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HOUSING HELP



MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD CHAIR Brian Carpenter listens as Middlebury College Vice President David Provost talks about the college's plans to build affordable housing on the land they are standing on off Seminary Street Extension, not far from downtown Middlebury.

Independent photo/Steve James

College land buy to boost affordability

By JOHN S. MCCRIGHT
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury College has purchased 35 acres of mostly open land to build 100 units of affordable housing within walking distance of downtown. The apartments, multi-family and single-family homes will be constructed by an independent developer and are not being built for college employees. Town and college officials said the bump in housing will help

employers — current and future — by providing places for their employees to live. "The No. 1 priority for the selectboard after the rail project is wrapping up is workforce housing," Middlebury selectboard chair Brian Carpenter said. "We've been talking about this with the college — this and childcare. They are priorities No. 1 and 2." The 35-acre parcel is on

Seminary Street Extension in Middlebury. It is east of Seminary Street Extension's intersection with Washington Street, generally in the area of Valley View Road — on the north side of Seminary Street Extension. The college plans to sell it to Summit Properties. "The college has no interest in long-term ownership of this property," said David Provost, (See College land, Page 16A)

Summer parades to return

Bristol, Midd and Vergennes events are back

By INDEPENDENT STAFF
ADDISON COUNTY — After a two-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of three of the biggest annual parades in Addison County have decided the festivities will resume this summer.

American Legion officials in Vergennes and Middlebury said their Memorial Day parades will be revived on May 30, and then Bristol's Fourth of July parade has the green light to march down Main Street on Independence Day.

"We have the permit in hand for the Middlebury Memorial Day Parade," said Tom Scanlon, adjutant for American Legion Post 27 in Middlebury. "Same time and route as in years past."

While the Vergennes Memorial Day parade is billed as the biggest in Vermont in terms of number of participants, Bristol's Fourth of July parade features many ancillary events that add to the spectacle. Middlebury's parade aims to set a respectful tone as it focuses on honoring those who died for (See Parades, Page 12A)



DOESN'T EVERYBODY LOVE a parade? These Shriners in the 2018 parade in Bristol sure do. Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades are returning to Addison County this summer after a long COVID-19 hiatus.

Independent file photo/Trent Campbell

Community poem heaps praise, love on Bristol

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS
BRISTOL — As spring begins to reawaken the Vermont landscape, a new and unusual web of life has sprung up in Bristol. It didn't poke up out of the soil, soak in the rain and reach for the sunshine, but its roots are deep and well-nourished — with hometown love and civic pride. "Love Notes to Bristol" is a crowdsourced poetry project, a web of life spun by dozens of community members, whose moments of admiration, cherishing and yearning can be read across 38 lawn signs around town. The final product, an "Ode to Bristol," is also available for viewing in a special display at the Lawrence Memorial Library. (See Bristol poem, Page 9A)

Prominent Rt. 7 intersection could host two new ventures

By ANDY KIRKALDY
FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh selectboard on Tuesday, April 5, signed a deal to sell the town-owned 34.9-acre parcel at the junction of Routes 7 and 22A to a pair of buyers, one a maker of artisanal shortbread now based in Shelburne, and the other a founder of Caledonia Spirits, who would process and grow grain and could also open a distillery on the site. The three parties, Douglas (See New business, Page 12A)



On a roll

MARY HOGAN ELEMENTARY School fifth-grader Carter Emilio turns his bike from Rogers Road onto Danyow Drive in Middlebury on Monday morning as he and his classmates learn some bicycle safety skills.

Independent photo/Megan James

MUMS adding a 2nd principal to its team

Mary Hogan's Wisell will join Dudek

By JOHN FLOWERS
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union Middle School will soon adopt a new leadership structure to help it navigate through recent challenges that have included handling an unusual number of student discipline issues and absorbing, for the first time, sixth-graders from throughout the Addison Central School District.

In a recent email to the community MUMS Principal Michael Dudek said MUMS will transition to a co-principalship, beginning this summer. Dudek's co-leader will be current Mary Hogan Elementary School Assistant Principal Michaela Wisell.

And thanks to federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, the new leadership team will allow — for at least the 2022-2023 academic year — Karyn Stannard to continue as a MUMS assistant principal.

"With myself, Michaela and Karyn, we have a leadership team who can focus deeply on the academic and social emotional development of our students," Dudek stated in his email. "We have the skills to help our elementary students transition to MUMS and support MUMS students as they transition to (Middlebury Union High School). And we will be able to (See MUMS, Page 11A)

New FCS head will look to support staff and students

By ANDY KIRKALDY
FERRISBURGH — The next Ferrisburgh Central School principal, Rae Donovan, will arrive in July from the Mount Abraham Union School District, where she has served as the district's Social and Emotional Learning Coordinator since 2019. Donovan, 39, will often have a passenger from her North Ferrisburgh home this fall: Her older daughter attends kindergarten at FCS, and before too long her younger daughter will join her at the school. Donovan will also bring a diverse résumé to FCS, one that includes special education, English and Humanities teaching jobs in (See Ferrisburgh, Page 11A)



By the way

Here's something to put the recent, stellar play of Middlebury College women's sports teams in perspective. Our sports columnist Karl Lindholm, who is both a scholar and an avid fan of Panther (See By the way, Page 16A)

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Kennel eyed for cannabis business

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Childhood friends Max Eingorn, Ronald Williams and Zachary Tyson had often talked about going into business together.

The original script didn't call for cultivating cannabis in Middlebury to help fuel Vermont's new recreational cannabis market. But here they are, with an application to operate a 3,000-square-foot indoor cannabis growing operation in the former Middlebury Boarding & Grooming Kennel property at 2819 South St. Extension.

It will be up to Vermont's Cannabis Control Board to decide whether to license the proposed new business — called Mr. Z Craft Cannabis — to sell its product to licensed wholesalers, who will in turn supply future in-state retailers of recreational marijuana. Licensed cannabis cultivators can begin operation on June 1, with approved retailers permitted to sell beginning Oct. 1.

But in the meantime, the three Mr. Z partners are seeking town approval to conduct business at the former kennel property on South Street Extension. It's located in Middlebury's Agricultural-Rural zoning district. The Mr. Z's business proposal could be conditionally approved in the ARR district as either a commercial greenhouse or an agricultural business, according to the applicants.

Eingorn, Williams and Tyson are all 30 years old and grew up together in New York City. They maintained their friendship through college and into adulthood. Eingorn attended Middlebury

College, Tyson went to UVM, and Williams attended Dartmouth.

Following graduation, they all found jobs in the legal and/or corporate spheres back in NYC.

Tyson first worked at the Chittenden County Public Defender's Office, interning as a criminal defense investigator. He later took a job working as a paralegal with NYC-based Hiller PC.

"We hated our corporate jobs and everything they stood for. We quickly got together to figure out how to make (Mr. Z's) happen."

— Max Eingorn

"That's where I got introduced to the law side of cannabis," he said.

This led to him sitting on the board of the nonprofit Cannabis Cultural Association in New York, specializing in advocacy and education around cannabis.

Williams graduated from Dartmouth in 2014 with a double major

in Environmental Science and Architectural Studies. He began working at an architectural firm, then secured a job in the world of finance.

"I realized after a while that not only was (finance) not the place for me, the corporate culture — as it related to young people and society in general — was really unhealthy."

Eingorn earned a degree in Chinese at Middlebury. Upon his return to Brooklyn, Eingorn worked in the tech field, starting in sales and transitioning to software engineering. His duties included building custom software applications for Fortune 500 companies.

Like many folks during the pandemic, Eingorn got used to working remotely. That path brought him back to Vermont, and he was able to woo his two buddies

to join him.

To do what?

Well, the three friends had shared an appreciation for recreational cannabis, which had been legalized in both New York and Vermont in 2021. The stars had suddenly aligned for the trio to start a related business venture.

"We had always wanted to grow cannabis legally," Eingorn said. "We hated our corporate jobs and everything they stood for. We quickly got together to figure out how to make (Mr. Z's) happen."

Each of the partners had skills to bring to the table.

Tyson, Mr. Z's CEO, has the legal background; Eingorn is the engineering guy; and Williams knows the business angles.

They knew finding a location for Mr. Z's would be a challenge, in large part due to the pandemic's impact on the real estate market. Suddenly, properties were selling like hotcakes, sometimes for thousands above their appraised value.

"We realized that in order to do this right, we needed a specific type of property," Eingorn. "And as it turned out, there was a perfect piece of property sitting in Middlebury."

The former Middlebury dog kennel on South Street Extension "had everything we needed" Eingorn said. It was fairly secluded, could be made secure, and could meet Mr. Z's ample water and electricity needs.

"Sometimes, life makes the decisions for you," Eingorn said of the serendipitous find.

Still, the kennel building will need work, the trio acknowledged. Their business plan calls for, among other things:

- Energy efficiency upgrades, in consultation with Efficiency Vermont.

- An "in-depth odor mitigation strategy." The partners said Mr. Z's cannabis growth plan will follow a pattern in which the plants flower



THREE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS are seeking town permission to operate a 3,000-square-foot, indoor cannabis growing operation in the former Middlebury Boarding & Grooming Kennel property at 2819 South St. Extension. The principals of Mr. Z Craft Cannabis are, from left to right, Ronald Williams, Max Eingorn and Zach Tyson.

Photo courtesy Ronald Williams

in a two-month, recurring cycle, "so there will only be a couple of weeks per cycle in which the smell inside will be significant," according to Mr. Z's application. With that in mind, the building will be configured as a "closed-loop" system that will allow little odor to escape the indoor growing area, according to the narrative.

"The building is going to be almost completely air-tight with 4-7 inches of Demilec Closed Cell Spray Foam in the walls and attic," the Mr. Z's narrative reads. The building will also be endowed with energy recovery ventilators, according to the partners.

- Secure premises. The partners said all perimeter doors and windows at the facility will be locked and equipped with security alarms, and access will only be granted to those holding keys and

special identification cards.

"We will maintain video surveillance with continuous monitoring of any space that contains cannabis, whether growing or harvested," the narrative states.

The partners claim their business will have no undue, adverse effect on the character of the neighborhood.

"We have been speaking with our neighbors, and every single person has expressed nothing but excitement and joy, especially when they found out we will not be doing anything noisy or with high traffic," the application narrative states.

Folks will be able to weigh in on the Mr. Z application at a Middlebury Development Review Board meeting set for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25, at the town

offices.

The Mr. Z crew said they hope their cannabis can at some point be carried by a local cannabis retail shop, should one emerge in Middlebury. Local voters last year gave their permission for Middlebury to host licensed cannabis retail shops.

Eingorn, Williams and Tyson vowed to operate the business professionally and responsibly.

"We feel a deep collective sense of purpose, given that we, as a self-owned majority BIPOC operation, will be using cutting edge organized regenerative farming practices to set new standards for sustainability and quality in the industry," they stated in their application.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Test trains can pose threats in county

By WILSON RING

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont Transportation Agency officials are warning about people walking along the newly refurbished railroad line between Burlington and Rutland where Amtrak trains are conducting full-speed test runs.

The Transportation Agency's Toni Clithero made the comments Tuesday, a day after there were two close calls between Amtrak trains and people walking along the active tracks in West Rutland and Brandon.

In the West Rutland case, a couple was walking their dog and barely escaped being hit by the train. The crew had been unable to stop. It can take the trains up to a mile to halt.

"These people and their dog just got out of the way at the last second," said Clithero, who focuses on rail safety for VTrans. "The crew didn't know whether it hit anyone. So this was absolutely terrifying."

In the second case on Monday, April 4, in Brandon, a teenage boy who was also walking a dog, was spotted by an employee of the Vermont Rail System, which leases from the state the tracks that will be used by Amtrak when

service resumes this summer, Clithero said. He was on the tracks but was not threatened by an oncoming train.

Last month a group of young people was seen on the tracks in Shelburne.

Train crews conducting the test runs can reach 59 mph (95 kph) — the maximum speed that will be used when the train is carrying passengers on the route.

Clithero said the diesel electric Amtrak trains run on continuously welded steel rails and the "whooshing sound" is behind the engine, not in front of it.

"It could sound like wind blowing through the leaves of a tree," she said. "By the time you hear it, it's probably going to be too late."

Amtrak said officials, including the Amtrak Police Department, are hosting presentations at schools and other locations to share rail safety messages ahead of the resumption of Amtrak service between Burlington and Rutland, according to a written statement Tuesday.

The Vermont Transportation Agency has been working for years to upgrade the tracks and other rail infrastructure on the 75

miles of rail between Burlington and Rutland.

Amtrak is due to begin service this summer between Burlington and New York, via Rutland on the Ethan Allen Express. In addition to Burlington, the train will stop in Vergennes and Middlebury.

The Ethan Allen Express has run between New York and Rutland for years.

For the Record

CORRECTION — A story in our April 7 edition reported on the "Come What May" exhibit at Isley Public Library that showcases work by painter Alice Eckles. Unfortunately, we misspelled the painter's last name. We regret the error.

CORRECTION: Our April 7 story about the proposed Clean Heat Standard misquoted testimony given by Vermont Fuel Dealers Association President Matt Cota to the Vermont Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. When commenting on the "winners and losers" of the current bill, Cota cited only one subsidiary of Energir, Green Mountain Power.

Ferrisburgh to revisit farm sale

Fish & Wildlife purchase of DeVos property reconsidered

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh selectboard on April 5 said it would revisit its March 15 decision not to endorse a potential Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department purchase of a tract of former agricultural land and wetland owned by the DeVos family on Ashley Road.

Department officials said they would keep the agricultural land in use and conserve the rest of the property.

Board Chair Jess James said this week she expected the parties involved to attend the board's April 19 meeting and review the issues with the selectboard.

The 320 acres of land is part of the Kimball Brook Farm, which no longer operates as a dairy, but still operates as a small farm, according to co-owner Cheryl DeVos. Her family intends to retain 5 acres, she said.

DeVos described the land to the *Independent* as about 70 acres of farmland, with the balance about 250 acres of swamp and at least seasonal wetlands near Lewis Creek.

Based on incomplete information, the *Independent* on March 24 erroneously reported the farm was no longer in operation.

"Kimball Brook Farm is still in business as a farm. We have 70+ animals and we sell organic beef and grass-fed lambs at our farm store. We also sell organic hay," DeVos wrote in an email.

The selectboard at its meeting last week, attended by Cheryl and J.D. DeVos, agreed to reconsider its earlier refusal to support the sale to Fish & Wildlife after also reviewing a letter written to the *Independent* by Fish & Wildlife official Will Duane.

In the letter, Duane said the department would not proceed with the purchase without the blessing of the town, said "high quality agricultural soils would be licensed to local farmers," pledged the land would "remain on the town tax roll," and said federal — not state — tax money would fund the purchase.

In declining to endorse the sale on March 15, the Ferrisburgh selectboard had listed all those issues as concerns.

James told the *Independent* last week the board still wanted to hear more financial details and would make an endorsement decision at a future meeting that both the farm owners and Fish & Wildlife representatives could attend.

The farm lies in the town's north end and James said it includes of the town's best agricultural land, while the land near Lewis Creek is suitable for wildlife preservation and public recreation.

"The area that's not able to be used for agricultural purposes, around Lewis Creek where it's marshy, the southern area of the property, makes sense for Fish & Wildlife," James said in March. She added the land could also be connected by a bridge over the creek to an existing fishing access the department owns off Long Point Road.

In other business at its April 5 meeting, the Ferrisburgh selectboard supported the potential Vermont Land Trust acquisition of a large tract of farmland on Hawkins Road from Linda Hawkins Property LLC.

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Vergennes-area teen club chooses Grangent as CEO

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The newest chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes is a city resident who has spent most of a career spanning about two-and-a-half decades working with youth.

Alicia Grangent, a 47-year-old native of southern Illinois, started on April 6. She most recently worked for the Dream Program, a statewide nonprofit based in Williston that encourages high school students to mentor younger pupils.

During her career, Grangent has also helped youths transition out of foster care in her native Illinois, helped challenged youths in group homes, and worked for a Job Corps contractor for a dozen years, including a year-long stint as director of the Northlands Job Corps center in Vergennes.

She also coached Special Olympics for seven years, locally worked on the effort to recognize the legacy of Stephen Bates, Vermont's first Black sheriff, and serves on the John Graham Shelter board.

Boys & Girls Club board chair David Small said in an email Grangent's experience and longstanding commitment to working with youth made her stand out among the applicants.

"Her background managing sizable organizations and focusing on youth development throughout her career makes her an ideal choice to lead the club. Alicia is an active volunteer in Vergennes and is looking forward to having a

direct impact on our community's youth," Small said.

"The board was impressed with all the candidates, but Alicia especially stood out. We are thrilled to work with her and the rest of our staff to continue to grow and serve youth in and around Vergennes."

Grangent replaces Kat Nelson, who left after 19 months and good job reviews to become the director of admissions at Vermont Commons School in South Burlington, an opportunity she called too good to pass up because similar ones in Vermont are few and far between.

Grangent said her service to youth began when she was an undergraduate at MacMurray College, where she earned a bachelor's in social work (she also has a master's in criminal justice from Lewis University; both are Illinois schools).

But Grangent didn't start her studies with her eventual career path in mind. Rather, an adviser in the social services department saw something in her and recommended an internship in the field.

"I remember saying to my instructors in school I would never work with kids," she said. "As luck would have it my first internship was with Midwest Youth Services."

Before long she was hooked. "Kids just gravitate toward you, and the cause of helping them, and seeing the lights go on when they get something, it's just intriguing. And it's a fun thing just to work with youth and see their growth and have them come back and say, 'Thank you, I remember this about what you taught me,'" Grangent said.

Certainly, when the Boys and Girls Club position was posted she saw the appeal of possibly changing from a job that typically took her from one end of the state to the other, to one with a walkable commute.

But Grangent said there were plenty of other reasons to look at the Boys & Girls Club, including being able to contribute to her adopted community of five years.

"Just being able to see the kids that walk by on the sidewalk on a daily basis and recognize them and say hello is what intrigued me, too," she said.

In asking around about the club as she considered applying, Grangent discovered many local citizens did not know that much about its operations.

"It's also a great opportunity to get the word out about what they're doing at the club," she said.

As well as looking to improve outreach and understanding, Grangent said she'll evaluate what the club is doing for its members to look at what might be done better, and as always to see what can be done to expand membership.

"I'm going to step in and look at programming and see how it can be improved. That was also intriguing to me," she said.

One thing Grangent would like to add for the club is a van that could bring members off site more often for programs, citing being able to offer college visits for older members as a particular goal. She said it's one thing to bring a college representative in, and another to visit the institution.

"There's nothing like going to the actual college and having kids see a



ALICIA GRANGENT

dorm room and being on campus. There's just nothing that compares to that," she said. "Having the opportunities to do those sorts of things for kids is something that I would like to see happen, more opportunities for kids to expand."

Operations looked good when she arrived, she added, and Grangent is looking forward to working with Director of Operations Lisa Davis and Director of Programs & Resource Development Steven Maluenda.

"Overall, first day, I was pretty impressed," Grangent said.

She said that initial day on the job could be the start of a long tenure, in part because of what she sees as a good fit for her career, and in part because she's committed to Vergennes — she recently moved, but not far.

"I moved right to another area in Vergennes," she said. "The community support has been very good."



FROGS AND SALAMANDERS cross roads in specific areas every spring, so be on the lookout as you're driving in the evenings.

Photo/Luke Groff, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Amphibians are on the move

MONTPELIER — Vermonters are reporting a particularly horrendous mud season this year, keeping some off the roads. But the warm, rainy nights in early spring give us another good reason to avoid even the paved roads: breeding frogs and salamanders that are on the move.

"At this time of year, amphibians cross roads in large numbers to reach vernal pools and other waters for breeding," says Fish and Wildlife herpetologist Luke Groff. "If you find a crossing, you can see many individuals and species in a short period and small area, and some species may not be seen the rest of the year. Spotted and blue-spotted salamanders, for example, belong to a group called the 'mole salamanders' because after breeding, they retreat underground or under logs or stumps and are rarely seen until the following spring."

Biologists rely on amphibian road crossing events to document rare or otherwise hard-to-find species. For example, the four-toed

salamander is rare in Vermont, and its distribution is not well understood.

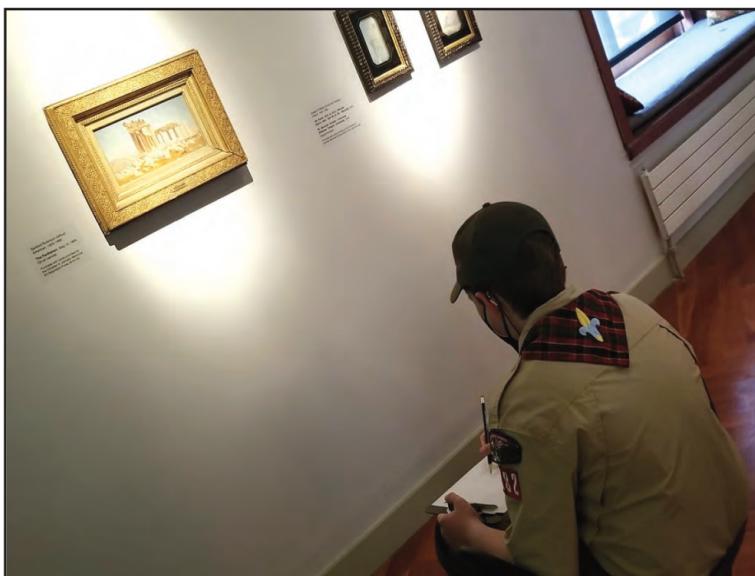
This information is used by Fish and Wildlife, the Agency of Transportation and other conservation partners to assess the need for wildlife passages and barriers in road construction plans that allow all wildlife, not just frogs and salamanders, to more safely cross roadways.

Groff is encouraging Vermonters to explore their nearby roads and report amphibian road crossings to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas vterpatlas.org/sighting-submission-form. If you can safely take photos of the amphibian species crossing, please include them.

Vermonters who wish to contribute to the Fish and Wildlife Department's work to help frogs and salamanders can donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form or on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website.

"It's a fun thing just to work with youth and see their growth and have them come back and say, 'Thank you, I remember this about what you taught me.'"

— Alicia Grangent



Getting their culture on

MIDDLEBURY CUB SCOUTS were invited to visit the Middlebury College Art Museum to complete their Art Explosion Elective Adventure this past Sunday. For the first time since the start of the pandemic, scouts were able to make the visit. This shows a side of Scouts often overlooked, namely art/science appreciation. Additionally, Scouts are also scheduled to visit the College Observatory later this spring.

Scout leaders Al Thalen, Brian Lisko and Chris Bellmann worked on sculpture, drawing and painting in the weeks leading up to their museum visit. Scouts learned techniques, art history and museum etiquette as they prepared to visit and learn at the museum. While there, Scouts applied previous knowledge and practice as they sketched and replicated art they observed.

Photo courtesy of Carina Bellman

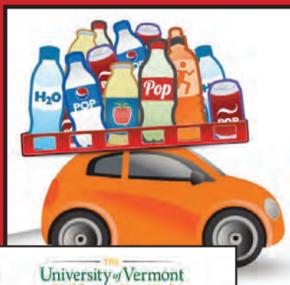


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Editorials

Exciting news, needed changes

News that Middlebury College has purchased 35 acres in the heart of Middlebury's residential area to turn into 100 units of affordable housing is exciting and most welcome. For the past decade area home prices have been on the rise and within the past few years they've become beyond the reach of most middleclass income earners.

When starter homes are \$300,000 and above, if not more, and even those require some repair, you have a big problem. And Middlebury has one. Nor is there a good or quick solution. Local economics work against what could be affordable: labor is scarce, material costs are high, housing stock is scant, demand is through the roof. The market, in short, is good for sellers and tough on buyers.

Leadership at Middlebury College, working with the town, did what private developers hadn't been able to do with this one 35-acre parcel that is seemingly ideal for residential development — reach a deal with the landowner to create housing for an estimated 250-350 people. That's huge. Estimated as a \$40 million project when completed, it will be a game-changer for many families — and for the businesses and local enterprises that employ those income-earners.

The college's role in the development is as the intermediary. It was able to purchase the land for \$1.5 million, and will in turn sell it in pieces to Summit Properties, a South Burlington developer who will sell some units and rent others. Construction is expected to begin this summer and occur over the next five to six years. (See story on Page 1A.)

That the college was able, and willing, to play such a substantial role is wonderful, but town residents and leadership should also question why it took the college's intervention to do what the market should do on its own.

We have long looked at this ideally situated parcel, which has been for sale for quite a while, and wondered why a private developer didn't snap it up and reap the profits. The answers are complex, some of which are noted above in basic economics — but that's not the whole picture. Area developers we've talked with have said profits aren't guaranteed, blaming some of it on high costs and tight labor, but also on town regulators and regulations that are difficult to work with.

Whether the latter is just criticism or not is difficult to determine, but it's definitely a widely held belief among area builders. Sticky town regulations and stickier regulators add dollars, and time, and unexpected issues — all reasons for builders to look elsewhere when deciding what projects to build where; and because there are so many other options, it's easy to choose elsewhere.

Those issues *should* be the easiest to address. It's not rocket science. What's needed is a leadership team willing to admit the problem and make the changes needed.

The town is currently undergoing a revision to its town plan that should make higher-density development in the town's core more possible. That's essential. So are ideas like mother-in-law apartments, apartments over garages, and other measures that can help homeowners make the cost of building more affordable by driving extra revenue to the homeowner.

And because the economics of supply and demand are working against first-time buyers, town leaders need to be proactive, to make things happen through changes and even subsidies, if needed. Much of the development over the past decade in St. Albans has been prompted by town leadership taking proactive measures to spark growth in its downtown, including buying real estate and renting it out to retail businesses. That may be extreme for Middlebury, but just the prospect of taking that type of initiative is an indication of how passive Middlebury has been for far too long.

In short, if the town is to thrive, someone has to drive that initiative. And if it's not town leadership, then who? The college can't always be expected to step in with its magic wand.

As for those who worry about too much growth, get real. We have ample road, water, sewer and school capacity. What Middlebury needs is more young families, more youthful activities, more liveliness, more visible energy, more — in a word — pizzazz. Once there's traffic in the downtown at 7 p.m., let alone 9 p.m., then we can start to worry about too much growth — but, for now, that's a better problem to have.

Angelo Lynn

Challenging times for schools

We're living through some very challenging times for schoolteachers and administrators. The disruption caused by the pandemic has upset the applecart at many school systems and for many students.

It's no one's fault, but it's everyone's problem to solve. That's easy to forget. It's far easier to blame someone, or some systemic problem.

Like other schools, Middlebury Union Middle School has had its share of problems. School discipline is an issue. Town police are too frequently called there to solve conflicts that would have previously been rare. The problem may have been compounded by a change in instruction that merged the district's sixth-grade students into the middle school's seventh and eighth grades at what turned out to be unfortunate timing, but that's neither here nor there, it happened and the district needs to work out the issues.

A change in school leadership to move to a more dynamic co-principal leadership team with the addition of Michaela Wisell, currently the assistant principal at Middlebury's Mary Hogan Elementary, seems fortuitous, as outlined in a story in today's *Addison Independent*. (See Page 1A.)

But it doesn't end there. Parents will need to step up as well. Student discipline begins at home, as does increased tolerance of others in their highly varied circumstances. School district administrators have damage to repair, if a letter to the editor on this page is close to its mark. The challenge is to have a school community that works together to solve problems without first casting blame. That can happen when everyone acknowledges they have a role in helping students survive, and excel, during these challenging times.

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The pack

MEMBERS OF MARY Hogan Elementary's fifth-grade class await instructions as they ride along Rogers Road in Middlebury on Monday morning. Laura Asermily, Jon Bowdish, Nate Burt and Jef Bratspis led two classes from the school, through Buttolph Acres, to Middlebury Union Middle School, then back again via Route 7. These kids will attend MUMS next fall.

Independent photo/Megan James

If it's good for kids in public schools, it's good for kids in taxpayer-funded private schools

Based on a UVM study, the Vermont legislature is updating the education funding formula so districts that serve more disadvantaged students have the ability to raise the revenues they need to care for their children.

The study used school spending and test scores statewide to estimate how much additional school spending is associated with the ability to educate different types of students to the state average test score. Those estimates informed how much more to "weight" the formula for different kinds of students.

These newer, bigger proposed weights are an estimate of how much more districts need to spend to overcome harms to students caused by factors like low wages, unstable housing, exposure to environmental toxins, lack of access to health care, disrupted education, and trauma. The assumption is that spending in schools can compensate for these harms.

The state could support paid leave, affordable housing, higher minimum wages, more affordable and accessible health care, and a fully funded mental health system, so that all parents can care for their children. In the absence of that, Vermont turns to public schools as the last safety net.

However, Vermont does NOT weight the vouchers to private "independent" schools for which our Education Fund pays. It makes little sense to fund public districts based on estimated needs and costs, but then pay private school vouchers without regard for needs and costs of the students they enroll, especially since the legislature allows these private schools to decide which students are a "good fit," thus opening the door to a wide range of discriminatory practices.

Community Forum

This weeks writers are Bruce Baker, a professor at Rutgers Graduate School of Education and Senior Fellow at the Learning Policy Institute, and Rebecca Holcombe, the former Vermont Secretary of Education.

Currently, the state relies on statewide average public school spending levels to set tuition rates for students who take vouchers to private schools. A 2015 analysis found that Vermont students who take vouchers to private schools are more advantaged than the average Vermont student. Failing to adjust tuition voucher rates for needs makes inequality even worse.

Moreover, if the legislature continues to exempt districts that don't operate public schools from the excess spending penalty that applies to districts that operate public schools, it incentivizes smaller and wealthier districts to close their public schools to limit what they have to pay into the Education Fund.

These two related policies- weighting vouchers (See *Community Forum*, Page 5A)

Defining the Good itself

Ancient philosophers say Good is the source of value in being

11th in a series

The theme of my last four essays has been Good and Evil, but so far I have failed to define these words. I have taken for granted that my readers will know what I mean when I use them, as though it were common knowledge. But to be honest, I doubt that this is so. Not because of any fault in your intelligence or in mine, but on account of the difficulty of the topic. Good and Evil are very hard to understand. And yet I don't believe that life can have meaning without this understanding.

If we could bring Socrates into the conversation, he would observe that our problem is not that we can't identify good and evil actions, but that we haven't a clear idea of what makes them good and evil. Therefore we don't really know what we're saying when, for example, we condemn Putin's cruel war against Ukraine, his lying, his nihilistic hubris, and we praise President Zelensky and the people of Ukraine for their courageous resistance; and we call



The Meaning of Life
by Victor Nuovo
Middlebury College professor emeritus of philosophy

the former evil, and the latter good.

But we must mean what we say, and know what we mean. Life does not derive its meaning from mere slogans, no matter the righteous passion that accompanies them. We must know what we mean, and mean what we say.

So, where do we go from here? Back to Plato, Socrates's greatest pupil, and to Plato's "Republic," his greatest work, and to its central idea, the Good itself. But I must begin with caution in the words of the great Plato scholar Raphael Demos (1892-1968): "Plato's mind is inclined to paradox ... and in his treatment of the Good this propensity receives full play. The Good is beyond truth; it is also the highest truth. It is an indefinable notion; yet it is exemplified by the notions of Truth, Beauty, and Measure. It is a being, and is also beyond being. It is present in all things; and it haunts them as an ideal never to be attained."

The theme of the Plato's "Republic" is justice: what is it and whether it is better to live justly than unjustly. Justice is a virtue or moral excellence, and because it applies both to individuals and civil societies, Socrates, who is leading the inquiry, chooses to consider how a civil society is just; for it is larger (See *Nuovo*, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Fight Putin and go solar now

I am fighting against Putin and the energy cartels by going solar. My electric bill is zero. I fuel my electric car with solar at zero dollars. I hope to heat my house soon with solar. I am not sending any money to Russia to buy any of their fuel. Russia can only continue its destruction of Ukraine by selling fossil fuels. Help save the world, go solar now.

Peter Grant
Bristol

Clean Heat bill merits support

The Clean Heat Standard bill currently under consideration by the Vermont Senate (House bill 0715) is a really important step toward drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont, as required by the Global Warming Solutions Act. It is not perfect but should be passed by the Senate pretty much as already approved in the House.

It's not a simple bill, and not everyone who has written op-eds or letters to the editor, or been quoted in news articles, understands it equally well.

Many people, including spokespeople for 350VT, have been upset about the list of clean heat measures that are eligible for clean heat credits. Indeed I have also been worried by the inclusion of "advanced wood appliances and systems" and "renewable natural gas" among the types of measures that are eligible.

The reason I am OK with the bill as it stands is that I think the clean heat credits available for these will be small to negligible. The amount of the credit available for any given type of measure will be determined by the Public Utility Commission, as advised by an appointed Clean Heat Standard Technical Advisory Group, in collaboration with an expert contractor. Each type of proposed clean heat measure has to be assessed on a life-cycle basis, as to how much net greenhouse gas reduction will result from its implementation. In a life-cycle analysis, greenhouse gas releases associated with mining, extracting, processing, shipping etc. the fuel in question are accounted for in addition to whatever release occurs at the

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ACSD struggles tied to decisions by leadership

If you see something, say something.

That's what we tell our students to do. The idea is that people should speak up for justice. That idea furthers the International Baccalaureate (IB) traits ACSD (Addison Central School District) teachers are trying to foster, namely respect, caring, and being principled.

I've seen a lot this year, so I am speaking up about awful, and avoidable, management decisions made.

This school year has been horrendous. To be sure, labor shortages, pandemic surges, and increased trauma-related behaviors were exceptionally challenging. However, as ACSD became its current corporate structure, appropriate management systems were not established. Change is hard, but it doesn't have to be tectonic. How management responds to exceptional challenge makes or breaks an organization. Ours is broken.

The out-of-control environment across the ACSD school system has caused more trauma for students, and has resulted in a number of families choosing to send their children to private schools. While the pandemic certainly added to all the challenges, despite the narrative that administrators present, COVID-19 is not the only cause.

At the elementary level, faculty were reassigned in a manner utterly lacking compassion for the teachers (and the tremendous impact sudden and unexplained (See *School decisions*, Page 5A)

Clean heat

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point of use. Releases associated with building the equipment used to generate the heat are also accounted for — e.g., building and shipping solar panels or windmill blades, running the powered equipment used to harvest wood intended to be burned for heat, or turning tree trunks into wood pellets and shipping them.

I am pretty confident that once a proper life-cycle analysis is done, the amounts of any clean heat credits available for advanced wood heat or renewable natural gas projects will be small.

This won't turn out the way I hope it will unless people like me, and various environmental organizations, and perhaps you, dear concerned reader, pay attention to the processes and outcomes of the technical analysis of projected greenhouse gas reductions from various proposed clean heat measures. It will look like a narrowly technical task but will have substantial real-world implications for our success in reducing climate-endangering pollutants, and you can be sure the commercial enterprises who stand to benefit or lose from the decisions will be watching the process carefully.

Richard Hopkins
Middlebury



Finally here

THE FIRST DAFFODIL to appear in a Middlebury yard bears testament to the rainy days of early April and signals warmer days and more blooms ahead.

Independent photo/Sarah Pope

Nuovo

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and easier to observe. This leads to a discussion of who should rule, and how they should be educated. These select persons were called "Guardians." Plato did not believe that everyone was fit to be a Guardian; he supposed that there was a certain class of individuals, male and female, who were born fit to rule. They should be sought out and properly trained and educated. The substance of their education consists of a knowledge of values.

To explain all this, Plato presented a parable, the famous allegory of the cave. Imagine that all mankind exist as prisoners in a cave. The inmost wall of the cave is flat like a great screen, and everyone is chained so that they can only look at the screen. Behind the prisoners are puppet-like figures that move back and forth on a stage running parallel to the screen, and

behind them a great fire, so that the images and shadows of the figures are cast upon the wall of the cave. The prisoners believe that the images are reality, the things themselves.

Now imagine what would happen if the prisoners were unchained and allowed to turn around? First they would see the moving objects and the fire that illuminates them, and some of them would recognize that what they took for reality was really only a display of shadows and images on a wall.

Yet the light of the fire dazzles their eyes even as it enlightens: It is painful, to discover truth. Mankind has grown accustomed to shadows, has become resistant to change. But not all. These have discovered their freedom, and the truth beckons them to what is outside the cave.

They discover that beyond the fire there is an even greater light

shining in through the mouth of the cave. It is dazzling, it too beckons, and draws them onward and upward. There is a path that leads from where they were seated, and it ascends to that greater light beyond. That greater light radiates from the Sun, which is the visible image or representation of the Good itself.

The Good itself is greater than being itself; it is the source of being; it is the source of all value in existence; it is the light that enlightens the mind; it is the guarantor of truth.

Plato calls those who make this intellectual journey Philosophers. And they, male and female, are those who are fit to rule; only then would a city be just. Philosophers must become kings.

But we must recall, that this is all an allegory. The city stands for every individual. Recall, Socrates's

purpose was to prove that only the just life is worth living. The city is a metaphor for the individual; we must learn to rule ourselves. The Good itself is the source of all value in life for every individual, alone or in society. And like prisoners in the cave of existence, we must rise and turn around and proceed to what is greatest and best. The Good itself is the ground of our existence, the source of every value in life.

And what of evil? What is it? Plato dismissed it as unworthy of a definition. In fact, it is indefinable, just because it is the mere negation of Good, the negation of all value. It is exemplified by lies, ugliness, depravity, mismeasure. Vladimir Putin along with his friend Donald Trump embody it perfectly; unfortunately, they are not alone. Their number is legion. There is nothing more to say: read Dante's "Inferno" and hope for the best.

Community forum

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and applying the same high spending penalty to districts that don't operate public schools—must be changed at the same time, unless the legislature's goal is continued erosion of both equity and the state's public education system.

Changing weights in the funding formula would make it possible for less wealthy, sparsely populated, and remote districts to raise more revenue to support their children. The resulting increase in spending won't be offset by reductions in other districts, because there are limits to the cuts many districts can and will support, especially when their schools compete with "independent" schools that are dependent on voucher-funded students, sell themselves based on low student to teacher ratios, and are not required to comply with

the same statutes and rules that apply to public schools

Currently, private schools that serve more privileged students are "overfunded" through their vouchers, including in private schools with exclusionary enrollment practices. The rest of the state helps pay, in ways that incentivize more privileged districts to close their own public schools.

The UVM report produced a simulation to inform weighted funding, which can also be used to inform weighted vouchers. Using the weights in the UVM simulation, high school students who:

- are not economically disadvantaged and not living in remote rural areas would receive vouchers for about \$10,000,
- are economically disadvantaged would get vouchers closer to \$35,604,

- are eligible for English Language Learning (ELL) services are eligible for another \$13,502,

- are economically disadvantaged and eligible for ELL would have vouchers worth \$40,506.

For example, a high school student in Lyndon who is not disadvantaged would receive a base voucher of \$10,000 to take to Lyndon Institute (or Phillips Exeter Academy, which otherwise provides education free to families with incomes under \$75,000) as the legislature allows. An economically disadvantaged student who was also an English language learner would bring a voucher worth about \$40k, supposedly to provide additional support services. Of course, there is currently no way to verify if and how those "support" dollars would be used in private settings.

One Massachusetts private school said Vermont's "vouchers save the school dollars to give to other students with financial aid needs." These could include students from other states.

If voters in a Vermont voucher school district want to provide larger vouchers for wealthier children, they could do so through a vote. However, they'd also be subject to the excess spending penalty, just like districts that operate public schools.

We don't think Vermont should pay vouchers to private schools that do not have open enrollment and which are not designated as a public education replacement for a sending district by a vote of their electorate. But since this is the system our elected leadership prefers, they can at least protect our wallets and children by weighting the tuition vouchers for which taxpayers are forced to pay.

School decisions

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change has on their families), utterly lacking understanding of the impact on building colleagues, utterly oblivious to the consequential culture of fear. These reassignments happened without prior consultation with any teacher; faculty were simply told that they were being moved to a different building, sometimes to fill an immediately vacant position (and given a day's or a weekend's notice), and sometimes for no apparent reason.

These reassignments were more in keeping with behaviors at private equity firms or mergers and acquisitions departments of big banks. The Stalinesque management strategies present in some buildings are certainly counter to being respectful, caring and principled.

Moving sixth-graders to Middlebury Union Middle School in the midst of pandemic fear and trauma, systems disruption, and labor shortages was foolhardy and appalling. And avoidable. And, certainly *not* in the interest of children or teachers.

The district is hemorrhaging talent as teachers quit. The teachers that are leaving are those with vast skills and experience, as well as commitment to students; they are also professionals highly regarded by families and colleagues alike. Departures represent a significant loss in institutional knowledge, teaching skill, and community connection, as well as a loss of significant financial investment in professional development. What our children and families need now, more than ever, is experienced teachers.

How can tough decisions be made? By including the people in the decision-making process and making some concessions to aid in the difficulty of transitioning. Transparency is critical, if administrators truly want to foster caring, equity, and principled behavior. Even though we haven't seen it, I refuse to believe that public school administrators cannot be creative in problem solving.

To repair a harm, it needs to be named. Then an apology needs to be stated sincerely. And finally, a commitment to change behavior — a plan to handle things differently — needs to be articulated and enacted.

