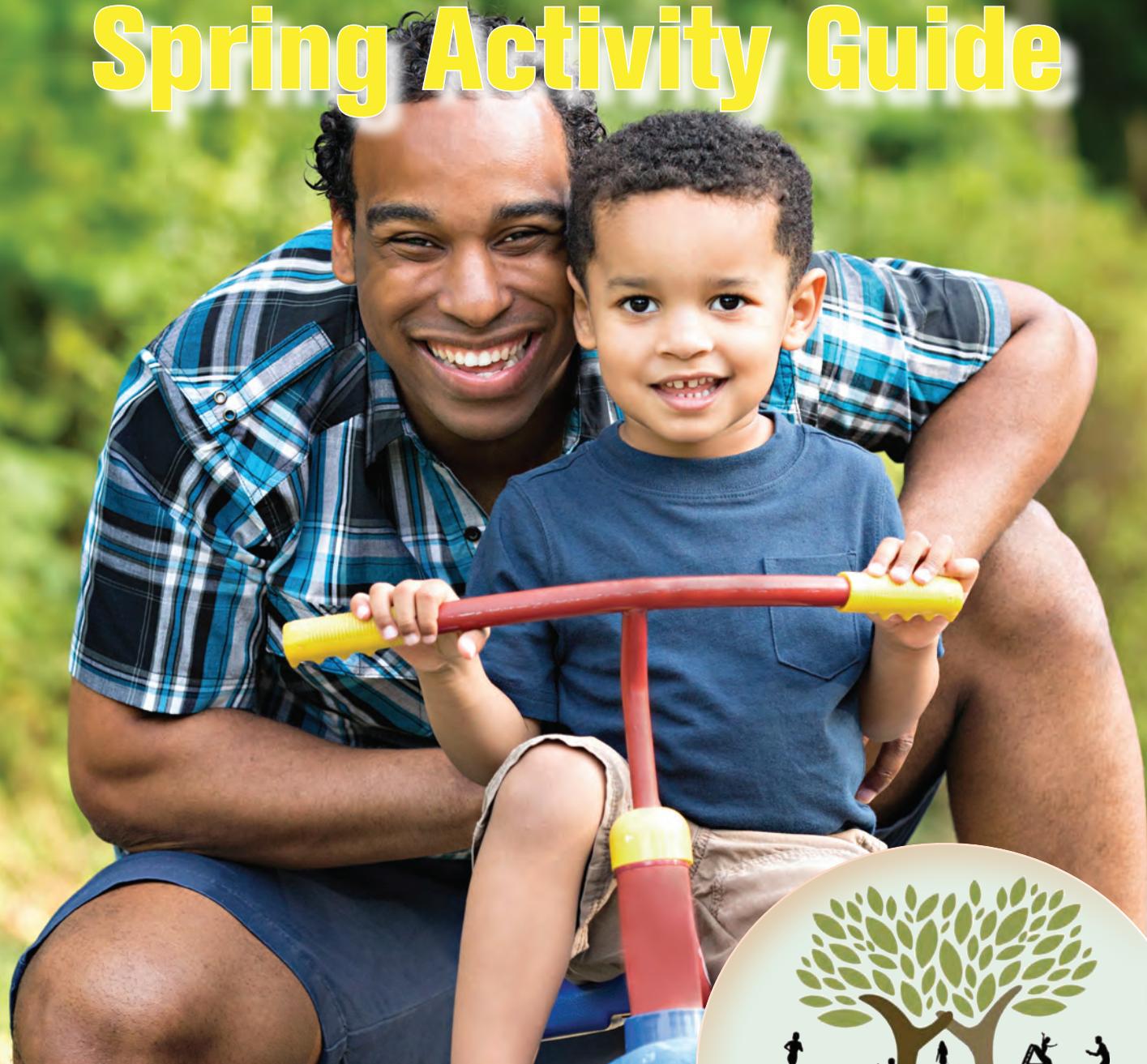


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March - May 2022



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The department should be flexible enough to meet the changing needs and tastes of the community, while finding creative ways to deliver recreation programs and facilities that are affordable to the residents of Middlebury.

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Middlebury Parks & Recreation Department Offices

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ACCESSIBILITY

Individuals with or without disabilities may register for all programs offered by MPR provided program safety can be met. The Department provides reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. Contact MPR offices in advance of the program start date to discuss accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

Non-Resident Policy

Non-Residents of Middlebury are allowed to register for all Parks and Recreation programs. Non-Residents will be charged an additional fee of 15% for each program registered for. A Non-Resident is defined as someone who does not live in Middlebury or pay property taxes to the Town of Middlebury.

Scholarships

Middlebury Parks and Recreation is pleased to be able to offer scholarships to participate in all of our programs. The scholarship guidelines are based on the free and reduced lunch guidelines within the schools. If you'd like to apply for a scholarship or more information, please contact our office.

Covid-19 Guidelines

All current Covid-19 regulations will be followed by all of our spring programs.

Any or all programs may be suspended or cancelled at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department with or without notice to ensure the safety of our participants, instructors and staff.



Robert E Collins Award

It is our pleasure to announce that the recipients of the **2021 Robert E. Collins Award** are **Chris and Tricia Allen**. The award has been presented annually since 1974 and recognizes individuals that go above and beyond in our community and exhibit extraordinary commitment and dedication to the Parks and Recreation Department. Chris, Tricia, and their 3 children are beloved members of our community and truly help make Middlebury a better place to live. Professionally, both of them focus on improving children's literacy as Chris is the Site Coordinator at Bridport and Neshobe schools for Everybody Wins! which matches reading mentors with students and Tricia is the well-respected children's librarian at the Ilsley Library. Chris and Tricia have played a big role in the success of our free summer lunch program as Chris has been a volunteer server for the past several years and Tricia attends once a week with her "book bike" which allows each child to pick out a free book each week while she reads to them at lunch. The "book bike" day is consistently the most attended lunch each week. In their "free" time they both volunteer coaching and coordinating the lower levels of our youth soccer program even as their own children have aged out of the program, helping officiate and run swim meets at the Town Pool, and umpiring local Little League softball and baseball games. Tricia is also a long-standing member of the Parks and Recreation Committee which advises and provides support to our department. Please join us in congratulating Chris and Tricia, we can't think of more deserving recipients and thank them for being constant advocates for our department and true friends to all that know them!



2022 Activity Guide Release Dates

Summer – April 28th
 Fall – August 25th
 Winter – November 11th



Archery 1

What: A beginner's introduction to Archery! Learn the fundamentals of range safety, equipment use, stance, shooting, and more in a fun and safe environment. Students will have the opportunity to learn skills as a group and one on one, and practice and develop new skills weekly. All equipment provided.

When: Tuesdays 4:00PM-5:00PM, May 3rd-May 24th

Where: Middlebury Recreation Park

Instructor: Melinda Hardt is a USA Archery Level 2 certified instructor who has been teaching youth since 2006. Ages 7 & up, 12 students max per class.

Cost is \$80.00 (Resident) or \$92.00 (Non-Resident) per 4 week session for each class



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Pre-K and Kindergarten - Introduction to Sports

Instructors: Staff from Middlebury Parks and Recreation as well as area coaches

Who: Children ages 4-6

Location: Middlebury Recreation Fields, 277 Mary Hogan Drive

Schedule: Mondays from 3:30PM-4:30PM, May 2nd-June 6th (6 weeks)

Cost: \$60 Residents, \$69 Non-Residents

Description: The Middlebury Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to offer this program aimed to pique young children's interest in a variety of sports. Each week we will focus on the basic skills of a new sport while keeping the environment fun and engaging. Sports covered will include basketball, soccer, gymnastics, volleyball, and field hockey! During our last session, kids will enjoy a fun day playing all of the games they have learned topped off with a party and a special

award for each child.