Last week, the district attempted repair by granting bonuses to each employee next year. I'm sure some teachers and staff could use the future money to offset expenses. However, the bonus is insulting.

First, the teachers who were forcibly reassigned deserve significant extra compensation for stress, for grief (yes, being ripped from a position brings grief), gas

money for added commutes, and for extra time getting up to speed in their new assignment. Second, the bonus seems to be an attempt to mollify or mitigate harm, but there's no apology or plan to change practices.

There have been many harms, and trust is shattered. And, when there is no trust, the ability to do the hard work to rebuild functional educational systems is damaged.

What can be done to repair? Of paramount importance, top administrators need to acknowledge the harm caused by the horrific reassignment processes, they need to apologize for the harm, and they need to find a more humane way to reassign that honors teachers' connections with students and colleagues, and acknowledges the difficulty in moving into a new position.

The district is at a crossroads. Our educational systems are fragile, students are struggling, teachers are leaving and/or fearful. Administrators need to get out of their offices, listen, change and act.

What does action look like? Here are tangible steps (1 being less important, and 5 being the most important) administration could take to begin to repair the harms and rebuild trust:

1. Reduce IB requirements regarding unit reporting. Teachers are overwhelmed with day-to-day classroom management, not to mention actual teaching. This added bureaucracy is an ineffective distraction.
2. Work with principals to develop management skills. Good leadership involves compassion, clarity and principle — there are many business models available for consideration.

3. Create a more transparent and humane system to fill emergency vacancies.

4. Publicly apologize for the methods used in reassigning teachers.

5. Publicly apologize for the timing and process of moving 6th grade to MUMS. Acknowledge that those decisions could have been carried out differently.

Community member/readers, you can help by:

1. Talking with your teachers; ask them how they are and what they need going forward.

2. Talking about these issues and your own concerns with ACSD administrators — principals and central office leaders.

3. Talking with your school board representatives and attending school board meetings.

Democracy requires a strong, effective public education system in which all students can thrive. We have much work to do.

Christina Wadsworth
Weybridge

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Obituaries

Everett R. Delphia, 90, of Bridport

BRIDPORT — Everett R. “Zeb” Delphia, 90, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Helen Porter Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Sept. 13, 1931, in Ferrisburgh, the son of Jesse and Mattie (Mullis) Delphia.

Everett married the love of his life, Rita Larocque, Nov. 1, 1958, in St. Mary’s Church in Middlebury. He worked as a mechanic at G. Stone Motors for more than 30 years.

Everett enjoyed riding his motorcycle, mowing his lawn, gardening, tinkering around the house, cutting firewood, socializing with people at the store, country music and playing his guitar.

Survivors are his wife, Rita Delphia, of Bridport; his children, Gary Delphia, of Middlebury, Sherry Rheume (Richard), of



EVERETT R. DELPHIA

Middlebury and Melissa Kerr (David), of West Chazy, N.Y.; his grandchildren, Chad, Megan, Morgan, Ethan and Hannah; by his great-grandchildren, Torin, Colton, Ashton, Jaxon, Aubrey, and two more on the way.

He was predeceased by his parents; by his siblings Arthur, Donald, Ernest, Lester and Marie; and his granddaughter, Shelly Beth Delphia.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, April 14, at 10 a.m., at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, with the Rev. Luke Austin as the celebrant.

Burial will follow in Bridport Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Activities Fund at Helen Porter Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center at 30 Porter Drive, Middlebury, Vt., 05753, or to the Bridport Volunteer Fire Department at 82 Crown Point Rd, Bridport, Vt., 05734.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.

Diane Joyce LaDuc, 79, formerly of Addison County

ROCKINGHAM — Diane Joyce LaDuc, age 79, passed away Friday, April 8, 2022, with family by her side, at Springfield Rivers Nursing Facility.

Mrs. LaDuc was born in Sudbury on March 7, 1943. She was the daughter of Arthur and Mildred (Disorda) Aines. She grew up in Sudbury and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School, class of 1963. On July 5, 1963, she married Elroy Francis LaDuc in St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Orwell. In her earlier years, she worked at Topps Restaurant in Middlebury and later at Country Girl in Chester. She cooked at various ski areas over the years. She was forced to retire from The Gill Home in Ludlow because of a disability. She enjoyed cooking and going to the stock car races



DIANE JOYCE LADUC

with her husband.

Surviving are two sons: Michael F. LaDuc of Knoxville, Tenn., and Patrick J. LaDuc of Rockingham; and one daughter, Suzanne

Lynn LaDuc of Colchester. Seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her. She was predeceased by her husband, Elroy, in January 2022. Three brothers, Donald Aines, Arthur “Bud” Aines Jr., and Kenneth Aines, and two sisters, Pauline Kearney and Helen Angel also predeceased her.

The graveside committal service and burial will take place at a later date in St. Genevieve Cemetery in Shoreham.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to; Rutland Ambulance Service, 275 Stratton Road, Rutland, Vt., 05701.

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

Lexa Lee Merrill, 82, of Starksboro

STARSBORO — Lexa Lee Merrill, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at her home in Bristol surrounded by her family following a long illness.

She was born on July 14, 1939, in Starksboro, the daughter of Thomas and Rachael (Paradee) Callan. She graduated from Bristol High School, class of 1957

She married the love of her life, Robert E. Merrill, on September 20, 1958. She is now reunited with Robert (Sonny) who passed away in 1992.

She was a member of Starksboro First Response for many years. She worked for Clifford Lumber, and the United States Post Office until retirement.

She enjoyed golfing with friends, spending time with family, going out to lunch and shopping with her closest friends. She enjoyed any time spent with family and friends.



LEXA LEE MERRILL

Crocheting and reading many books kept her busy as her health began to fail.

Lexa is survived by her three children, Bryan and wife Regina of Starksboro, Valerie and her husband

Rick of Bristol, and Fabian of Starksboro; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Leah Booska and her husband Thomas Booska; a sister-in-law, Maryann Callan (predeceased by her brother, Lance Callan); many nieces and nephews; and a community of wonderful friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, April 22, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at Starksboro Meeting House. Interment will be at Green Mount Cemetery in Starksboro at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Starksboro First Response or the Starksboro Meeting House.

To send online condolences to her family please visit www.brownmcclyfuneralhome.com.

Katharine Rubio Briggs, 75, of Brandon

BRANDON — Katharine Rubio Briggs, 75, of Brandon, Vt., passed away from cancer March 17, 2022, at her second home in New Orleans, La., surrounded by her loving family.

Kate was born in Chicago, Ill., to Alfred and Helen Schmidt Rubio, and grew up on the West Side of Chicago. She had a life-long connection to Addison County and particularly Lake Dunmore, where she spent summers as a child with her sister, Ann, at her grandmother Ruth Cady Schmidt’s lakeside cottage. She attended Chicago Public Schools, participating in youth organizations both at her schools and West Side Congregational Church.

After graduating from Swarthmore College in 1967, she earned a Ph.D. in Political Science at State University of New York, Buffalo. Over the following decades she held a variety of professional positions in both the public and private sectors: Erie County New York Department of Public Welfare; Director of Human Resources at Lykes Steamship Company, New Orleans; and Office



KATHARINE RUBIO BRIGGS

Administrator at Wiedemann and Wiedemann (law firm), New Orleans. In 2001 she established the Bridge Lounge wine bar in the Lower Garden District of New Orleans. She also worked part-time as a zoning administrator, most recently for the town of Whiting.

Kate was a prominent and active member of NO/AIDS Task Force, an AIDS action and support organization, in the 1980s, both as a fundraiser and as a personal

“buddy” providing support for people with AIDS.

Kate is survived by her beloved husband, Sherwood Briggs; her ex-husband and friend, Clark Murdock; her children, Jane Murdock, Jesse Murdock, and Ben Daniels; two stepsons, Joe and Jonathan Briggs; five grandchildren; and her sister, Ann Froines. She was pre-deceased by her son Carlos Murdock.

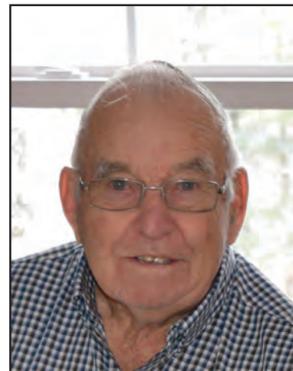
She is also mourned by her extended family of aunts, cousins, nieces and many close personal friends in New Orleans and in Vermont. Her close friends Randy Boudreaux of New Orleans and Beth Quenneville of Brandon provided Kate with loving care and companionship for as long as she knew them.

A very sociable and articulate person, Kate enjoyed bringing people together at events she organized. She could always be counted on in a crisis and was often able to assist family and friends during difficult times. She was a supporter of the arts in whatever community she lived and loved reading, crossword puzzles, gardening, tennis, and cooking. She also loved dogs, especially Maddie, her blue heeler.

She became a Vermont resident in 2004 when she rebuilt and launched a small farm with horses, chickens, goats, and rescued llamas in Leicester and proudly fed her visiting family members with her home-grown vegetables. Her father spent his final years at her farm, enjoying the chores and the animals.

After Tropical Storm Irene inflicted considerable damage in Vermont and on numerous buildings on Brandon’s main street in 2011, Kate invested in two historic commercial buildings, and, with her contractor and friend Chris Conlin, worked to renovate them for new commercial and residential tenants. She was recognized for her efforts to restore the beauty and culture of the town.

Her dynamism, smile, and dry wit will remain forever in our hearts. A remembrance for Kate will be held at Lake Dunmore in early August. For additional information, please email Jesse Murdock at jc57902@gmail.com.



ROBERT R. TITUS

Robert R. Titus memorial service

FERRISBURGH — A memorial service for Robert R. Titus of Charlotte, who died Dec. 24, 2021, at the age of 89, will be held Saturday, April 23, at 1 p.m., at the North Ferrisburgh United Methodist Church, 227 Old Hollow Road, North Ferrisburgh.

Barbara A. Fuller of Panton

PANTON — A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 18, at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Vergennes, for Barbara Fuller, who died April 13, 2022. Interment will be in Gage Cemetery in Ferrisburgh. A full obit will be in the next week’s paper.

Carol J. Morse, 84, formerly of Bristol

MIDDLEBURY — Carol J. Morse, 84, formerly of Bristol and Essex Junction, Vt., passed away March 17, 2022, at the Helen Porter Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. For a complete obituary, please refer to the www.gregorycremation.com/blog website.

Caroline Della Stafford, 88, formerly of Addison County

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Caroline Della Stafford, a longtime Addison County resident, died March 18, 2022, at the age of 88.

She was born in Newport, N.H., Sept. 30, 1933, the daughter of Sadie Isabella Holt and Charles Horace Ryan. She married Fred Stafford May 10, 1977, in Middlebury, Vt.

Those surviving her include Judy Bell, Jay Turpin, Jody (Vinita) Turpin, Jon (Sherry) Turpin, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her three husbands, Robert Simpson, Marcel Turpin and Fred Stafford, and her grandson Ben Turpin.

Contributions in her name can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Tyler Bergmans of Vergennes has been selected for the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association Division 3-4 Dream Dozen team.

Chloe LaMarche, of Starksboro came in third place in the recent Chittenden County 4-H Invitational Horse Quiz Bowl at UVM. Lamarche took the honor in the 10- to 11-year-old division.

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Weybridge Haiku contest announces winners

WEYBRIDGE — Weybridge's Fourth Annual Haiku Contest asked Vermonters to reflect on our challenging times. Reflect they did. Twenty-eight writers submitted 217 haikus that ranged from traditional themes — Japanese-like contemplations of nature — to contemporary concerns — COVID, stress, mud season, and Ukraine.

What the haikus shared was their ability to help us to “see, hear, touch, smell, and taste things that we might have missed before in our hurry and busyness,” commented novelist and poet Julia Alvarez, Weybridge's co-poet laureate and founder of the competition.

Like previous competitions, there were six formal “winners” but everyone was recognized with a playful and sometimes serious “Best of... Awards.” Weybridge novelist and playwright Chris Bohjalian, one of three judges, created many of this year's categories, among them: Most Astute Summation of Mud Season and the Natural World, The Alliteration Is Awesome Award, The Snow Falling from Beech Trees Award, The Sweet and Sour Prize, The Yin and Yang Pandemic Poetry Medal.

“I'm unfit to judge sonnets, limericks, haikus — all poetry really. But this was easy, because most haikus were delightful little treasures, precise and evocative, and often very clever,” Bohjalian commented on his inaugural judging contest.

Begun in 2018, the contest was originally limited to Weybridge residents or writers with a Weybridge connection. Nine writers submitted 70 haikus that year. The contest is now open to all Vermonters and submissions have tripled. Ten Weybridge residents submitted 81 haikus this year. Eighteen Vermonters submitted 136 haikus.

“Winning” is secondary say contest judges. The purpose is to celebrate the joys of poetry for everyone, especially during April, National Poetry Month.

“My fondness for haiku resurfaced when my 10-year-old grandson was studying poetry in school,” says judge Martha Winant, “and could write his own haiku, three lines with 17 syllables, and understand what his classmates wrote.”

“Vermont winters are the best for hunkering down to read or write a haiku. If you can choose a subject, you can write a haiku!” says Winant, a past contest winner who also selected writers for this year's 30 Best of Awards. Narges Anzali, Weybridge's youth poet laureate and a past contest winner, was the third judge.

VERMONT WINNERS:

First: Bettie Barnes, Montpelier — The We Had All the Feels Medal

all we have is here
from one morning to the next
this can be enough

Second: Jack Mayer, Middlebury — The Ever So Thankful for Small Things Award

One crocus in snow
warms more than a meadow-full
of summer flowers.

Third: Lisa Blumenthal, Cornwall — The Fountain of Hope Award

We have wintered well
Endless possibilities
Are the soul of spring

WEYBRIDGE WINNERS:

First: Gwen Nagy-Benson — Most Astute Summation of Mud Season and the Natural World

Crusted winter grime
conceals the plate but the car's
clearly from Vermont.

Second: Barbara Brosnan — The Birds Really are Descended from Dinosaurs Evolution Prize

HOPE
Jurassic laughter —
Pileated woodpeckers
Cry out from the woods

Third: George Bellerose — The Yin and Yang Pandemic Poetry Medal

Hibernation is
restful but two-plus years
is frankly stressful.

REPRESENTATIVE BEST OF CATEGORY AWARDS

The Snow Falling from Beech Trees
Award: Matthew Witten — Starksboro

Why does the beech tree
Hang onto its leaves so long?
So we hear snow fall.

The Non-Haiku Poem as Hope Prize: David Moats — Salisbury

Who would have guessed
that morning would be as calm
and clean and fresh as this?

The Writing in the Snow
Award: Fran Putnam — Weybridge

Patterns on the snow
Rabbits, deer, mice, coyotes
Leave their tracks behind

The Missing Our Neighbors Award: Spence Putnam — Weybridge

No photographer
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Town Meeting on zoom

The Pandemic in a Nutshell Award: Jill Dunn — Salisbury

Year One: Slow the Spread
Year Two: a Vaccination!
Year Three: Normalcy

Best Non-Haiku Use of a Meme in a Pandemic: Tricia Knoll — Williston

the hand washing meme
of Lady MacBeth
a sign

The Constellation at Night Award: Patty LeBon Herb — Middlebury

Tonight we look up
we are a constellation
hand-in-hand in love

The Best Use of Litany: Elizabeth VanBuskirk — Shelburne

On breathless nights
moths appear, foxes, bobcats,
deer,
one lost unicorn.

The Best Use of Litany Non-Unicorn Version: Kathleen McKinley Harris — Cornwall

Scarlet cardinals,
green rose females, fly among
azure blue jay band

The Stillness Equals Loveliness Poetry Prize: Ellen Bodin — North Chittenden

sitting on a bench
the North Branch River flows -
your head on my shoulder

Best Use of Birds as Gender Foils: Carol Calhoun — Weybridge

How do male cardinals
know they are handsome in
snow
their wives tell them so

The Wait until Next Year Award: Contest Administration: Weybridge

Keep pens, pencils sharp.
Haiku contest returns next
spring. Geese, robins, too

For a file with the 30 Best of Awards and 217 haikus contact George Bellerose, contest administrator, at georgebellerose@gmavt.net or 802 545-2035.

Webster debunks election report

By ADDISON INDEPENDENT
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Town Clerk Ann Webster is refuting a recent media report alleging irregularities in the town's 2020 elections.

The allegations were contained in an April 5 piece on WCAX that quoted a report from a Vermont lobbying organization that examined Middlebury's voter checklists from 2015-2019, but sought no explanations from election officials in Middlebury or in state government.

The television report included video from Middlebury, but it is not clear if it was old footage or if the station had been in Middlebury a few blocks from the town offices and didn't stop in to check the lobbying organization's report.

Last Tuesday, the WCAX news team quoted a report by Ethan Allen Institute Policy Analyst David Flemming called “T-5 Months to Clean Up Messy Voter Rolls.”

The EAI—a conservative think-tank dedicated to “promoting policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited, constitutional government, and individual liberty” — compared a list of students graduating from Middlebury College from 2015-2019 with a list of all Middlebury citizens who voted in the 2020 election. Flemming

said EAI initially discovered “18 individuals who graduated in this four-year time period who voted in the 2020 election.”

WCAX reported that EAI found that information by looking at the students' profiles on the LinkedIn social media website.

Flemming noted that further inspection revealed that eight of these individuals had in fact voted legally because they had remained in Middlebury after graduating.

Yet that still left 10 voters who Flemming assumed had left the Middlebury area, but who had still voted in 2020.

Flemming used this assumption to cast doubt on the integrity of Vermont elections in general, which is a tactic used by organizations who resist efforts to make it possible for more eligible voters to cast ballots.

EAI sent a copy of its findings to the Secretary of State's Office, and Webster was copied in that correspondence, she told the *Independent* on Thursday. That's when Webster said she “immediately” checked on Flemming's claims.

“I was disappointed in the EAI in the fact they would feel they had some findings and they just contacted the media to broadcast it, without checking on anything,” she said.

WCAX on April 6 published a

follow-up about the EAI report, this time giving Webster a chance to set the record straight on the 10 “suspect” votes flagged by EAI. Turns out that five of those 10 voters were living overseas at the time and were eligible to vote, three continued to reside in Middlebury, and another two needed further review, according to the WCAX follow-up report. Webster confirmed her findings during her interview with the *Independent*.

Webster was concerned with the erroneous reports about Middlebury's 2020 election, saying she feared they could illegitimately undermine confidence in future elections. Unproven allegations of a “fixed” 2020 presidential election persist on the national scene.

“Any citizen, any group that wants to bring things forward, I'm happy to check it out and I'm happy too bring it to the Board of Civil Authority,” she said. “But not being contacted and having that (erroneous information) put out, it just felt like it's increasing that distrust in the election system.”

“I think Vermont does a pretty good job of trying to have access to voting and make sure that everyone who is legally eligible to vote has that right, while using the checks and balances we have to make sure it's the right people.”

Ferrisburgh board plans to hold ARPA meeting

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — At an April 5 meeting during which the topic of a sale of the DeVos Farm was discussed (See story on Page 2A), the Ferrisburgh selectboard also:

- Heard a request from the John Graham shelter for a portion of the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for its major renovation plans for much of its housing.

Selectboard Chair Jess James said the board deferred a decision and instead plans to hold a meeting devoted to requests for ARPA funds, including a discussion of the town's priorities and long-range vision for how the funds

could do the most good.

- Appointed Jarad Roach as an auditor; Timothy Davis as a lister; Anne Cohn, Arabella Holzapfel and Jean Richardson to the planning commission; Bob Beach to the zoning board of adjustment; Barry Estabrook, Amy Dohner and Jen Cirillo to the conservation commission; and Steve Huffaker and David Olson as the town's representatives to the Maple Broadband and Addison County Solid Waste District boards, respectively.

- Approved a \$32,250 application for state ARPA funding that would pay for an Otter Creek Engineering study

to design a septic system for the town-owned Union Meeting Hall on Route 7, which a group of citizens is working to renovate into a community gathering center.

Town officials said the system could possibly serve other buildings in the area, including the former town clerk's office that now houses the Ferrisburgh Historical Society.

Also, in an email to the *Independent*, Friends of the Union Meeting House President Ashley LaFlam said the group is making good progress toward a \$250,000 fundraising goal; more information is available at unionmeetinghall.org/in-the-news.

Avian flu found in Vermont bald eagles

With the unfortunate discovery of a deceased bald eagle in North Hero and one ill bald eagle in Shelburne on March 29, Vermont joined 33 other states across the country in detecting highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the environment.

The bald eagles were found near Lake Champlain in both towns. Sampling was conducted by USDA Wildlife Services, and tests were conducted for presence of HPAI at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

The discovery reinforces the important public message of awareness and vigilance for poultry owners, farmers, hunters and outdoors recreationists to not only report sick and dead birds, but to recognize the dangers of HPAI to the state's small backyard poultry owners and commercial operators. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the risk to the general public from this HPAI virus to be low, but the

virus is deadly to domestic and commercial poultry and backyard birds.

All bird owners are strongly encouraged to review biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks. Poultry owners should, among other things, keep their birds inside, avoid introduction of poultry from other farms, and refrain from putting refuse piles

near poultry areas.

Please report sick birds and/or unusual bird deaths as soon as possible to state/federal officials at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets at 802-828-2421, or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593. Find additional backyard biosecurity information at healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov.

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Climate matters Perspectives on Change

Vermont's disingenuous energy portfolio

11th in a series
By WILL EBBY



As Vermont pursues one of the most ambitious climate action plans in U.S. history, the state continues to mislead its constituents on just how clean Vermont's electric energy sector really is. Vermont's dependence on Hydro-Québec and subsequent refusal to acknowledge its flaws is a failure of its ambitious energy transition.

According to a recent report from Energy Action Network, data from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources reports that Vermont's energy sector accounts for just 2% of its greenhouse gas emissions. Due to these apparent low emissions, the energy sector has largely been considered a non-issue in regard to the upcoming climate action plan. While Vermont's energy portfolio looks great on paper, a deeper drive into the state utilities' electricity purchases reveals negative impacts that need to be acknowledged and addressed. Simply put, Vermont's energy portfolio is highly problematic for both environmental and ethical reasons.

The Vermont Department of Public Service details that electricity purchases from Hydro-Québec account for nearly 50% of the state's energy portfolio. The problem with continuing to invest in Hydro-Québec is twofold; it discourages the further development of locally generated and locally used clean electricity while supporting a problematic, environmentally destructive source of energy.

Hydro-Québec has given us a false sense that we do not need to rapidly invest in more solar and wind energy operations. Furthermore, purchasing out-of-state energy has allowed Vermont to ignore dangers of hydropower and the atrocities committed to the First Nations Peoples and adapt

a "not in my backyard" mentality.

Vermont has determined that hydropower is a "zero emission" energy source alongside solar, wind and nuclear energy. While commonly touted as a clean renewable energy source, several recent studies examining emissions over the entire lifecycle of a dam have placed large scale hydropower under scrutiny. A 2020 study modeling emissions from Hydro-Québec calculated that the operation accounts for 34.5 grams of carbon-dioxide per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated. For reference, natural gas and coal power plants produce about 549g and 915g of carbon-dioxide per kilowatt-hour, respectively. Hydro-Québec also releases a significant amount of methane (a more potent greenhouse gas) with estimates of around 0.29g of methane per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated. These emissions are far lower than coal or natural gas, but they are also not zero.

To create large-scale hydropower, extensive quantities of land are flooded behind dams. In the case of Hydro-Québec, the creation of its 681 dams flooded nearly 6 million acres of Canadian forest and wetlands. This flooding transforms forests into bogs, resulting in large quantities of flooded organic matter, which slowly decays. Vast amounts of CO₂ and methane are released into the atmosphere as this organic matter decays. According to a piece in the *Portland Press Herald* republished by the Natural Resource Council of Maine, flooding for a new dam in 2002 caused a release of CO₂ equivalent to a coal power plant generating the same amount of energy in a year.

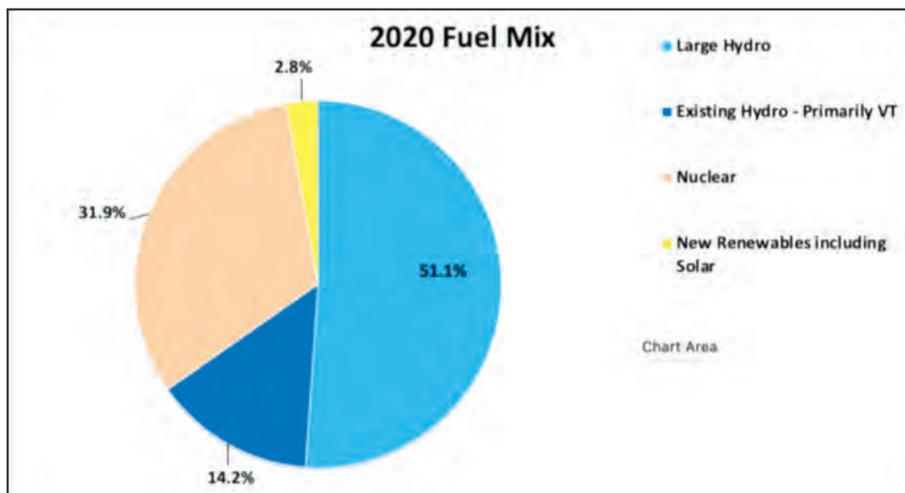
Not only is Hydro-Québec's flooding environmentally problematic, but it is ethically questionable as well. The creation

of Hydro-Québec dramatically reengineered the landscape — much of which belonged to First Nations Peoples. The construction of Hydro-Québec's dams has displaced numerous indigenous peoples and destroyed the ecosystems they depend on. According to a 1984 *New York Times* article, Hydro-Québec was responsible for the drowning of between 10,000 and 22,000 caribou near the Inuit town of Kujuuak, destroying an important indigenous food source. In the words of Rene Simon, chief of the Pessamit Innu First Nation, Hydro-Québec is an act of cultural genocide.

Vermont's energy transition fails to recognize the best available science when it comes to hydropower. Instead of acknowledging the environmental and ethical concerns surrounding Hydro-Québec, those in power choose to ignore these problems and continue to push antiquated and incorrect narratives of the environmental impacts of large-scale hydro. As Vermont drafts its climate action plan, this greenwashing must end.

Consumers should demand the state and energy council to immediately take the following actions: Include a more comprehensive, lifecycle carbon assessment of Hydro-Québec in energy plans and calculations, invest more in true clean, Vermont-generated electricity, and actively seek to pay reparations to First Nations Peoples whose land has been exploited by Hydro-Québec.

I do not mean to suggest an end all relations with Hydro-Québec — surely our current energy infrastructure cannot handle a sudden drop in energy purchases. Nor is this a call to abandon hydropower in favor of dangerous fossil fuels. Instead, I mean to sound an alarm to break free from the false narrative that our energy sector is thriving and environmentally sound. We must escape this distorted sense of hope



Pictured is the energy portfolio for Green Mountain Power, Vermont's largest electric distributor. Large Hydro (51.1%) in this graphic refers to Hydro-Québec.

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Shown is the current extent of Hydro-Québec: 681 dams across Québec power 61 hydroelectric generating stations.

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that Hydro-Québec has given us and remind ourselves to continue to invest in true, local clean energy, such as wind and solar. As we strive for independence from Hydro-Québec and work toward

a sustainable and just energy transition, we must ensure a just transition for all — including First Nations People's whose land we have exploited.

Will Ebby is a senior at Middlebury College majoring in Conservation Biology with a minor in geography. Outside of class, Will enjoys skiing, backpacking and exploring Vermont.

The Vermont Walk/Bike Summit to be held at Town Hall Theater in May

MIDDLEBURY — Town Hall Theater will host The Vermont Walk/Bike Summit this year, on Friday, May 6, with ralted activities at locations throughout the community. The Summit is a biennial event that promotes safe, healthy, livable communities for people walking, biking and using

public transportation. It is open to community members, employers, planners and researchers throughout the state. For Those working to make it easier and safer for people to bike and walk in Vermont, or simply care about this topic, this is a must-attend gathering of people engaged in the

same pursuit. Creating more opportunities to walk and bike not only creates more livable communities, but also keeps Vermonters healthy. The pandemic highlighted how important outdoor recreation infrastructure is to the health of communities and their residents. Organizers believe that

walking and biking are part of a healthy, affordable transportation system and the Vermont Walk Bike Summit is a great way for professionals, volunteers and advocates to share their expertise in making Vermont safer and more connected for people walking and biking.

"Local Motion's staff attends each year and we always come back with good ideas, new contacts, and different ways of thinking about our work and

what's possible," said Karen Yacos, Executive Director of Local Motion.

According to Kelly Stoddard-Poor, Associate State Director, AARP Vermont, the event will bring together many Vermonters committed to biking and pedestrian issues. "AARP works across the state to encourage Vermont towns, cities and villages to make investments in their bike/ped infrastructure to benefit users of all ages. It's

great to be part of a group so committed to this work and anxious to learn and share what will make Vermont communities more livable," she said.

Attendees are encouraged to consider biking, walking, taking public transportation, carpooling or other multi-modal forms of travel to the summit. Learn more about transportation options and register at VTWalkBikeSummit.com and follow on Twitter @VTWalkBike.



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Lawrence Memorial Library Director Coco Moseley, left, Bristol visual artist and poet Lily Hinrichsen and Bristol Trail Network Coordinator Porter Knight teamed up this winter to collect "Love Notes to Bristol" from area residents. Hinrichsen then took various lines from those notes and created an "Ode to Bristol," which can be read across 38 lawn signs around town.

Independent photo/Steve James

Bristol poem

(Continued from Page 1A)

"There are many other Bristols / but none can compare to you / My Bristol," the Ode begins (see the full poem on this page). By the end, the Ode's many voices have combined into one. "I hope that when I'm 92 we will still know each other / My Bristol."

"This was an incredibly joyful project," said Porter Knight, who launched and organized Love Notes. "It's a wonderful mix of community engagement, placemaking and poetry."

Love Notes to Bristol was inspired by a crowdsourced poetry project more than 1,000 miles away.

Last fall Knight encountered "Love Letters for the Midway," a crowdsourced poem with individual lines printed on 100 lawn signs in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of St. Paul, Minn.

Knight contacted the poet who wrote/assembled the final poem, Hawona Sullivan Janzen, and asked, "Can I copy you?" Janzen responded enthusiastically: "I hope everybody does!"

In January, after securing support from Bristol CORE and the Lawrence Memorial Library, Knight committed to completing the project by April, in time to celebrate National Poetry Month.

Meanwhile, Bristol painter and poet Lily Hinrichsen had been thinking about participating in two different annual celebrations of National Poetry Month —

"PoemCity" in Montpelier and "PoemTown" in Randolph.

"Why not have a Poem Village in Bristol," Hinrichsen asked herself.

Then Knight posted on Front Porch Forum that a new project, Love Notes to Bristol, was looking for a poet.

Hinrichsen responded immediately.

"I love community projects and I love Bristol," Hinrichsen said. "I've lived here for more than 15 years, and I feel very at home."

a sentence or two. Others were full-length poems.

Excited as she was to work with the submissions, Hinrichsen realized she would need a method.

"I was daunted and humbled," she said. "I was holding other people's words, their love. There were so many wonderful things and so many different ways they could be arranged."

Hinrichsen printed out all the submissions, cut each individual line out with scissors and made a

realized she was done.

Knight was impressed.

"I was just looking for a poet who would be willing to slice and dice the love letters and assemble a poem, but Lily was an amazing and dynamic partner," Knight said. "She has so much creative energy and enthusiasm, and she was way more than just the poet who compiled the lines."

With local funding and support from Bristol CORE, 5 Town Friends of the Arts, the Bristol Historical Society, Neat Repeats and Moseley and her staff, Love Notes to Bristol hired 802 Printing in Vergennes to print out the 38 lawn signs, each with one or two lines from the Ode.

Hinrichsen hired Kimball Office Services to print out a selection of Love Note submissions, which will be displayed in various windows in downtown Bristol.

"I love this," Hinrichsen said. "I love to see the community come together, and for people you might not normally hear from say, 'Hey, me too.'"

After two years of pandemic isolation, this project represents the "best kind of ripple effect," she added.

"Maybe next year we'll have a Poem Village."

For more information about Love Notes to Bristol, visit lawrencelibraryvt.org/love-notes.

Reach Christopher Ross at christopherr@addisonindependent.com.

"This was an incredibly joyful project. It's a wonderful mix of community engagement, placemaking and poetry."

— Porter Knight

Lawrence Director Coco Moseley created a webpage for the project, where people could submit their love notes. Bristol architect Ben Allred designed a logo for the project. And Knight put out a call for submissions.

Love notes started pouring in immediately.

"When the webpage was set up, I got an email every time someone submitted online," Knight said. "For the two weeks that submissions were open it was happiness in my inbox."

In all, 57 love notes were received. Some were as short as

pile on her living room floor.

Then she played with various arrangements, rearranging them like a puzzle.

"There were 57 voices, but I wanted everybody to feel they could have written this in their own voice," she said.

Hinrichsen chose the opening lines of the Ode from a submission by John Burbank.

"I loved the idea that there could be 'many other Bristols' but also 'my Bristol,'" she said. "My Bristol" became the unifying theme.

Then, one day, Hinrichsen



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A community where each one can thrive

My Bristol
I love this community
downtown is postcard perfect
houses and lawns fussy and funky
the perfect place to spend the rest of my life
The people The people The people
My Bristol is its people
a welcoming community of kind folks
who make a town home the generous volunteers
the friendly people on their front porches
at the town dump
Everyone waits for the one walking
Dogs and their humans shadow my windows
It is here where I made my first lifelong friends

My Bristol
I remember why I moved here
to be a part of such a magical loving town
a new place I now call home I felt I belonged
It's a challenge to count all the ways I love you
I could come up with 20 more notes of gratitude
and words welcoming me home

My love for this village sets my heart aglow
it gives me a comforting feeling of home
like living in a warm big hug
allowing me to weave into the fabric of life here
I hope that when I am 92 we will still know each other
My Bristol

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ANWSD students compete on History Day

VERGENNES — Sixteen Addison Northwest School District (ANWSD) students competed in the Vermont Historical Society's annual Vermont History Day Contest, held in-person and virtually at the University of Vermont's Davis Center on Saturday, April 2. These students, grades 5-11, joined competitors from around the state in presenting their historical research projects to a panel of judges. ANWSD students did a fantastic job at the event, winning first, second and third place prizes in both divisions.

Students participated under the auspices of the ANWSD Fusion Afterschool program. Coached by ANWSD humanities teachers Rebecca Coffey (VUHS) and Josh Brooks (VUES), students began in October by choosing a topic suited to the theme "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures and Consequences," then got to work reading and citing primary sources, taking notes, writing annotated bibliographies, and putting it all together in a final presentation. Students chose from five types of presentation: website; documentary; exhibit board; research paper; and performance.

Students receiving specific recognition include:

Ellie Brooks, VUES grade 6: 1st place, junior division, individual website: *La Malinche — Traitor or Survivor?*

Quincy Sabick, VUHS grade 8: 3rd place, junior division, individual website: *Benedict Arnold- Traitor or Hero?*

Jing Williams, Mia Kutchukian, Sophia Johnson, VUHS grade 9: 1st place, senior division, group documentary and the Vermont State Archives Award for Outstanding Use of Primary Sources: *Power and Pandemonium — How the Partition of India Resulted in the Indus Water Treaty.*

Caeleigh White, VUES grade 6: 2nd place, junior division, individual exhibit and the Freedom and Unity Civics prize: *Civil Unions- Debate and Diplomacy in Vermont.*

Makenzie Flint, VUHS grade 11: 2nd place, senior division, individual exhibit and the Mollie Beattie Memorial Environmental prize: *The National Parks — Was it America's 'Best Idea'?*

Reese Muzzy, Roxanne Griffin, FCS grade 5: 1st place, junior division, group exhibit and the Deborah Pickman Clifford Vermont Women's History prize: *Clarina Howard Nichols- The Woman Who Took a Stand.*

Casey Clark, Ella Maneen, FCS grade 5: 3rd place, junior division, group exhibit and the International Studies Award: *Cleopatra — More Than Just a Pretty Face.*

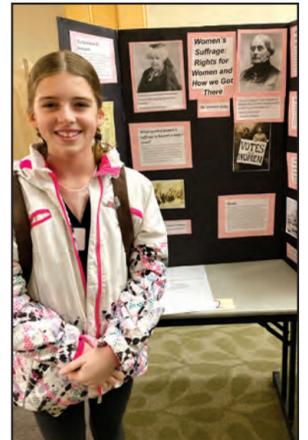
In addition, Makenzie Flint, Jing Williams, Mia Kutchukian, Sophia Johnson, Reese Muzzy, Roxanne Griffin, Ellie Brooks and Caeleigh White all qualified for the National History Day competition which will be held virtually June 12-16.



VERGENNES UNION ELEMENTARY School sixth-grader Ellie Brooks, with her dad and teacher Josh Brooks, displaying the blue ribbon she won at the Vermont History Day Contest last week. She was among more than a dozen Addison Northwest students to win prizes in the Vermont Historical Society event.



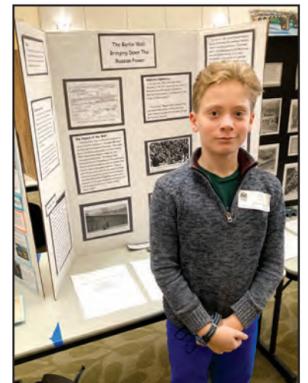
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Middlebury police investigate possible assault

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police launched an investigation into what police are describing as a "possible assault involving three students" on April 5. No further details were forthcoming while the investigation is under way.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Took a man into custody on a mental health warrant in the Washington Street area on April 4.
- Assisted a Merchants Row business with an unwanted customer on April 4.
- Assisted Middlebury Union Middle School officials with an out-of-control student on April 4.
- Removed a tree that had fallen onto Quarry Road and had caused an accident on April 4.
- Checked on the welfare of a child at a John Graham Court home on April 4.
- Launched an investigation into allegations that a mental health patient had assaulted two nurses at Porter Hospital on April 5.
- Helped Middlebury Union High School officials investigate a vandalism on campus on April 5.
- Stood by on April 5 at the request of Department for Family & Children officials as they interacted with a parent at their Middlebury office who has had a history of aggressive conduct.
- Referred on April 6 to the Addison County Unit for Special Investigations an allegation of

Middlebury Police Log

cruelty to a family member at a Lower Plains Road home.

- Received a report about a vehicle speeding through the John Graham Court parking lot on April 6.
- Assisted Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services (MREMS) with a medical call in the North Pleasant Street area on April 6.
- Responded to a Court Street Extension hotel on a report of a drunken patron on April 7.
- Responded to a Valley View neighborhood report of a possible domestic disturbance on April 7.
- Restored the peace at a Jayne Court home where there had been a fight in progress on April 7.
- Responded to a report of a student out of control at MUMS on April 7.
- Helped a Court Square business on April 7 that was having a problem with a person feeding cats on its property on April 7.
- Responded to a domestic dispute at a Cottage Lane residence on April 7.
- Were informed that someone had scrawled graffiti on the outside of the Sarah Partridge Library in East Middlebury on April 7.

- Arrested Noah Blaisdell, 30, of Leicester for multiple in-state warrants on April 8. Police said Blaisdell was released on citation after having posted \$200 bail.
- Assisted Porter Hospital officials with a man who was refusing to leave the premises on April 8.
- Investigated a report of two men firing paintball guns out of their vehicles while traveling on Court Street Extension on April 8. Police found the men and told them to stop the activity.
- Helped a local resident on April 8 who had had multiple credit cards fraudulently opened in their name.
- Helped the parent of a local student file a complaint about their child allegedly being stalked on April 8.
- Helped MREMS in assisting an intoxicated woman who had harmed herself with a knife in the North Pleasant Street area on April 8.
- Helped a local person on April 8 who had been a victim of identity fraud.
- Assisted Vermont State Police at the scene of accident where a person had driven their vehicle into a guardrail on Route 7 in New Haven on April 8.
- Checked on a man who appeared to be having a mental health issue at the Jolley gas station on Court Street Extension on April

- 9. Police found the man to be OK, and he declined assistance in finding a place to stay for the night.
- Responded to two trespassing complaints at the Maplefields Store on Route 7 South on April 9. The suspects were gone when police arrived.
- Took a complaint on April 9 about alleged drug activity in the Charles Avenue area.
- Assisted a woman in the John Graham Court neighborhood who claimed people were trying to poison her. Police determined the woman was having mental health difficulties.
- Located a local elderly woman with dementia who had briefly gone missing in the Cedar Court area on April 9.
- Responded to a noise complaint in the Court Street area on April 9.
- Investigated a report about a woman at the Maplefields store on North Pleasant Street who appeared to be impaired on April 10. Police determined the woman was OK.
- Received a report from a woman who said she believed someone had siphoned gas from her vehicle while it was parked off Seymour Street on April 10.
- Responded to a report of a large, noisy party causing a disturbance near the intersection of North Pleasant and Seminary streets at around 11 p.m. on April 10.

MUMS

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focus on establishing shared values as colleagues while strengthening our connections with families.”