For more information: Please email sbourne@townofmiddlebury.org or call 802-458-8



Skateboarding Clinics

Description: Come learn to skateboard, or bring your tricks to the next level at our Skate Clinics. Expert Skate Coaches from the Arson Skateshops & The New England Skateboarding Association teach riding, safety, technique, etiquette, and tricks. Equipment is provided if you need it. We suggest a skateboard, helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, and wristguards. Also, wear flat sneakers if possible. All ages, skill levels, and genders are encouraged to attend! There have been 5-year-olds and 30-year-olds, all learning how to ride and do tricks, it is truly an all-inclusive activity. Come out and have a fun time shredding with us!

When: 4/30-6/4, Saturdays from 10AM-12PM

Where: Harold Curtis Park in East Middlebury. Signups on the Middlebury Parks and Rec webpage. See you there!

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Ages 10 and up



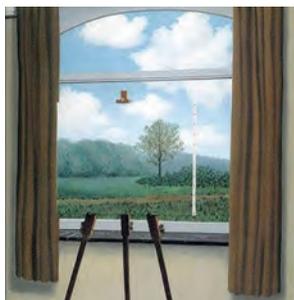
Broadway Bootcamp

with Elisa Van Duyne

Wednesdays, March 9 – April 13
3:30 – 5 pm

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Ages 12-16



Creative Mindset

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Middlebury Area Little League 2022 - Baseball and Softball

All students in grades K-6 are invited to play.

Open Online Registration Dates:

January 3, 2022 – April 1st, 2022

Cost: \$70 for single player or \$100 per family

To Register: Visit middleburyparksandrec.org

Like us on Facebook to stay current on events and information.

SPECIAL NOTE – To ensure the continuation of this valuable youth program, Middlebury Area Little League needs YOU! Seeking volunteers for a range of tasks including administrative support, fundraising, coaching, umpiring, and much more. **Please email middareall@gmail.com if you can help our organization.**

Middlebury Area Little League sponsors 4 league levels:

Farm League (Ages 4-6) – A great first exposure to baseball, Farm League players will meet Saturday mornings to build skills and gain awareness about the game. The focus is fun and caregivers are asked to remain with their players.

Rookie League (Ages 6-8) – Rookie League teams play an exciting brand of coach-pitch baseball. Teams will generally meet twice a week and will have an additional game a week once the season gets underway. Players gain skills that will be helpful to everyone at the next level. There is some travel within Addison County.



Minors Baseball/Softball (Ages 8- 10) – This is the first level of player-pitch ball. Teams will generally practice two or three times a week with one or two games a week once the season begins. There will be some travel, almost all of it within Addison County.

Majors Baseball/Softball (Ages 10 -12) – The highest level of Little League play, players can expect to practice several times a week and play in multiple games per week once the season gets underway. There will be travel, some of it outside of Addison County.

There will be mandatory assessments for all Minors and Majors players. Date to be determined. Not sure of your player’s “League Age”? Check out www.littleleague.org and search “Age Chart.”

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Kindergarten-2nd Grade Panther Lacrosse Clinic

Instructors: Kate Livesay, Head Women’s Lacrosse Coach (klivesay@middlebury.edu) and assistant coach Dani Ellis, (daniellee@middlebury.edu) along with members of the Middlebury College lacrosse teams.

Who: Children in 1st through 3rd grade

Schedule: All practices will be from 3:15PM-4:15PM, Mondays March 28th-April 25th (*no session week of April

vacation 4/20)

Location: Middlebury College Kohn Field
Cost: \$35 Residents, \$40 Non Residents

Description: Varsity lacrosse players and coaches will teach players basic skills such as shooting, passing, and defense during this weekly one-hour session. The program will run for 4 weeks.

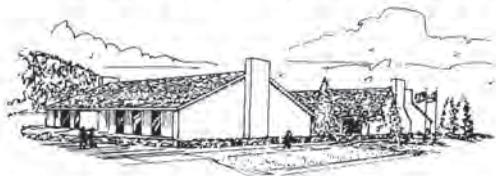
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Instructors: Experienced coaches, many with experience playing on college level.

Schedule:

- Practices start in April w/ 2-3 sessions per week after 5PM
- Boys games on Saturdays, Girls games on Sundays starting in early May
- Season ends at Green Mountain Shootout, June 18-19

Location:

- Practices at Legion Fields (Creek Road) or other local fields

- Games (2 per weekend) at Legion for home & other VT Northern League sites for away

Registration:

- Open now until early April at middlax.org
- Reduced Fees for 2022: \$45 (\$15 club fee + \$30 US Lacrosse registration)
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Spring Gymnastics 2022

Instructor: Terri Phelps
802-236-1315 terriphelps@ymail.com

Registration will begin Friday, March 11th at 9:30AM

Students will work to improve strength, flexibility, and coordination, as well as skill development in a safe and fun environment. Instruction will be included on uneven bars, beam, floor exercise, and vault. Class will be in the multi-purpose room at the Rec. Center.

March 28th- May 21st (No classes 4/18 through 4/23)

Preschool (Ages 3-4)

01. Tuesday	10:00-11:00am	\$90 (\$103.50)
02. Tuesday	11:00-12:00pm	\$90 (\$103.50)
03. Saturday	10:00-11:00am	\$90 (\$103.50)
04. Saturday	11:00-12:00pm	\$90 (\$103.50)

Beginner/Advanced Beginner (Ages 5+)

05. Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	\$85 (\$97.75)
06. Wednesday	3:15-4:15pm	\$85 (\$97.75)
07. Thursday	3:15-4:15pm	\$85 (\$97.75)
08. Saturday	12:30-1:30pm	\$85 (\$97.75)

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate

09. Saturday	1:30-2:30pm	\$85 (\$97.75)
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Intermediate/Advanced

10. Tuesday	4:15-5:30pm	\$105 (\$120.75)
11. Wednesday	4:15-5:30pm	\$105 (\$120.75)
12. Thursday	4:15-5:30pm	\$105 (\$120.75)
13. Saturday	2:30-3:45pm	\$105 (\$120.75)

Gymnastics Afterschool Program!

Ages 5-10 Program includes a 1-hour class, games/activities, and free time. Please bring a snack as well.

14. Monday	3:15-5:15pm	\$140 (\$161.00)
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Drop-In Programs

Adult Co-ed 30+ Basketball

Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8:30PM
at Middlebury Rec. Center Gym
For more information please contact
Bryan Jones at 802-989-8399
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Adult Co-ed Volleyball

Mondays starting March 7th,
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Walking and Biking Updates

The **Middlebury E-Bike Lending Library** returns for a second year. Look for the program to begin later this spring. It's your chance to try out an e-bike or an e-cargo bike.

Get ready for the **Middlebury Bike Swap**. Frog Hollow Bikes and Middlebury Safe Routes host this annual event in Cannon Park. It's your chance to find a great deal on a 'new-to-you' bike. Early May.

Middlebury Safe Routes hosts "Walk and Roll to School Day" on the first Wednesday of each month at Mary Hogan School. They also monitor traffic patterns and student travel behavior, plan activities to teach bike skills and rules of the road, and recommend improvements to roads, parking lots, drop-



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The Walk/Bike Council of Addison County is a county-wide, citizen-led advisory group that meets every 6-8 weeks. The Council seeks to build momentum and capacity for safer walking and biking to our towns and villages. Council members work with state and regional agencies, municipal staff, schools, and other interested community partners. Anyone interested should visit www.walkbikeaddison.org.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation, Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Walk-Bike Council of Addison County, along with other organizations and sponsors are excited to welcome the **Vermont Walk/Bike Summit** to Middlebury on

May 6th, 2022. This event, which begins in Town Hall Theater, brings together professionals, activists, volunteers, and enthusiasts for a day of workshops, demonstrations, discussion, and learning. The keynote speaker will be Don Kostelec, a 17-year veteran of transportation planning, health analysis, and comprehensive planning. You can follow Don's work on Twitter @KostelecPlan. To register and find full details about the event please visit www.vtwalkbikesummit.com.

Did you know? We all know biking is healthy for you, but do you realize that your biking benefits everyone in the community? Biking causes less wear and tear on town roads, it emits less pollution, it cuts down on traffic and opens up parking spots, and it results in less noise pollution. Talk about contributing your fair share!