It was MUMS Assistant Principal Andrew Conforti’s decision to step down this June that paved the way for the new leadership structure. Conforti — who also served as interim principal at MUMS for a year prior to Dudek’s hiring in 2021 — has accepted a job as principal of Colchester High School.

Dudek thanked Conforti for being a “steady and encouraging presence for our students and colleagues,” and recognized his desire to work closer to his own home.

At the same time, his departure opened up possibilities to adjust the school’s administration.

“When Andrew’s departure became probable, and with the recognition of the challenges MUMS has faced this year, I turned my focus to the future of MUMS,” Dudek said. “Specifically, my attention was placed on how our next leadership team can support a positive school culture and a joyful, resilient community. It is crucial that we commit deeply to the academic and social emotional success of our students, that we strengthen our engagement with all families, and that we build shared values as a staff.”

The challenges at MUMS have been well-chronicled. The *Independent* reported last October that MUMS was experiencing an acute shortage of substitute teachers, while at the same time contending with substantial student discipline problems that included reports of hallways filled with yelling and foul language, pupils refusing to do what they’re asked, and law enforcement called in on occasion to help deal with out-of-control students.

Dudek, his team and other ACSD officials joined forces to tackle these problems, which were primarily attributed to students reintegrating into a classroom setting after having studied remotely at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The strategy has included new hires, new programming and help from the community.

While things have gotten better in recent months, last week was a tough one at MUMS. The latest Middlebury crime log indicated local police were called to MUMS on April 5 on a report of a “possible assault involving three students,” and on both April 4 and 7 to assist school officials with an out-of-control student.

Shared leadership will allow for a more nimble response to such problems and will lead to a more solid foundation for the school, according to Dudek.

“As we anticipate the need for stability with MUMS’s leadership team, we determined that a co-principal model would allow us to build a vision together, have faster responses to the needs of our community and systems, and have a deeper impact on the



MIDDLEBURY UNION MIDDLE School in July will transition to a co-principalship to lead the school through, and beyond, some challenging times. The new team will include current MUMS Principal Michaela Dudek and Michaela Wisell, the current assistant principal at Mary Hogan Elementary.

Photo courtesy of Emily Blistein

future of MUMS,” he said. “While Vermont and the nation are facing unprecedented turnover in school leadership, we feel lucky to secure such strong leadership at MUMS and in ACSD.”

Dudek said Wisell was the perfect candidate to serve as MUMS’ co-pilot. And she will have already known many of the MUMS students from their Mary Hogan Elementary School years.

“Michaela has built a career dedicated to supporting the complex needs of students, developing shared values and trust among colleagues, and establishing bridges between families and the school community,” he said. “Michaela also has deep expertise in social emotional and behavioral

practices. And perhaps most important to the current needs of MUMS, Michaela brings strong relationships with hundreds of current and incoming MUMS students and families.”

Wisell was candid in stating, during a recent Zoom meeting with the *Independent* and Dudek, that the MUMS job offer was crucial to her remaining with the ACSD next year. She had a standing offer for a principalship at another school.

“I’m excited to stay in ACSD,” she said.

In terms of division of responsibilities, Dudek sees himself specializing in instructional leadership and working more with the older MUMS students, given his past experience as a high school administrator, while Wisell — given her background at Mary Hogan — will devote greater attention to the younger students and programming

aimed at children’s social/emotional needs. In this manner, the co-leaders believe MUMS will prepare incoming sixth-graders for a solid middle-school experience, while readying eighth-graders for their jump to MUHS.

Stannard will take a lead with the school’s highest-needs students, according to Dudek.

Wisell believes there’s good chemistry among members of the MUMS leadership team, and she’s anxious to get started in her new role.

“So much of the work we do in schools is with families, and it’s about relationships,” Wisell said. “That’s really suffered during the pandemic. I think middle-schoolers and all students are learning a lot about communication, relationships and inter-personal skills. And it’s beneficial to do that work with people you know. The three of us all have relationships with so many of these kids in so many different scenarios, for so many different reasons. That can only strengthen our leadership.”

Meanwhile, Mary Hogan Elementary School Principal Jen Kravitz is turning her attention to replacing Wisell. She’s posted the impending assistant principal vacancy on SchoolSpring, and will soon form an interview committee.

“Michaela has been an integral member of the Mary Hogan community over the past three years,” Kravitz said through an email to the Mary Hogan community. “She has been a tremendous support for students, teachers and families, particularly during the pandemic. We will miss her at Mary Hogan and also look forward to having her in a role where she can directly support our fifth-graders and their families in the transition to MUMS.”

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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Ferrisburgh

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Africa, Brooklyn, New Orleans, Guatemala and Middlebury; a law degree earned while tutoring on the side; and acting as the director of special education at a Texas charter school and a Shelburne residential program for troubled teens.

The common thread to those jobs has been working with youths, and, she added, with her colleagues to improve the institutions for the betterment of students and staff alike.

In fact, Donovan said, she has enjoyed doing so in her current job, and the Ferrisburgh opening was the only one she pursued.

“I wasn’t looking to leave my job except for this specific job,” she said. “I love the work I do. From a district-wide lens I get to consider how schools function, either through multi-tiered systems of support or frameworks like positive behavior interventions.”

At the same time, Donovan said she had begun to feel “like a skipping stone” going from building to building rather than focusing on one school: “I miss being part of a school community.”

And only at FCS can she devote the energy and time she believes is necessary to be both a principal and a parent.

“I am working to find my work-life balance so I can continue to bring my skillset and my passion for my career, and also be able to stay connected to my children and my home school community,” Donovan said.

“In order to continue your career while you have young children you have to think through the logistics... I have to be strategic in how I honor both of those very important roles.”

ROOTS IN EDUCATION

Donovan’s first teaching experience came at age 19. She was traveling alone around West Africa when some village leaders persuaded her to stay and teach English at their school for a few months.

While there, she did enough work to earn her 2003 Hampshire College degree in three years by writing a series of short stories and completing a natural sciences project.

Donovan said that combination shows she can operate on a whim while keeping larger life goals in mind.

“I think I have a balance of following my gut, following my intuition, but also... being pretty strategic,” Donovan said.

Back in New York City, her first career move was working as the director of Burton Snowboard’s nonprofit “Chill” program, which she said took “under-resourced kids from under-resourced communities snowboarding.”

That job sparked Donovan’s interest in education as a career.

“I found myself on the bus every evening with a bus full of teachers and students, hyping everyone up to go to the mountains,” she said. “And on the bus you teach everyone these lessons about perseverance, and all these teachers would say to me, ‘You should be a teacher.’”



RAE DONOVAN

You seem to really love this.”

Donovan agreed they were right, and she won a New York City teaching fellowship, which funded her master’s in special education in exchange for agreeing to teach in a school with a high poverty rate. Donovan did so in Brooklyn, teaching middle and high school special education and English.

Donovan taught a special education course her first year. She enjoyed focusing on learning and developing students’ strengths, and that tilted her interest toward special education in her educational career.

“I was able to really find the strength that they had, and make sure they were what we were calling mainstreamed at the time in that subject matter, whether it was math or art or any of those things. So I think I was able to naturally move them toward inclusion,” she said.

“You could feel that these kids both deserved the personalized attention they were getting in my

“All these teachers would say to me, ‘You should be a teacher. You seem to really love this.’”

— Rae Donovan

liked what she saw on the way, especially along Greenbush Road in Ferrisburgh.

“I fell in love with it and moved here quite on a whim,” she said.

Donovan quickly found work with the Vermont’s Northeastern Family Institute as the director of a therapeutic residential program for troubled teenage boys, gaining management experience and working closely with families and well as traumatized youths.

“It was something I had always been pretty curious about,” she said. “The first job I applied for was at this residential treatment center, and they let me know their director had just quit and asked me if I would be the director, which wasn’t the position I was applying for. And I said sure.”

She enjoyed the job (“To help them rehabilitate and rejoin their communities was also a really powerful experience.”) and settled in North Ferrisburgh.

But the birth of her older of two daughters and the lure of teaching led her to take a job as a special educator at Middlebury Union Middle School, and after a year as the MAUSD Social and Emotional Learning Coordinator.

There, Donovan said, her work has confirmed her beliefs that teachers need more support and non-judgmental supervision.

“Teaching is one of the absolutely most challenging jobs out there, and we just haven’t quite figured out how to provide teachers with the support and feedback and opportunities for reflection that they need to continue to both feeling supported

and growing professionally,” she said.

Most other professions allow perks such as flexibility to work at home or shift work schedules, she said and to receive consistent feedback and not “linked to supervision evaluation.”

“We are asking so much without that framework and supports,” she said. “I think good principals provide that kind of attention and support for teachers. And I don’t know that happens often enough.”

Donovan hopes to act on those beliefs at FCS, adding she also believes the school “should be the heart of a town” like Ferrisburgh.

“There’s so much to build on and grow on, and it’s such a beloved community school,” she said. “What I am hoping to do is support this hardworking and committed staff, who have undoubtedly, because every educator has, had it harder than usual the last few years.”

Donovan said she is excited to begin in July.

“It really feels like the fruition of a dream I didn’t even know I was bringing to fruition. I couldn’t even have imagined it, and now it feels like I’m the luckiest person in the world,” she said. “I’m really filled with gratitude that somehow I’ve ended up here.”



Parades

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our country, and veterans more generally.

The theme for 2022 Bristol Fourth of July parade, appropriately enough, is “We’re Back! Unmasked, and with the Best Parade Ever!”

“Yes, my friends, Bristol’s 4th of July celebration will occur this year,” announced Bristol 4th Committee member Ted Lylis on Front Porch Forum earlier this month. “Come join us for the longest continuously running (except for COVID!) 4th of July celebration in the state of Vermont!”

This year’s parade grand marshal will be the Bristol Band, which would have celebrated its 150th birthday in 2020.

“We wish to honor them by celebrating their 150th, 151st and 152nd birthdays this year, and yes, they will be participating in the parade on the 4th,” Lylis said.

Celebrations kick off with fireworks at dusk on July 3 at the Bristol Recreation Park, with plenty of vendors and other fun.

And a full slate of activities and attractions is planned for July 4:

- An early-morning foot race.
- The world famous outhouse race.
- Bristol’s independence day parade.
- Live music in the afternoon.
- Plenty of vendors and activities all day on the town green.

“It’s never too early to plan for

the Great Bristol Outhouse Race!” Lylis posted earlier this week. “We have 16 outhouse frames ... all your group needs to do is provide two runners, one rider, and some decorations on the walls — for privacy, of course.”

Organizers are also looking for parade participants and vendors, and Lylis encouraged families, social groups and businesses to build a parade float or create a vendor display and reserve a spot for it.

People who wish to participate are encouraged to contact Cecil Foster (cecil@gmavt.net) with general questions, Lylis (tlylis@gmail.com) with July 3 questions, or Ashley Smith (ashley05443@gmail.com) with parade-related questions.

“It is our fondest hope,” Lylis wrote, “that because we haven’t been able to celebrate in our normal fashion for the past couple of years, enthusiasm for once again putting on a dynamic and memorable time for all is still at the top of everyone’s list!”

For more information about Bristol’s Fourth of July festivities visit bristol4th.com.

MEMORIAL DAY

But before that, look for parades on Memorial Day

The day’s activities will start in Middlebury. The parade will commence at 9 a.m. going from Porter Field Road at South Main Street, through downtown

and ending at the Court Street

area. There will be a ceremony following the parade at the Soldiers Monument in front of the Town Hall Theater. The theme for this year’s parade is “Remembering our Guardians of Freedom.”

From the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism, more than a million American veterans have made the Supreme Sacrifice, pointed out organizers from Legion Post 27 and the town. Nearly 7,000 of these men and women have died while fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

“They died so that we could continue to cherish the things they loved — God, country and family,” according to a press release from Scanlon. “This is why we remember and honor those remarkable veterans throughout the year, and particularly on Memorial Day.”

Anyone wanting to participate in the Middlebury parade must contact the Middlebury American Legion Post 27 at (802) 388-9311 or email Amlegion27@outlook.com indicating the name of the group or organization, the number and nature of participation (walkers, vehicle, float, etc.), and a contact name and telephone number. There will be no political signs of any kind permitted in the parade, keeping with the theme and intent of the event. Candidates are welcome to walk in the parade.

After Middlebury, scoot over to Vergennes for the Big One. American Legion Post 14’s

parade committee is still finalizing details, but the general outline is set.

American Legion Post 14 will once again be hosting Vermont’s largest Memorial Day Parade on May 30. The theme is “Home of the Free, Because of the Brave.” The purpose of the Memorial Day Parade is to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. This year’s parade marshal is Edgar “Bub” Crosby Jr.

The parade is organized by the American Legion Post 14, and will be held on Monday, May 30. It will begin at 11 a.m. at Vergennes Union High School and wind its way through the city of Vergennes.

The parade will be announced from the Ann Sullivan Announcement Stand in the center of Vergennes.

No formal remembrance in the park is planned at this point. But a chicken barbeque will be held at Post 14 following the parade.

Anyone who wishes to be in the parade can fill out the online form at the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade link on the vergennesdowntown.org website.

This year’s parade committee consists of Legionnaires Pam Norton, Dennis Armell, Brian Gebo and Arne Phillips; Sons of the American Legion members Chris Hanfield and Tim Dowdy; and Auxiliary members Roberta Steponaitis, Tasha Bouvier and Martha DeGraaf.

New business

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Sweets, Champlain Valley Grain Center LLC, and the selectboard, had signed a letter of intent in early March for a \$385,000 sale, and the buyers have each made \$6,000 earnest-money deposits for a contract that contains finance and permitting contingencies.

Selectboard Chair Jessica James is optimistic those contingencies will be met, and, unlike three earlier potential sales of the property, this deal will close, either late this year or early in 2023.

“I’m pretty sure everything is going to go smoothly for them,” James said.

Of the 34.9 acres under contract, only 9 acres are not conserved. The protected land is mostly open farmland, but includes some woods. Within the 9 acres that are not conserved — which can be accessed from Route 22A not far from the Agency of Transportation’s Park-and-Ride lot — there is a 4.5-acre developable envelope.

One buyer is Todd Hardie of Thornhill Farm in Greensboro Bend. He intends to establish the Champlain Valley Grain Center on the site. Hardie supplies grain to Red Hen and a half-dozen other Vermont bakeries, and he plans to build a processing plant on 2.19 acres within the 4.5-acre envelope.

James said Hardie also hopes to plant wheat and lavender

“It is established businesses that are growing, and I feel like it’s a good spot. I’m optimistic. They said they wouldn’t be trying to do this if they didn’t feel like they couldn’t get it accomplished.”

— Ferrisburgh selectboard Chair Jessica James

on conserved land as well as consider a distillery.

The second buyers are the mother-and-daughter team of Debra Townsend and Hannah Townsend Allain of Douglas Sweets, now baking and selling shortbread in the south end of Shelburne Village.

They plan to build a production facility with a retail outlet on about 1.71 of that 4.5 acres. A “manufacturing facility” with an “accessory use” is a conditional use in the land’s Industrial zoning district.

Contract contingencies include:

- That the buyers obtain subdivision permits for the developable 4.5 acres.
- That within the next nine months, the buyers obtain Act 250, stormwater and any other applicable state and local permits.
- That the buyers obtain financing and the property is appraised to their satisfaction. Hardie’s company, according to the letter of intent, will pay \$213,906 of the purchase price, and Douglas Sweets will pay \$171,094.

James said the Ferrisburgh selectboard is happy not only to have what looks like a promising deal in hand, but also about the nature of the proposals for the property.

“It’s exciting,” James said. The tandem of Hardie and Douglas Sweets represents the fourth potential purchaser of the property over the past decade-plus. The first was a Montpelier businessman who hoped to find tenants for an office building, but could not arrange financing.

A few years later, in 2014 auto dealer Tom Denecker ran afoul of a new Act 250 provision and withdrew on his permitting contingency. And a 2017 deal with Monkton barley producer Andrew Peterson ended when he triggered the financing contingency in his contract.

James believes this joint proposal is the one that could come through.

“I just feel like this is a smart choice. They’re working together. Todd Hardie is definitely experienced with different ventures,” she said. “I feel like it is established businesses that are growing, and I feel like it’s a good spot. I’m optimistic. They said they wouldn’t be trying to do this if they didn’t feel like they couldn’t get it accomplished.”

At the same time, James said even a nine-month timetable might be cutting it close.

“Realistically, knowing how slow things can be right now, it’s probably going to be at least 10 months before we close,” she said.

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VUHS student wins state, local Good Citizen honors

VERGENNES — Kaitlyn Little, a senior at Vergennes Union High School, attended a March 19 award ceremony honoring her as the school's VUHS's 2022 DAR Good Citizen.

The DAR Good Citizen award recognizes a student that possesses the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

A student who wins on the local level is encouraged to apply for the state award. The Seth Warner – Rhoda Farrand Chapter was pleased to announce in March that Kaitlyn Little also was chosen as the Vermont DAR Good Citizen, and she will be invited to attend the state award ceremony in May.

On March 19 Little received a pin, certificate, a \$25 award from the Seth Warner – Rhoda Farrand Chapter of the DAR, and an additional \$250 award from the chapter — the Eleanor Pratt Good Citizen Award at the ceremony last month. She also had her name inscribed on a plaque that is kept on display in the school's auditorium lobby. The plaque lists the names of all of the Vergennes Good Citizens since 1945.

VERGENNES UNION HIGH School senior Kaitlyn Little (pictured right) displays the plaque that will add her name to the others who have won the Good Citizen Award that the Seth Warner – Rhoda Farrand DAR Chapter has presented since 1945.

JOY MINNS OF the Seth Warner – Rhoda Farrand Chapter of the DAR (pictured far right) presents the organization's Good Citizen Certificate to VUHS senior Kaitlyn Little last month.

Photos / Janet Weaver



Middlebury student Covey honored at CCV

Community College of Vermont Middlebury student **Jodi Covey** has been named a 2022 New Century Workforce Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

The scholarship is the first of its kind to support students at associate degree-granting institutions on a national scale as they plan to enter the workforce upon the completion of a degree or certificate. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta

Kappa National Honor Society (PTK). Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Over 2,200 students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses across the country. Only one New Century Workforce Scholar was selected from each state.

Covey is working toward a degree in behavioral science and plans to

pursue a career in governmental service. "It is really humbling," she says of receiving the scholarship. An Air Force veteran and a mother of three, Covey also works full-time while pursuing her associate degree. She credits her academic success to determination, resilience, and the examples set by others. "It's not easy," she says. "But I look at the people who have come before me, and I say, 'if they can do it, I can do it.'"

Addison County Horse Quiz Bowl draws enthusiasm

SHOREHAM — Although turnout was low for the Addison County Horse Quiz Bowl, March 26 in Shoreham, enthusiasm ran high as 4-H'ers tried to be the first to buzz in to answer questions on a number of horse-related topics.

The event, sponsored by Addison County 4-H, was held at the Shoreham Elementary School and attracted 11 participants from Addison and Rutland Counties. Competitors in the Senior Division, ages 14-18, had three 20-question rounds while the

Juniors, ages 8-13, had two rounds of 20 questions. Bonus questions were used to resolve tiebreakers.

In the Senior Division, Shyanne Wedge, Shoreham, placed first, followed by Amie Thurston, West Rutland, in second and Jady Cram, Salisbury, third.

Competitors in the Junior Division, ages 12-13, placed as follows: Isabella Shimel, Bridport, first; Randy Cameron, Shoreham, second; and Brie Pikkarainen, East Wallingford, third.

Iris Bassett, New Haven, came

in first in the Junior Division, ages 10-11. Nora Bergevin, Shoreham; Kelsey Davis, West Rutland; and Naria Audet, Orwell, took first through third respectively in the Junior Division for ages 8-9.

All qualified to participate in the State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl on April 2 at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Contact 4-H educator Martha Seifert at (802) 388-4969, ext. 355, or martha.seifert@uvm.edu to learn more about the 4-H horse program in Addison County.

Area students compete in State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

BURLINGTON — At the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, held on March 20 at UVM, a number of Addison County and Brandon students garnered awards.

Eighteen seniors, ages 14-18, competed for a chance to represent Vermont in 4-H quiz bowl competition at Eastern States Exposition in September and the North American Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest in November. Sixth-place finisher Torrey Hanna of Addison was selected as the alternate for the 2022 Vermont Dairy Quiz Bowl

Team. Brailey Livingston of New Haven finished 10th, while Morgan White of Whiting received Honorable Mention. Natalie Atkins, Lincoln; Michaela Charbonneau, Salisbury; Brendan Gebo, Bristol; and Mason Livingston, New Haven also competed in this division.

Quiz bowl consisted of a written test and several buzzer rounds of oral questions, with scores from both combined to determine final scores. Questions dealt with calving and diseases, herd management practices, milk production, feeds and forages, dairy products and

showing cattle, among other topics.

Placements in the younger age group were:

12- and 13-year-olds: Chyanne Stone, Brandon, seventh, and Allen Cram, Middlebury, eighth.

8- and 9 year-olds: Gracelynn Barber, Shoreham (sixth); and Jazmine Cram, Leicester (seventh).

Adult volunteers included Nicole Charbonneau of Salisbury; Dawn Livingston of New Haven; and Bethany Orvis of Middlebury.

To learn more about the Vermont 4-H dairy program, contact Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

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Bristol Beat

Proposed Lincoln airstrip sparks debate

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

LINCOLN — A recent decision by the town of Lincoln to permit a “restricted landing area” for aircraft on a private residential property has drawn criticism from neighbors and other residents who believe the permit application should have undergone public review.

“It is our request that the town of Lincoln revoke approval of the permit until a public notification and meeting process has been undertaken, impacts on the community and the environment are studied, safety concerns addressed, and a town-wide vote is held on whether to allow private airstrips in our rural community,” wrote Marilyn Ganahl in an April 1 letter to the town explaining her appeal of the permit. Two dozen Lincoln residents also signed the letter.

The permit in question was issued to Kyle Clark, who in December purchased a 130-acre residential property on Orchard Road near the edge of the Green Mountain National Forest. Clark and his family lived in Underhill before moving to Lincoln earlier this year.

A licensed airplane and helicopter pilot, Clark is the founder and lead engineer of Burlington-based BETA Technologies, which develops and manufactures electric aircraft for the cargo and logistics industry.

With his Lincoln permit application Clark was seeking permission for a “grass landing area,” 1,500 feet long and 60 feet wide, “meant for approaches from and departure to the northwest.” Included in the application was a hand-drawn map, dated Jan. 11, indicating a proposed flight path.

In their April 1 letter to town officials, opponents of the permit expressed concerns about:

- noise pollution, invasion of privacy and light pollution.
- impacts of aircraft on wildlife, pets and domestic animals.
- environmental impacts of building and maintaining the airstrip.
- a “wholly inadequate and confusing” permitting process.
- lack of clarity around what types of aircraft would be permitted.

According to a Dec. 19 profile in *Vermont Business Journal*, Clark has designed, built and flown two prototype all-electric airplane models.

But a post he wrote in a forum of backcountrypilot.org last November suggests he owns and flies a variety of planes.

“I currently have a Helio 391B, an A-1A Husky and an AN-2 for off airport fun, but all are pretty loud,” he wrote on Nov. 29. “I’m putting a strip in at a property in Vermont and my neighbors are awesome, but they — more specifically their horses — really don’t like the sound of airplanes.”

ZONING REGS
Clark signed the permit application on March 17. Town Zoning Administrator Ann Moreau-Kensek issued the permit five days later, on March 22.

Critics have suggested this unusually quick turnaround is evidence of a broken system.

A permit for dirt road access can take six to eight months, Ganahl pointed out at the April 5 selectboard meeting. A cell tower proposal once took a year, with multiple hearings and petitions. Permitting for the subdivision of land has taken longer than that.

“What we’re looking for is a

fair, equitable, equal application of regulations with a predictable process that people can count on,” Ganahl said.

But Clark suggested his permit’s quick turnaround time didn’t reflect all the work that went into it.

“I provided Ann with all the information two months before (filing the application) and asked her, ‘What am I supposed to do about this? What is the process here?’” Clark said at the selectboard meeting. “And she said, ‘Let me do some homework.’”

As a result of that homework, Clark fielded inquiries from the Federal Aviation Administration and from state and other officials about the planes, the pilots and safety issues, he said.

“Given this regulatory structure ... land-use issues and neighborhood concerns go unchecked.”

— John Zicconi, Vermont Transportation Board

In several follow-up communications, Moreau-Kensek asked Clark about noise, lighting, frequency of flights, and types of airplanes.

“So although there was not a generic public process in place, I would go on the record and say that the zoning administrator took the time and the effort to be incredibly well-studied and understand what the proposed application was, well before she issued the permit,” Clark said.

UPDATES NEEDED
Moreau-Kensek’s work as Lincoln’s zoning administrator, which she began last May, has earned high praise and deep gratitude from town officials and residents alike.

But in the case of this particular permit, she didn’t have much to work with.



Getting ready for Sunday

DELIA PARK, 10, HER sister Jane, 8, and their cousin Holland Davison, 7, chalked Easter eggs on a rock in the front yard of their North Street house on Monday. Their three-year-old siblings, Quincy Park and Marlowe Davison, wondered where the Easter Bunny had hidden their eggs.

Independent photo/Steve James

Selectboard Chair Bill Finger opened the April 5 airstrip permit discussion by acknowledging the town’s zoning regulations, which were last updated in 2010, needed some work.

That work and other town-planning overhauls were scheduled to begin next month.

Meanwhile, the Vermont Transportation Board has been urging towns to take steps to ensure they’re prepared to deal with aviation-related permit applications.

“Over the last few years, the board has seen a significant increase in applications for private helipads and airstrips, often serving a single home in an existing subdivision or neighborhood,” wrote Executive Secretary John Zicconi in a Feb. 10, 2021, statewide memo. “These private facilities can dramatically change the character of an area and can have negative impacts while providing a private benefit to few.”

The permitting process for helipads and airstrips is designed to have three review components, Zicconi explained.

- The municipality reviews land use.
- The state reviews ground-related safety.
- The federal government reviews airspace safety issues.

But when municipalities — as is almost always the case — are ill-equipped to review such applications, the state has to accept them anyway, as if they’d been properly vetted at the local level.

“Given this regulatory structure ... land-use issues and neighborhood concerns go unchecked,” Zicconi said.

NO CONTROL

Moreau-Kensek and the Lincoln Planning Commission have been discussing the aviation regulation issue at least as far back as last fall.

“We’ve got to figure out helipads and landing strips,” Moreau-Kensek told the commission at its Nov. 17 meeting, after learning a particular property in town had been purchased.

The ensuing discussion was marked by a number of questions about permit types, the parties responsible for issuing them, and the role of state and federal agencies.

Citing recent conflicts and complaints arising from the aircraft use that had been approved for another Lincoln resident, Commissioner Sally Taylor lamented that Lincoln has “no control at all” over the comings and goings of helicopters.

Someone had brought it up with the selectboard, Taylor said, but the selectboard said there was nothing it could do.

“There’s nothing on the books,” Taylor said. “We can’t prevent it.”

Moreau-Kensek offered to consult with a state official reputed to be an expert on such matters.

APPEAL

Because Ganahl’s appeal was “filed timely,” Clark’s permit approval is on hold until the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) holds

a hearing on the matter on May 9, Selectboard Chair Bill Finger told the *Independent* on Tuesday.

“There is a clear process established by state statute and town zoning by-laws that provides ample opportunity for applicants (like Clark) to fully describe and defend their proposal and likewise provides an equal opportunity for appellants (like Ganahl) to be heard.”

But, Finger pointed out, “the town cannot simply change the rules or procedures responding to an application that has been filed.”

In addition to Ganahl and Clark, “the ZBA will also allow other interested parties to state their interests in favor of or opposed to the project permit,” Finger said, and if need be the ZBA can conduct additional hearings.

In its quasi-judicial capacity, the ZBA has three options for issuing a decision, Finger said:

- Approve the permit as written.
- Deny permit approval, possibly requiring a conditional use permit.
- Approve the permit with revised or additional conditions.

“All of the town’s records are available for ZBA review,” Finger said in response to a different question from the *Independent*. This would include records associated with the pre-application communications Clark described on April 5. “It is up to the ZBA to decide which record it needs or wants to review.”

Meanwhile, town officials strongly encourage residents to sign up and serve on the various municipal boards that keep the town running.

“Zoning regs are old and they have a lot of holes in them,” Moreau-Kensek said. “There are a lot of things that need to be addressed and updated and everybody can and should participate in that process.”

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OFFICER AIDAN ALNWICK poses with Guinness, the Brandon Police Department's newest recruit. The five-month-old German shepherd joined the force last week.

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Meet Guinness: Brandon's newest police trainee

By ANGELO LYNN

BRANDON — The newest member of the Brandon Police Department is warm, furry, too cute for words — and in the earliest steps of training. At just five months old, Guinness will need another year or more of obedience training before he starts the more serious training to become a certified K-9 dog used to sniff out narcotics and to track people.

But first things first; he needs to learn typical good behavioral skills and mature.

Set to do that training is Officer Aidan Alnwick, who, at 24, has been with the department for just over a year and is beyond thrilled to be given the opportunity to serve the department as its dog handler with the K-9 program.

“Being a dog handler is one of the things I really wanted to do in my career, and getting an opportunity to do it so early is just really lucky. I’m very excited and looking forward to working with Guinness,” Alnwick said in a Monday interview.

Alnwick grew up near the Bronx in New York and as a child had a German shepherd for the first 14 years of his life, then the family had other dogs thereafter — a miniature pincher, terrier, two pit bulls — which, as Alnwick says, “pretty much makes me a dog person. I’ve always loved them.”

And Guinness seems to have taken to Alnwick right off the bat. “It’s been an immediate bond,” Alnwick admitted, adding that it he “has to assume it’s because it was meant to be!”

Guinness came to the Brandon force just this past Thursday, April 7, by way of Siberia to a German Shepard handling firm in Wolcott, Vt., and from there to Brandon. Local donations raised \$3,550 to cover the purchase and start-up necessities and other donations will be used to cover some small first-year expenses that were not covered in the budget.

Also expenses, such as veterinarian services, have been provided free to the town from Dr. Robin Crossman at Otterside Animal Hospital in Brandon, “which is a huge savings to us and we’re very grateful for that,” said Chief Kachajian, adding that discounted pet food from Blue Seal in Brandon would help keep first-year expenses down as well.

“My intent,” Kachajian said, “is to add a K-9 budget into our general police budget for FY 2023 to cover any expenses (including training) that we may need going forward, such as equipment replacement.”

The goal of the K-9 program at Brandon, the chief explained, was “multi-faceted.”

“I think having a drug-sniffing dog will act as a deterrent in the community to anyone thinking about trying to bring drugs into town,” he said, as one of the first

benefits. “Having a dog trained in tracking will help us locate lost, missing, endangered, or wanted people in a more-timely fashion and will act as a ‘force multiplier’ for us since we have a small department and don’t always have enough resources to deploy when we are trying to locate people for whatever the case may be.

“The dog will also be trained in evidence location, such as finding guns that have been discarded by a suspect running through a neighborhood or the woods. Being able to recover items such as a gun used in a crime will obviously help us with prosecuting a case against a suspect, but it will also help us get potentially dangerous items out of the hands of individuals, such as children, that may inadvertently find the gun while walking through the woods or in an around a neighborhood.

“But I think the most important benefit is that having a K-9 on our department gives both the police officers and the community something to get behind. Most people love dogs and having some community ownership of ‘Our dog,’ I think, goes a long way towards building a good relationship between the residents and the police department.

“The dog can also be a great ‘ice breaker’ between people in the community and the officer(s), especially small children, who just want to come up and pet the dog. We’ve already had some kids stop by the police station to meet Guinness, and they’ve loved him. He is such a gentle and good-natured dog that the kids warmed right up to him.”

That good nature, which compliments a handsome coat of a tannish-brown underbelly and coal-black back, is reflected in his name, Guinness — a good Irish name, Officer Alnwick said of his choice, who is Irish himself and grew up playing the bagpipes and listening to Irish and Scottish folk music.

Alnwick said Guinness is about 40 pounds now (a bit low after his trip from Siberia), but should be about 90-100 pounds when fully mature. His dad, Alnwick said, comes from championship bloodlines and he’s looking forward to the upcoming training.

For now, however, it’s spending a lot of time on basic behavioral issues, and crate time when Alnwick is on patrol — as Guinness isn’t allowed to accompany him on patrol until he’s certified.

“Aiden is very enthusiastic about getting the K-9 program started,” Chief Kachajian said of the newest addition to the team. “I think he and Guinness are going to make a fantastic team. They’ve bonded really quickly and Guinness is extremely smart and has a great temperament.”

Upcoming fundraiser for Guinness

Brandon resident Brianna Stevens-Clark will be holding a basket raffle for the Brandon Police Department to help raise more money for its K-9 program. The basket raffle is set for Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m. at the Brandon American Legion Post No. 55. “Our hope,” Chief Kachajian said, “is that it will raise some more money for us so that we can have some “cushion” to put aside for any unanticipated costs that might arise that wouldn’t necessarily be covered in our budget.”

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College land

(Continued from Page 1A) executive vice president for finance and administration at Middlebury.

The South Burlington developer will build 100 units of affordable and workforce housing that could house 250-350 people. A press release said Summit plans to sell some units and rent others. The estimated cost of the development is \$40 million. The company expects to begin construction within eight months and to develop the property over the next five to six years.

Middlebury College had been looking around town at other properties to build workforce housing, Provost told the *Independent*.

"This spot appealed to us because it was zoned high density," Provost said. "We are trying to fill a need for the town."

He acknowledged that while more housing will be good for the town as a whole, it will also be beneficial to the college in the long run because it would boost the local economy.

"Having more growing businesses in town would be a good thing to attract high-caliber employees who would bring following spouses who would want/need to work here, too," Provost said.

Middlebury President Laurie Patton in a press release recognized the urgent need to increase the availability of housing in Addison County.

"Our faculty and staff know about the scarcity of housing firsthand, and we hear about

these ongoing concerns from our human resources office, local businesses and other nonprofits," she said. "We saw an opportunity to help with a problem that we all share. I'm delighted that we will be able to help with the needs of businesses and organizations of the town and county, who are our valued partners on so many levels."

The college bought the property, which had been for sale for several years, from Marjorie Mooney for \$1.5 million. Carpenter pointed out that others interested in using the big piece of open land had looked into buying it but couldn't come to terms with Mooney. Provost thought that she had agreed to this offer in part because of some connection to the college.

For their part, officials at Summit Properties said they are excited to tackle the housing challenges in Middlebury.

"Summit has a long history of providing affordable housing throughout the state and region, including right here in Addison County, so we see the need every day," Zeke Davisson, COO of Summit Properties, said in a press release.

"This collaboration has the potential to positively impact this community for generations."

Each housing unit will have one to four bedrooms. The mix of housing types — apartments, multifamily houses and single family

homes — will be determined at a later time.

Household income determines whether a family or individual qualifies for workforce or

affordable housing. The range of income for residents of workforce housing — which in Addison County is approximately \$50,000 to \$80,000 for a household of two — is higher than that for affordable housing, which is less than \$50,000 for a household of two. Summit plans to work with local housing partners and nonprofit organizations on the project.

Elise Shanbaker of the Addison County Community Trust, which manager affordable housing, offered her organization's services on the project.

Carpenter brought up the larger economic development picture.

"This isn't just for the college," he said. "The town has been talking to a two sizable companies who would need employee housing, as well."

He acknowledged that they are manufacturing businesses.

Provost said the college was brought into those discussions. Middlebury College owns land in the industrial park that could be useful to a new manufacturer.

"The college is open to the idea of divesting some of its land holdings in the industrial park to make way for these businesses," Provost said. He pointed out that those concerns would like the proximity to rail service.

THE BIG OLD HOUSE

Initial public reaction to the announcement this past Friday was a mixture of excitement over the economic development possibilities and concern over how a flood of possibly hundreds of new residents could tax local resources. Some worried about the increased

traffic or greater demands on town wastewater treatment. Carpenter and Provost said those issues will be explored in the forthcoming permitting process.

Some wonder if the schools can handle an influx of new children, others point out that the schools have been losing students and may welcome new ones.

Aside from new housing to be built in the field, the 35 acres includes a nine-bedroom house at 51 Seminary Street Ext. that sits on the edge of the property. The stately old building, known to some as Stone Crop Ledge, is in need of renovation and repair. College administrators plan to sell the house and are working with potential buyers to explore various uses for the structure.

"It will not be turned into dorms or college housing," Provost said.

He said the college is in talks with an individual who has developed a number of historic old structures in college towns. This businessman fixes the buildings, rents them out as time shares to families while their kids are in school, and then he sells them.

It is just one possibility for what will happen to Stone Crop Ledge, which is apparently 200 years old.

Whatever is done with that one house, town officials are excited about the possibility of the hundred new housing units that could be build nearby.

"This project will truly support our local workforce," Carpenter said. "I'm glad that Middlebury College had the vision to see what was possible."

"This collaboration has the potential to positively impact this community for generations."

— developer Zeke Davisson

"The No. 1 priority for the selectboard after the rail project is wrapping up is workforce housing."

— Middlebury selectboard chair Brian Carpenter

By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) athletics, pointed out this week that the college's women's field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse teams are undefeated in their past 93 games combined. This dates back to their last full seasons in 2019, with 28 consecutive wins in field hockey, 28 in ice hockey and 37 in lacrosse. And all three teams are reigning national champs. Not bad. Could any other college or university in the country at any time match this record of accomplishment?

There's still a little time to purchase raffle tickets for the Middlebury Union Middle School student fundraiser to benefit children in war-torn Ukraine. As previously reported in the *Independent*, MUMS seventh-graders Isabel Quinn, Julia Morrissey and Kate Kozak came upon with the raffle idea and recruited business to provide raffle prizes. Proceeds will go to UNICEF, a humanitarian organization that's been assisting Ukrainian refugees — including kids. The raffle has thus far raised \$900. Tickets can be purchased at MUMS, from MUMS students, and from the Vermont Book Shop. But hurry: Drawing for the six wonderful raffle baskets is tentatively set for this Friday. Buy one ticket for \$2, three for \$5, 7 tickets for \$10, 15 tickets for \$20, 100 tickets for \$100. More information about the raffle and prizes can be found at tinyurl.com/22xfes3.

The Middlebury Lions Club will be holding its 13th annual food drive on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Middlebury food stores. Donations of canned and/or boxed foods and cash donations would be gladly accepted to help local food shelves.

After a two-year pandemic-related hiatus, the Bristol's annual Easter Egg Hunt will return to the town park. The hunt starts at noon on April 17, Easter Sunday, until finished, and is open to children

ages 10 and younger. There will be baskets stuffed with goodies and treats for all. This year's sponsor is Bristol American Post 19, Sons of the American Legion.

Volunteers have been working hard to update the skatepark at the Bristol Hub Teen Center, next to the Bristol recreation fields. Supporters are working to replace all the metal and make sure the wood structures are solid. With the warm and dry weather coming, the Hub is looking to address more skatepark deficiencies and thus needs more helpers. Those who are interested should email Taylor Welch at bristolhub@gmail.com. Please include your phone number or email address, as well as when during the week you might be available, and you'll receive a text or email suggesting work times/dates.

Middlebury Police Chief Tom Hanley said a number of residents have received a letter from "Aldea Homes Inc.," offering to purchase their homes for a quick sale at less than the appraised value. Aldea is able to obtain the names and addresses through publicly available records, and that's legal. Aldea has a website at aldeahomesinc.com. Aldea, Hanley explained, is a home "flipping" company, offering quick cash for a sale at low-ball prices. They then invest in remodeling the home and selling it to "buyers with higher economic means," thus "improving communities one home at a time," according to company literature. A similar company, Goodwin Acres (goodwinacres.com) is soliciting as well. The company has a contact form on its website where you can leave a comment or question. The problem of course, is that they then have your email address, Hanley warned. "These letters are essentially unsolicited spam and junk mail and can be disposed of in any appropriate manner," the chief concluded.

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 4/19 VUHS at CVU 4:30 PM

Softball

4/14 Burr & Burton at OV 4:30 PM
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4/16 Midd at Colby 1 PM
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4/15 Midd at Hamilton 4 PM
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4/15 Williams at Midd 4 PM
 4/16 Williams at Midd (2) Noon
 4/20 Midd at Castleton 4 PM
 4/22 Amherst at Midd 4 PM
 4/23 Amherst at Midd (2) Noon

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



EAGLE SOPHOMORE ATTACKER Henry Anderson whips home a score during Tuesday's boys' lax game in Bristol between the Mount Abe-VUHS and Otter Valley teams. Anderson's five goals helped the Eagles come out on top.

Independent photo/Steve James

Eagle boys' lacrosse outlasts Otter Valley

By ANDY KIRKALDY
BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative boys' lacrosse team spotted Otter Valley an early lead on Tuesday in Bristol and also had to hold off a late Otter rally, but the Eagles ultimately prevailed, 11-8.

Both teams showed flashes of quality play in a game that also at times understandably looked like one of the first times they were able to play on a full field due to uncooperative spring weather.

Eagle Coach Ed Cook

acknowledged especially with the field lumpy and the ball bouncing unpredictably, the game at times resembled field hockey as multiple players from both teams battled for elusive ground balls.

But players on both teams also scored pretty goals, and their defenses made attackers work hard to get good looks at goal.

Eventually, the Eagles got more of those good looks, as attackers Henry Anderson (five goals), Sawyer Shepard (two goals, two assists) and Noah Ladeau (goal,

assist) racked up points.

The Eagles' best two periods were the second and third, when combined they outscored the Otters, 7-2, after falling behind by 3-1 after one quarter.

"My attack really drives the offense," Cook said. "(Sophomores) Sawyer Leonard and Andrew Nolan at midfield, if they get the ball up there and get to Henry (Anderson), Sawyer Shepard and Noah Ladeau, we can make really nice things happen. Once we settled down,

once we put the ball in the back of the net, we looked good."

OV Coach Matt Clark said he was pleased with the Otters' effort.

"We've got a lot to clean up, a lot of small stuff. But they came out, same as last year, and they fought and they worked hard, and that's all you can ever ask for," he said. "Hopefully we'll clean up the small mistakes and flip the score."

The game started promisingly (See Eagle boys, Page 2B)

Panther women's lacrosse remains undefeated

By ANDY KIRKALDY
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College women's lacrosse team was almost derailed on Saturday, but ultimately the Panther express picked up two more wins this past weekend — both at home, over ranked opponents.

Middlebury improved its record to 12-0.

In a cold and rainy Saturday game, No. 11 Wesleyan led by three goals midway through the third period before the Panthers rallied for a 12-11 win, their first victory by fewer than four goals this season. On Sunday, they pulled away in the second period on the way to a 16-7 victory over No. 12 Hamilton.

Middlebury remained atop the NCAA Division III coaches poll heading into what could be the Panthers' toughest remaining regular-season matchup on Saturday: No. 5 Colby will visit at noon. The Mules are 10-1 and have defeated No. 4 Salisbury on the road.

The biggest news this past weekend was how tough Saturday's game was for the Panthers. Coach Kate Livesay credited Wesleyan for its strong performance, and her own team for responding to

its biggest challenge thus far. Two goals from freshman Hope Shue tied the game at 11-11 before sophomore Nike Mormile netted the game-winner on a feed from senior Lily Riseberg.

"Wesleyan is a very good team. They have some very good players who had very good games," Livesay said. "I think they were really ready to play us, and it was good to be pushed ... It's good to refocus to have a game like that where you have to come from behind. It's a good confidence booster."

On Sunday, the Panthers won behind a strong performance from the defensive corps of senior Emma White, sophomore Chloe Newman and freshman Maddie Paylor, and Shue's move from middle to attack, which paid off with seven goals on seven shots.

Livesay first talked about defense. She adapts her game plan for the opponent, and her back line executed an aggressive approach that shut down Hamilton's settled attack — most of their offense came in transition.

"Today, we felt like we could really get out and pester a bit and force some sloppiness," Livesay said.



PANTHER JUNIOR ATTACKER Jane Earley whips home one of her two goals during the Middlebury College women's lacrosse team's 16-7 home victory over Hamilton on Sunday. The 12-0 Panthers will host 10-1 Colby at noon this Saturday.

Independent photo/Steve James

About Shue?

"Hope is giving us a big spark offensively," Livesay said. "Her speed and ability to get past defenders is really exciting."

The attack offers a lot more than Shue. Junior Jane Earley scored twice in each game and remains the team's leading scorer with 39 goals. On Saturday, eight Panthers scored, and on Sunday seven found the net. For example, Livesay noted Mormile, Saturday's hero, is well down the team scoring list (eighth with 12 goals), but came through.

"The balanced scoring is so nice," Livesay said. "To have the confidence in so many players to take those shots in important moments is great."

SATURDAY GAME

On Saturday, the Panthers overcame a 10-7 deficit midway through the third period to edge Wesleyan. Mormile netted the game-winner with two minutes to go, and Panther goalie Annie Enrietto denied Cardinal Kate Balicki with 13 seconds left to preserve the victory.

(See Undefeated, Page 2B)

Eagle softball opens by stemming Tide

By ANDY KIRKALDY
BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham softball team jumped to a quick 11-1 lead over visiting Spaulding on Tuesday and cruised to a 15-6 victory in the Eagles' opener.

The Eagles knocked out 10 hits, stole three bases, and took advantage of seven walks issued by Tide hurler Sydney Ferrer to pile up the offense.

They also broke out the power bats. Catcher Cami Willsey drilled a three-run homer and also singled; shortstop Lucy Parker doubled, singled, scored twice

and drove in two runs; winning pitcher Eve McCormick doubled off the outfield wall and singled; and outfielder Joanna Toy drove in three runs with three hits.

Coach Donnie McCormick was pleased overall, especially that the big early lead allowed him to empty his bench. He did note the two Eagle errors and four walks issued by his relievers, but called the miscues unsurprising for a season opener.

"(It was a) typical early game," he said. "We need to be better. And we will."

Eve McCormick pitched the

first four innings for Mount Abe, allowing three runs, striking out three and walking none.

Willsey tossed one inning, allowing one run on two hits and a walk, striking out two. Payton Vincent threw two innings for the Eagles, allowing two runs on one hit and three walks. Ferrer went the distance for Spaulding, which totaled eight hits on the attack.

The Eagles are scheduled to host Burlington at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Fair Haven at 11 a.m. on Saturday.



MOUNT ABE HURLER Eve McCormick unleashes a pitch during the Eagles' season-opening, 15-6 victory over Spaulding on Tuesday. McCormick tossed four strong innings to earn the pitching win and also doubled and singled.

Independent photo/Steve James

Jackie Robinson's barrier-breaking opening days: Daytona Beach, 1946

It's a good thing that the baseball bigwigs ended their bickering this spring when they did.

Otherwise, Major League Baseball might have had to forego this year's celebration of Jackie Robinson Day on April 15 (tomorrow!), the 75th anniversary of his integration of the MLB back on Opening Day, 1947. That would have been unfortunate indeed.

I am just back from Florida, having decided on the spur of the moment to shake off some pandemic rust and offset the doldrums of March in Vermont to watch some baseball and visit old pals there in a warm clime.

I happily took in five Middlebury College games on the team's spring trip to central Florida, and then caught a couple of Major League games, including a 4-3 Red Sox win at Jet Blue Stadium in Fort Myers.

On this trip, I had my own Jackie Robinson Day: I visited the site in Daytona Beach where Jackie integrated organized baseball a year before the baseball holiday we celebrate now each April 15th.

On Sunday, March 17, 1946, Jackie stepped to the plate for the Montreal Royals in a spring training game at Daytona Beach's City Island Park against the big club, the Dodgers, the first time a Black player had worn the uniform of an organized professional (white) baseball team in a game in nearly 60 years, since the color line had been drawn in 1887.

Over 4,000 people came to that intra-squad game, overwhelming the small park's capacity. The Jim Crow section overflowed with Black spectators, who paraded from church to the park that Sunday.

For years, the baseball establishment had feared that Black players would chase away white fans, or that there would be racial violence in the stands. This early test belied those fears, as both white and Black fans applauded when Jackie came to the plate or made a play at second base in the field (Black fans did so with enormous gusto!).

City Island Park was built in 1914 and has been renovated many times, most recently in 1999. It's a beautiful small park, now called "Jackie Robinson Ballpark," and is home to the Daytona Tortugas, an A team of the Cincinnati Reds. Jackie's life and career are well represented by images and displays throughout the park and grounds.

On my side trip to Daytona Beach, a game was being played at Jackie Robinson Ballpark ("the Jack") between two Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Bethune-Cookman and Alabama State universities. This was fitting, as the leading Black citizen of Daytona Beach when the Dodgers trained there in 1946 was Mary McLeod Bethune, an eminent Black educator (friend of Franklin (See Lindholm, Page 3B)



SENIOR MIDDLE GRACE Getman moves into the fan and weighs her options during the Panther women's lacrosse victory over visiting Hamilton on Sunday. Middlebury improved to 12-0.

Independent photo/Steve James



FRESHMAN HOPE SHUE goes on the attack for the Panther women's lacrosse team during Sunday's 16-7 victory over visiting Hamilton. Moving from midfield to the front line for the first time, Shue responded with a game-high seven goals.

Independent photo/Steve James

Undefeated

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The Cardinals took a 3-0 lead on goals by Olivia Lai, Laura Blaine and Balicki in the rain and cold. The Panthers made it 3-2 on goals by Maggie Coughlin and Kelcey Dion before Lai scored again.

Then Middlebury appeared to take charge with four straight goals to take a 6-4 lead. The scores came from Susan Rowley, assisted by Erin Nicholas; Dion with a reverse-stick move; Anna Spehr on a free position with seconds left in the quarter; and Grace Getman early in the second period.

Wesleyan responded by outscoring the Panthers 6-1 over 20

minutes spanning halftime, to lead, 10-7, at 7:10 of the third period.

The Panthers began their comeback with goals from Earley and Rowley to make it 10-9, and Enrietto kept it a one-goal game after three periods with a point-blank stop on Abby Logan.

At 8:44 of the fourth, Cardinal Kendall Mittleman made it 11-9, but Shue converted two free positions to make it 11-11 at 6:27. Mormile's game-winner came when Riseberg fed her in the middle of the fan, and Mormile whipped the ball home over goalie Corin Grady's shoulder. Enrietto sealed the win with a stop at 0:13.

Enrietto totaled nine saves. For Wesleyan, Abby Wolk made two stops in the first 18:06, and Grady made seven.

PANTHERS, 16-7

On Sunday, the Panthers faced Hamilton, which fell to 5-3 after being upset on Saturday by Bates. In Middlebury, Hamilton took the lead 12 seconds in, when Eva Abel tossed in the first of her five goals.

Nicholas equalized two minutes later with a lucky bounce off a mishandled pass under pressure, and Shue twice swept in from the left side to make it 3-1. Abel went coast-to-coast after picking up a Panther turnover to make it 3-2

after one quarter.

Middlebury took charge in the second period on goals by Dion, swooping in from the right side, Rowley and Shue free positions, and Getman scoring with an assist from Earley.

Earley's 100th career goal, with just under four minutes remaining in the half, made it 8-2. Abel scored a rare settled-offense goal for Hamilton before the half.

The Panthers then put the game out of reach with the first five goals of the second half, three by Shue, and one each from Earley and Dion. Abel beat the clock to make it 13-4 after three, and the teams

traded goals in the fourth: Shue, Earley and Riseberg scored for the Panthers.

Gina Driscoll earned her first win in goal, making three saves over 50:41 and allowing five goals. Paylor had game highs of four groundballs and four caused turnovers, while Erica Barr controlled eight draws.

Livesay would like to see improvement on some fronts. The Panthers didn't control as many draws vs. Wesleyan as they did vs. Hamilton, nor did they record as many assists vs. Hamilton (three) as they did vs. Wesleyan (six).

She'd like to see more passing

on offense rather than seeing the attackers simply rely on speed and athleticism.

"We sometimes get tunnel vision and just try to dodge in from the top. We need to create a little more balance, a little more threat from behind the cage, and a little more tempo from ball movement," Livesay said.

At the same time, she's confident her team can iron out the few wrinkles.

"We have really great team chemistry. It's a fun group," Livesay said. "And they all work really hard."

Eagle boys

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for Clark's Otters. Junior middle Thomas Politano whipped home a shot from the right side 93 seconds in, and with 3:04 gone senior attacker Hayden Bernhardt powered from behind the net and finished high to make it 2-0.

At 6:00 Bernhardt cut in front of the goal and converted a feed from Evan Thomas, and it was 3-0. Eagle sophomore goalie Moises Otero made a big stop on Bernhardt a couple minutes later, and Anderson, a junior, gave the Eagles momentum by cutting in from the left and finding the far side just before the horn sounded to end the first period.

OV senior goalie Daniel O'Brien made two stops on Shepard (like Ladeau, a sophomore) to open the second, but couldn't prevent Anderson from picking the lower left corner at 10:34.

The defenses settled in after that, and both teams killed off man-down situations over the next eight minutes. For Mount Abe, senior Jade Edwards switched onto Bernhardt and made his life more difficult, and sophomores Jordan Schroeder and Ben MacDonald began to find their footing.

Senior Dom Davis and sophomores Sawyer Tinsman and Aiden Wade helped hold the fort for OV until Nolan broke loose out front and made it 3-3 late in the second period.

As the second half opened a penalty finally cost one of the teams, as Anderson scored in the second minute. OV then mounted

a brief surge, with Politano bouncing one home from long range and senior Nicholas Parker scoring a sweet transition goal at 9:12 to put OV up by 5-4.

But after O'Brien stopped Shepard from point blank, the Eagles then took charge. The Eagles tied the score on the play of the game. Edwards won a ground ball on the left side in the back and hit Shepard in full stride cutting on the right at midfield. Shepard dodged one defender and went in alone to convert.

The goalies at first traded fine saves to preserve the tie, notably by Otero on OV's Isaac Derpentigny point-blank transition bid.

Then the Eagles closed the period with three goals in the final 2:18. Billy Lyons cut from left to right and found the lower left corner, and two perfectly executed transition strikes followed.

Ladeau won a groundball on the right side and hit Nolan streaking out front for the first, and Shepard found Anderson on a similar play in the final minute to make it 8-5 after three.

Shepard struck from long range to open the fourth quarter, and after a strong solo effort by OV's Thomas made it 9-6, Ladeau answered for Mount Abe, and it was 10-6 halfway through the period.

OV mounted one last surge. Politano picked the near side from the right, and Bernhardt rolled from behind the net at 2:18 to make it 10-8. OV won the faceoff, but Thomas shot wide, and Nolan



EAGLE SOPHOMORE SAWYER Shepard has the inside track on this groundball over Otter Valley's Simon Martin during Tuesday's boys' lacrosse game at Mount Abraham. The host Mount Abe-Vergennes team prevailed.

Independent photo/Steve James

scooped the groundball to all but end the Otters' chances. Anderson iced the cake with his fifth goal in the final seconds.

Clark described the afternoon as a typical Mount Abe-OV clash.

"They're always back and forth," he said. "We had our little

comeback, but we fell a little short at the end. But it was a good game."

Given his team's work ethic, Clark expects the Otters to improve.

"The more we play, the better we'll get," he said. "The effort is

there."

Cook said he respects the OV program and was happy to see a competitive game.

"It was an even match. It was back and forth," he said. "I want it to be close."

He also expects his young team

to continue to get better, thanks in part to its good chemistry as well as improving skills.

"I have really nice kids. They all really like each other," Cook said. "And it shows on the field. They really share the ball."



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AT THE ENTRANCE of Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach, Fla., is this statue of Jackie and kids by Montreal sculptor Jules LaSalle.

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JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK is on the site of Jackie's first spring training game in Daytona Beach, Fla., in March of 1946. Renovated many times, the ballpark was named Jackie Robinson Memorial Park in 1990 and was added to the National Register of Historical places in 1998.



JACKIE ROBINSON BALLPARK in Daytona Beach is the home now of the Daytona Tortugas, a single A farm team of the Cincinnati Reds. It is also a Jackie Robinson Museum as his life and career are documented by images and displays throughout the grounds.

Independent photo/Karl Lindholm

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and Eleanor Roosevelt), women's rights advocate, founder of Bethune-Cookman.

The Dodgers were training in Daytona Beach in 1946 because of its reputation as a relatively tolerant place in solidly segregated Florida. And that relative tolerance was largely borne out there, but was hardly so in other Florida cities in Jackie's first spring training (the next year they trained more racially mixed Cuba).

Jackie had a coterie of immediate Black supporters: Rachel, his wife of just a few weeks, journalists Wendell Smith (*Pittsburgh Courier*), Sam Lacy and Billy Rowe (*Baltimore Afro-American*), and fellow player, John Wright, who lived and dined in the homes of Black residents, while the scores of white players in camp had the run of Daytona Beach's hotels, restaurants, and other public venues.

Johnny Wright deserves better than just footnote status in the baseball integration drama. When he is mentioned at all, it is as a companion to Jackie, a black teammate. In fact, Wright was a solid Negro League pitcher for the Homestead Grays. He did not pitch well for Montreal in '46, was released, and played for several more years in the declining Negro Leagues and Latin America. Because of his position, pitcher, the pressure on him was enormous.

Because of the glut of ballplayers returning from the war in 1946, the Dodgers AAA teams, Montreal and St. Paul (Minn.), were training in Sanford, 40 miles from Daytona Beach.

Jackie and Rachel and friends did not spend even a night there because of credible threats to their safety: Wendell Smith was told by a white townsman to "get those n-----s out of town by nightfall," or there would be "trouble."

Spring training games in City Island Park went off without a hitch. However, games scheduled in Jacksonville against the Jersey City Giants and Deland against

14-1, before 52,000 fans in Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium.

In that game, Jackie went 4-5 with a three-run homer, scored four runs, had four RBIs, and stole two bases. For the season, he batted .349 and the Royals finished in first place in the International League by 18½ games and Jackie was the toast of the town.

Baseball's integration story has many chapters, many heroes, and all too many victims. Jackie represents, individually, the cumulative struggles of all those stalwarts who went before him, and indeed followed him, as the game, and American society, tentatively opened up to the idea of an integrated world.

So baseball fans, enjoy Jackie Robinson Day tomorrow when all Major League players wear Jackie's number 42. Tip your cap, raise a glass, or say a prayer for this brave man who Martin Luther King Jr. celebrated with these words in 1962:

"He underwent the trauma and the loneliness which comes from being a pilgrim walking the lonesome byways toward the high road of Freedom. He was a sit-inner before sit-ins, a freedom rider before freedom rides."

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BROOKLYN DODGER GAMES in Jackie Robinson's first spring training for the Dodgers in 1946 were played in Daytona Beach, Fla., at City Island Park, pictured in this 1940s photo. Renovated many times, the ballpark was named Jackie Robinson Memorial Park in 1990 and was added to the National Register of Historical places in 1998.

The Indianapolis Indians were canceled as Jim Crow prevailed. In a Montreal-St. Paul game in Sanford on April 7, Jackie singled and later scored in the first inning. On his way to the dugout, a police officer appeared to escort him and Johnny Wright off the premises, citing the "law" prohibiting whites and Blacks playing on the same field.

As Chris Lamb wrote in his excellent study, "Blackout: The Untold Story of Jackie Robinson's First Spring Training," "For Robinson and Wright, their second visit to Sanford was as humiliating as their first."

Later that spring, on April 18, 1946, Jackie crossed the color line in an official minor league game when his Montreal Royals routed the Jersey City Giants,

Tiger girls' lax tops Seahorses

BURLINGTON — The Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team split two road games during the past week. The Tigers are 1-2 heading into a long break before they next take the field, on April 26 at South Burlington.

The Tigers also received bad news on the injury front over the weekend when starting defender and co-captain Fairley Olson was hurt. Coach Deena Greenman said her status for the rest of the spring is in doubt, although she expected Olson would "rally to be part of the team as a leader even if she can't be on the field."

On April 9, MUHS cruised at Burlington, winning 16-3. Eight Tigers scored, led by Alanna Trudeau with five goals and Nora Wootten with two goals and three assists. Ada Weaber, Sophie Laroque and Lia Robinson each had two goals and an assist, and Nyna Cole, McKenna Raymond and Willow Fitzgerald chipped in a goal apiece.

Megan Gemignani (two saves in the first half) and Ava Schneider (seven saves in the second half) shared MUHS goaltending duties. Burlington goalie Emma Hellyer made 2 saves

Greenman added she was pleased with the defensive efforts of Ivy Doran, Olson, Becca Orten and Abby Tufts, especially as the team's defenders continue to learn a new defensive system.

On Monday, host Mount Anthony pulled away from a 7-7 tie early in the second half to prevail, 13-9. Weaber led the way for Middlebury with three goals and controlled eight draws. Hana Doria and Laroque each had two goals and an assist, Wootten and Trudeau added a goal apiece, and Reese Fitzgerald had two assists. Schneider and Gemignani, combined for another nine saves.

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Panther softball wins four of five

MIDDLEBURY — The Panther softball team improved to 11-7, 4-3 NESCAC, after winning four times in five outings last week.

Next up for the softball team is a three-game set this Friday and Saturday at NESCAC West foe Hamilton.

On Wednesday, April 6, the Panthers swept Castleton in their home-opening doubleheader, 7-2 and 6-2, with the second game ending in five innings due to darkness.

In the opener Noelle Ruschil led the Panthers with two homers, including a tie-breaking solo shot

in the third and a two-run blast in the fifth. Jewel Ashbrook tossed a complete-game win, allowing six hits.

In the second game, the Spartans took a 1-0 lead in the first when Kylie Wright singled in an unearned run, but the Panthers answered with three in the bottom of the inning on doubles by Ruschil and Nina Schroeder sandwiched around a Jen McGann single. They never trailed after that. Samantha Hausman (4-2) earned the win, allowing two runs on four hits over five innings.

On Friday the Panthers blanked

Williams, 4-0, as Ashbrook tossed a complete-game shutout, allowing six singles and striking out six.

On Sunday Middlebury and Williams split a doubleheader moved from Saturday. Williams (10-9, 1-2) won the opener, 7-3, as Eph hurler Elyse Chan (3-2) tossed a complete-game six-hitter, fanning six. The Panthers trailed throughout. Hausman (4-3) took the loss, allowing three runs on nine hits over 5.1 innings.

The Panthers struck for nine runs in the first three innings to prevail in the nightcap, 10-4, and win the series from the Ephs.

Middlebury nine takes five straight

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College baseball team won four straight games between April 6 and 12 and their record stood at 12-7 heading into a home game vs. Lyndon on Wednesday.

NESCAC West rival Williams will visit this weekend with a single game set for 4 p.m. on Friday and a doubleheader on tap for noon on Saturday.

On Wednesday, April 6, the Panthers scored four times in the eighth inning to rally past visiting Union, 7-5. The Dutchmen dropped to 7-10.

Union took a 4-1 lead after two innings despite Panther left fielder Beau Root throwing out a runner at the plate in the first.

The Panthers got a run in the first on an Andrew Ashley sacrifice fly, and made it 4-2 in the third on an RBI grounder by Lucas Flemming, but Union added a run in the fifth

when a runner scored on a double play. The Panthers pulled to within two with an unearned run in the sixth.

In the eighth, Mitchell Schroeder tied the game with a two-run single, and eventually scored the go-ahead run on another Ashley sac fly. Zip Malley later singled in an insurance run.

Alec Ritch pitched the ninth inning for the save, while George Goldstein earned the win with 1.2 innings of work.

On Sunday, the Panthers swept a doubleheader from visiting Colby, 16-5 and 15-5, bashing two homers in each game. Colby dropped to 12-5.

On Tuesday, the Panthers hit four homers, five doubles and three triples in a 25-6 victory over visiting St. Michael's. Middlebury is the top home-run hitting team in the NESCAC with 31, a number

that also ranks second in Division III in long balls per game.

Kyle McCausland drilled a three-run homer, Nathan Samii and Isaac Rosario blasted two-run shots, and Lucas Cai added a solo dinger.

Rosario also doubled, singled three times and drove in seven runs. Ritch and Sammy Smith each tripled and doubled; McCausland homered and drove in four runs; John Collins doubled, singled twice, scored twice and drove in two; Flemming tripled; and Baker Angstman doubled.

Seven Panthers pitched. Andrew Gatland picked up his first career win, striking out a pair in an inning of work.

Saint Michael's scored most of its runs in the ninth inning on a Brady Perron grand slam. John Luke Cianciolo had four hits for the Purple Knights.



THE MAWA TEAM won the Vermont Youth Wrestling State Championship at Essex High School on Saturday. The MAWA program also won the youth title in 2019, the last time the tournament was held.

Mid youth wrestlers win state crown

ESSEX — The Middlebury Area Wrestling Association team on Saturday claimed its second straight Vermont Youth Wrestling State Championship, with four 3rd-to-6th-grade MAWA wrestlers earning individual titles.

The MAWA squad won the championship at Essex High School with 172 points, edging Fair Haven (160) and Otter Valley (158) in the team standings. The Middlebury team, which prevailed in 2019, repeated as champions after the tournament wasn't held the past two years due to COVID-19.

The 2022 MAWA team prevailed despite having only four wrestlers seeded to place in the top six in their brackets. But nine of 10 scoring MAWA wrestlers ended up placing in the top six in their weight classes, including six finalists as well as the four champions.

The champions were:

- Timmy Wright in the grades 3-4, 82-pound class with a 3-0 record. Organizers noted Timmy was undefeated in Vermont this year and placed 6th at the New England Championships.
- Beau Barrows in the 3-4, 88 class. Barrows was unseeded.

- Miles Goetz in the 5-6, 73 class with a 2-0 record.
- Trevor Wright in the 5-6, 111 class with a 3-0 record. He was the No. 2 seed.

Also in the grades 5-6 division, unseeded Tanner English took second at 103.

At the grades 3-4 level:

- Layne Kipp was third at 68.
- Cole Blair was 4th at 68.
- Noah Hanson was 2nd at 72.
- Owen Streicher was 6th at 77.
- Theodore Gould at 68 and Harvey Bishop at 77 also competed for the Tigers.

MUHS boys' lax claims opener

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' lacrosse team opened its season with a 13-5 win at Burlington on Saturday.

The Tigers' April 7 game at Woodstock was called off due to weather and will not be made up, while their Monday home game with Rice was also postponed.

They were also set to entertain St. Albans on Wednesday, and are scheduled to host Woodstock at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Middlebury College's Alumni Field.

MUHS opened this past Saturday by winning at Burlington as attacker Toby Draper scored five times and assisted one goal. Attacker Owen Lawton also figured

into six scores, with three goals and three assists, and midfielder Eddie Hodde scored three times. Tiger goalie Kegan Brown made his starting debut with seven saves.

Ethan Goldsmith led the Seahorses with two goals, and goalie Romie Jackson made eight saves.

Men's lax squad drops two of three

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College men's lacrosse team followed a couple of disappointing, but close, road NESCAC losses with a road win and stood at 6-5 (4-3 NESCAC) heading into a visit from St. Lawrence on Wednesday. Next up is a game at league foe Colby on Saturday at 1 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 6, host Hamilton outscored the Panthers, 4-2, in the fourth quarter to snap a tie and claim a 14-12 victory. The Continentals improved to 5-4, 2-4 NESCAC.

The Panthers held a 7-5 lead early in the third after Jack Sheehan scored a man-up goal,

but Hamilton fought back to tie the game at 10-10 entering the fourth as Tim Sommer scored twice.

Hamilton netted the first two goals of the fourth to take a 12-10 lead, and the teams traded scores the rest of the way, although Sheehan and Patrick Jamin twice pulled Middlebury to within one goal.

On Saturday the Panthers erased a five-goal halftime deficit against host No. 19 Wesleyan (8-2, 4-2), but the Cardinals snapped a fourth-quarter tie and edged the Panthers 12-11.

Panther Billy Curtis tied the game at 11-11 with 1:45 left after picking off a Wesleyan clearing

attempt and working a give-and-go with William Ryan, but the Cardinals won the faceoff and possessed until Spencer Robbins fired the game-winner home with 32.1 seconds left.

Goalie Finn O'Connor played the first half in the Panther goal without recording a save, while Matt Dailey logged his first collegiate action in the second half with six saves and four goals against.

On Sunday the Panthers outscored host Babson, 6-0, in the second quarter on the way to a 15-7 non-league victory.

Walleye fishing season opens May 7th

MONTPELIER — The Vermont walleye fishing season opens on Saturday, May 7, marking the return of some of the best walleye fishing in New England.

Excellent spring walleye fishing can be found in several Vermont lakes and rivers, including Lake Champlain and its tributaries — the Missisquoi, Lamoille and Winooski rivers and Otter Creek. In the Northeast Kingdom, Salem Lake and Island Pond also have walleye populations that are on the rebound thanks to stocking by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

A trio of additional waters —

Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River, also offer quality walleye fishing.

Veteran walleye anglers use a variety of techniques, but one of the simplest and most effective is to slowly troll a nightcrawler harness near the bottom. Most nightcrawler harnesses include a rotating blade ahead of two hooks, where the worm is secured. The blade produces a fish-attracting flash and vibration. Shore-based anglers can catch walleyes on nightcrawlers or live minnows or by casting crankbaits or hard jerk baits. Walleyes are generally more active at night, so fishing in the

dark is often more effective.

As a reminder to anglers, there is no open season on sauger, a close cousin to the walleye. Once abundant in southern Lake Champlain, sauger still appear there rarely. If caught while fishing for other fish, sauger must be immediately released.

Anglers can read about current fishing regulations in the 2022 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations, available free from Vermont license agents. To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — April 9 was a bad day for Brian Sheldon. The 41-year-old Middlebury resident was cited twice by Vermont State Police in two separate incidents that Saturday.

In the first, troopers at 10:38 a.m. responded to a report of a citizen dispute on Spaulding Road in Pantown. During the course of the investigation, police said they learned that Sheldon had trespassed onto property that he had been ordered to stay away from. State police cited Sheldon for violating the conditions of his release, driving with a criminally suspended Vermont license and unlawful trespassing. He was lodged at the Marble Valley

Regional Correctional Facility with bail set at \$200.

That same day at an unspecified time, Vermont State Police were notified of a hit-and-run motor vehicle incident in Shoreham. The caller said the vehicle damaged a pasture fence off Route 22A. Based on vehicular evidence left at the scene, troopers determined Sheldon was driving the vehicle that damaged the fence.

Because they said Sheldon didn't abide by his duty to stop and failed to provide his name and other necessary documents to the property owner, police cited Sheldon for leaving the scene of an accident.

In a separate incident, Vermont

State Police, on April 11 just before midnight, looked into a report of a two-vehicle crash on Route 22A in Addison. No injuries or hazards were reported and both vehicles were operable. Before police got to the scene, one of the drivers had left the area.

Troopers found that driver, —identified as Julia Coffey, 54 — at her home in Addison. Police determined Coffey was under the influence of intoxicants. They took her into custody without incident, took her to the New Haven barracks for processing, and released her to a sober party with a citation for refusing to take a driving under the influence test.

Lincoln

Have a news tip? Call
Kathy Mikkelsen at 453-4014

NEWS

LINCOLN — Spring is in the air! When you start spring cleaning or clearing out your garden beds, don't forget about the Lincoln Library. They will be accepting donations of gently used books, plants and seedlings for their annual sale during Lincoln's Town-Wide Yard Sale coming up on Saturday, May 28. You will be able to drop off your donations starting the week before the sale.

FROM SAVE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (SCS)

We have been busy behind the scenes since the successful Town Meeting Day vote when the other four towns approved our withdrawal. There are several steps to go! SCS will be meeting before the State Board of Education (SBE) on April 20th to obtain Conditional Approval for Lincoln's withdrawal from MAUSD. This may take more than one meeting/hearing. Conditional Approval sets in motion the process for Lincoln to elect three members to a new school board for Lincoln Community School (LCS). The new LCS School Board prepares an Exit Agreement to be voted on by the other four towns in MAUSD.

Meanwhile, SCS continues engagement with Ripton exploring the possibility of creating a new supervisory union (SU). In which case, Lincoln and Ripton would operate as separate school districts within the new SU and be fully operational beginning July 2023.

More information will be available at a community forum once the Conditional Approval for withdrawal is obtained. The date is to be determined. Please visit www.savecommunityschools.org to learn more or to reach out with questions.

SAVE THE DATE

The Ladies Aid Industria spring rummage sale will be Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Burnham Hall.

REMINDERS

There is no senior meal this month. During school break, there will be an Open Art Studio at the library. Contact them for days, times and registration.

Until next time... Failure Is Not The Opposite Of Success, It Is Part Of Success. Smiles Are Always In Fashion. It Always Seems Impossible Until It's Done.

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THURSDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Please stay in your car. Drive-up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Baked ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, roll, Easter cake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, April 10, 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.

Great Decisions Lecture Series: "Biden's Agenda" in Middlebury. Thursday, April 13, 2:30 p.m. Be a virtual participant in Bert Johnson's presentation on Biden's Agenda 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.

"Patterns" discussion in Middlebury. Thursday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom or 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. What happens when a young engineer is promoted to corporate headquarters only to find out that he is merely a pawn in the CEO's scheme to replace an aging executive who fights for the firm's workers?

"Ecotypes, Ecoregions and Ecological Restoration: fortifying the living seed bank for the pollinators!" virtual presentation. Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., Zoom. "Seed-lebrity" and ethnobotanist Sefra Alexandra, known as The Seed Huntress, will share The Ecotype Project, a revolutionary initiative that has created a model for native plants material development using the ecoregional framework to ensure we are planting the right plants in the right place. This event is co-sponsored by the Middlebury Garden Club. Free and open to the public. To register, go to the eventbrite website.

Vermont Reads presentation in Middlebury. Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., Dana Auditorium, 356 College St. Author and professor Sarah Henstra visits Vermont to discuss her novel in letters, "We Contain Multitudes." The novel 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.

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FRIDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, April 15, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive-up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Baked ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, roll, Easter cake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, April 10, 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.

Fish fry in Middlebury. Friday, April 15, 5-7 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Tickets \$15/person.

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SATURDAY

King Pede card party in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. Sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games.

Springtime egg hunt and orchard fun in Shoreham. Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Champlain Orchards, 3597 Route 74W. Come on out for a free egg hunt, as well as a workshop on decorating wax-resist batik eggs; pre-waxed "magic" eggs will be available for younger kids to dye. Meet the orchard's new head cider maker, try some new ciders, and join the community for a new event. Free.

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SUNDAY

Egg hunt and open barn in Middlebury. Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Eddy Farm School, 1815 South Street Ext. Rain or shine. Pony rides, egg painting, prizes and raffle. Over 30 horses. All ages welcome. Free admittance. Bring a basket and wear appropriate shoes. Please no dogs, early birds or horse treats. More info at eddyfarmschool.org.

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MONDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, April 18, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. BBQ beef, baked beans, broccoli florets, roll, pumpkin cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, April 14, 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.

2022 Gensler Symposium: Reproductive Justice NOW! gallery talk at Middlebury College. Monday, April 18, 12:15 p.m., Davis Library Room 104. A conversation with photographer Roslyn Banish, whose exhibit, "Focus on Abortion: Americans Share Their Stories," is only display in the Davis Library Atrium through April 24. Roslyn Banish collected stories from a diverse range of people who have experienced abortion or been close to someone who experienced abortion. With this photography exhibit, she aims to mitigate the profound stigma surrounding abortion — a procedure one in four women in the U.S. will obtain.

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TUESDAY

Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in-person luncheon in Vergennes. Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at 11:45 a.m. of BBQ beef on a bun, baked beans, broccoli florets, peaches, and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, April 14, at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation. Please bring your own place setting. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice. Masks required unless seated and eating.

Age Well grab and go meal in Bridport. Tuesday, April 19, 11 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive-up, check-in, contact-free pick up. BBQ beef, baked beans, broccoli florets, roll, pumpkin cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, April 14, 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.

Pollinator Pathway of Addison County virtual Spring Forum. Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m., Zoom. This forum will provide a platform for connecting with other people interested in biodiversity and rewilding in each town in Addison County. The Pollinator Pathway is all about talking with neighbors, networking with friends, meeting new people, and sharing in the buzz. Participants will be able to join breakout groups on Zoom based on their town to connect with neighbors and others in their area. Anyone can join in for community building and connection around this important topic: rolling back the lawn and rewilding the landscape. Free and open to the public. To register go to the eventbrite website.

"A Polarized America?" virtual lecture. Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m., Zoom. Middlebury College Political Science Professor Matt Dickinson will close the AAUW speaker series by focusing on polarization from a political science perspective. During his talk Dickinson will address the evidence regarding the widely shared assumption by journalists, politicians, and cable-news pundits that we live in a polarized country. During his presentation and in the question/answer period, he will examine who, if anyone, is polarized, and on what issues. Free. Register at www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/aauw-2021-2022.

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WEDNESDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Monkton. Wednesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. Please stay in your car. Drive-up, check-in, contact-free pick up. BBQ beef, baked beans, broccoli florets, roll, pumpkin cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, April 17, 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.

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THURSDAY

2022 Gensler Symposium Keynote Conversation between Loretta J. Ross and Carrie N. Baker at Middlebury College. Thursday, April 21, 5-6:30 p.m., Robert A. Jones Conference Room or on Zoom, facilitated by Dr. Carly Thomsen. Read more about these events on their individual blog posts at go.middlebury.edu/gensler2022.

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FRIDAY

Spring Cleaning Book Sale in Brandon. Friday, April 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Brandon Public Library. Books for all ages: adults, YA, children non-fiction, poetry, drama, travel, wide selection of audio books, DVDs, games and puzzles. All sales by donation. Located downstairs at the Brandon Free Public Library. Sale continues on weekends through May 28.

"Green Cleaning - An Earth Day Program" in Middlebury. Friday, April 22, 11 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee for this DIY event to make your own safe, environmentally friendly cleaning products with ingredients readily available in most grocery stores. Patrons will take home sample sizes and "recipe book" for these cleaners and more.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, April 22, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive-up, check-in, contact-free pick up. BBQ beef, baked beans, broccoli florets, roll, pumpkin cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, April 17, 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.

The Takács Quartet and Julien Labro in concert in Middlebury. Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Robison Concert Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. The acclaimed Takács Quartet returns for a collaborative concert with bandoneón player Julien Labro in the final event of the Middlebury Performing Arts Series season. 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. The concert will also be streamed, and will remain available online for a 48-hour window. Streaming tickets are \$15, or \$5 for students (and all in-person tickets include access to the stream). Tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, at 802-443-MIDD (6433) or middlebury.edu/arts.

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SATURDAY

Spring Cleaning Book Sale in Brandon. Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Brandon Public Library. See April 22 listing.

River Watch Volunteer training session in Bristol and Middlebury. Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Green Gazebo, or 1-3 p.m., Middlebury Recreation Pavilion, Mary Hogan Dr. In the second of two training sessions, volunteers with get hands-on training to collect water samples in 6 watersheds around the county this spring and summer for Addison County River Watch. Choose the location and time that is more convenient for you. If interested contact Matthew Witten, ACRWC managing director, at 802-434-3236, acrwcvt@gmail.com or on the web at acrpc.org/acrcwc. See April 5 listing for info on session 1.

LIVE MUSIC

Jenny Bower in Vergennes. Saturday, April 30, 2:30 p.m., Vergennes Congregational Church.

LC Jazz in Vergennes. Saturday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House.

ONGOING

KIDS AND FAMILY

Kids Cafe Free Movie in Middlebury. Saturdays, 12:30-2 p.m. Marquis Theater, 65 Main St., 802-388-4841.

La Leche League Virtual Meeting. First Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Breast/cheest-feeding support group led by Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and Middlebury mom Angela Scavo. For more info and Zoom link call Angela at 802-349-9084.

New Moms Connection Group. Thursdays, noon, Zoom. Chat with other local moms who are in their first year postpartum. Hosted by Alison Underwood, counselor and social worker at Porter Women's Health. Call her for consent forms and the Zoom link. 802-388-5608. For parents only.

Storytime in Brandon. Saturdays, 11 a.m., Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. Little ones (age 0-5) and their caregivers gather for stories.

Storytime in Bristol. Thursdays 10:30 a.m. Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St., 802-453-2366. Infants, toddlers and preschool age (0-5). Find Marita, her ukulele and friends by the library garden for stories, songs and activities.

Storytime in Lincoln. Fridays 10:30 a.m., Lincoln Library, 222 West River Road, 802-453-2665. Infants, toddlers and preschool age (0-5). Little ones and their caregivers get together for stories and songs. Masks required indoors.

Virtual Mama Group. Last Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Zoom. Meet other mamas in this virtual gathering led by Middlebury mom Angela Scavo. Free. Contact Angela at 802-349-9084.

CLUBS & GROUPS

Book Club for adults in Vergennes. 2nd Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St., 802-877-2211.

Bristol Historical Society. Thursdays, 7 p.m., Howden Hall, 19 West St.

Champlain Valley Fiddlers in Brandon. Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., March 20, May 15, July 17, Sept. 18 and Nov. 20. Brandon American Legion, Route 7 S.

Champlain Valley Fiddlers in Middlebury. Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 20, April 24, June 26, Aug. 21, Oct. 16. VFW 530 Exchange St.

Cribbage in Middlebury. Fridays, 1-3 p.m., Sept. 17-Dec. 17, Ilsley Public Library. Anyone can play, no experience required.

Drop-in Bridge in Middlebury. Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, Jessica Swift Community Meeting Room. Join fellow bridge enthusiasts for a game. All skill levels welcome.

King Pede in Ferrisburgh. First and Third Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7.

Mom's Hiking Group in Middlebury. First Sundays, 8 a.m., Battell Woods, Seminary Street Ext. Free. All moms invited to join in on a Sunday morning hike. More info contact Davida Murray at 802-851-7707.

Monkton Historical Society. Third Monday, 7 p.m., Monkton Town Hall, Monkton Ridge. 802-482-2277, monktonmhs@gmail.com

Students of Color group in Middlebury. Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Addison Central Teens. This group will meet virtually on Google Hangouts until it is safe to meet in person. The link to each session will be available on the Teen Center's Discord Server, and will be emailed to any participant without a Discord account. Registration form at forms.gle/Zypt9abMwCwjd9N6.