Middlebury Dog Park

Are you a dog owner looking for a place to exercise and socialize your dog? Come visit Middlebury's 1.5 acre dog park. Located in the field behind Porter Medical Center and adjacent to the MREMS building this fenced-in park includes both small and large dog areas. You will find many friendly humans and dogs there daily.

Facebook users may check out the Middlebury (VT) Dog Park page. Those interested in contributing to the ongoing costs of the Park may 1) Make a donation at the Middlebury Town Office building or 2) Sign over your bottle redemption returns to the Park. Please use and support the Middlebury Dog Park!



Addison Central Teens

Drop-In: The Teen Center is open for drop-in each school day from 3:00PM-6:00PM. We'll provide a snack, games, computer access, crafts, and friendly faces. Open to all youth 12-18 years old in middle or high school.



LGBTQ+ Group: This biweekly group is open to all queer and questioning teens to come enjoy being in an accepting space where they can learn about what their identity means to them! Join us every other Friday from 4:30PM-6PM.

Monday Murder Club: Have you ever wanted to solve a murder? Now's your chance to dig deep into the mystery of Hunt-A-Killer, a murder mystery set where it's up to you to figure out which clues will lead to the killer! Begins weekly on Monday, March 7 from 4PM-5PM.

Dungeons & Dragons: We've got dungeons! We've got dragons! We've got shiny dice! Each Wednesday starting March 9 from 3:30PM-5:30PM at Ilsley Library, any and all middle schoolers can come beat the villain (or your DM)!

NOM: Resuming biweekly in late March, Nutrition Outreach and Mentorship (NOM), a Middlebury College student organization will be in the kitchen to share tasty recipes and help to build healthy and fun relationships with food! Check our website for updates on all of our programs, Midteens.org



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Charlie Nardozi - The Garden Guy - Wednesday, March 16 @ 6PM Ecological Gardening & Companion Planting

Charlie talks about ways to build the soil without harming soil creatures. He will also discuss cover cropping and companion planting as ways to grow plants with less work. Whether you're a beginning veggie and flower gardener or an experienced one, there will be something for everyone. **THIS EVENT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION.**

Lotus Lantern Workshop - Wednesday, March 25 @ 5PM

Join Younhee Shin from the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project in NYC for a workshop to create a lotus lantern. Participants will meet in the community room and Younhee will join us via Zoom to teach us how to make this beautiful lantern. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and is open to all ages - those under 14 need to have an adult accompany them. Visit our website to register for the event. All supplies provided.

Cribbage - Will Smith - Fridays, 1PM - 3PM

Drop in to the Jessica Swift Community Meeting Room to join fellow cribbage players for a game. Will Smith, long-time player, will be on hand to teach beginners. All skill levels welcome.

Middlebury Community Classic Films Club

Biologie! Discussion

March 17 @ 6:30PM-7:30PM

Location: Zoom or Ilseley Library (Depending on COVID conditions)

Patterns Discussion

April 14, 6:30PM-7:30 PM

Location: Zoom and Ilseley (Depending on COVID conditions)

American Violet Discussion

May 26, 6:30PM-7:30 PM

Location: Zoom and Ilseley (Depending on COVID conditions)

Vermont Reads: We Contain Multitudes

April 14, 7PM

Wilson Hall, Middlebury College

Author and Professor Sarah Henstra visits Vermont to discuss her novel in letters, *We Contain Multitudes*. Our Vermont Reads 2021 choice tells how two very different teenage boys

fall in love after being paired as pen pals. While it touches on domestic violence, bullying, and opioid addiction, the novel is also a beautiful story of friendship.

1st Wednesday : The Jewish Diaspora 20 Recipes

May 4, 7PM

Food—like music and language—is a strong link to our past, no matter the shores on which we arrive. Natalie Neuert, director of UVM's Lane Series, explores the recipes that Jews took with them to the Balkans, Europe, North Africa, and America, from British fish and chips to Bubbe's brisket to the ubiquitous Shabbos supper of cholent.



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