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EGG HUNT ENTHUSIASTS will have two chances to put their skills to work over Easter weekend. This first is at Champlain Orchards in Shoreham on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second is on Easter Sunday, April 17, at the Eddy Farm School in Middlebury. Bring the kids, appropriate footwear and Easter baskets and enjoy. See calendar listings for more information.

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Around TOWN

Middlebury Rotary seeks grant applicants

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Rotary is seeking applications for grants that will be funded in June. Applications, which are due April 22, may come from a variety of causes that help people.

Last year this civic organization donated more than \$50,000 to 20 non-profits that provide housing, host services for elderly citizens, fight hunger, promote literacy and assist with youth sports. They also made a \$10,000 contribution to Kick Start Middlebury, an effort of the Better Middlebury Partnership

designed to assist businesses in moving to the downtown.

"We fundraise all year with various projects and then give the money away using the recommendations of the Charitable Assessment Committee, which is made up of interested members of Middlebury Rotary," noted Maureen Conrad, this year's chair of the committee. "We ask that interested applicants visit our website (middleburyrotary.org) and complete the application, which should be no more than two

pages in length and should take no more than two hours to complete."

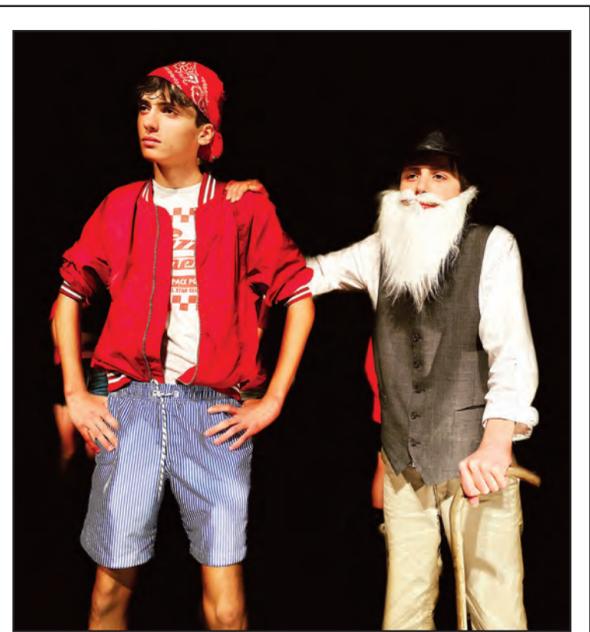
A committee will be formed in May to review the applications and make a recommendation about funding to the larger club. Awards will be given to non-profits at the annual Gala Dinner in June.

People and businesses that provide an annual sponsorship for Middlebury Rotary, purchase a flag that will be displayed on their property on five patriotic holidays, sponsor or play in the Buster Brush Golf Tournament

coming up on May 20, donate auction items or purchase them during the club's online auction or participate in any of the club's other fundraisers — the all help to increase the amount of money this group has able to donate to non-profits.

"The more we raise, the more we have to give away, and that makes us very happy," Conrad noted with a smile.

For more information about the grant process and Middlebury Rotary visit middleburyrotary.org.



Kids on stage (and God)

At the Ripton Community House this past Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, North Branch School students performed "Back to Eden," the original play they conceived, wrote and staged for their annual theatrical production. Described as a comedy-drama, the play was also filled with music.

This year the play is set in the depressed town of Little Hope, where a group of children, living in an orphanage, have nothing to look forward to and nothing to live for. Meanwhile, God wants to retire, but before doing so, she wants to correct one of her big failures — the disruption caused in the original Eden.

Pictured above are Jacques Snell, left, and Peter Conklin during a moment of reflection. Below are Lillian McClain, left, who is playing "God in Training," and Maggie Wyatt as "God."

Photos by Steve Holmes

Alex Wolff nominated for book award in nonfiction

MONTPELIER — Cornwall author Alexander Wolff's "Endpapers: A Family Story of Books, War, Escape, and Home" has been named a finalist for the 2021 Vermont Book Awards in the Creative Nonfiction category. The book takes an honest look at Wolff's German and Jewish ancestry, his family's participation in World War II, and life in America after the war.

The other nominees in this category are Alison Bechdel's "The Secret to Superhuman Strength," Kimberly Harrington's "But You Seemed So Happy: A Marriage, in Pieces and Bits" and Kekla Magoon's "Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People."

The winner will be announced April 30.

Vermont Book Awards this year will be given in three categories. The other two categories are Poetry and Fiction.

The Poetry finalists are Stephen Cramer for "Disintegration Loops," Shanta Lee Gander for



"ENDPAPERS," A BOOK by Cornwall's Alexander Wolff, has been nominated for a Vermont Book Award in the Creative Nonfiction category. The winner of the award will be announced April 30.

Photo by Clara Wolff

"GHETTOCLAUSTROPHOBIA: Dreamin of Mama While Trying to Speak Woman in Woke Tongues" and Kerrin McCadden for "American Wake."

The Fiction finalists are Melanie Finn for "The Hare," Brad Kessler

for "North," Nathaniel Ian Miller for "The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven" and Ricardo Wilson for "An Apparent Horizon and Other Stories."

The Vermont Book Awards are sponsored by the Vermont

Department of Libraries, Vermont Humanities, and Vermont College of Fine Arts (VCFA). Created by VCFA in 2014, the award is now a collaborative effort between the three organizations and celebrates works of outstanding literary merit by Vermont writers. This year's award honors books published in 2021.

Independent Vermont booksellers, as well as publishers and readers nominated books for consideration. Nine judges chose finalists from 50 nominations.

The 2021 winners will be announced at the Vermont Book Award celebration on April 30 at 7 p.m. at the VCFA campus in Montpelier. The event is hosted by Vermont Humanities, who will also reveal their choice for Vermont Reads 2022, their one-book community reading program, during the evening.

Tickets for the celebration, which will include dessert, nonalcoholic drinks, and free books, can be purchased at bit.ly/vt-book.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

HOLLY STAATS

Holly Staats, the daughter of Jennifer and Michael Staats of Middlebury, is the latest Student of the Week from Middlebury Union High School. Holly is a candidate for the full International Baccalaureate diploma and is looking forward to graduation in June after a rewarding four years at MUHS. Our teachers consider Holly to be a highly motivated and skilled student who has contributed greatly to our community; she will be missed when she moves on to pursue higher education.

Holly is an engaged and positive learner who focuses her time and attention in the classroom in a diligent manner. She contributes to classroom discussion with a keen intellect and an interested attitude in each content area. Holly has appreciated each of her teachers and thanks them for making her time at MUHS so special, even in the time of the pandemic. Holly served as a Peer Leader in the fall and helped introduce newly enrolling ninth-graders to the high school as they transitioned into their new environment. She serves on the Executive Committee of the National Honor Society and is currently assisting with a student-organized fundraiser for Ukraine. She enjoyed her role as part of the ensemble in the senior play, "Footloose," which was staged in late March.

Swimming is her favorite sport and she participates year-round. She has been a member of the Middlebury Marlins since she was six years old and can be found regularly at the town pool. She says, with a smile, that it helps that she lives so close by! She specializes in the breaststroke and the individual medley. When the pandemic hit and the Middlebury Aquatic Club went on hiatus, she and a group of fellow swimmers joined a team at The Edge in South Burlington, traveling to Chittenden County four to five days each week. They recently qualified for the New England Silver Tournament in White River.

Holly worked last summer at Otter Creek Bakery as a cashier, taking orders. She said it was a great experience, not to mention the tasty treats, too! She also rode horses at the Eddy Farm in Middlebury. As she looks ahead to college, she plans to stay in the Northeast and attend a liberal arts institution to explore areas of interest. She thanks her school counselor, Ms. Preston, and her friends for their support during her high school years. Everyone at MUHS wishes Holly well as she moves on to college.



Holly Staats
MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

ANNA CARR

Anna Carr is Vergennes Union High School's Student of the Week. Anna lives in Vergennes with her parents, Allison and Rick Carr, and her sister, Lila, who is a sophomore at CVU.

Anna has consistently been on the honor roll at VUHS, making honors or high honors. She is currently taking AP Biology and Humanities classes. She has also been very involved in extracurricular activities. She has played soccer all four years, both for the VUHS team and a club team. She also played softball her junior year. She has participated in cheerleading, lacrosse and track. Outside sports, Anna has also been a member of Band, the Prom Committee, Green Team, and Student Council, for which she was vice president in her junior and senior years.

Anna has held jobs since her sophomore year, when she worked at Basin Harbor. She has done babysitting jobs, worked at Olsen's Ice Cream, and at Park Squeeze as well, and really appreciates how much these jobs have helped her grow. She says she's learned how to be a problem solver and stay calm under pressure, particularly working at Park Squeeze. Over her time she says she has gained a lot of confidence. Anna has been involved in community service for years. She started in sixth grade when she joined Girls For the Community, a group that volunteered in and around Vergennes every month. She has volunteered at kids' soccer clinics in the fall, been a math tutor, and a senior ambassador to incoming ninth-graders.

Anna loves to ski — she enjoys the thrill of it. She finds great joy surrounding herself with her family and friends, who always make her feel safe, happy and cared for.

High school has helped Anna find herself and become more confident in who she is and all she does. She has learned that it's OK to ask questions, to have a different perspective on things, and to do things with confidence because they typically end in a better outcome. Anna says she tries to always be a better person even if it's a difficult situation — to handle things with respect and kindness rather than reacting in a harsh way.

After high school Anna plans to attend either Fairfield University or Quinnipiac University to study Biology, and later enter a Physician Assistant program. All of us at VUHS wish her the best of luck.



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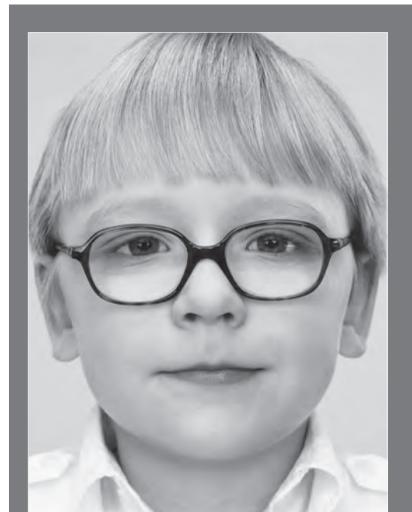
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<p>Public Meetings</p> <p>AL-ANON OFFERS HELP and hope to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's drinking. Middlebury hosts online meetings, Sunday nights at 7:15 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Visit vermontalananonlateen.org for the link and list of other meetings in the region. If you'd like to speak to an Al-Anon member, call our answering service (866-972-5266) and an Al-Anon member will call you back.</p>	<p>VERMONT SUPPORT LINE Are you struggling with a challenging situation? Do you have feelings of sadness, loneliness, isolation, anger, or depression? You don't have to face it alone. Talk with a caring person who understands what you're going through today by calling or texting the free and confidential Pathways Vermont Support Line available 24/7 at (833) VT - TALKS.</p>	<p>ODD JOBS lawn work, cut brush, some tree work. Call us we do other jobs too! 802-999-2194 John</p>	<p>FREE CAMP WOOD. You haul away. Monday - Wednesday pick up. 453-2897.</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>GENERAL CONSTRUCTION worker needed Greenhouses and residential construction. Small family business, full-time. Some travel required. Excellent opportunity to learn and grow with us. \$16-20 based on experience. Send resume/work experience and job references to vermontvictorygreenhouses@gmail.com</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>
<p>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in person meetings are available. For a list of local virtual meetings visit http://bit.ly/district9aa. For more information visit https://aavt.org/ or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-388-9284.</p>	<p>Services</p> <p>C+I DRYWALL and plastering. Call Joe 802-234-5545.</p>	<p>WE BUY OLD STUFF Estates, collections, antiques etc. Also hunting and fishing items. Call Erik 802-345-0653.</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>
<p>VERGENNES FREE THINKERS Founded in 1935 on the principle of one alcoholic helping another to achieve sobriety, A.A. is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives. A.A. has always been committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help with an alcohol problem. The Vergennes Free Thinkers meeting was created in January of this year to maintain a tradition of free expression, conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any beliefs, doubts or disbelief they may have, to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, and/or their rejection of it, without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own. Meetings are held with a high regard for compassion and inclusion without judgment or exception. If you think we can help, please join us on Thursdays at 6pm by contacting vergennessfree-thinkers@gmail.com for Zoom and in-person meeting information.</p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION: ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS new construction, drywall, carpentry, painting, flooring, roofing, pressure washing, driveway sealing. All aspects of construction, also property maintenance. Steven Fifield 802-989-0009.</p>	<p>DIGITAL ACCESS View obituaries, calendar listings and classifieds online at addisonindependent.com. Don't miss out on events, garage sales, or opportunities- check out our free digital listings. Looking to read more? Become a subscriber!</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>	<p>Help Wanted</p>
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Town of Bristol RECREATION POSITIONS

The Town of Bristol is seeking qualified candidates for multiple open positions. These seasonal positions will remain open until filled. All positions involve a variety of tasks relating to supervising campers, helping facilitate activities, and actively coaching.

The Summer Camp Counselor position is full-time, seasonal from June 20th to August 19th. Two days of mandatory training (paid) would be required prior to the first day of camp.

A detailed job description is available at www.bristolvtrec.com. Wage: \$15.00 to \$17.00 per hour, commensurate with experience.

The Lifeguard/Swim Instructor position is full-time, seasonal from July 11th to August 6th. One day of mandatory training (paid) would be required prior to the first day of work.

A detailed job description is available at www.bristolvtrec.com. Wage: \$13.00 to \$18.00 per hour, commensurate with experience.

To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, resume and three references by the end of the day April 22, 2022 (or until positions are filled) to recreation@bristolvt.org with Bristol Recreation Employee in the subject line or send to:



Bristol Recreation Employee Search
P.O. Box 249
Bristol, VT 05443

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TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT
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\$1,000 SIGNING BONUS

Fleet Maintenance Technician

Are you interested in doing valuable work that supports our community and environment? Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) has been providing critical transportation needs for community members for more than 25 years. The essential function of the position is to ensure TVT vehicles are mechanically sound, safe, and clean.

Position Requires:

- Basic Maintenance Technician skills
- Experience with tires, brakes, exhaust, and other preventative maintenance
- CDL Class C with Passenger Endorsement, Onsite CDL training available for the right candidate
- Ability to lift 50lbs & push/pull 75lbs
- Willingness to learn new skills
- A high level of professionalism, attitude matters!
- Attention to detail
- Must have a good selection of automotive tools, specialty tools will be provided
- Must be a team player
- Bus detailing
- May be asked to drive routes when needed

We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits, including:

- Modern, well-equipped shop
- 24 paid days off to start (Holidays & PTO)
- 100% employer paid health insurance for the employee + funds towards deductible (HRA plan)
- Retirement plan with employer match
- Long & short-term disability insurance
- Life Insurance
- Access to low-cost dental and vision insurance
- Employee Assistance Program

Visit <https://www.trivalleytransit.org/job-openings/> for more details and to complete an application. In addition, submit your resume to: kirstie@trivalleytransit.org.

Employment is contingent upon passing required background checks and pre-employment drug testing.

TVT is an AA/EO Employer

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

There are individuals in our community with no way to self-transport to access medical care, groceries or other daily necessities. Would you like to help drive them to the places they need to go and share great conversation along the way? If you sign up as a Volunteer Driver for Tri-Valley Transit, you can make a meaningful difference in the community and meet some wonderful new people! Tri-Valley Transit provides training, scheduling, supplies, mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance. Drive only as often as you like.

Contact RSVP
of Addison County at
802-388-7044
for more information!




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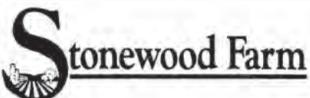
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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted



Seeking a full-time employee

Stonewood Farm is a large scale Turkey farm located in Orwell Vermont.

We are seeking a full time employee who can perform a variety of tasks, such as operating and maintaining tractors/ heavy machinery (field work, loader operation, oil changes, greasing, etc...), and other various farm tasks. Experience preferred.

Contact Peter Stone at 802-377-9879 or stone@stonewoodfarm.com.



Town of Middlebury Director of Public Works Planning

Our Director of Public Works Planning is retiring after 20 successful years leading the Town's ambitious infrastructure investment program (\$5M+ in projects in 2021 alone)!

The Director of Public Works Planning is responsible for developing and guiding the implementation of the Town's 5-year capital improvement plan through every stage of the process - from budget development to project close-out. Project management experience, superior customer service and public presentation skills are essential for this position.

If you are up for a new challenge and think you have the experience, know-how and temperament, please see the detailed job advertisement and description on the Town's website, www.townofmiddlebury.org.

Competitive compensation (\$78,000 - \$98,000) and generous, comprehensive benefit package, including health and dental insurance and municipal retirement. Please send cover letter, resume and application to: Town of Middlebury, Attn: Crystal Grant, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, Town Offices, 77 Main Street Middlebury, VT 05753, or e-mail to ManagersOffice@townofmiddlebury.org for prompt consideration. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

The Town of Middlebury is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 SCHOOL NUTRITION MANAGER

Addison Central School District is seeking a full-time School Nutrition Manager. The successful candidate should have experience in preparing nutritional meals, breakfast and lunch, and managing a meals program for 30-55 students preferred. The candidate must also be organized, have strong communication, collaborative and computer skills, as well as an interest in participating in school wide health and nutrition initiatives. If you have questions, please contact Laura LaVacca at llavacca@acsdv.org.

This position is a school year position with the potential to work in our summer program. Addison Central School District offers competitive wages.

Employee benefits include:

- Health, Dental, Life, AD&D, Long Term Disability coverage
- Contribution to up to a family health insurance plan, contribution to a Health Savings Account, or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- Access to a flexible spending account
- Single dental insurance plan funded by the school district with the option to purchase dependent coverage
- Long term disability plan with a 90-day elimination period, benefit pays 66 2/3% of salary, funded by the school district
- Life insurance valued at \$30,000, funded by the school district

Other Benefits:

- Retirement annuity match of up to 5% of salary
- Employee Assistance Program

Apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and three current reference letters via School Spring or send to:

Peter Burrows, Superintendent
Addison Central School District
49 Charles Avenue
Middlebury, VT 05753

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
E.O.E.

Help Wanted

NOW HIRING 1-2 people to work with 2 developmentally challenged individuals. Must be 18yrs or older, have a valid driver's license, and pass a background check. (802) 247-3059.

Help Wanted

LANDSCAPERS - ZERO TURN OPERATORS looking for honest, hardworking people to help with busy 2022 season. \$18-\$21 per hour depending on experience. Call Mark at Pleasant Valley Inc. 802-343-4820 in North Ferrisburgh.

Help Wanted

Road Crew Member

Do you have a CDL and are looking for a job with great benefits in Addison County? **Join the Town of Starksboro as a full-time road crew member!** Under the direction of the Road Foreman, our crew implements all municipal highway operations to advance the safe and effective functioning of the Starksboro road system, including municipal construction projects and maintenance of municipal roads, vehicles, and equipment. The full job description and required application form is available at www.starksborovt.org/road-crew. Must live or be willing to relocate to within reasonable distance of Starksboro. Full health insurance benefits plus paid holidays, vacation, and sick time. Hourly rate based on relevant experience.

Submit applications to the Starksboro Selectboard c/o Rebecca Elder at PO Box 91, Starksboro, VT 05487 or email to rebecca@starksborovt.org

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE

www.addisonindependent.com
CHECK IT OUT!



PT/FT Cashier - Customer Service

Immediate Openings available. Must be able to work until 6pm Weekdays and Weekends a MUST. Approximately 20 - 35hrs per week. Wage commensurate with experience.

Please send Resumes to info@middleburyagway.com or Fill out Application at Middlebury Agway, 338 Exchange Street, Middlebury VT. Please no phone calls.

Warehouse and Yard Worker - PT/FT Position available

Warehouse Worker Job Purpose: Loading and Assisting with Customer Orders from the Yard, Warehouse and Store, Stocking Shelves and Filling Propane Tanks.

Skills/Qualifications: Ability to lift 50lbs repeatedly throughout the day Weekends and dependability a MUST! Preferable age 18+.

Please fill out an application in person.

Middlebury Agway - 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.

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MARKETING & ADVERTISING ACCOUNT MANAGER

Join us as we pursue excellence in local media!

The Addison Independent is hiring a dynamic individual with boundless creative energy and an optimistic desire to help local businesses.

A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE:

- A passion and drive to help local businesses pursue effective marketing and advertising platforms.
- A tenacious drive to support and grow sales.
- An outgoing personality eager to meet and help develop effective marketing plans for area businesses.
- Excellent communication skills and comfort conducting business over email, phone, and in person.
- Exceptional organization skills and the capacity to help clients navigate the field of options effectively.

Full time position offering generous benefits, a flexible schedule and room for self-direction, as well as the opportunity to join a cheerful, family-owned company in Middlebury



And, we love our pets!

If this is you, let Christy know!

Christy Lynn, Director of Sales
58 Maple St. Middlebury, VT 05753
christy@addisonindependent.com

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

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Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity

HOUSING SPECIALIST Addison County - Middlebury

Are you highly effective in working objectively with a diverse group of people, groups and organizations? Addison Community Action, a program of CVOEO, has an opening for a Housing Specialist. The Housing Specialist will be responsible for working with property owners, landlords, property managers and housing authorities to create housing opportunities for people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. This is a 40 hour/week, temporary position that is expected to end on 6/30/2023 with possible extension.

If you have a Bachelor degree in a related human services field, 2 years of supervised social work experience working directly with individuals; effective verbal and written communication skills, bilingual abilities are a plus; proficiency in Microsoft Word, e-mail and internet; exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail; a valid driver's license, a clean driving record and access to reliable transportation; we'd like to hear from you!

We offer an excellent benefit package including medical, dental and vision insurance, generous time off, a retirement plan and discounted gym membership. To learn more about this position please visit www.cvoeo.org/careers. Please include a cover letter and resume with your application. CVOEO is interested in candidates who can contribute to our diversity and excellence. Applicants are encouraged to include in their cover letter information about how they will further this goal.

Visit www.cvoeo.org/careers for a detailed job description and to submit your resume today!



Part-Time Road Commissioner

The Town of Ripton is seeking to hire a part-time Road Commissioner. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable about road work and maintenance (both paved and gravel roads), and be able to supervise contractors (there is no Town road crew) performing Town road work. The candidate needs to be familiar with State of Vermont road-construction standards and grant process. Helping to prepare grant applications in coordination with the Town's Project Manager will be part of the job. Hours variable, but estimated between 10 to 20 hours a month. The Road Commissioner needs to be available on call to help deal with road emergencies. A job description and application form are available upon request to (802) 388-2266 or at riptonvermont.org.

Application deadline: April 29, 2022



MAPLEFIELDS

60 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury VT

Food service Amatos Coordinator



Must be flexible to learn all shifts and train staff, inventory scheduling, and work with the Store Managers with hiring.

Full benefits paid vacation and sick time, offer medical, dental, 401k and supplemental insurance. Apply at Maplefields.com/employment

Email Us

ads@addisonindependent.com
news@addisonindependent.com

MOUNTAIN TOP RESORT IS HIRING!

Central Vermont's premier, 4-season, destination wedding & vacation venue is looking to add key team members! Email Resume: hr@mountaintoppinn.com

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION. FULL & PART-TIME POSITIONS.

FRONT DESK MANAGER

A member of the resort's senior management, this role oversees our front desk & guest services teams, manages the resort's 3rd party software, is a critical driver in overall guest satisfaction & maintains a central hub for resort-wide communications. Full-time/Year-round.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

We host exceptional weddings, year-round. Our "Day Of" Coordinators work directly with our couples, all resort departments & event vendors to ensure that each wedding is executed to perfection. Events/ Wedding experience a plus, but not necessary.

ALSO HIRING FOR THESE ROLES:

Floral Designer • Event & PM Servers • Bussers
Line Cooks • Housekeepers • Activities • Trail Guides
Stables Supervisor • Facilities & Grounds Maintenance

JOB FAIRS:
4/14 & 4/18
12p-6p
at the Resort

MOUNTAIN TOP RESORT

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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

KEEWAYDIN CAMPS



Summer Camp Support Position

Help with a variety of camp support jobs including driving, trip excursion food prep, and errands at Keewaydin Dunmore boys' camp on beautiful Lake Dunmore! Approximately 20 - 30 hours per week from June 20 - August 20, competitive wages, flexible schedule.
Contact Pete Hare at pete@keewaydin.org for information.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted

KEEWAYDIN CAMP is looking for help with a wide variety of groundskeepers and maintenance jobs, no experience necessary. M-F with a few Saturdays through October. Email lee@keewaydin.org or call 802.352.4447 lv msg

Lawn and Garden

GARDEN TILLING large and small. Brush Hogging, lawn mowing. Reasonable rates. Contact Wayne 802-382-7465.

For Rent

DRY, WINTER/SUMMER STORAGE SPACE in Addison. Available storage space in my barn for summer/winter storage. The barn is structurally sound and weather-tight with electricity. No heat or running water. The barn is also available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

THE MEADOWS

Middlebury, VT
We are currently accepting applications for our waiting list. Eligible applicants pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent. For more information, please write or call the rental management agent.

Real-Net Management, Inc.
26 Court Street
Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-4994



Help Wanted

For Rent

MIDDLEBURY SUGAR-WOOD APARTMENTS is currently taking waitlist applications for 2, 3, 4 bedroom apartments. Minimum occupancy requirements. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply- Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

SPECTACULAR 2 BED-ROOM rental on the lake in Leicester. Completely, newly remodeled. Long term rental. Heat, electricity, parking included. Internet available. \$2,000/mo. plus deposit, references. Available June 1. 802-388-0860.

VERGENNES VALLEY VIEW APARTMENTS is currently taking wait list applications. Occupants must be 62+ years of age. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply - Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

Want to Rent

LOOKING TO RENT: Professional female seeking 1 bedroom, first floor apartment or small 2 bedroom house. Middlebury or Weybridge 978-907-2174

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

Want to Rent

ARE YOU LOOKING to look after your house while on vacation? Would like to rent a house for 2-7 July 2022 near Middlebury, Cornwall, Bridport, Bristol and other surrounding areas. Middlebury born and raised. Returning to Middlebury for July 4th vacation. There are 10 people, 7 adults and 3 children. Children ages 10, 13 and 16. Have several local references. We are all non-smokers. My husband and I reside in Fredericksburg Virginia. The other two families are my daughters and their families. Please email me at mrishell@verizon.net. Thank you.

Att. Farmers

HORSE BLANKET WASH and repair. Accepting non-leather (for now) horsewear of all kinds for cleaning and repairing at my Weybridge location. Call or text Sue Miller at 802-377-5945 or email svdwmiller@icloud.com with "horse" in the subject line for more information.

SMALL SQUARE BALES \$3.50. Excellent round bales \$30.00. Call 802-377-5455.

WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

Wanted

LIONS CLUB NEEDS good items for their annual auction. Please no appliances or electronics. Call for pick up, 388-7124. Help us, help others.

WANTED: Comic Books. Call David 857-210-5029.

OLD & USED GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns
Top prices paid.
P: 802-775-2859
C: 802-236-7213

Help Wanted

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MAPLEFIELDS
Looking for work in your hometown?

We offer medical, dental, paid vacation, personal time, sick time and 401K for full time positions.

ALL ADDISON COUNTY LOCATIONS CURRENTLY HIRING!

For openings and to apply, visit Maplefields.com

VERMONT SOAP
SOAP FOR THE PEOPLE

Account Manager (Sales)

Vermont Soap in Middlebury is looking for a motivated, outgoing and highly organized individual to join our sales team.

Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and possess strong knowledge of Microsoft and Excel programs. Previous sales experience a plus. Some benefits include weekends off, paid vacation time, paid holidays and 401k.

Submit cover letter and resume to nichole@vermontsoap.com.

See pages **9B** and **10B** for more **Job Opportunities!**

Lake research conference set for May 23-24

GRAND ISLE — The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP), Lake Champlain Sea Grant, and the Lake Champlain Research Consortium are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 Lake Champlain Research Conference. The conference will be held May 23-24, 2022 at the Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain in downtown Burlington.

The conference will bring together lake and watershed stakeholders, including researchers, resource managers, and the public to learn about findings from recent research on Lake Champlain and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. The conference will feature participation and research from New York, Vermont, Québec, and beyond, providing

an opportunity for discussion, networking, and collaboration across Lake Champlain's multi-jurisdictional watershed. College and university students, cultural organizations and watershed groups are encouraged to participate and scholarships are available.

Registration is open through May 6, 2022. Pre-registration is required. Visit lcbp.org/lcrc for registration, conference sponsorship and lodging information, and to view the draft agenda. Lodging reservations at the conference venue must be made by April 29, 2022 to secure availability. All conference participants will be required to demonstrate proof of COVID vaccination.

TOWN OF MONKTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING DOCUMENT
The Monkton Planning Commission will hold a hybrid in-person and Zoom public Hearing at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Monkton Town Hall (92 Monkton Ridge) to take public testimony on the proposed Amendments to the Unified Planning Document. The Planning Commission will discuss and vote on any proposed changes after this Public Hearing.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Monkton's Unified Planning Document exists to provide process and procedure to guide orderly development within the town. It is comprised of two parts, Section I that contains the town's Zoning Regulations and Section II that addresses the Subdivision Regulations. All development regulations take their guidance from the Town Plan, but unlike the Town Plan do not expire. Once adopted these regulations remain in effect until amended by the voters. The amendments proposed here, are intended to streamline the Zoning and Subdivision process and to make the process more open to the community.

All of the proposed amendments support the goals of the Town Plan and provide clarity and greater community input in the development process. They are compatible with proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan and planned community facilities.

- In the Zoning regulations:
We modernized language to remove any bias.
We updated or added the following sections:
To better protect wetlands, we updated section 230 E. and E. 1., and G. Section 230 and Map 1 – The planning regions have been better defined.
We modernized Section 230 I. "RLA" Ridgeline Overlay District and likewise Section 280 to match other conservation districts.
Electronic posting of all materials was added as Section 305.
To simplify site plan regulations, Section 364 3., 4., and 5. were updated.
To address invasive species, we added that plantings should be non-invasive and preferably native species to the definition of screening, and Sections 364 C. 2., 372 C. 4., 415 B., and 420 2.1.1 (a).
To address "tiny houses," we added two new sections: Section 437 - Travel Trailers, and Section 505 - Tiny Houses as well as defining tiny houses in definitions.
To protect groundwater resources, we prohibited commercial water extraction in section 485.
To align Section 542 – Abandonment of Structures and Section 400 – Non Conforming Uses, Structures and Lots we updated both and added Abandonment to Definitions.
We aligned Section 503 Accessory Building language with new State Law.
To address light pollution, we updated Section 584 F.
To make people aware of the State Laws on Shade trees we add Section 595 Tree Wardens and Preservation of Shade Trees.
To better manage erosion, we replaced section 584 I. with a new section 595 on Erosion Control.
To better manage storm water, we replaced section 584 J. with a new section 596 on Stormwater Management.
To better protect riparian buffers, we added a new Section 597 Riparian (Rivers and Streams) Buffers and Buffers Around Natural Ponds.
To better inform residences of wetland laws, we added Section 598 Wetlands.
To address issues with steep slopes, we added a new Section 599 Steep Slopes.

IN THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The most substantial change to the Unified Planning Document is on Planned United Developments (PUDs) sections 830 and 905. Section 905 was completely rewritten to modernize it to promote affordable housing, lessen impacts on farmers, and better conserve open space. Section 830 makes it clear that PUDs may be a normal part of the subdivision process. Specifically, we:

1. Revised the purpose and added Village and Rural districts
 2. Revised use of open space
 3. Addressed non-contiguous parcels for open space
 4. Created new thresholds for PUDs
 5. Rewrote common land requirements
 6. Addresses density bonuses, affordable housing, elderly housing
 7. Changes to Section 830 Preliminary Plat Application and Review
- Additionally, these new sections were added.
Electronic posting of all materials was added as Section 807.
To make people aware of the State Laws on Shade trees we add Section 965 Tree Wardens and Preservation of Shade Trees.
The areas of the town affected the proposed Amendments are:
Changes to the Ridgeline district impact that district.
All other proposed amendments affect all districts of the town.
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Written testimony will be accepted by the Commission if received by 5/2/2022 at planningcommission@monktonvt.com, or the Planning Commission's mailbox at the Town Hall (before close of business on Monday at 1 pm).

Zoom Meeting Information:
Link to join a Zoom meeting by computer video: <https://zoom.us/join>
Monkton's Zoom meeting ID: 802-453-3800
Monkton's Zoom Password: 1762
Telephone Number to attend meeting by phone: 646-558-8656
For more information please contact: Marilyn Cargill 453-5192 or Wendy Sue Harper, 453-2680 Co-Chairs of the Planning Commission at planningcommission@monktonvt.com, or Sharon Gomez, the Town Clerk at (802) 453-3800 or at: TownClerk@monktonvt.com.

Please note: There will be an informational session from 7:00 to 7:45PM on May 3rd at the Town Hall prior to the public hearing.

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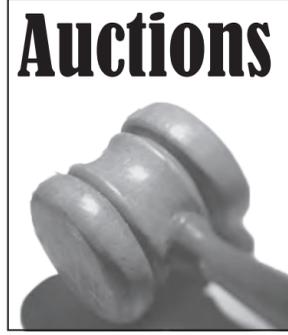
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		LB	\$
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Police sergeant helps woman walking in traffic

VERGENNES — Vergennes Police Sgt. Jason Ouellette on the morning of Monday, April 4, possibly saved the life of a woman who was walking in morning traffic in the middle of Route 7 in

Vergennes Police Log

New Haven near the bridge over the New Haven River.

Vermont State Police at about 9:15 a.m. asked Vergennes police officials if they could help the woman. State police at the time said they had no troopers near the scene, so Vergennes Sgt. Ouellette and Officer Mark Barber responded.

Ouellette arrived first and found the woman walking in the center of the road. Police said she was "experiencing an extreme mental health crisis (and) had fought with her caregiver" and left the caregiver's vehicle and went onto Route 7, where she was "oblivious to vehicles passing on each side of her."

Police said Ouellette rushed to her, but she resisted. However, police said Ouellette "subsequently controlled her, and safely brought her to the side of the road."

There, he, Barber and Troopers Mae Murdoch and Josh Gurwicz, who by then had arrived, restrained her until Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services personnel could take her to Porter Hospital for treatment and counseling.

In other action between April 4 and 10, Vergennes police conducted nine traffic stops and 10 patrols, five by cruiser and five on foot, and also:

On April 4, searched a West Main Street home after a report of burglars on the premises and concluded it was a false report due to the owner's mental health issues.

On April 5, took a report that a West Main Street neighbor's dogs had killed two of her chickens and

had knocked her daughter over, but that the neighbor hoped the issues had been resolved and just wanted the incidents on the record in case of future problems.

On April 7, took a report from a motorist who claimed he'd been punched in the back of the head by passengers brawling in the back seat of his car, and that they had broken a car window. Police heard conflicting stories, and surmised alcohol might have been involved, but eventually arranged for the passengers to pay to fix the window.

On April 8:

- Accepted an iPhone found near the Park Squeeze restaurant on Main Street, but have yet to find its owner.

- Cited José Hernandez, 30, of Ferrisburgh, for driving under the influence of alcohol following a one-car accident on Macdonough Drive.

On April 9 and 10, helped state police by backing them up on a case of disorderly conduct on Stanton Road in Panton. Police said troopers made an arrest.

On April 10, cited Amberlyn M. Ryan, 29, of Burlington for DUI-drugs refusal after a traffic stop in Ferrisburgh initially made by state police.

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NOTICE TOWN OF CORNWALL

INVITATION TO BID ON LAWN CARE 2022

Sealed bids for spring cleanup, mowing and trimming of various municipal parks, cemeteries, grounds, and ballfield for the Town of Cornwall during the 2022 season will be accepted until 5 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Cornwall Town Clerk's office, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753. Bids should be submitted with a price on a per mowing/trimming basis for each location. Frequency will be weekly or as needed. Must complete a short form contract and provide proof of insurance. Bids will be opened at the Selectboard Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. A list of mowing locations is available. For further information and to obtain the locations listing, please contact Sue Johnson, Town Clerk at 462-2775 or at cornwallvt@shoreham.net.

NOTICE

Vermont Natural Resources Board Act 250 ACT 250 Jurisdictional Opinion JO 9-081

On March 23, 2022, the District Coordinator issued Act 250 Jurisdictional Opinion JO 9-081 pursuant to 10 V.S.A. 6007(c) and Act 250 Rule 3, in response to a request made in a letter from Attorney Benjamin Putnam regarding the Estate of Iola Torrey received on February 28, 2018.

The Jurisdictional Opinion confirms that Act 250 jurisdiction has not been triggered by past events in Bridport, Vermont and Shoreham, Vermont.

Copies of this jurisdictional opinion have been served on all persons specified in 10 V.S.A. § 6007(c). A copy of the Jurisdictional Opinion may be obtained at the Natural Resources Board website: https://nrb.vermont.gov/decisions/JOs_and_PRRs or by contacting the District Coordinator at the email address below. Reconsideration requests are governed by Act 250 Rule 3(C)(2) and should be directed to the District Coordinator at the email address listed below.

Any appeal of this decision must be filed with the Superior Court, Environmental Division (32 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, Ste. 303, Burlington, VT 05401) within 30 days of the date the decision was issued, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220. The Notice of Appeal must comply with the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings (VRECP). The appellant must file with the Notice of Appeal the entry fee required by 32 V.S.A. § 1431 and the 5% surcharge required by 32 V.S.A. § 1434(a), which is \$262.50. The appellant also must serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal on the Natural Resources Board, 10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-3201, and on other parties in accordance with Rule 5(b)(4)(B) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings.

Dated this 7th day of April 2022.

By: Susan Baird, District Coordinator, District 9 Environmental Commission
10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-3201
802-479-0185 | susan.baird@vermont.gov

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22E07

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families
CONCISE SUMMARY: The purpose of the Transitional Housing Program is to offer more stability to households experiencing homelessness. The Transitional Housing Program will provide financial assistance to eligible households for up to 18 months in the form of direct monthly payments to motel and hotel owners who have executed an Occupancy Agreement with an eligible household. Eligible households include households experiencing homelessness category one or two as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the town in which the household is seeking housing. Recipients of Transitional Housing Program assistance must participate in Coordinated Entry - the system to refer and connect households to housing assistance - to find long term housing. The Transitional Housing Program will be funded by the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), and will conform to all federal law and guidance governing ERAP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Heidi Moreau, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: Heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/rules/current>

FOR COPIES: Nicole Tousignant, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-241-0588 Email: nicole.tousignant@vermont.gov

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND

This is to give notice that the Town of New Haven has conducted an evaluation as required by EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988 Floodplain Management/EXECUTIVE ORDER 11990 Protection of Wetlands in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain/Wetland Management to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain/wetland will have on the human environment. This process is being conducted for the New Haven Train Depot Relocation project as required under the Northern Borders Regional Commission Infrastructure Grant Program contract #NBRC21GVT-07.

The proposed project is for the placement of the historic New Haven Train Depot on 80 North St in the Town of New Haven which is adjacent to the Town Library. The structure will be moved from its current location in the municipal parking lot to a permanent site north of the parking lot. The selected site for placement of the structure may be near or within an estimated .45-acre unmapped, isolated Class III wetland and may impact up to, approximately, 4,125 sq. ft. including temporary disturbance during construction.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Comments regarding this action must be received by April 30, 2022, by 3:30 PM at the following address or via email to the contact below:

Attention:
John Roleau, Selectboard-Chair, 78 North St. New Haven, VT. 05472.
Phone: 802-453-3516
Email: newhaventownclerk@gmavt.net

VERMONT RAIL SYSTEM Vermont Railway • Green Mountain Railroad Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad • Washington County Railroad & WACR Conn River Division Weed Control Program Newspaper Advertisement

The Vermont Rail System has applied to the Secretary of Agriculture for a permit to apply herbicides to its tracks for control of weed growth in the ballast.

Vermont Railway operates between Bennington and Burlington.
(In the towns of Burlington, S. Burlington, Shelburne, Charlotte, Ferrisburgh, Vergennes, New Haven, Middlebury, Salisbury, Leicester, Brandon, Pittsford, Rutland Town, Rutland City, Clarendon, Wallingford, Danby, Mt. Tabor, Dorset, Manchester, Sunderland, Arlington, Shaftsbury, Bennington)

Green Mountain Railroad operates between Bellows Falls and Rutland City.
(In the towns of Rockingham/Bellows Falls, Chester, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mt. Holly, East Wallingford, Shrewsbury, Rutland Town, Rutland City)

Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad operates between Rutland and Whitehall NY, and Pittsford Town.
(In the towns of Pittsford, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Ira, Castleton, Fair Haven)

Washington County Railroad operates between Montpelier and Barre.
(In the towns of Montpelier, Barre City, Barre Town, S. Barre, Berlin)

WACR Conn River Division operates between White River Junction to Newport Vermont.
(In the towns of White River, Hartford, Wilder, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, Bradford, Newbury, Wells River, Newport, Coventry, Orleans, Barton, Sutton, West Burke, Lyndonville, St. Johnsbury, Passumpsic, Barnet, Ryegate.)

The tracks in these locations will be treated utilizing "hi-rail" equipped trucks with nozzles aimed downward from fixed booms 18 inches above the rails which spray the roadbed beneath the tracks. Beginning on or near May 1st, 2022, our applicator will be using a mix of Aqueaneat or Roundup Custom (Glyphosate), Esplanade 200 SC (Indaziflilam) Method 240SL (Aminocyclopyrachlor), and Oust XP (Sulfometuron Methyl) with an anti drift additive in water for control of weeds and grass. Beginning on or about July 1st, 2022 areas close to streams and standing water which were not sprayed on the first application, will be spot treated with Aqueaneat or Roundup Custom (Glyphosate) with an anti-drift additive in water.

Residents abutting Vermont Rail System right-of-way should protect private water supplies or other sensitive areas. It is the responsibility of the resident to notify us of the existence of a private water supply located near our property.

- Notification from residents along the Vermont Railway, Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad, Green Mountain Railroad, Washington County Conn River Division and the Washington County Railroad Barre to Montpelier, should be made before April 26th, 2022 to: Rick T. Boucher, Chief Engineer M.O.V. • Vermont Railway, Inc. • 118 Post Street Rutland, VT 05701, or by telephone at (802) 775-4356, Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

- Questions or comments should be addressed to: Vermont Department of Agriculture • 116 State Street • Montpelier, VT 05602-2901, or by telephone at (802) 828-2431.

ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

April 14, 2022



"I ONLY HAVE CONTROL OVER ONE THING: ME SINGING THE SONG. AND I KNOW HOW TO DO THAT... WALKING IN COLD, EXPECTED TO BE HOT — THAT DOESN'T SCARE ME."

— Josh Panda

Addison County's Clint Bierman and Burlington's Josh Panda are getting ready to represent Vermont on America's Song Contest, a new NBC reality TV show where musicians compete for the Best Original Song title. An official watch party will be held at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on April 18, at 8 p.m.

PHOTO / BEN COLLINS

Bierman, Panda vie for America's best song on TV

One random day back in January of last year, Josh Panda got a call from Clint Bierman.

"He said, 'Yo dude, I just wrote you a new song,'" Panda remembered. "I was like, 'Yeah, I love when you do that!'"

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

For two musicians with more than 20 years experience each, a new song was nothing particularly special or new. But there was something different about *that* song.

"I just never forgot about that song," Panda told Arts + Leisure.

"Panda, rewrote the tune and elevated the song

to the next level," explained Bierman, a Bridport resident. "It was never gonna be *the* song until you put the Panda on it. Now it's a banger."

So what do two fathers/rock stars do with a "banger" tune?

Shoot for the moon, of course. Or well, in this case national television.

Panda was selected to sing that tune, "Rollercoaster," for NBC's "American Song Contest" — a music reality competition television series based on the "Eurovision Song Contest," which has had a wildly successful 65-year run in Europe. Panda, who lives in Burlington, will be representing Vermont.

Participants in the "American Song Contest" represent all 50 states, five territories and

Washington, D.C., and compete for the title of Best Original Song. The first episode aired March 21 and the contest will conclude on May 9. Hosts of the show are Snoop Dogg and Kelly Clarkson.

"I almost jumped out of my pants when I got the call," said Panda, remembering when he was selected for the show last fall.

"I did jump out of my pants," Bierman laughed.

"It is so cool to be considered for this opportunity," Panda said more seriously. "And that's the attitude I'm going to maintain through the whole experience. Being on the show is amazing in its own rite."

It got even more awesome, when Panda asked if Bierman could be part of his band, and the

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ART ON EXHIBIT

NEW ART IN BRANDON CELEBRATES 'LIFE ON EARTH'

A new art happening is opening at the Compass Music and Arts Center in Brandon on April 22, at 5 p.m., featuring FROBERTAN, a collaboration between acclaimed artist Fran Bull and long time collaborator Robert Black.

"We're All At A Party Called Life on Earth" is an astonishing and joyous installation creates a rare opportunity to experience a festive and diverse collection of motley characters inspired by Commedia Dell'arte, Carnival, Boardwalk, Circus, the polychromed sculpture of the ancient Greeks and even Shakespeare's Fools. Crafting this art over several years in her studio in Brandon, Bull and Black wish to convey, through the diversity and celebratory attitudes of the sculptures, the urgency for all humans to learn to live peacefully on earth.

"We are acutely aware that the pandemic has taught us that we are all connected, all related, that our lives are intertwined," Bull explained. "This party is imagined as a metaphor for our

very lives on the planet. It is envisioned as an incalculably precious, mirthful and sacred gift."

The installation has been designed to be inviting and interactive. A recorded tour supports visitors as they engage with the artistic concepts.

An opportunity to engage in Master Classes with both artists will also be available. The classes will invite participants to step out of their typical routines and enjoy time to be creative, rethink, reflect, find perspective and to express themselves by creating new art. The classes are to be held Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1, 1-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 15, 1-3:30 p.m.

The fee is \$50 for adults per session (or \$75 for two sessions) and includes costs for materials and light refreshments. The fee for children under 10 years and accompanied by a participating adult is \$5 and for students is \$25. The exhibit runs until June 11. An opening



Laughing Heads III

PHOTO / DON ROSS

reception will be held on Friday, April 22, from 5-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

To reserve for a workshop please call (802) 247 4295 or email edna@brandon-music.net. For more information visit cmacvt.org.



MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



Takács Quartet

Julien Labro, Bandoneón

Friday, April 22 ■ 7:30 PM

Mahaney Arts Center, Robison Hall; or stream from home

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PETE SUTHERLAND AND OLIVER SCANLON OFFER DIGITAL CONCERT ON NEAT TV

5 Town Friends of the Arts in collaboration with The Lawrence Memorial Library and NEAT TV present Oliver Scanlon and Pete Sutherland in concert Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be at the library. There will be no in person audience but will be broadcast live on NEAT TV. Comcast Cable channel 1080.

The show will also be streamed live through the NEAT TV website neatbristol.com. For those unable to see the original broadcast, the show can be seen afterwards on the NEAT website at videos on demand. The series has been made possible by a Spark grant from the Vermont Community Foundation.

Local folk hero Pete Sutherland and his protege Oliver Scanlon met up when Oliver was a shy 4th grader, where the

two wordlessly bonded over fiddle music. Several years later they began to play out, later joining forces with guitarist Tristan Henderson to form Pete's Posse, a hard-driving trio that spent half a dozen years touring nationally and internationally with its innovative blend of rocking contradance music, thoughtful and hilarious original songs and soulful three part acappella.

The Posse spent the first months of the largely gig-free pandemic recording a double album of new music. With the trio in hibernation due to the closure of the Canadian and U.S. border, Pete and Oliver have revived their duo act, featuring a wide variety of instrumental combinations, informed by all the musical styles and sounds the trio is known for, and continuing to keep the Posse flame burning while adding new repertoire to the mix.

PANDA

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producers said yes!

"I've been on this ride the entire time," Bierman

said. "I'm so excited. I know Panda really well; I know what he can do and I'm so excited to see him on this show. It's giving him the stage he's always deserved and wanted."

If you haven't seen an episode of "American Song Contest" yet, let's be clear, the stage is 100% rock star. We're talking professional lights, sets, dancers, bands and plenty of Hollywood magic.

Each contestant is set up with a brief video introduction, the acts sing their hearts out, Snoop Dog and Kelly Clarkson talk, there's a commercial break... rinse and repeat. Each episode features 11-12 performers; for a total of five episodes. Performances are judged by a jury and popular vote.

"We'll be sitting backstage in full costume waiting for the count down," Bierman imagined. "I can't wait to see that in action."

The duo is headed out to Los Angeles for their big shot during the fifth qualifier round of the show this coming Monday, April 18.

Any butterflies fluttering around in these two rockers' tummies?

Not so much.

"A lot of people would do a lot of practicing,"



Panda said. "That would freak me out. I only have control over one thing: me singing the song. And I know how to do that... Walking in cold, expected to be hot — that doesn't scare me.

"And the people we're working with are incredible professionals, this is what they do — it's just Tuesday to them."

"One hundred percent," Bierman added confidently. "I know the song; I know it well. I'm not nervous about that aspect. You show up with your talent, know your stuff, get out there and get it right."

"What's important to me is to bring an honest representation of who I am and how that ties into Vermont," said Panda, a native of North Carolina who's called Vermont home for the past 15 years. "I'm not from here, so why in the hell am I here? It's cold."

It's a love story.

He met his to-be wife in North Carolina during college and "that was it," Panda said simply. "I was not going away." She's a Vermonter and so the couple moved up north.

"I was accepted right away," Panda said. "I had a thing; I was a character with a thing that I did... You can thrive here if you have an idea."

Bierman isn't a native Vermonter either, he's originally from Indiana.

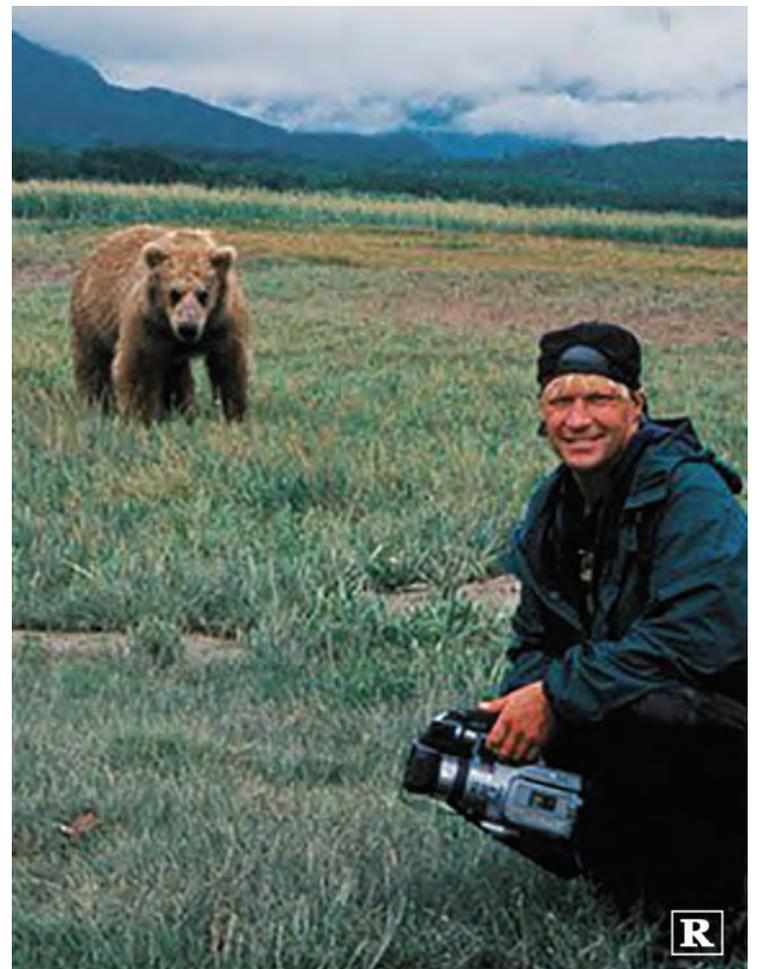
But neither of these two are lacking in authenticity or humility.

"We're in this together," Panda said. "Clint, you were my inspiration for becoming a family man; you made the life of a musician and father look doable. We both have to make money, and there's not a lot of money in original music... My dream has always been to make a living playing original music. If you like Josh Panda, then let me make more Josh Panda music and less of me singing 'Like a prayer' at weddings."

But arguably Panda excels at that too.

"I'm just grateful for Panda," Clint chimed in. "I've been doing this music thing a long time now, and I've never had an opportunity like this."

Come celebrate our very own Vermont and Addison County rock stars at an official watch party held at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on April 18, at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) A cash bar will be open and the show is free to watch. Bring your energy and get ready to ride Panda and Bierman's "Rollercoaster."



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BHAKTA EXTINGUISHES LOCOMOTIVE BLAZE!

The meddling of a rival spirits tycoon reached a fever pitch on Sunday when Raff Bezaleel Jr. — the self-proclaimed “Apple Brandy Baron of Richville” and noted nemesis of Headmaster of Griswold (H.O.G.) Raj Peter Bhakta — was seen setting fire to a steam locomotive in Castleton. The rail coach was identified as Mr. Bhakta’s Griswold Express.

Three women and thirteen children trapped within necessitated rescue by a local blacksmith, who was assisted in his endeavor by a fearless Boston Terrier belonging to the H.O.G.’s press correspondent. The incident is the latest in an increasingly depraved, nonsensical, and wholly one-sided revenge saga played out by the bitter Bezaleel Jr., whose methods and thirst for mischief appear to be as fluid as his motives.

Upon personally extinguishing the flames, Mr. Bhakta is said to have broken his morning fast to enjoy his usual Greek salad from Poultney House of Pizza before fielding questions from a gaggle of newspapermen who had happened upon the scene by pure coincidence. According to witnesses, Bezaleel Jr. was observed using an exotic menthol cigarette to kindle clippings of a recent edition of these selfsame “Chronicles of Griswold” to ignite his towering inferno of jealousy, rage, and spite.

The mustachioed villain was first spotted at sundown reconnoitering betwixt the yard’s railcars, where he was seen drinking from his customary flask and issuing forth squirts of swill with which to coat the tracks in a lather of flame accelerant. He was identified by his opulent buggy — a phaeton with fixtures rimmed of brass and a hood bedecked with an unsightly grim reaper ornament — whose license plate reads only SMOKEWAGON. The coach was pulled by a Pale Horse appearing to be a breed of albino Clydesdale notable for its unusually fiery eyes of ruby.

Mrs. Delilah Bezaleel was seen to accompany her husband on his ghoulish errand. It is well documented that Mrs. Bezaleel’s father’s fortune — ill-begotten through the sale of illegal lottery tickets — has been funding her intemperate husband’s doomed and frankly frustrating foray into brandy production; Bezaleel Jr. has been trumped at every turn by Mr. Bhakta’s more exquisite and wildly popular BHAKTA 27-07 Brandy.

As the 7:27 Griswold Express loped around the bend, Bezaleel Jr. was seen to leap out from his camouflage in an adjacent field of rye and use his kindling of Chronicles to ignite a most tremendous display of firecrackers which in turn set the swill-slicked tracks ablaze.

“Bezaleel is capable of anything. Blink and he’s got your wife over a barrel with a switchblade to her chin as his goons pick your cellar clean. That man has one hell of an imagination,” said Mr. Bhakta to the press confab.

“We’ve been targets of his antics for a decade now. We are done turning the other cheek, I will tell you that,” the H.O.G. added. “Bezaleel better prepare for total war — no one traps women and children in a flaming train car and gets away with it on my watch. The good people of the Slate Valley simply won’t stand for it.”

The motives of Mr. Bhakta’s rival are known well to the reading public through a recent and well-publicized attempt at grand larceny in which Bezaleel Jr. dispatched a squad of goons disguised as Jehovah’s Witnesses to infiltrate Griswold Library and abscond with its stock of Mr. Bhakta’s fabled BHAKTA 27-07 Brandy; the plot was foiled by the H.O.G.’s loud-talking accountant, whose baritone repelled the would-be burglars.

Despite a surfeit of decades-long evidence available to indict Mr. Bezaleel Jr. on all manner of criminal charges — including embezzlement, racketeering, apple overharvesting, aggravated kidnapping, moonshine impotency, use of a homebrew email server, the blackmail of a beloved local tobacconist, and of late this ghastly case of thirty-third degree arson, the local nuisance has for years dodged so much as a simple court summons. The work of a local muckraker has been instrumental in demonstrating the corruption of the county judge who continues to slow-walk charges; leaked telegrams containing compromising daguerrotypes of the judge and Mrs. Delilah Bezaleel suggest an intricate scheme of double blackmail.

Survivors of the satanic inferno were doused in ice water and prescribed nips of BHAKTA 27-07 Brandy — a rare blend of Calvados and Armagnac which the Headmaster’s personal physician administered by means of medical-grade snifters in order to ensure instantaneous revival. The snifters in question have been added to a roving museum exhibit at Mr. Bhakta’s Green Mountain College. In commemoration of the rescue, tastes of this most revitalizing BHAKTA 27-07 Brandy have been made available at Griswold Library for \$4 a pour, whilst full bottles are now offered to loyal readers for the discounted price of \$72.

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FILM SCREENING

MNFF SELECTS PRESENTS 'GRIZZLY MAN' THURSDAY, APRIL 21, AT TOWN HALL THEATER IN MIDDLEBURY

MNFF Selects, the monthly screening series presented by the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival, will present the celebrated and multi-award winning documentary "Grizzly Man" on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. In keeping with the theme of this year's Selects series, "Humans and Animals: Shared Experiences, Intersecting Worlds," this stunning and unforgettable film, directed by the legendary German filmmaker Werner Herzog, is a heart rending docudrama that centers on amateur grizzly bear expert Timothy Treadwell who periodically journeyed to Alaska to study and live with the bears. Treadwell was killed, along with his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, by a rogue bear whom he had never previously encountered in October 2003.

Herzog deftly explores Treadwell's compassionate life as he found solace among these endangered animals. "Grizzly Man" is an epic tale of the profound and fraught relationship between a man and the animals he dared to befriend. Winner of the 2005 Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Documentary, along with the NY, LA, Chicago and Toronto Film Critics Award for Best Documentary, "Grizzly Man" is as essential now as it was upon its release some 17 years ago. The film is rated R.

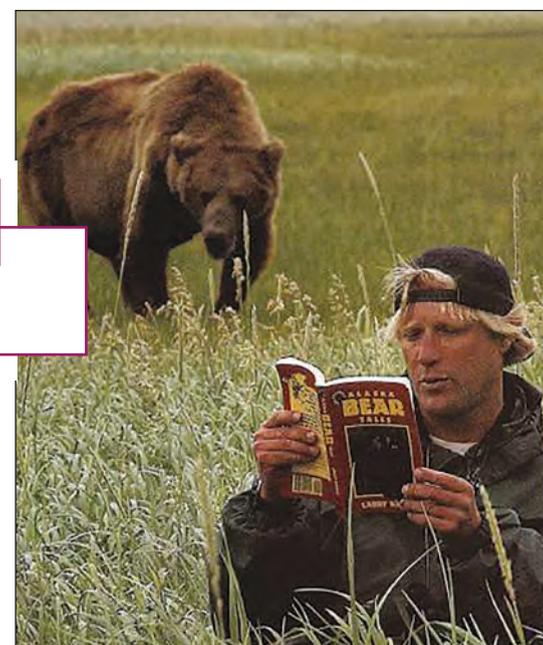
With considerable admiration for "Grizzly Man," the Washington Post's Desson Thomson wrote that the film was "a small masterpiece of a documentary that takes us into the heart of a complex darkness: the mysterious land of Alaska, the world of grizzly bears and, most significantly, the soul of Timothy Treadwell, a man who tried to break down the atavistic borders between man and beast, and failed." Moreover, Thomson observed, "Treadwell also left behind an extraordinary gift for humankind: 100 hours of video recordings of his time with the bears over his last five summers. Herzog took the footage and edited it into this feature-length film. The result is an extraordinarily moving portrait of a man, a sort of illiterate artist, untrained as a filmmaker but powered by his own conviction and personal vision. "Grizzly Man" is also about us and the wild impulses that we listen, and don't listen, to. We are connected with animals but also separate from them. Treadwell thought there was more fluidity between both worlds. By trying to create an intimacy that never really existed, Treadwell became guilty of an Icarus-like hubris. And he paid the price. It's a

portrait not only of a fascinating man but also of human nature in general."

"We are pleased to offer this astonishing documentary by one of the world's greatest living filmmakers, Werner Herzog," noted Lloyd Komesar, MNFF Producer. "'Grizzly Man' posits the earnest and perhaps naive optimism of Timothy Treadwell against Herzog's own belief of nature's implacability and inherent dominance over human beings. And yet, the sympathetic treatment of his subject elevates Herzog's work into a thing of beauty that Claudia Puig, then of USA Today, called 'a haunting and fascinating portrait of so much that is worth exploring.'"

Individual adult tickets to this film are \$16. Youth 12-17 tickets are \$11. Children under 12 tickets are \$7. Tickets can be purchased at middfilmfest.org/portfolio/grizzly-man or townhalltheater.org, by phone at 802-382-9222 or in person at the THT box office, Monday-Friday, 12-5 p.m. The film's trailer can also be seen at townhalltheater.org/event/grizzly-man.

The MNFF Selects Series will be adhering to the newly revised COVID-19 protocol implemented



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by Town Hall Theater as of April 6: Following state and CDC recommendations, Town Hall Theater has updated its COVID policy. This policy will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and is subject to change in accordance with new public health guidelines: Masks are optional for all indoor and outdoor events. THT offer masks and hand sanitizer for patrons' convenience. In response to state and CDC guidelines, THT will not be checking for proof of vaccination or PCR tests. Please do not come to THT if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, even if you have been vaccinated.



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Blueberry bushes put on their fall colors to rival those of the surrounding forest.

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CULTIVATING DELECTABLE EDIBLES

Spring is here and gardeners everywhere are busy getting ready for the gardening season ahead.

I have always loved to grow food. There is something really special about deciding to make a salad for lunch and then immediately being able to pop outside and harvest a large

BY **JUDITH IRVEN**

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luscious ripe tomato, or perhaps a handful of cherry tomatoes in various shades of red and yellow. Throw in some tender lettuce

leaves plus a few slices of cucumber, then perhaps some herbs and a few blueberries as a garnish, and I am all set.

So, to accommodate my desires, I tend a petite "kitchen garden" right outside my back door, plus a good-sized vegetable garden up the hill which is filled with tomatoes, beans, potatoes, kale and much more.

Meanwhile, right in the middle of my flower garden, I have an assembly of high-bush blueberries with their own special history. Not only do they produce wonderful fruit but blueberry bushes are also great

ornamental plants.

A "FOUR-SQUARE" VEGGIE GARDEN FACILITATES CROP ROTATION

We have probably all heard about the importance of not growing the same crop in one place year after year, a practice which can lead to the depletion of specific nutrients as well as the build-up of crop specific pests.

And indeed crop rotation systems have been employed for thousands of years by farmers all across the globe. (Check out this interesting article wikipedia.org/wiki/Crop_rotation).

So I wanted an easy way to practice crop rotation in my personal veggie garden here in Goshen.

Our veggie garden lies just to the south of the old farm barn, in an open space where the Hayes family (who, for over 50 years, maintained an extensive dairy farm here) grew their potatoes.

And, for the last 20 years, I have used this sunny space to raise a mix of traditional vegetables, including tomatoes, beans, kale, squash, leeks and — of course — potatoes.

However, I decided against growing my own corn — I do not want to encourage visits for marauding raccoons. Instead I prefer to visit one of the many great organic farms around here that sell their own



Peeking into Judith's "Four-Square" veggie garden.

fresh corn throughout the summer.

At the outset I chose a four-square design, both to facilitate crop rotation and also because I liked the clean look it offered.

I started by enclosing the 40-foot square sunny space with a four-foot high fence, plus a gate at the northern end. I had heard that deer will avoid jumping into an enclosed space if they feel they will have trouble departing in a hurry. And, to date, this barrier has done an excellent job of deterring both deer as well as other creatures. Just once an enterprising woodchuck managed to dig his way in. But, after encountering our dog, he decided to quickly depart!

Next, I created a four-foot wide perimeter bed along the inside of the fence, and edged this with a grass path that is also four-feet wide. I use this perimeter bed to grow all my permanent vegetables and fruit bushes, including asparagus and rhubarb, several varieties of raspberries, plus black and red currants.

Two central grass paths (also four foot wide) run north-south and east-west. And, on either side of these paths, there are four 12-foot square beds where I grow all the typical annual crops including tomatoes, squash, potatoes and beans. The beds are edged with boards, 6-inches wide and 12-feet long, dug into the ground to create 4-inch high raised beds. This design allows me to step inside the beds to reach my plants, and also to add compost each fall.

To minimize weeding, every spring I mulch each square with a thick layer of hay spread over several layers of newspaper. Then, by using a slightly thicker application of newspaper and hay, I can create one or more central paths so that I can access the plants as needed. Also, to keep the outer lawn paths neat and tidy, I give them a weekly trim with my lightweight battery-powered mower.



This simple arrangement allows me to easily rotate the crops grown in each of the inner beds. To keep my planning simple I follow a clockwise pattern. For instance, last year I grew 16 tomato plants (with one central path) in the southwestern square, and bush beans together with pole beans and cucumbers (with two central paths) in the northwestern square. So, this year, the beans and cucumbers will move to the northeastern square, while the tomatoes will be in the northwestern square.

I usually devote one of the additional squares to a mix of potatoes, leeks, kale and broccoli. And in the final square, I grow several different types of squash — typically six butternut squash planted in the centre (so that they have plenty of room to wander as the season progresses), plus zucchini and crookneck squash on each of the corners.

You can readily shrink this four-square concept if you do not want to devote this much space to vegetables. For instance you could reduce the central squares to either six-foot or even four-foot beds, and reduce the width of the lawn paths. You could also eliminate the perimeter bed with its permanent plantings.

A PETITE KITCHEN GARDEN

In addition to my large four-square veggie garden up the hill, I also created a little kitchen garden just outside my back door where things are close at hand when I want to grab some herbs or salad makings.

Measuring just 10 feet by 14 feet, my kitchen garden consists of a raised bed edged with large rocks.

Just like the old song — parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme — these four favorite herbs all feature in my kitchen garden. Creeping thyme covers the outer rocks and there is also a huge sage bush on one corner. These are both perennials here in Vermont, meaning they happily spend the winter over outdoors.

However, while rosemary enjoys the heat of summer, it cannot survive our cold winters. Thus I grow mine in a large pot that gets moved into the greenhouse for the winter.

And finally I would be lost without plenty of parsley. So each spring I make sure to buy a couple of six-packs of parsley at the local nursery which I then plant out in my garden.

There are also several lavender plants that flourish outdoors all year long, as well as a huge pot of Bay Laurel that too must be moved into the greenhouse for the winter — where it comes in very handy for flavoring soups.

However, despite all the space devoted to these herbs, I still have room for pretty flowers like nasturtiums and viola (both good for garnishing the salads), four cherry tomato plants, as well as several rows of lettuce, spinach and chard. I grow these from seed, first in cold frames, and then sown at

Upcoming Workshops

Judith Irven will be leading a "Design Your Own Garden" workshop at the Middlebury Studio School again this spring. The format is slightly different this year. Each workshop will consist of two, four-hour sessions where participants get to develop a design for their own gardens. Workshops will be held on Tuesdays, April 19 and 26, and Saturdays, April 30 and May 7. More info and sign up at middleburystudioschool.org/adult-art-classes.

fortnightly intervals from spring until early summer — plus a few more later to create a fall crop.

And finally the small side bed that runs along the edge of the house is home for some tarragon and lovage — both herbs that are useful in cooking.

BOUNTIFUL BLUEBERRIES

And last — but by no means least — my collection of delectable edibles includes 20 high-bush blueberry bushes that flourish in one of my flowerbeds.

The soil up here in Goshen is quite acidic (with a pH of around 5.0) which is ideal for growing blueberries. If you live in areas of the Champlain Valley, where the soil tends to be closer to neutral, you might consider growing blueberries in raised beds and adding plenty of peat moss to help to acidify the soil.

Most of the bushes in my garden were actually growing in the meadow when we first moved to our Goshen house. Then, through a chance visit from a man who told us he had spent his teenage years here, we discovered that these original bushes had been planted by his parents when they all lived here — over 60 years ago now.

And to this day, those 12 bushes, together with eight more I added later, are still wonderfully productive. And in addition, each fall the bushes turn a beautiful red.

Last summer, in addition to the fresh blueberries we enjoyed for breakfast each day, I was able to freeze an additional 30 pounds of fruit, which even now are still providing us with healthy and delicious deserts.

Now that's what I call truly delectable edibles!

Judith Irven and Dick Conrad live in Goshen where together they nurture a large garden.

Judith is a Vermont Certified Horticulturist and teaches Sustainable Home Landscaping for the Vermont Master Gardener program. You can subscribe to her blog about her Vermont gardening life at northcountryreflections.com.

Dick is a landscape and garden photographer; you can see more of his photographs at northcountryimpressions.



THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW



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SCHOLARS' BOWL HITS RESET AFTER LONG BREAK DUE TO PANDEMIC

By Abel Atocha '24

Mt. Abe has had a championship-winning Scholar's Bowl team in the past, but the tradition went on a brief hiatus during the last few years. Recently, our Scholar's Bowl team has arisen from its dormancy thanks to the help of teachers Vicki Bronson and Simone Skerritt.

Practices started out small, but the team quickly recruited more members. The first competition was at Essex High School, where we suffered multiple losses. Nevertheless, the team remained optimistic and arrived at the next competition with a team of nearly double the size. Junior Sean Davison said, "The down time during 'meets' is always a highlight, because it's refreshing to just relax and have

fun in between the slightly-charged, competitive environments."

Scholar's Bowl is an academic trivia competition, with questions ranging from biology and literature to video games and sports. Sophomore Joe Darling joined because he "was told it was a trivia game like *Jeopardy*" and he stuck with it because "I enjoy having fun with others and testing out my knowledge." Two teams sit opposite each other, with four people on each side. Each team has a captain who is responsible for confirming their team's answers on bonus rounds. The majority of questions are in the form of toss-ups, where any member of either team can answer by pressing



The Scholars' Bowl team poses for a picture at the State Meet

their buzzer. Only the person who pressed the buzzer is allowed to speak. If you buzz in to answer before the question is fully read and

answer incorrectly, your team loses five points. The questions get progressively easier as they are spoken; for example, "This document was intercepted by Room 40 as it was passed from a foreign secretary to ambassador Heinrich von Eckhardt. Germany promised to return portions of the southwestern U.S. to Mexico in exchange for an alliance in World War I in, what intercepted 'telegram'?" In some tournaments, you can score bonus points by buzzing in and answering before a certain point in the question.

After a "toss-up" question is correctly answered, a set of three bonus questions are asked to the scoring team. These questions are related to each other, but not re- (See *Scholars*, Page 7)

A.R.T. BRINGS SHAKESPEARE BACK TO LIVE STAGE

By the A.R.T. Performance Class '22

Almost two years to the day after their last "normal" production, Addison Repertory Theatre students returned to live, indoor, unmasked performance with their recent production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. A.R.T. performed two special matinee shows for Mt. Abe's ninth grade English students, who had been studying the play, and entertained audiences with two sold-out public performances.

"It was refreshing; I felt really connected to the other actors," said MAUHS

senior Halle Huizenga when asked about acting again without a mask. "I was able to use my acting skills in ways I couldn't with the mask."

Mt. Abe senior Kayley Tardie said it was a freeing feeling. "I think I learned a lot from acting with [a mask] on, but having my face back was wonderful. Being able to see others' faces gives us reaction cues as people in real life; onstage, it brings it all together. It makes it easier."

Twelfth Night, a comedy about a young woman who disguises herself as a man after being shipwrecked in a strange land, offered both actors and audience members the chance to enjoy this classical play in an updated setting while retaining the rich language of the original script.

MAUHS senior Myia LaFreniere said, "Moving the setting and costuming to the 1960s helped me connect to the language better." Huizenga added, "I was more relaxed than I would've been if it had been set in Elizabethan times."

Some students understood the challenges of bringing meaning to audiences. Mt. Abe senior Elena Bronson felt that "because the language was so different, I

had to use my body language. It really helped people understand what was going on."

Acting in her first Shakespeare play, LaFreniere said it helped her understand modern English much better. Learning the heightened language has had an impact on her ability to learn contemporary scripts. "I struggle with memorizing lines. Things seem easier now."

"Shakespeare is meant to be seen and heard," said director Eric Reid-St John. "It was such a wonderful experience to hear the laughter from the Mt. Abe audiences and to see the reactions to the humor of the play when they were able to enjoy the



Roberts confronted by Bronson, DeWitt & Huizenga

story off the page."

Team BuILDing 9th grader Mackenzie Griner said, "My favorite part was when they were tricking Malvolio (Lily James Roberts) and hiding behind the bushes."

Maya Menzel (also on Team BuILDing) thought the best part was "at the end, when every character ran into each other and met, so Viola (Kearns) could reveal her true identity!"

The production featured a special guest artist, as 2020 MAUHS graduate and A.R.T. alum Ethan DeWitt, home on a break from college, was able to appear as Sir Toby Belch. Being part of the cast (See *Shakespeare*, Page 2)



Tardie, Abby Goodyear (VUHS) & Amanda Kearns (MUHS) in a scene near the end

FAMILY TALKS ABOUT PAST AND FUTURE OF TRUCKING

By Evan Oberle '23

Edward and Scott Oberle are "old school" truckers from different eras who have noticed how trucking has changed over the years and shared what they think trucking might look like in the future.

Edward Oberle attended the Navy right after high school then moved to Vermont, where he ended up buying a trucking company. Scott Oberle, Ed's son, worked as a mechanic for 20 years, then built his own truck and became the owner/operator of Oberle's Bulldog Trucking. Ed drove for 10 years before

selling the trucking company, and starting a mechanic shop, while Scott is still driving, 21 years and counting. "The trucking industry was good for me," Ed said, "but back in the day, there were no interstates, so it consisted of long days and nights of being in the truck."

The industry has also been good for Scott. He said, "Lots of things have changed over the years, but I stuck with the old iron, and never got into trucks with a lot of technology, so I haven't had as many problems." Ed loved being on the road, but didn't like leaving his family

behind. Scott loves being on the road, and getting to see new places.

Ed didn't have good opinions on electric trucks, and even though he's retired, he would still not drive one. Scott also wouldn't own an electric truck, because he grew up working on and operating mechanical trucks and (See *Oberle*, Page 7)



By Ruby Jean Hall '23

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VOICES

WHY YOU NEED TO HIT THE GYM

By Nolan Valkyrie '23

Working out is a good use of your time and will put you in a positive mindset and give you a healthy body. Tips I've learned are to take cold baths, sleep 8 hours and take the right supplements.

Sleep is the most important for working out. If you don't sleep, you won't build muscle and won't be energized the next day. It's proven that people who sleep 8.5 hours gain 40% more muscle mass. Muscle mass decreases 60% in people who sleep 3 hours. Sleep gives your body time to recover, and it repairs and builds up the muscles worked during exercise.

If you're trying to bulk, the most effective thing you can do is eat, including protein/carbs. Too much of any food will get you to bulk up and then you can turn all that fat into muscle. Some of the best foods are chicken and rice, red meat, dairy, grains and white oats. Before every workout, pre-exhaust your muscles for good blood flow.

You should have a good split that works for you, which means you don't need 4 days for your muscles to recover. Work every muscle 2 times a week. This means put shoulder day and arm day together because you don't need your whole time at the gym to focus on one muscle. Some splits include the push/pull/legs method, or a custom split, or bro split. The push/pull/legs split is probably the most efficient because all related muscle groups are trained together in the same workout.

Finally: take an ice bath after exercise to reduce inflammation and speed up recovery. Bottom line: Just do it!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vermont is too strict on their inspection laws on a motor vehicle. First of all, Vermont requires motor vehicles to be mostly rust free. Not all people in Vermont have the money to get their vehicles to meet the state inspection requirements.

ADVICE WITH A SIDE OF HUMOR

By George Collette '22

Alright, we're gonna try something different...none of these are high school related. I'm getting outta here in 3 months and I gotta remember what the real world's like, so let's get into it! **Socially awkward Uncle asked, "How do I slip out of a party without saying goodbye?"**

Okay, this is actually a pretty easy fix. First thing you're going to do: put on the ol' acting shoes and convince everyone that you got the stomach bug or a killer head cold. Cast a wide net on this one, so everyone knows you're feeling sick. Next is actually the easiest part: go to the bathroom and stay there for 10 minutes minimum. You really gotta sell the fact that you're not feeling hot, and hell, if you leave your laptop in there, you can check on your credit score while you wait. Okay, now is the most crucial part, the exit. First, make a beeline directly to the host and thank them for the invite. Just because you have the social skills of a can of soup doesn't mean

you didn't have an okay time. Then, you gotta get to your car, so if they have a backdoor, use it. If you have someone with you, they have to at least drive out of the driveway, because you're sick, for Pete's sake! If not, this next step is imperative. Turn your car on and floor it; there is no law when you're uncomfortable at a social gathering; drive home like it's 7:24 and *Jeopardy* reruns (the ones with Alex Trebek not the other guy) start at 7:30. If you



did this right, you were at the party for about 40 minutes and played sick for about 20. **Fed up mutual friend asked, "I have adult braces. How do I get people to stop treating me like I'm 17 again?"**

Listen up, because I'm about to drop some knowledge. First, you gotta change your smile. Start by pursing your lips like you're about to give Granny Wrinkles a peck on the cheek. Then press your lips against your gums; it should look like a regular smile just with no teeth. If you can make it through an entire event with this method, congrats, I'm proud of you. If you get caught, braces to the breeze, airing out the old iron, then here's what you do: suck it up and act like a 30-year-old with braces. Have a normal conversation and if they bring it up, just tell them that they'll be off soon and if they make fun of you, say, "Hey, at least I'm not wearing dentures!"

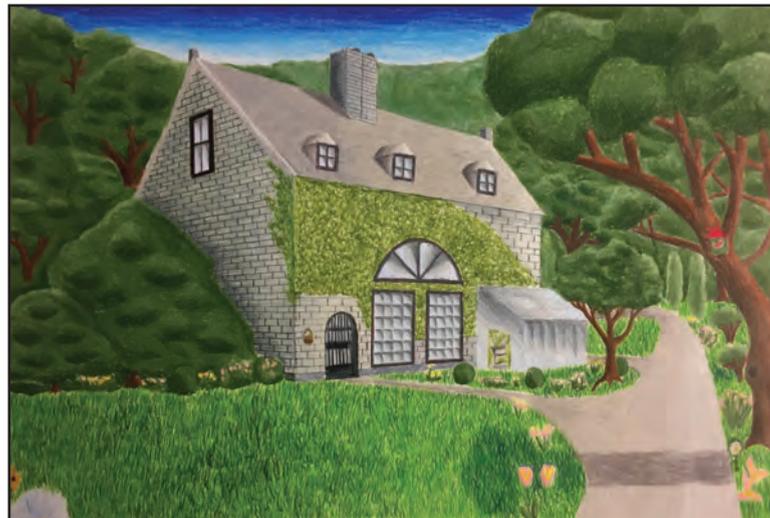
Diane asks, "My husband is a huge Patriots fan and I want to throw a

tailgate party for him and his buddies. What do I need?"

Wait, your name is Diane? Usually we have a snappy nickname or moniker! Anyway, Diane, tailgates are sacred to sports fans, and 85% of tailgater's best meals were eaten in parking lots. To pull off a successful tailgate, you need 3 zones. The first zone is known as "recline." I'm talking lawn chairs, beach chairs, and if my brother can fit a couch into his 1997 Fore-runner, you can, too. If any of the chairs are branded, put those bad boys front and center, and show that Patriots pride. Zone 1 requires a TV of some sort, as it's not a tailgate without the game. The second zone is what I like to call "Vegas." This is the zone where the party happens, so it must be at least twice as big as zone 1. This zone is for lawn games such as cornhole, ladderball, can jam and the mother of all lawn games, the one that Grandpa wins every time even if he lost his glasses, horseshoes. Throw a football in there for good measure. Zone 3 is affectionately called the "smokehouse" because what's a tailgate without food? It's imperative that all food

being served has touched the grill. If someone brings a veggie tray, punt it into traffic. Divide Zone 3 into sub-zones: half for food, half for beverages. Sub-zone two is the lifeblood of any tailgate. The braut-to-burger ratio should be 3 to 1. Condiments should include ketchup, mustard, relish and horseradish, and if someone asks for thousand island dressing, yell "Veggie tray!" then punt them into traffic.

Well that's our time. This is Doctor Frasier Crane, signing off. You can reach me at 22collg@mausd.org



By Luke Mayer '24

Many people cannot afford undercoating which stops rust. Also, it is really expensive to inspect a motor vehicle in Vermont. The price of inspections are so high that it causes more and more people to drive illegally in Vermont. Clearly, Vermont makes it really hard for people to get their car inspected because of these strict laws.

Parker Carter '25

By Txuxa Konczal & Joane Kapanaga

How do you think Mt. Abe should handle winter sports, in terms of COVID-19? Should there be spectators?

"If people are safe and stay well distanced from each other, it's fine...but if it's at an all-time high, don't have fans until numbers go down."

Tristan Pudvah
11th grade student

Is this COVID situation affecting you personally? (missing school, having to teach...)?

"COVID has affected everyone for so long, but now, the way things are being handled, it's not detrimental to our mental health."

Illia Dennison
12th grade student

John Foster
High school math teacher

"It is...wearing masks in and of itself makes communication more difficult."

Screenshot from a multi-media news report called a "vox pop," or vox populi (the people's voice) created in Journalism class last year. See more vox pops at: sites.google.com/alanesu.org/birds-eye-view/new-vox-pop-multimedia

SHAKESPEARE

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"reminded me of just how special the program is," DeWitt stated. "There really isn't anything around here that's like A.R.T."

A.R.T. will next present "Never Before Scene: Original Ten Minute One-Acts" on May 5-6 and 12-13 in conjunction with the Hannaford Career Center's culinary program, which will provide desserts during intermission.

The A.R.T. program at the Hannaford Career Center provides students with the opportunity to explore careers in both technical theatre and acting. Students in the technical program learn about scenic design and construction, lighting, sound, costuming, special effects makeup, and other "behind-the-scenes" work. Performance students study auditioning and acting techniques, playwriting, and a host of other skills needed by performers. Students from Mt. Abraham, Vergennes, Middlebury, and Otter Valley Union High Schools come together to work on a number of

productions each year as they run their own theatre company. Past students have gone on to study at prestigious universities across the country (recent grads are enrolled at schools such as NYU, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, Sarah Lawrence, and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama) and work in the business (A.R.T. can claim *The Office* and *Girls* actor Jake Lacy as an alum). If you are interested in visiting the program, contact Reid-St John for more information (estjohn@pahcc.org).



Malvolio (Roberts) schmoozes Olivia (LaFreniere) as Maria (Bronson) looks on



By Rosemary Behounek '25

BOOK REVIEW: *AMERICA'S GAME: THE NFL AT 100*

By Caleb Atkins '22

I thought that this book would be interesting because I love football, but boring because it's non-fiction. It **was** interesting, and it wasn't as boring as I thought it would be. I like how it would tell specific stories of specific teams and players, because instead of just talking about football as a whole and not being like a story, it was like reading multiple short stories from the NFL's past. I think it's a must read for any football fan. It helps that it's written by Jerry Rice.

THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF COYOTE SUNRISE

Book review by Clara Palmer '23

The story that is being told is a good story. I would read it over and over if it was just the story, but there are too many details about things that aren't needed. The way the author, Dan Gemeinhart, describes how the characters feel is very relatable. I like stories that I can relate to and the way Rodeo hides everything behind him and acts really strong and doesn't let anyone see him "weak" is very relatable to me. The way Coyote keeps following her dreams makes you want to keep reading once you start, like cliffhangers after every page. The end is wayyyyy too long and it just keeps dragging on when it could've been done in a lot less pages.



By Alina Donaldson '25

JASON REYNOLDS' CONTEMPORARY FICTION APPEALS TO YOUNG ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS AS WELL

By Alyssa Whitcomb '22

A timestopping story, highlighting two different perspectives over a common event, *All American Boys* dives deep into the issue of police brutality and the rise of Black Lives Matter protests. Reynolds works to showcase universal themes such as fear, challenge, and social change through a life-changing event. Reynolds also does an amazing job at integrating contemporary flaws in society, and captures the progression of change. I highly recommend reading this book, especially if you're interested in contemporary literature and realistic fiction. Overall, a great read!

By Bella Powell '22

Long Way Down is a novel in verse by Jason Reynolds and it is very good. A boy named Will goes and figures out how to avenge his brother after he has been shot. He goes on the elevator and goes through some very interesting things. What I love so much about this novel is that it leaves you asking yourself questions. It leaves you trying to figure out what is going on. And lastly, it leaves space for imagination, so the book can mean different things to very different people. I enjoyed reading *Long Way Down* and I'd give it 5 stars.

STUDENTS SHARE MINI MEMOIRS INSPIRED BY *JUST MERCY* OR *TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE* IN PAGE TO SCREEN

By Jesse Thomsen '22

To convey the story of my life, I would interview my mother Teri, and my father Ole. While I don't have a perfect memory, I remember all of the love and care that I received throughout my childhood. From the day I was born, my Mom and Dad have been by my side.

One important lesson that I learned from Mom was when my brother Jacob and I had a friend over, we'll call him Tim. Tim was an only child and had been given attention by both of his parents all of his life. Because of this, Tim had only child syndrome, where someone wants all the attention and be tended to all the time. On the day that he was over, since we were having a sleepover, Tim was going to eat dinner with us, but Tim decided he didn't want the grilled chicken that was being served. He wanted mac and cheese with hotdog bits in it. My mother wasn't having it. Mom walked up to Tim and said something along the lines of "We are having grilled chicken tonight. You can have some if you want, but throwing a temper tantrum will get you nowhere. Once you are done crying, we will be in the kitchen serving food and you are welcome to join us."

And then Mom left for the kitchen. We all had just barely started getting our food when Tim had almost stopped crying on the spot and was waiting in line to get served. I had learned from this experience that whining and temper tantrums will "get you nowhere." Through it all, she has taught me valuable lessons throughout my life and shared all of the stories with lessons still live on with me today.

The next person I would love to have come in and share my life story would be my Dad. Just like my mom, he has been there since I was born, too. He has taught me important lessons as well, though they are more on the amusing side of life. One phrase that he told, that of which still has a place in my heart to this day was this: "Always ask for forgiveness, not permission. Because if you end up doing something you're not supposed to, you can always just say that you didn't know."

One afternoon not long after hearing these wise words, I went downstairs and grabbed an ice cream bar before dinner. When I came back upstairs with the ice cream, Dad asked, "Why do you have ice cream right before dinner?"

I responded, "You said I should always ask for forgiveness, not permission."

He stood there for a second and then laughed and said, "I guess I did say that, huh?"

Without a doubt, there are more stories like that I was too young to remember. Those experiences helped shape me into being the light-hearted person I am today.



By Lexy Perlee '25

By Graycie Elkins '23

The tires rolled smoothly on the summer asphalt of the Mt. Abe parking lot as my stepsister drove. It was late August, the evening cool from the sticky late-summer day, not even a week before we both started school--in different states. This was our goodbye dinner, a picnic in the bed of Fifi, the sand-colored pick up truck belonging to my stepdad. Hannah very poorly parallel parked in one of the spots on the side of the building with the back of the truck facing the sunset. We got out and got our feast together--a sandwich for me and a bagel and jar of fruit for Hannah. We climbed onto the dirty truck bed, onto the pink and green striped picnic blanket and ate dinner as we watched the sky go from light blue to golden. We talked and reminisced about all of the fun we had over the past year and a half, stuck with each other as quarantine was the only aspect of our lives. We talked about how we were sitting in the parking lot of the new school that I would be starting in less than a week, and how I couldn't believe that I was going to be a junior in high school and her a junior in college. We talked about the drive she would have back down to Maryland and how she would finally get to see her friends again. We talked about how not even three years ago, we were strangers to each other as she was headed off to Spain for a year abroad and now we are like two peas in a pod; you'd never know we didn't grow up together.

"Are you excited to be back on campus? And see all of your friends?" I asked Hannah as we finished up eating.

"I guess," she replied

with little enthusiasm.

"You guess?"

"It's going to be so different and Covid is going to make everything so weird. Like nothing is going to be the same as it was freshman year," she said, remembering all of the shenanigans and partying she did with her new friends her first year at college. I admired her, as she had been through so much, missing almost all of campus life due to Covid.

"Yeah, but you'll be in a suite with Claudine! And two of your other friends. And that at least will feel normal," I said, not knowing how to make her feel better. After a little more conversation, we fell into a comfortable silence.

Eventually the sun was at that beautiful moment when it dipped just below the trees and as we were playing a game with a used, battered, old deck of cards, we watched as the clouds painted the sky in a golden glow. We savored the moment as we hadn't gone more than a day without seeing each other in nearly two years and we were soon to be apart for over three months. Hannah very quickly became a very important person in my life and I didn't even realize it until this moment. As I looked over at her with the foreshadow of our impending bittersweet goodbye shining in my eyes, I saw the feeling reflected in her eyes. Separated by years, miles, and blood, we really are sisters; and that realization was something I never expected.

Have you ever felt a moment so beautiful and peaceful that you just know that you'll remember it forever? You just know while you're in it that you'll look back so fondly and feel this blissful feeling? As Dr. Seuss so flawlessly stated: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." But could he have been mistaken? Could you know the value of a moment before it's but a memory?

TEAM IMPACT'S CLASS OF 2026 "WHERE I'M FROM" POEMS

By Dylan Layn

Where I come from, it's 8 freezers full of meat,
popping wheelies on a homemade
minibike, while getting yelled at
for not wearing a helmet.

I am from where we turn dirt long after dark
to get more done.
where we plant corn and beans all night long
and spend more time at the barn than the house
And work on our own equipment.

I am from racing four-wheelers and snowmobiles.
Towing a homemade, overpowered airboat
with a chicken wire cage and flex pipe for
exhaust with an old, two-cylinder Deere.



By Breona Blake

I'm from beautiful, kind, loving, caring
in the winter breeze
Laughs, giggles
Tears, happiness
Laziness, strongness
Family

I'm from a small town
Pretty leaves
Amazing caring people
A great community
Little town

I'm from kids saying
"You can't get me"
Basketball swishing in the hoop
Leaf piles
My kinda hobbies

I'm from my mom saying
"Get some food"
In the warm hot kitchen
On a summer night

I'm from Christmas morning fun
Hot chocolate
Wrapping paper
Laying under the christmas tree

Im from my cats tackling each other
Balls going all over the room
Cats meowing
And toys flyin

Im from my dad saying
"Your turn to cook up in the house"
Grills smokin
My kinda night

I'm from hanging out with my friends
Laughing, Smiles, Happiness



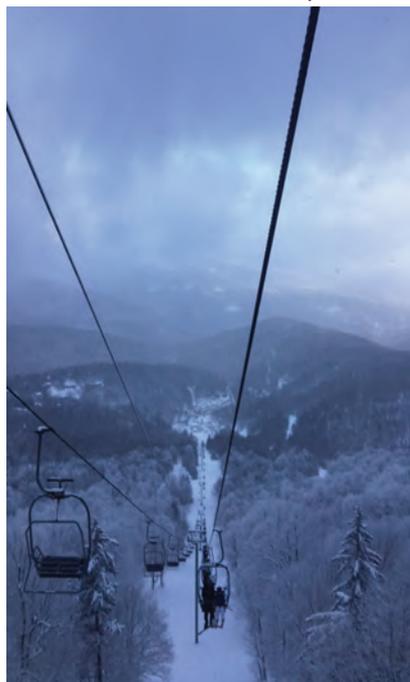
I am from get up early and clean the barns
before you can do anything else today
If we're short-handed,
I drive truck in the field
If it's broke, we fix it ourselves.

By William Gustin

I'm from a small town named Monkton
From hours boating on Lake Champlain
From adrenaline-filled tube rides on the
water
And windy days sailing with my dad

I'm from eating fresh corn from the
farmstand down the road
From cooking liver in bacon grease
I'm from using my grandma's recipe to
make the best blueberry pie in the world
I'm from making applesauce from
our own trees
And full days of harvesting and pickling
our garden vegetables

I'm from dutch oven cookouts and
campfire dinners
From long talks in my neighbor's garage
I'm from go-karts, trampolines, and
metal mailboxes
I'm from keeping dust-covered rusted
trucks running
And fun backroad drives with my brother



I'm from frost heaves, snow days,
and icy roads
I'm from skiing the hardest trails
at Mad River Glen
From making forts out of snowbanks
And shoveling the driveway
for some extra cash

By Katelyn Forbes

I'm from
Black and white dog hair on my floor.
From planets in the window
and my warm cozy bed.

I'm from
The old white house with green trim.
Cozy, smiles like home, horse
From five willows trees in the front yard.
Big branchy willows
I'm from
Picking my Birthday dinner and
Lining up for a Christmas picture.
From Mom and Dad

I'm from
arguing and watching Gold Rush
From "Night, love you" and "Don't get hurt"
I'm From
Homemade pizza and burgers on the grill
From blaming my sister for cutting my hair



By Maris LaPerle

I am from the big hill down to the water
From late-night flashlight tag
And the snake pit where all the grilling
and talking happens
I am from the dining room table where the
original owners listened to WW2 ending

I am from fishing in Islamorada
And the riverwalk in San Antonio
From mini-golf in South Carolina
I am from dressing up as
princesses at Disneyworld

I am from the old store on the green
And the tall white school
With the big windows and green doors
From the many cornfields
surrounding my house

I am from center mid in field hockey
And lacrosse jams on Sundays
From skiing all winter
And swimming all summer

MIDDLE SCHOOL

I'm from
Pictures all over my house
That's where I'm from



By Harold Tricou
Where I come from, my family all sits
at the dinner table
my sister, my mom, and my dad.
Of course, the dog right by dad.

I am from my cats
all fighting over the cat food dish
to my dog who loves my dad and
loves to meet new people. My mom hates
when the dog slobbers all over the floor

I am from working hard in the heat
of the summer, making bad looking lawns
into good looking lawns,
pulling weeds out of a flower garden so
people can enjoy the beauty of the flowers.

I am from fishing at Bristol Pond with my
dad and coming home with a mess of fish
In the fall and winter, I hunt for waterfowl
and we cook it up and yum, it is delicious

I am from church every Sunday at 9:30
to Dad taking a nap while
Mom and I watch a movie and
sometimes Dad and I hit the road
and visit my uncle



I am from a red Chevy with a custom
paint job and revving the truck
to fixing it with my uncle
And Dad using it for a back up truck
That is where I am from

TEAM SUMMIT'S CLASS OF 2027 ART & POETRY

FLY
By Lily Ryersbach

I move mountains
Day and night
I dance with the wind
Sun and rain
A little love
A bit of honey I
Dance dance dance dance
And in all noise
I run and hide
Is it my turn
Here comes the pain
A bit of honey
And love
And I'll
Fly Fly Fly



By Madison DeFranco

ART & POETRY

BREATHE IN By Izzy Shea

Inhale the fragrance of pollen.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
One.
Two.
Three.
Breathe until your lungs fill,
You are floating,
Can you feel the air under your feet?
The space once holding your body:
Empty.
Close your eyes.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
Four.
Five.
Six.
Let the darkness in.
Turn the darkness into your own.
Float in the dark.
Feel safe?
You are.
Let the dark dance around you,
Twirl with the night,
Leap with the stars.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
Seven.
Eight.
Nine.
You are one with the night.
You are hiding the dark within,
You are only showing the light.
The night is safe.
The stars will guide you.
Keep the glow of light in you.
Don't let the glow shine too bright.
Night is beautiful.
The pieces you tuck away are beautiful.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
Ten.
Eleven.
Twelve.
You can keep the light tucked away.
You are beautiful in the dark.
You shine through the darkness,
Shine bright,
Float in the night,
The night is keeping you safe.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
Thirteen.
Fourteen.
Fifteen.
Show the night what you hide,
The dark wouldn't diss.
The dark will sing with you,
Sing your song aloud,
Listen to the stars sing back,
They applaud your beauty.
Show what you keep hidden.
Mix light and dark.
Relax your shoulders,
Deep slow breaths
Sixteen.
Seventeen.
Eighteen.
You are beautiful,
Just the way you are.



By Ruby Hellier '25



By Adam Mansfield '22



By Toby Tillotson '24



By Lou Painter '25



By Noah Sabourin '24

MY BEST FRIEND MEGAN By Hailey Bartlett

If Megan were a truck,
she would be a Ford, tough,
If Megan were a color,
she would be baby blue, calm and sincere,
If Megan were a flower,
she would be a daisy, pretty and quiet,
If Megan were an animal,
she would be a chipmunk,
small, but can do damage,
If Megan were an emoji,
she would be the laughing emoji with the
tears, funny, but has her moments,
Lastly, if Megan were your friend,
she would be your best!



By Emilia Colo '24



By Safi Camara '25

MT. ABE GIRLS BASKETBALL GOES FROM 6TH SEED TO DII STATE CHAMPIONS

SPORTS



Eagle Nation came out en masse & stayed until the end of the Championship

Junior **Gabbi LaFreniere:** "This year's team was so special because we played together and like a family. We always had each other's back. The highlights of the season were beating the undefeated team Enosburg on our home court, and winning a state championship."



Junior **Maia Jensen:** "The highlight of my season was winning semis. The championship game was awesome, but the semis game was less pressure, so it was more fun and rewarding when we won. The fact that we have all played together for so long made this season really special. We had a lot of team chemistry, more than there has been in past seasons, and it really showed."



Sophomore **Morgan Barnard:** "Winning the championship was the highlight of the season for me, and the people are what made this team so special."



Senior **Laura Bonar** shuts down a Spaulding shooter in the championship game

BOYS BASKETBALL HAS BEST SEASON SINCE 2008



Senior **Tristan Parker:** The highlight: "Winning a playoff game. Since we had a good record, we put ourselves in position to 1) have a home playoff game and 2) play a game against a team where we were favored. This gave us a good chance of winning that game and moving on. This year's team was special because of the whole group, but mainly the seniors being able to see the results of our work over the last 10+ years coming to an end with one of the best seasons for Mt. Abe in the last decade!"

Junior **Chance Denecker:** "A highlight of my season was the home game against Vergennes. I was struggling with my shot throughout the game, but when it was time for OT, I gave my team a little more motivation by hitting two threes. And we took the win! I think the relationships we developed over the season is what made it so special."



Special thanks to Mark Bouvier for photos on this page...to see more, go to: markbouvierphotography.smugmug.com/

HEMINGWAY WINS WRESTLING TITLE



Junior **Devan Hemingway** wrestled his way to the top of the podium, becoming the 120-pound DII Individual VT State Champion PC: Patrick Pfenning

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 doesn't want to switch over now, adding, "There's too much technology involved. I see too many problems with electric and self-driving trucks." Both Ed and Scott believe that electric trucks will take over the roads and put a lot of drivers out of business, especially with self-driving trucks. Scott said that he will continue driving trucks until the law makes all truckers switch over to electric trucks, which could come sooner rather than later.

SCHOLARS

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 lated to the toss-up. Discussion is allowed, but only very briefly. This is one of the most interesting parts of a competition. Each team member that thinks they know the answer must explain their thinking to their teammates in a few seconds so they can come to a consensus. Some tournaments have different rules. For example, in some of the bigger tournaments, there is a "bounce back." This happens when the opposing team answers a toss-up correctly, but cannot answer a bonus question, so your team has an opportunity to answer. Our Scholar's Bowl team has grown in size, with 12 on the team and 7-8 regularly attending Thursday practices. We are hoping to further bolster our numbers, with the goal of eventually having enough people to compete as two separate teams. Junior Owen Kelliher is on the team because he likes "learning new facts, being part of a team, and flexing my trivia knowledge!" Don't be afraid to come join us even if you don't have much confidence in your trivia knowledge. We recently chal-

lenged a team of teachers and the UVM teaching interns. Hazel Stoddard '25 explained that her favorite part is that "our meetings are very chill." The Montpelier tournament was a highlight for her, and she especially enjoys "all the drives to and from the tournaments with the team." New members are still welcome to join, so if you enjoy trivia or have random knowledge related to math, literature, history, sports, biology, chemistry, music, or art, sign up for Bronson's Thursday FIT. Junior Sadie Alderman added, "I joined recently, so I didn't go to any official events, but I really enjoy the practices so far and especially the art history questions."



Connor Peck, Darling & Alderman after practice

SPANISH CORNER: CUANDO ERA NIÑA...



Quando yo era niña era adorable pero extraña. A veces, era traviesa con mi gemela. Yo decía muchas cosas accidentalmente graciosas.

When I was little, I was adorable but strange. Sometimes, I was troublesome with my twin sister. I said many things that were accidentally funny.

Yo vivía en Starksboro y todavía vivo en Starksboro. Me gustaba jugar afuera. Afuera, me gustaba balancear y ir en tobogán.

I lived in Starksboro and still do. I liked to play outside. When I was outside I loved to swing and play on the slide.

Me gustaba ver 'Mi Caballo Pequeño' y 'H2O'. No recuerdo quien era mi personaje favorito en 'Mi Caballo Pequeño' pero en 'H2O' era Bella.

I liked to watch My Little Pony and H2O. I don't remember who my favorite character in My Little Pony was but in H2O it was Bella.

Yo jugaba con muñecas y animales de peluche. Tenía un perro de peluche y se llamaba Bear. Todavía tengo Bear. Yo coleccionaba Beanie Babies y tenía más de 100 de ellos.

I played with dolls and stuffed animals. I had a stuffed dog named Bear and still have him. I collected beanie babies and had over 100 of them!

Yo era muy creativa. Imaginaba un mundo de perros. Se llamaba DogLand. En DogLand Bear y el perro peluche de Emma, Cece, vivían. El mundo de nuestros perros de peluche era perfecto pero a veces habían tormentas y ellos se enfermaban.

I was very creative. I imagined a world of dogs. I called it DogLand. Bear and Emma's stuffed dog Cece lived there. Their world was perfect until there was a storm or they got sick.

Yo tenía muchas mascotas. Tenía pollos, un perro, dos gatos y muchos peces. Mi perro se llamaba Lucy y era muy sociable, paciente, y tolerante. Mis gatos eran Banjo y Violet. Las dos eran asombrosas. Yo amaba a mis mascotas.

I had many pets. I had chickens, a dog, two cats, and many fish. My dog was named Lucy and she was very friendly, patient, and tolerant. My cats were Banjo and Violet. They were awesome. I loved my pets.

A veces jugaba con amigos de mi familia. Jugábamos con el play mobile.

Sometimes, I'd play with family friends. We played with play mobile.

Mis juguetes favoritos eran CandyLand y Go Fish. Yo era muy competitiva.

My favorite games were CandyLand and Go Fish. I was very competitive.

Quando era niña me gustaba leer. Quando era pequeña, mis padres me leían. Leíamos muchos libros. Mis libros favoritos eran 'Tuck en la Piscina', 'Mi Hermano Bebé Mal' y 'Mi Hermana Bebé es una Premie.'

When I was little, I liked to read. When I was very young, my parents read to me. We read many books. My favorites were Tuck in the Pool, My Bad Baby Brother, and My Baby Sister is a Premie.

Me gustaba comer comidas de mi jardín. Mis verduras favoritas eran guisantes, zanahorias, y pepinos. Me gustaba comer sushi, macarones con queso de Kraft, y muchos dulces.

I liked to eat food from my garden. My favorite veggies were peas, carrots, and cucumbers. I liked to eat sushi, Kraft mac and cheese, and lots of sweets.

En el verano, me gustaba nadar en mi río con mi familia. Lucy nadaba conmigo.

In the summer, I liked to swim in the river with my family. Lucy swam with me.



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The Bird's Eye View

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ACROSS

- 2. In Spanish speaking countries, 12 of this fruit are eaten to bring in the New Year
- 5. The capital of Spain
- 8. This native population inhabited the ruins of Machu Picchu
- 10. Patagonia is mainly located in this country
- 13. The capital of Uruguay
- 14. This continent contains the Guinea Equatorial
- 15. This continent has the most Spanish speaking countries
- 17. Frida Kahlo was a famous painter from this Spanish speaking country

DOWN

- 1. Queen Isabel and this King funded Christopher Columbus
- 3. The name of the mountain range between France and Spain
- 4. Picasso's Guernica represented the civil war of this country
- 6. A celebration of ancestors, often observed in the beginning of November
- 7. This Iberian country borders the West of Spain
- 9. Crispy, bite-size logs of smooth ground ham coated in breadcrumbs, which are then fried
- 11. The number of Native Spanish speaking countries in the world (no hyphen)
- 12. Classic Spanish dish with eggs and potatoes
- 16. The Spanish word for 'Winter'



By Namid Ruiz-Warnock '25

Proverbios y Dichos Españoles Spanish Proverbs and Sayings

Match the Spanish proverb/saying with the equivalent expression in English.

By Anna Doucet and Josh Sherman

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Perro ladrador, poco mordedor ____ | 1. Two wrongs do not make a right. |
| Con un error no se subsana otro. ____ | 2. His bark is worse than his bite. |
| El mundo es un pañuelo. ____ | 3. In the blink of an eye |
| En un abrir y cerrar de ojos ____ | 4. To cost an arm and a leg |
| Costar un ojo de la cara ____ | 5. Better late than never |
| Dar en el calvo ____ | 6. Stop dragging your feet. |
| Querer es poder ____ | 7. Where there's a will, there's a way. |
| Quien no se aventura no cruza el mar. ____ | 8. You snooze, you lose. |
| Más vale tarde que nunca. ____ | 9. Put your best foot forward. |
| Es agua pasada. ____ | 10. A picture is worth a thousand words. |
| Deja de arrastrar los pies ____ | 11. To hit the nail on the head |
| No juzgues un libro por su portada. ____ | 12. Never judge a book by its cover. |
| Camarón que se duerme, se lo lleva la corriente. ____ | 13. It's water under the bridge. |
| Una imagen vale más que mil palabras. ____ | 14. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. |
| A mal tiempo, buena cara ____ | 15. It's a small world. |

Solutions to Crossword & Matchgame above at sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/home/puzzles

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"Botanical." This exhibit was juried and curated by Lee Anne White. Artists responded to the call for images that capture the beauty and unique character of plants. Thirty-five images were selected for exhibition in the gallery and 40 more for the digital gallery. On view through April 23.

EDGEWATER GALLERY AT THE FALLS

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"Open Air," a solo exhibition featuring Hannah Bureau. "The paintings in this show have a lower horizon allowing for more sky, light, and air to create

SEE EXHIBITS ON PAGE 14



ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, now is a great time to try your hand at a new creative pursuit. You may be surprised at the results. Encourage others to join and embrace a collaborative effort.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, this is the ideal week to get outdoors more. The great outdoors can be a medicinal, so take advantage of any opportunity to bask in the fresh air.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. Gemini, it is easy to get frustrated with a close friend or romantic partner who is less ambitious than you. Try to be patient, as each person moves at their own pace.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Try to get some group activities together this week, Cancer. This can be valuable if it has been some time since you socialized. Enjoy the change of pace.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. Leo, if you have been lacking a regular exercise regimen, this could be the week to make some changes. Participate in an organized sport if heading to the gym isn't your thing.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. It's a good time to put your ambition into action, Virgo. You're likely to be full of energy and you have had plenty of good ideas just waiting for an outlet.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, do not hesitate to take on projects this week, particularly those that show your management skills in action.

Others will be quick to complement your organizational prowess.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Expect to feel a renewed sense of energy and purpose this week, Scorpio. This will motivate you to finish existing projects or to get started on new ones.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. This week you may be feeling extra creative and ambitious, Sagittarius. Use your strengths to work on an artistic project or one that is outside of your comfort zone.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. This is a good week to tackle projects that require you to get up and go, Capricorn. It may involve heavy yard work or even rearranging furniture.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, any lethargy you've been feeling will likely vanish in the days to come. Fresh air and physical exercise can be just what you need to feel reenergized.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, it is time to take charge of your health. Consider all aspects of well-being, including physical and mental health.

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- APRIL 14 — Zhang Yimou, film director (72)
- APRIL 15 — Benjamin Zephaniah, actor, poet, writer, singer (64)
- APRIL 16 — Merce Cunningham, choreographer (d)
- APRIL 17 — Karen Blixen, writer (d)
- APRIL 18 — David Tennant, actor (51)
- APRIL 19 — Ali Wong, comedian (40)
- APRIL 20 — Tan France, fashion designer (39)

speak up

In the March 31, 2022 edition of the Addison Independent's Arts+Leisure section we misrepresented the author of the music review "Piano Jam 5 (Ode to Kygo) by G.H. Hat." The review was written and signed by Ron Powers of Glendale, Calif., with a photo of the local Ron Powers of Castleton, Vt. Ron Powers from California is the author of the piece. We apologize for this confusion.

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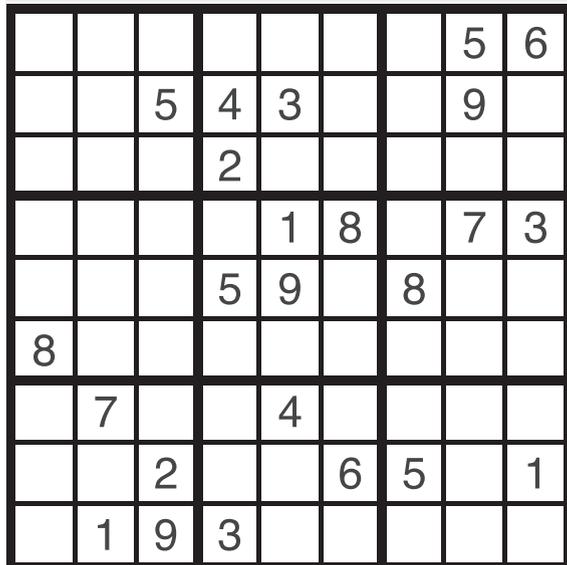
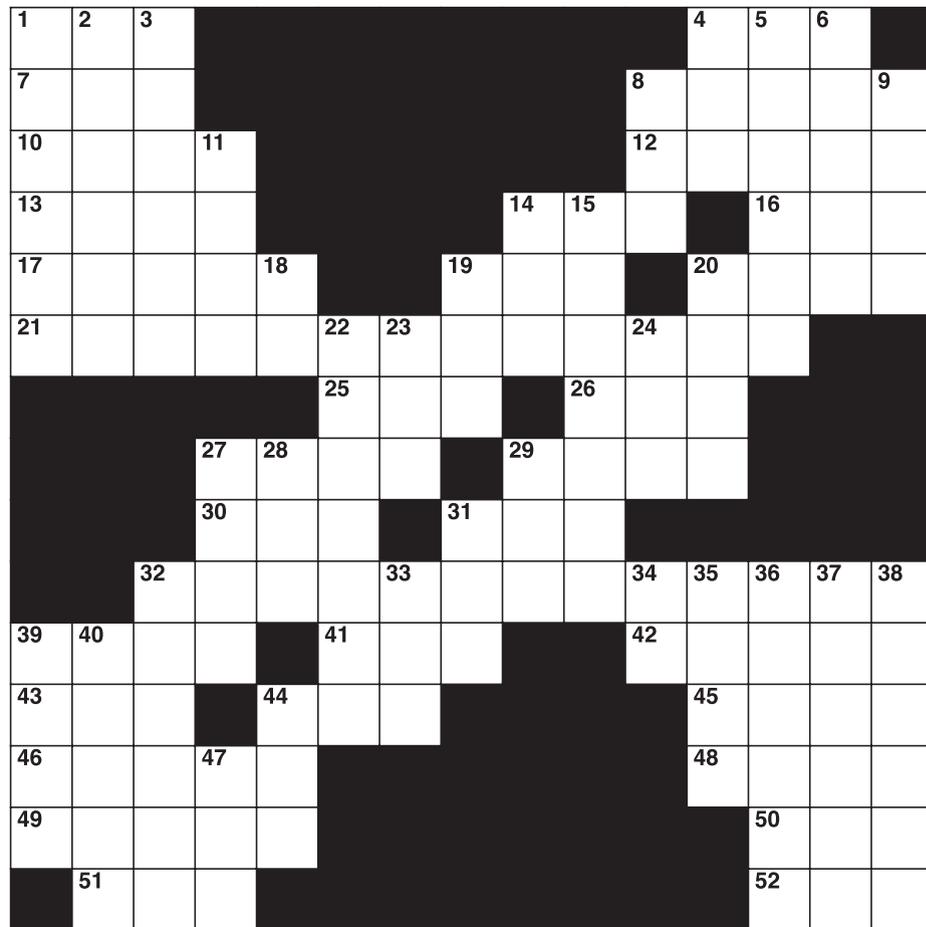
- 1. Runs PCs
- 4. An entertaining, eccentric person
- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Indigo bush
- 10. Not excessive
- 12. African antelope
- 13. A way to fly a glider
- 14. Tough softly
- 16. In the course of
- 17. Early Mesoamerican people
- 19. A way to drop down
- 20. Mistake!
- 21. Housing developments

- 25. Baseball stat
- 26. No (Scottish)
- 27. Type of cuisine
- 29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- 30. Marry
- 31. Buffer solution
- 32. Legendary rock band
- 39. Recording industry show
- 41. A way to consume
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Political action committee
- 44. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Excessive fluid

- accumulation in tissues
- 48. Nocturnal insect
- 49. Challenged to perform
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Famed NYC arena
- 52. Commercials

DOWN

- 1. Small, purple-black fruit
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Northwestern Mexico town



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.

- 6. Edible fruit
- 8. Upper-class southern young woman
- 9. Sums up
- 11. The most worthless part
- 14. Dash
- 15. Sufferings
- 18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- 19. Indian title of respect
- 20. Poems meant to be sung
- 22. Actor Cooper
- 23. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 24. Clumsy person
- 27. Figures
- 28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- 29. Old cloth
- 31. Explosive
- 32. Automobiles
- 33. 007's creator
- 34. The Volunteer State
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Portrayed emotion
- 38. Observers
- 39. Mimicked
- 40. Polite reference to a woman
- 44. Male parent
- 47. Peter Griffin's daughter



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RHODODENDRON

If any part of the plant is swallowed it can cause vomiting and potentially slow the pulse.

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY

If large doses of the toxin in this plant are ingested, it can gradually slow the heart down and potentially prove fatal.

DUMB CANE

The sap of the plant causes the tongue to burn and swell, enough to block off air to the throat. It can be fatal if ingested by both pets and humans.

ENGLISH IVY

While its toxins need to be ingested in large amounts to cause problems, English ivy can cause skin irritation, rash and fever, particularly after eating the berries.

BITTERSWEET NIGHTSHADE

It's particularly problematic for those who have pets or young kids because of the brightly colored berries it produces. The highest level of toxicity comes from these berries.

FOXGLOVE

Foxgloves contain potent cardiac glycosides that can be lethal in high doses.

PHILODENDRON

While not fatal, a bite of philodendron can irritate the skin and cause nausea and swelling of the mouth, throat and tongue. Similar

effects occur with Pothos, another common and hearty houseplant.



YEW SHRUBS

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PALMS

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Jack is a hefty 10 year-old guy who is in love with his stuffed rabbit. He has had it since he was a kitten and it has become his surrogate mother. He also loves people and enjoys attention and affection. Jack has had one eye removed due to a glaucoma and has fully recovered. He is playful at night when we aren't looking and he loves to roll on his back with some catnip. Jack enjoys being brushed and pet but would like all the attention to himself in a home with his bunny and no other pets.

Kay-Dub is a playful and affectionate 5 year-old chow-hound. He is diabetic and requires insulin twice a day. Kay-Dub is on a special diet to regulate his sugar levels. He loves to explore all of his surroundings but would like to be the only pet in the home.



Little Miss is a 6 year-old puffball that purrs like it's her life mission. This sweetheart is full of love for people, toys, fishy Fancy Feast, and catnip. Little Miss is FIV+ and does not want to live with other cats or dogs.



Nemesis is a young reserved guy who is coming out of his shell since arriving at the shelter. After hiding in the shadows of his hidey-hole for about a month, he has been seen exploring his room and meeting his cat roommates. Nemesis likes to bat around ping-pong balls in the water and loves his treats. He has so much love to give and is waiting for a family to call his own.



Buster is a 7 year-old who was loved by his previous family. He is a little fearful of new situations, but with staff patience and kindness has adapted to the shelter program. He would do best with older kids, and gets along with dogs and cats. He seems to love all people and would do best with a family that is home more often than away. He does not like to be crated and gets anxious when left alone. His toys are his stress-relievers and they need to be heavy-duty for all the chewing they will get!

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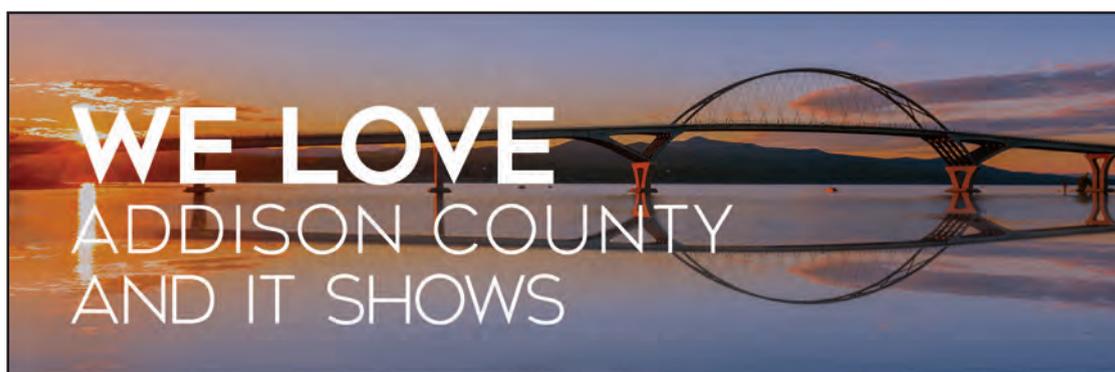
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TUESDAY, APRIL 19

TOME TALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Tuesday, April 19, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee for a discussion of "Beheld," by TaraShea Nesbit. Ten years after the Mayflower pilgrims arrived on rocky, unfamiliar soil, Plymouth is not the land its residents had imagined. Hybrid meeting: join us in person or via Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

COMMUNITY READ AND VIRTUAL DISCUSSION. Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., Zoom. The New Haven Conservation Commission and the Library host an evening of conversation and discussion on a community-wide read, "The Nature of Oaks," by Douglas Tallamy. Community members are encouraged to come and learn about Tallamy's latest work, which explores the oak species and its ecological connections. To register call New Haven Community Library at 802-453-4015 or librarian@nhcl.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

AN EVENING OF POETRY VIRTUAL GATHERING. Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m., Zoom. Zig Zag Lit Mag hosts this one-time, free evening to celebrate local voices of all talents. Interested in sharing your poetry? Space is limited. Email jay@zigzaglitmag.org for details. Register here at bit.ly/bixbypoetry.

"GRIZZLY MAN" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Legendary director Werner Herzog delivers a heart rending docudrama that centers on amateur grizzly bear expert Timothy Treadwell, who periodically journeyed to Alaska to study and live with the bears. He was killed, along with his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, by a rogue bear in October 2003. More info at mnff.org or townhalltheater.org.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22

ART OPENING IN BRANDON. Friday, April 22, 5-8 p.m., Compass Music and Arts Center, Park Village. "We're All At A Party Called Life on Earth!" features FROBERTAN, a collaboration between acclaimed artist Fran Bull and long time collaborator Robert Black. Light refreshments will be served.

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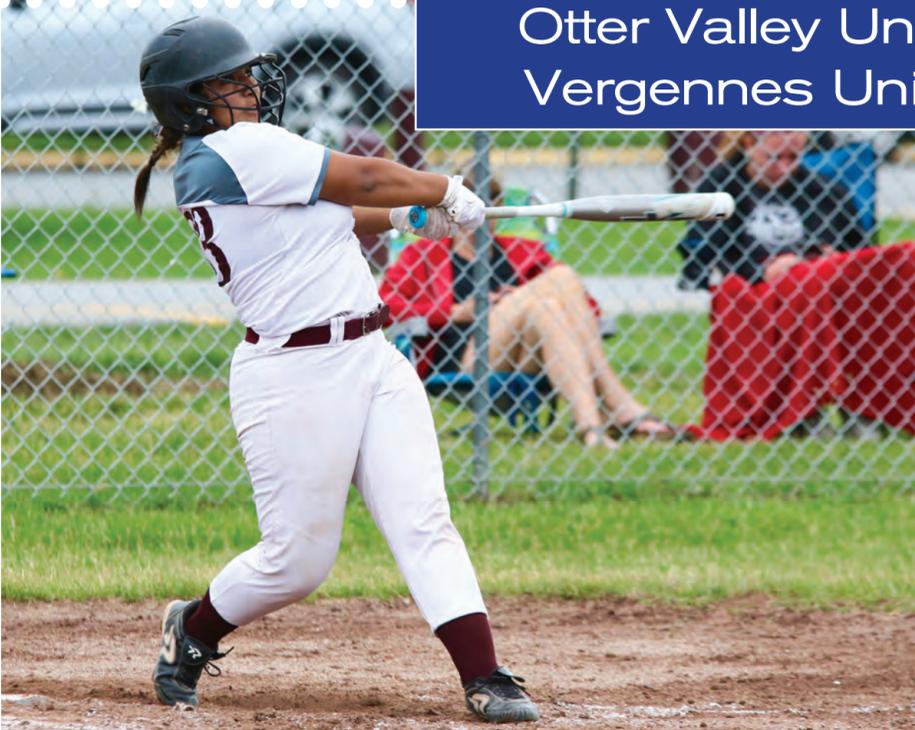
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Middlebury Union High School

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

MIDDLEBURY — Amid a number of generally positive results in the spring of 2021, including postseason wins by Middlebury Union softball, both boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' tennis teams, plus a Division II title berth earned by girls' tennis, the Tigers came away with one piece of first-place hardware — a girls' 400-meter title earned by junior Hannah Turner.

As always, it's back to square one this spring, with teams ever hopeful and one more horse in the race: MUHS baseball returns to the varsity level after school officials decided low numbers and inexperience made a JV-only program advisable in 2021.

GIRLS' TENNIS

MUHS teacher Dan Comar, who led the boys' tennis team to a D-I semifinal berth a year ago, takes over that successful girls' tennis team this season.

A number of players graduated from the 2021 girls' team, but three members of the singles ladder return, a senior who was injured in 2021 is back, and Comar sees

enough depth to form competitive doubles partnerships.

"It's a new team, but with a lot of confidence," he said.

The team's No. 1 and 2 singles players are back, junior Scarlet Carrara and senior Julia Bartlett, respectively. Comar said both have improved since the 2021 season, and Bartlett could challenge Carrara for the top spot.

Comar expects another improved player, junior Paige Hescocock, to move up and take over at No. 3, while senior Talia Cotroneo, after missing 2021, could make a run for that rung or slot in at No. 4.

Several players will compete for the final singles position, including seniors Kaya Wright and Oni Krizo, junior Maeve Roche, and sophomore Caroline Nicolai.

Those players are also doubles candidates, as are senior Abigail Sunderland; junior India Choudhury; sophomores Audrey Carpenter, Amelia Coburn and Sophie Mason; and most likely, Comar said, Subia Khan among the team's five freshmen.

He described the team as enthusiastic and coachable.

"They really tackle the drills purposefully. They really want to understand what I'm asking of them," Comar said. "It's going well. They're really dedicated. I get to the tennis center at 6 in the morning, and three or four of them are already there waiting."

He concluded: "I think we're going to hold our own."

BASEBALL

Tiger baseball returns to the varsity level this spring under a new coach, Tim Paquette, a former Vergennes standout in the early 1990s who played many years after his high school career and brings coaching experience.

Paquette expects his young team to be competitive this year even moving up to the varsity level. He pointed out the same group he coached in 2021 had a winning JV season and also excelled under his leadership playing together in the summer as a Babe Ruth team.

"The boys play hard. They play fundamental baseball, and they hit the ball," Paquette said. "Our pitching is good, our infield is pretty solid, and if we get the outfield where we need them to

play I think we'll be pretty solid all the way around as a young team coming up."

Starting pitchers will include the team's only junior, John Wallace; sophomores Cole Warren and Timothy Whitney; and freshman Tucker Morter. Sophomore Tucker Paquette will do the bulk of the work behind the plate, with Warren also available there.

Sophomore Jakob Kemp will hold down first base and could also throw in relief. Warren is likely to start at second base and Whitney at short, with freshman Tucker Choiniere also ready to see time in the middle infield. Wallace is the third baseman, with Morter available there.

Milo Gordon, the team's only senior, will start in center field and can also pitch in relief. Sophomore Riley Disorda and freshman Alex Sperry project to start at the outfield corners, where sophomore Aiden LaDuke will also see time. Paquette sees sophomore Ethan Sweet as the team's designated hitter.

Paquette expects the Tigers to hold up against a tough schedule this year, and to get better over time.

"These boys are going to be a team to watch in two, three years," he said.

SOFTBALL

The Tiger softball team graduated

only two players from the squad that made the D-II semifinals in 2021, and second-year Coach Bob Cameron is liking the Tigers' chances, especially if sophomore pitcher Emma Deering lives up to the promise she showed in limited duty a year ago.

"We were very happy with last year's season," Cameron said. "I think our defense is going to be fairly strong. I think our offense is going to be fairly strong. If Emma Deering is healthy most of the season I think our pitching will probably throw to sophomore catcher Sienna Rubright, with the DH, he said. Regardless of how the lineup shakes out or changes through the season, Cameron believes the Tigers will succeed again.

The Tigers do have a solid No. 2 to support Deering on the mound in junior Abigail Stafford. Both will

probably throw to sophomore catcher Sienna Rubright, with the DH, he said. Regardless of how the lineup shakes out or changes through the season, Cameron believes the Tigers will succeed again.

Cameron had not settled on his starting infield midway through the pre-season, with the decision complicated by good options and

bad weather limiting his ability to see players in action.

For sure senior Riley Farrell returns at first base, and Cameron said it looks like freshman Meredith Cameron has earned third base.

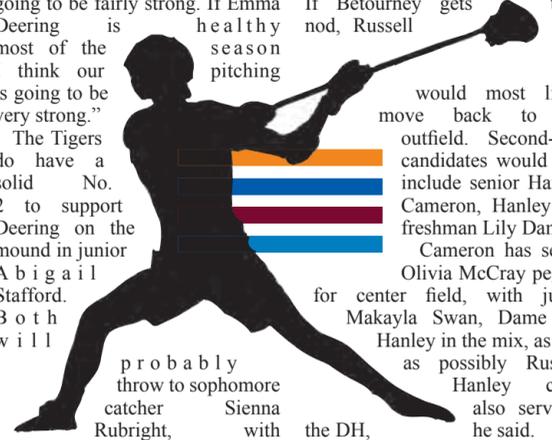
Second base could depend on which senior wins the shortstop job, Taylor Betourney or strong-armed Lilian Russell. Cameron said if Russell wins Betourney could move over to second. If Betourney gets the nod, Russell

would most likely move back to the outfield. Second-base candidates would then include senior Hannah Cameron, Hanley and freshman Lily Dame. Cameron has senior Olivia McCray pegged for center field, with junior Makayla Swan, Dame and Hanley in the mix, as well as possibly Russell. Hanley could also serve as the DH, he said.

Regardless of how the lineup shakes out or changes through the season, Cameron believes the Tigers will succeed again.

"I think we're going to be able

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MUHS Boys Lacrosse

Coach: Matt Rizzo

Roster

- Eddie Hodde 12
- Matthew Kiernan 12
- Joseph Pellerin 12
- Willem Berry 11
- Kegan Brown 11
- Devon Cyr 11
- Tony Engel 11
- Henry Hunsdorfer 11
- Evan Krizo 11
- Owen Lawton 11
- Tyler Quesnel 11
- Penn Riney 11
- Cole Schnoor 11
- Cameron Stone 11
- Charlie Stone 11
- Fynn Whitlock 11
- Noah Doherty-Konczal 10
- Toby Draper 10
- Jackson Gillett 10
- Gus Hodde 10

- Zach Jette 10 4/5
- Brady McDonough 10 4/7
- Connor McNamara 10 4/9
- Gavin McNulty 10 4/11
- Angus Blackwell 9 4/13
- George Devlin 9 4/16
- Luke Nuceder 9 4/27
- 4/30
- 5/3
- 5/4
- 5/10
- 5/13
- 5/17
- 5/20
- 5/24
- 5/27

Schedule

- @ Mt. Mansfield 4 p.m.
- @ Woodstock 4 p.m.
- @ Burlington 11 a.m.
- Rice 4 p.m.
- St. Albans 4 p.m.
- Woodstock 11 a.m.
- S. Burlington 4 p.m.
- @ Essex 11 a.m.
- @ CVU 4:30 p.m.
- @ St. Albans 4:30 p.m.
- @ Burr & Burton 4 p.m.
- Burlington 4 p.m.
- Mt. Mansfield 4 p.m.
- @ S. Burlington 7 p.m.
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- CVU 4:30 p.m.



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MUHS

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to hit the ball, field the ball," he said. "I'm pretty optimistic, to be honest."

BOYS' LACROSSE

The MUHS boys' lacrosse program has improved from four wins three years ago to 11 this past spring, and Coach Matt Rizzo expects more progress this spring.

"Our goal every year is to win the state championship," he said. "And we're better this year than we were last year."

The team's strengths start with a defense buoyed by all-star senior Matt Kiernan and all-state junior long-stick middle Fynn Whitlock. Juniors Cole Schnoor and Penn Riney will join Kiernan as starting low defenders, and sophomore Gavin McNulty will rotate in at long-stick middle. Backing on low defense will be sophomores Noah Doherty-Konczal and Connor McNamara, and freshman George Devlin will spot in at defense and long-stick middle.

Three short-stick defensive midfielders join the back line, senior Joe Pellerin and juniors Henry Hunsdorfer and Charlie Stone. The defense will line up in front of junior goalie Kegan Brown.

"The defensive unit is fantastic," Rizzo said.

Rizzo plans to run two lines of middies. The top line will be senior Eddie Hodde, junior Willem Berry and sophomore Jackson Gillett, and the second unit is junior Even Krizo, sophomore Gus Hodde and freshman Angus Blackwell.

Faceoff specialist Cameron Stone will also join either line rather than just bolt off the field, Rizzo said. Two other midfielders

will spot in, junior Tyler Quesnel and freshman Luke Nucedor.

Up front Rizzo said junior Owen Lawton and sophomores Toby Draper and Brady McDonough are set to start, with sophomore Zach Jette the first to rotate in, and juniors Tony Engel and Devon Cyr also in the mix.

Rizzo said more scoring will probably be needed for the Tigers to take another step forward, and to do that they might have to improve at another phase of the game.

"We have to just not hurt ourselves," he said. "We have to eliminate the unforced errors. We have to eliminate

the turnovers."

Certainly, Rizzo expects the effort to be there.

"It's a great group of kids," he said. "They bust their butts. They're always hustling."

BOYS' TENNIS

After a two-year hiatus Coach Ken Schoen returns to lead the Tiger boys' tennis team.

And Schoen said his 2022 squad might have more talent than the group that posted an undefeated regular season a few years ago.

"This group is deeper, much deeper," he said. "It's the best team I've ever coached."

Senior Clyde Malhotra and junior Kellan Bartlett will most likely duel for the Nos. 1 and 2 spots on the ladder, with freshman Jackson Murray possibly challenging them.

Senior Aidan Chance is right in the mix and also could end high in the ladder, as could junior Lewis Suchomel and sophomore Brian Newton.

Or, Schoen said, Suchomel, Newton and/or Murray could play doubles, opening up singles slots for sophomores Iver Anderson and Eddie Fallis or freshman Avery Hamilton. Those three could also compete for singles and doubles slots with sophomores Eliot Heminway and Silas Taylor.

Schoen also wouldn't rule out senior Sasha Meyers or juniors Shannon Gillett, Finn O'Neil and Conan Pasciak finding their way into the ladder.

In the preseason, Schoen said he might adjust his singles and doubles lineups based on the opponents: "I'm in the middle of figuring out the different rosters based on the teams we play."

Singles orders will be determined on the court during the course of the season, however. "We're having our first ladder battle tomorrow," Schoen said.

He also summed up expectations. "This is definitely a team that has great potential to have a winning season," Schoen said, "and a possibility for an extraordinary season."

TRACK & FIELD

Coach Ben Weir is happy to see the MUHS track & field team returning many 2021 state meet scorers and qualifiers, and seeing an influx of about 15 freshmen and a few upperclassman that has brought the program's athlete count back to its standard of a little more than 50.

"On the whole I'm just feeling good about our numbers and

our numbers of ninth-graders," Weir said. "Last year we were challenged by the lack of access to the track. We were just doing it in a field behind the school, and we made the best of that."

On both the girls' and boys' sides successful runners return. They include athletes who scored points individually at 400 meters and collectively in the four-by-400- and four-by-800-meter relays.

"Our strength this year will likely be in the middle sprints, the mid-distance stuff, and in the relays," Weir said. "We had good four-by-fours last year, and I think they'll be even better."

Top among the returners is senior Turner, who will defend her 2021 girls' 400-meter title. Turner also ran with senior classmate Ella Landis and junior Seina Dowgowiecz on the second-place 4X800 team, and with classmates Viviana Hammond and Zoe Noble on the third-place 4X400 squad.

Hammond also qualified for the state meet at 100 meters a year ago, as did returning junior Mary Johnson. Noble qualified for the 100 hurdles a year ago, as did returning junior Nell Brayton, and Noble also ran in the state meet in the 300 hurdles. Landis qualified at both 800 and 1,500 meters and ran well for the Tigers in the cross-country season.

Among the ninth-grade girls Beth McIntosh might make the biggest impact. Known for cross-country running and Nordic skiing, McIntosh is also quick enough to help the Tigers in distances ranging from 400 to 800 meters, Weir said. He said freshman sprinter Jazmyn Hurley also impressed early on.

Juniors Cady Pitner and Lily Lapiner are newcomers to the girls' team, but bring athletic credentials and showed promise in preseason testing, Weir said.

They are among a number of athletes on both the girls' and boys' teams who were experimenting in the preseason.

"That's what we're excited about, just getting more athletes trying field events, getting more athletes trying more things out and seeing how it goes," Weir said.

Among the boys senior Greg Wilhelm returns after finishing fourth in D-II at 400 meters in 2021; Wilhelm and returning juniors Eliot Schneider and Ben Seaton ran on the Tigers' fourth-place 4X400 team.

Juniors Ronen Silberman and Toby Wells-Spackman are back from the group that finished sixth in the boys' 4X800 in 2021.

Sophomore Baxter Harrington qualified at 3,000 meters in 2021, and Weir is also high on freshman Haakon Olsen, a member of the Tiger cross-country and Nordic teams, as an individual and relay runner.

Other returning state-meet qualifiers are senior Ethan Foster at 100 meters, and Silberman in the 1,500.

In all, Weir is eyeing a modest uptick from the girls' fifth-place and the boys' 13th-place efforts at the 2021 state meet.

"We have a good possibility to score better on both sides at states than we did last year," he said.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Deena Greenman is the new coach of the Tiger girls' lacrosse program, but she is a familiar sight to almost all the athletes: Greenman, a former Middlebury College player in the 1990s, for many years headed up the Middlebury girls' youth lacrosse program.

"These juniors and seniors are the kids that I coached pretty much all the way through," she said.

Greenman is also a familiar

figure on the girls' lacrosse scene statewide. In 1999 she founded the Burlington High School team and served as its first varsity coach for a half-dozen years.

She inherits a program that is four years removed from its last D-I title. In 2021 the Tigers earned a No. 8 seed and won a first-round game before being bounced in the quarterfinal round by top-seeded Burr & Burton.

Greenman said her primary objectives are to raise the team's level of play and make sure it maintains good chemistry.

"We're in a super tough league, and we've struggled to get wins in the past couple seasons. The main positive is we're creating an amazing team culture, and the girls are really supporting each other and starting from a place of trust," she said.

On the field Greenman is making changes to the team's offensive and defensive systems that could take some time to pay off, even though she said the Tigers are learning fast.

"The girls are picking it up quickly and really learning to work together," she said.

Anchoring that new defense will be senior tri-captains Ivy Doran and Fairley Olson. Greenman said juniors Elizabeth Crawford and Naomi Brightman would most likely also start in the back, with juniors Abby Tufts and Becca Orten ready to step in. Junior Megan Gemignani is the starter in goal, with freshman Ava Schneider likely to see time as her backup.

Senior Sophie Larocque and juniors Hana Doria and Lia Robinson are the likely starters at midfield, with juniors Dahlia Harrison-Irwin and Willow Fitzgerald and freshman McKenna Raymond spelling them.

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MUHS Girls Lacrosse

Coach: Deena Greenman

Roster

Ivy Doran 12
Reese Fitzgerald 12
Sophie Larocque 12
Fairley Olson 12
Alanna Trudeau 12
Naomi Brightman 11
Nyna Cole 11
Elisabeth Crawford 11
Hana Doria 11
Willow Fitzgerald 12
Megan Gemignani 11
Becca Orten 11
Lia Robinson 11
Nora Wooten 11
McKenna Raymond 9
Ava Schneider 9
Ada Weaver 9

Schedule

4/5 @ Burr & Burton 4:30 p.m.
4/8 @ Burlington 4:30 p.m.
4/15 @ Mt. Anthony 4:30 p.m.
4/26 @ South Burlington 4:30 p.m.
4/29 Mount Mansfield 4:30 p.m.
5/2 @ Burr & Burton 4:30 p.m.
5/4 @ Essex 7 p.m.
5/9 CVU 4:30 p.m.
5/11 BFA-St. Albans 4:30 p.m.
5/14 South Burlington 11 a.m.
5/16 Rutland 4:30 p.m.
5/18 @ Mt. Mansfield 4:30 p.m.
5/21 Essex 11 a.m.
5/23 @ Brattleboro 5 p.m.
5/25 @ CVU 4:30 p.m.
5/28 @ St. Albans 11 a.m.



MUHS Track and Field

Coach: Ben Weir

Roster

GIRLS
Viviana Hammond 12
Ella Landis 12
Natalia Mendez Capelan 12
Zoe Noble 12
Stella Scalia 12
Abby Sunderland 12
Hannah Turner 12
Narges Anzali 11
Maddie Crowne 11
Seina Dowgowiecz 11
Nell Brayton 11
Mary Johnson 11
Lily Lapiner 11
Genevieve Mott 11
Cady Pitner 11
Emerson Brookman 10
Katie Chamberlain 10
Emma Oliver 10
Amelia Quesnel 10
Sarah Benz 9
Jessie Bodette 9
William Dragon 9
Jazmyn Hurley 9
Naomi McConville 9
Beth McIntosh 9
Maggie Noble 9

Schedule

4/5 @ Mt. Mansfield
4/12 @ CVU
4/15 Mount Abe
4/27 @ Burlington
5/19 Mt. Abe & VUHS
5/25 @ Colchester
5/31 @ Mt. Mansfield

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MUHS Girls Ultimate

Coach: Michelle Steele

Roster

Megan Balparda	12
Camille Maglienti	12
Astrid Olsen	12
Melody Barenbaum	11
Mary Conklin	11
Ari Graham-Gurland	11
Elise Heppell	11
Liliana Luksch	11
Vivian Ross	11
B Porter	10

Schedule

4/5	@ CVU	5:15 p.m.
4/11	BFA Fairfax	5:30 p.m.
4/12	@ South Burlington	4 p.m.
4/27	@ Montpelier	4 p.m.
5/02	@ Burlington	4 p.m.
5/03	St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.
5/05	Montpelier	4 p.m.
5/16	St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.
5/15	@ Fairfax	4 p.m.
5/19	South Burlington	4 p.m.
5/24	Burlington	4 p.m.
5/26	CVU	4 p.m.



MUHS Boys Ultimate

Coach: Nathan Billings

Roster

Zachariah Burrows	12
Ira Carling	12
Reilly Lawson	12
Jason Li	12
Jordan Martin	12
Nathaniel McVeigh	12
Layne Chant	11
Carter Lee	11
Trevor Schnoor	11
Max Carpenter	10
Benedict Diehl-Noble	10
Henry Weston	10
Gavin Jones	9
Jackson Trump	9

Schedule

4/7	Burlington	4 p.m.
4/11	BFA Fairfax	4 p.m.
4/13	Rice	4 p.m.
4/26	South Burlington	4 p.m.
5/6	@ Colchester	4 p.m.
5/11	@ Essex	5 p.m.
5/13	@ Montpelier	4 p.m.
5/16	CVU	4 p.m.
5/18	@ Milton	4 p.m.
5/20	@ Mt. Mansfield	4 p.m.
5/25	St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.

MUHS Boys Tennis

Coach: Ken Schoen

Roster

Sasha Meyers	12
Aidan Chance	11
Shannon Gillett	11
Clyde Malhotra	11
Finn O'Neil	11
Konan Pasciak	11
Lewis Suchomel	11
Iver Anderson	10
Kellan Bartlett	10
Edward Fallis	10
Eliot Heminway	10
Brian Newton	10
Silas Taylor	10
Avery Hamilton	9
Jackson Murray	9

Schedule

4/14	Colchester	3:30 p.m.
4/26	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
4/28	@ Mt. Mansfield	3:30 p.m.
4/30	St. Albans	10 a.m.
5/5	@ North Country	3:30 p.m.
5/7	Harwood	10 a.m.
5/9	@ U-32	3:30 p.m.
5/11	@ Montpelier	3:30 p.m.
5/12	CVU	3:30 p.m.
5/16	@ St. Albans	3:30 p.m.
5/20	North Country	3:30 p.m.
5/23	@ Harwood	3:30 p.m.
5/25	U-32	3:30 p.m.
5/27	Montpelier	3:30 p.m.



MUHS Girls Tennis

Coach: Dan Comar

Roster

Julia Bartlett	12
Talia Cotroneo	12
Oni Krizo	12
Abigail Sunderland	12
Kaya Wright	12
Scarlet Carrara	11
India Choudhury	11
Paige Hescok	11
Maeve Roche	11
Audrey Carpenter	10
Amelia Coburn	10
Sophie Mason	10
Caroline Nicolai	10
Chant Clara	9
Piper Farnsworth	9
Ruby Harrison-Irwin	9
Diana Herasim	9
Subia Khan	9
Caroline Nicolai	9

Schedule

4/14	@ Colchester	3:30 p.m.
4/26	Rice	4:30 p.m.
4/28	Mt. Mansfield	3:30 p.m.
4/30	@ Bellows Falls	10 a.m.
5/3	@ Spaulding	3:30 p.m.
5/5	N. Country	TBA
5/7	@ Harwood	10 a.m.
5/9	U-32	3:30 p.m.
5/11	Montpelier	3:30 p.m.
5/16	St. Albans	3:30 p.m.
5/18	Spaulding	3:30 p.m.
5/20	@ N. Country	3:30 p.m.
5/23	Harwood	3:30 p.m.
5/25	@ U-32	3:30 p.m.
5/27	@ Montpelier	3:30 p.m.



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MUHS Softball

Coach: Bob Cameron

Roster

Taylor Betourney	12
Hannah Cameron	12
Riley Farrell	12
Lilian Russell	12
Olivia McCray	12
Patience Hanley	12
Emma Welch	12
Hannah Cormier	11
Abigail Stafford	11
Makayla Swan	11
Emma Deering	10
Sienna Rubright	10
Meredith Cameron	9
Lily Dame	9

Schedule

4/14	@ Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/19	CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Mt. Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
4/23	@ St. Albans	11 a.m.
4/26	@ Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/5	Colchester	4:30 p.m.
5/7	Enosburg	11 a.m.
5/10	VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/12	@ Mt. Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/14	@ Milton	11 a.m.
5/17	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/19	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/21	@ VUHS	11 a.m.
5/24	Mt. Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/26	Milton	4:30 p.m.

MUHS Baseball

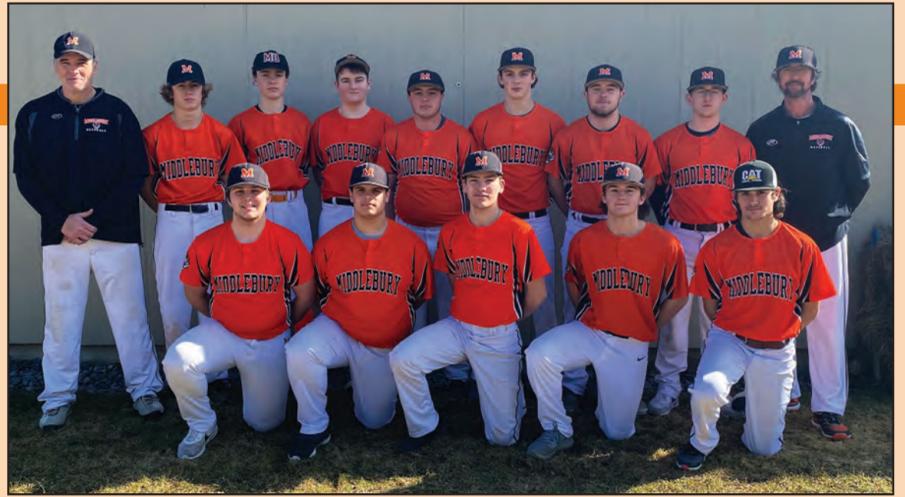
Coach: Tim Paquette

Roster

Milo Gordon	12
John Wallace	11
James Disorda	10
Jacob Kemp	10
Aiden LaDuke	10
Carter Paquette	10
Ethan Sweet	10
Cole Warren	10
Timothy Whitney	10
Tucker Choiniere	9
Tucker Morte	9
Alex Sperry	9

Schedule

4/14	@ Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/19	CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Mt. Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
4/23	@ St. Albans	11 a.m.
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MUHS

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Senior tri-captain Alanna Trudeau and juniors Nyna Cole and Nora Wootten are the probable starters on attack, with senior Reese Fitzgerald and freshman Ada Weaber rotating in.

Greenman believes the Tigers' intangibles will result in growth and improvement throughout the season, but tempered expectations.

"They are early to practice. They are focused. They are determined. They are working really hard," she

said. "I think that is going to pay off on the field. We're just going to keep our goals realistic until we play our first few games, until we see where we're at ... But we're keeping in mind that this is a game, and this is for fun, and that we should be having fun every single day."

ULTIMATE

The Tiger Ultimate program has enough numbers to better support both boys' and girls' teams this year, although the margin is thinner on the girls' side. If all the athletes show up on game day, girls' Ultimate Coach Michelle Steele will have only seven on the field

and three subs.

Boys' Ultimate Coach Nathan Billings has the luxury of seven subs, but not that many more veterans.

Still, he is optimistic his team can move up from near the bottom of the standings in 2021.

"This year is definitely looking pretty bright," Billings said.

"We don't have enough for a full JV this year," he said. "But that said, some of these returners, they really know what they're doing. They're up in their senior year, so they've come ready with the physicality, and they're doing some teaching."

One of the team's more experienced players is senior Zachariah Burrows, who will be a primary handler (or thrower), but could also serve as a target to score points as a cutter (or receiver) in the end zone.

Senior Nat McVeigh is also a both a handler and cutter, as is potentially senior Jordan Martin. Billings said seniors Ira Carling and Reilly Lawson are "deep cutters" who can use their height as end zone threats. The team's final senior, Jason Li, could use his quickness as an effective cutter, according to Billings.

Junior Layne Chant will both

handle and cut, and two other juniors will mostly serve as cutters, Carter Lee and Trevor Schnoor, with Schnoor as a deep threat. Sophomore Benedict Diehl-Noble is primarily a handler, Billings said, while classmates Max Carpenter and Henry Weston will be cutters. Freshman newcomers Gavin Jones and Jackson Trump will also be cutters.

Based on what he'd seen in practices and the Tigers' performance vs. South Burlington in a scrimmage, Billings said he expects decent results: "I expect to be

middle of the pack, and maybe a little better as we get everyone on board."



Steele's team will also have a couple players with defined roles, notably its co-captains, (See MUHS, Page 6C)

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VUHS

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contended the past couple seasons in D-III, but was hard-hit by graduation, including losing its entire 2021 starting pitching rotation.

But O'Brien said intangibles should help the Commodores make the most of their talent.

"There's sort of a change in mindset, getting them to buy into what we're teaching them. Every practice is organized. Every drill is timed," he said in the preseason.

"And we're trying to build a team mentality, not individual. You can't win as one person on a baseball team. You've got to win as nine. Only nine come to the table, but everyone on the team has got to be a contributor... almost everyone has a defined role on the team right now. They're all buying into that."

O'Brien acknowledged some roles could change, but shared an

outline of how things could look. He foresees a pitching staff that includes juniors Nate Muzzy, Peyton Paquette and Elijah Duprey, sophomore Tyler Kimball, and at least in relief, freshman Gabriel Scribner.

"We're a young pitching squad, but they all saw time at the JV level. And in the three weeks we've had them, they've come a long way," O'Brien said.

Senior Kyle Bacon, junior Parker Kayhart and freshman Reese Paquette could all put on the catching equipment.

Around the infield, O'Brien said first base is a bit of a question mark, with juniors Jacob Aunchman, Zeke Dubois and Xavier DeBlois and sophomore Tyler Kimball among the candidates.

DeBlois is more likely to see time at second base, with Scribner and Peyton Paquette also available there. Duprey is the shortstop when not on the mound, with Scribner the most likely backup, and sophomore Eyon Tembreull the probable starter at third. Kayhart and Reese Paquette could also see time in the infield, according to O'Brien.

Senior Richard Cosgrove and sophomore Logan Becher are outfielders, with Bacon, Scribner, Aunchman, Muzzy, Kimball and Dubois also in the

outfield mix. Defensively, O'Brien expects the Commodores to be solid. At bat and on the basepaths, he said they'll have to be aggressive.

"We've got to create our runs. They're not going to come easy, so we've got to create our opportunities, and make the most out of those opportunities," O'Brien said. "If that happens, we'll have success offensively."

TRACK & FIELD
Another new coach takes over the Commodore track and field program: VUHS teacher Charlie Korman, a former track and field and football coach elsewhere who specialized in throwing events as a competitor.

Meanwhile, VUHS varsity cross-country and indoor track and field Coach Mary Neffinger will take over the VUHS middle-school program, which features 31 athletes, offering promise for the future of the varsity program.

Korman is overseeing a varsity team with low numbers — 10 athletes, few with varsity

experience. Despite the athlete count, he's working with Neffinger to add more options to a program that has largely focused on running. Several Commodores have picked up either the discus or the shot this past winter and notably this spring, plus some have looked at jumping, at least on the middle school side.

"Some of the specialty sessions, for jumping and throwing, we may mix up middle school and high school," Korman said.

Meanwhile, he said the Commodores have come in with positive attitudes and open minds. "They're excited about the season, and they're really excited about trying some new things," Korman said.

The team has two seniors: Madeline DeGraaf in the preseason was eyeing running at 200 and 400 meters, while Christopher Therrien is an experienced distance runner who will likely run at 1,500 meters and could stretch out to 3,000.

Sophomores Calvin Gramling, Ryder Messinger and Calder

Rakowski all have experience at middle distances and could run the 400 and 800; Gramling and Rakowski are among those experimenting with the discus.

Sophomores Riley Gagnon and Ethan Croke are candidates to run at 200 and 400 meters, at least to start out with, and will join the sophomores in the competition to form a new VUHS four-by-400 boys' relay team.

Freshman Grey Fearon is a middle-distance and distance runner who also threw the shot this winter and might start hurling the discus as well, according to Korman.

Joining DeGraaf on the girls' side are freshmen Rory Couture, a sprinter, and Torrey Hanna, who Korman said could run the 800 and throw the discus.

Korman is looking forward to working with the Commodores this spring.

"It's not a huge group, but they've been doing cross-country and track together, many of them for years now," he said. "It's a great group."

VUHS Girls Lacrosse

Coach: Marikate Kelley

Roster

Elena Bronson	12
Txuxa Doherty-Konczal	12
Halle Huizenga	12
Natalie Adams	11
Liana Gay	11
Carlyn Rapport	11
Cassandra Guillemette	11
Francesca Nudo	11
Reese Germander	11
Nell Harvey	10
Carley Cook	10
Annie Dufault	10
Emerson Rice	10
Anna Stilwell	10

Schedule

4/5	Essex	4:30 p.m.
4/12	@ S. Albans	4:30 p.m.
4/16	@ Hartford	11 a.m.
4/19	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/26	@ Burlington	4:30 p.m.
4/28	GMVS	4:30 p.m.
4/30	Stowe	11 a.m.
5/4	Harwood	4:30 p.m.
5/6	U-32	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
5/13	Lamoille	4:30 p.m.
5/17	Colchester	4:30 p.m.
5/20	@ St. Johnsbury	4:30 p.m.
5/24	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/27	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.



Mount Abraham Union High School

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The spring of 2021 saw the Mount Abraham softball team and its joint boys' lacrosse squad with Vergennes reach semifinals, the baseball squad win a first-round Division II game after winning 10 regular season games, and the track and field program qualify a number of athletes for the D-II championship meet, with a couple reaching the podium.

It's safe to say expectations are high again in 2022.

SOFTBALL

The Eagle softball program has enjoyed plenty of success in recent years, winning the D-II title in 2017, 2018 and 2019 before COVID-19 in 2020 and a semifinal upset at home this past spring ended the streak.

Coach Don McCormick said a few things would be important for a return to glory for a team that he pointed out returned 90% of its players last year.

McCormick would like to see the Eagles earn a top-four seed and

thus home field for the first three rounds. Support from hundreds of family members and friends has certainly helped boost the Eagles to those finals over the years.

And so he said the team has to focus every time out.

"We've got to be all on the same page during the games," McCormick said.

And he expects another issue, a 2021 defense not up to the program's high standards, to resolve itself.

McCormick said the Eagles had first-year starters around the infield in 2021, and he foresees a tighter defense this spring with more seasoning.

"We've got to improve our defense, for sure. We gave a lot of teams a lot of runs last year," he said. "We're definitely a better defensive team than we showed, and we're already this spring looking better."

It will help that the team is loaded with good pitching and catching. On the mound, juniors

Eve McCormick and Payton Vincent and senior Cami Willsey are all proven competitors.

"We've honestly got three B-plus pitchers," McCormick said. "Not a lot of D-II schools can say

that."

Behind the plate Willsey tops a depth chart that also includes senior Isabella Powell, junior Gabby Lafreniere and sophomore Joanna Toy, all of whom will start somewhere in the

lineup. "I feel really great about our pitching and catching," McCormick said.

Around the infield returning are senior Natalie Chase at first base, sophomore Madelyn Hayden at second base, junior Lucy Parker at shortstop, and Vincent at third base. McCormick can move from the mound to play first, junior Dakota Larocque can play second base or outfield, and Willsey can take over at third if Vincent moves to the mound.

Toy, Powell in center and Lafreniere are top candidates in the outfield, with senior Alyssa Whitcomb, junior Patricia McEnerney, Breanne Preston and Larocque, and sophomore Sarah Heath also in the mix.

Will the Eagles hit well enough to achieve the program goal of contending for another crown?

"I'm not worried about our offense," McCormick said.

BASEBALL

Entering his 41st spring at Mount Abe, Coach Jeff Stetson is ever optimistic about his baseball team, especially this year, when a half-dozen seniors return who helped spark his Eagles to a 10-win season in 2021.

"That group of seniors are a good group of baseball players and are really motivated kids," Stetson said. "We have a great leadership core."

Those seniors mostly fulfill key roles.

Neil Guy is the starter at shortstop and member of what Stetson envisions as a solid pitching rotation; Adam Mansfield is the No. 1 starter on the mound and will play some third base and outfield; Tanner Harris will likely start at catcher; Carter Monks gets

the nod at first and will throw in relief; Ethan Thompson will rotate in at catcher, outfield and DH; and Owen Bromley will back up at first base.

Rounding out the pitching rotation will be juniors Chance Denecker and Gus Hill, while Thompson and junior Caleb Russell are capable relievers, Stetson said.

"I've got four guys I can pitch, and then a couple others I feel pretty good about," Stetson said.

Denecker will most likely start at second and Hill at third when they are not on the mound, with junior Reiss Hendee ready to step in at second and Russell available at third as well as first. Sophomore Tanner Castillo will spell Guy at short when he's on the mound, and juniors Aidan Harris and Ben

(See MAUHS Page 8C)



MAUHS Softball

Coach: Don McCormick

Roster

Natalie Chase	12
Isabella Powell	12
Alyssa Whitcomb	12
Cami Willsey	12
Gabrielle LaFreniere	11
Dakota Larocque	11
Eve McCormick	11
Lucy Parker	11
Breanne Preston	11
Madelyn Hayden	9
Sarah Heath	9
Joanna Toy	9

Schedule

4/12	Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
4/14	Burlington	4:30 p.m.
4/16	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/21	@ OVUHS	4:30 p.m.
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5/19	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
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Marcum could see time at first base.

Castillo; juniors Lucas Grover, Norm Benoit and Bradley Wells; Mansfield and Thompson, are all in the mix in the outfield.

Offensively, Stetson sees the Eagles as contact hitters rather than sluggers

"I think we'll hit the ball hard and make teams make plays," he said.

Coming off 10 wins for the first time in a few years, Stetson wouldn't rule out a run at the program's first D-II title since 2016 and sixth since 2000. And after all these years, he even pointed out technology has finally made its way to the north end of the Mount Abe campus.

"Their expectations of themselves are high, where they feel like everybody we play, we're going to give them a game," he said. "We're excited. We even have a scoreboard this year."

TRACK & FIELD

With close to a dozen athletes returning who qualified to compete in either the D-II 2021 outdoor or 2022 winter indoor championship meet, plus a number of promising younger participants, Mount Abe track and field co-coaches Evan Friend and Kat Hughes were looking forward to this spring.

"We're super excited to have these kids out here," Friend said.

She believes some of the Eagles will break through to the next level.

"We're hoping to see more athletes at New Englands this year," Friend said. "I think it's very possible to see a lot of our athletes from states to New Englands."

Four athletes return after podium performances: Junior Gavin Bannister placed in the 2021 300-meter hurdles, senior Maddie Donaldson at 800 meters, junior Maisy Hill in the 2021 100 hurdles, and sophomore Joe Darling in the indoor triple jump.

Qualifiers from 2021 include seniors Noah Engvall and Abigail Johnson at 800 meters, senior Alex Yaggy in the 100, junior Olivia Devino in the pole vault, junior Ruby Jean Hall in the 300 hurdles, and Darling in the 200.

Indoor qualifiers include Yaggy in the shot put, junior Dustin Lavigne in the hurdles, and freshman runner Kayla Friend.

Hughes noted a number of the newcomers are interested in the hurdles, making that discipline a strong point for the team: "We have some brand-new hurdlers, and this year we also have some returning."

Hughes and Friend also expect some younger runners to break through, including freshman Lauren Cousino as well as sophomores Grace Orvis and Luke Mayer, particularly with help from veteran mentors.

"We've got some great up and

coming new runners that we're excited to see how they perform. And they're very self-motivated." Hughes said. "They're happy to be here, and all the older athletes have really welcomed them in, which is something that we love to see."

"It's just great to see that," Friend added, citing senior Maddie Donaldson, Yaggy and junior Abby Sturtevant in particular as demonstrating leadership.

The coaches are also looking at the running depth as allowing the Eagles to field competitive girls' and boys' relay teams, particularly in the four-by-100- and 200-meter distances. Early tryouts were encouraging.

"There are some good times there," Hughes said.

BOYS' LACROSSE

In 2021 the Mount Abe boys' lacrosse team had a shot at the D-III title, but in a semifinal couldn't hold a late lead at eventual champion Green Mountain Valley, losing by a goal.

"We made an incredible run last year," said Coach Ed Cook. "Our fitness ran out."

That result means a focus on conditioning this spring, especially without a lot of depth this season.

"That's a big emphasis at this point of the season, getting our kids fit," Cook said. "We have a light roster, so we're going to have to be really fit."

The team also has a tough D-II schedule, graduated a number of key players, and lost key senior

defender Carmelo Miceli to injury.

Cook was thinking about a strictly rebuilding season until the Eagles moved the ball well and scored 14 goals in a scrimmage in Burlington.

"It went from a completely rebuilding mindset, to we can win some games and be competitive," he said.

Graduation did hit the program harder on defense and to an extent at midfield, and Cook expects a learning curve this spring.

"Our defense is still a work in progress," he said. "We're going to struggle in the beginning."

He is confident in an attack that will feature juniors Henry Anderson and Sawyer Shepard and sophomore Noah Ladeau, with sophomore Finley Kaeck spelling them.

Senior Taylor Stearns will anchor the midfield, including by serving as the Eagles' faceoff specialist. Senior Bill Lyons; sophomores Jake Kadar, Finley, Sawyer Leonard, Samuel

Mangini and Andrew Nolan; and freshmen Chase Atkins, Lorenzo Atocha and Jonah Howell are all in the midfield mix.

Seniors Collin Dupoise and Creed Stillwell are long-stick middies

potential defensive starters, and senior Jade Edwards could also start in the back. Cook also expects sophomores Benjamin MacDonald and Jordan Schroeder to be defensive mainstays.

Sophomore Connor Meacham will take over in goal, and another sophomore, Moises Otero,

volunteered to serve as his backup.

Cook said the challenging schedule should prepare the Eagles for the D-III playoffs, but regardless of how things play out this year he believes the future is bright, especially with a youth program now established in Bristol.

"We have a young team," he said.

"We're going to have some growing pains, and we're going to take our lumps and bumps, but in the next couple years we're going to be right back where we were last year."



MAUHS Boys Lacrosse

Coach: Don McCormick

Roster

Collin Dupoise	12
Jade Edwards	12
William Lyons	12
Carmelo Miceli	12
Taylor Stearns	12
Creed Stilwell	12
Henry Anderson	11
Sawyer Shepard	11
Owen Frizzell	10
Jake Kadar	10
Finley Kaeck	10
Noah Ladeau	10
Sawyer Leonard	10
Benjamin MacDonald	10
Samuel Mangini	10
Connor Meacham	10
Andrew James Nolan	10

Schedule

4/12	OVUHS	4 p.m.
4/15	@ Spaulding	4 p.m.
4/26	@ Harwood	4 p.m.
4/29	St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.
5/2	Hartford	4:30 p.m.
5/4	Randolph	4:30 p.m.
5/7	@ Montpelier	3 p.m.
5/11	@ OVUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/14	Stowe	10 a.m.
5/16	Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/18	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/21	@ BFA Fairfax	11 a.m.
5/26	@ Colchester	4:30 p.m.

MAUHS Baseball

Coach: Jeff Stetson

Roster

Owen Bromley	12
Neil Guy	12
Tanner Harris	12
Adam Mansfield	12
Carter Monks	12
Ethan Thompson	12
Norm Benoit	11
Chance Denecker	11
Lucas Grover	11
Aiden Harris	11
Reiss Henke	11
Ben Marcum	11
Gus Hill	11
Caleb Russell	11
Bradley Wells	11
Tanner Castillo	10

Schedule

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MAUHS Track and Field Coaches: *Eva Friend and Kat Hughes*

Roster

Hugh Ball	12	Ruby Hall	11
Madeline Donaldson	12	Maisy Hill	11
Noah Engvall	12	William Illiff	11
Abigail Johnson	12	Dustin Lavigne	11
Jazzlynn Senecal	12	Andrew Lester	11
Alexander Yaggy	12	Tristan Pudvah	11
Gavin Bannister	11	Owen Reynolds	11
Sean Davison	11	Evan Roy	11
Olivia Devino	11	Abigail Sturtevant	11
Nathaniel Gustin	11	Natalie Atkins	11

Joseph Darling	10	Kayla Firene	9
Mason Frazier	10	Finn Harris	9
Luke Mayer	10	Damian Newell	9
Teagan Obarski	10	Samuel Schoendorf	9
Michael Sayre	10	Elliot Senecal	9
Ellison Thomas	10	Isabella Shea	9
Rosemary Behounek	9	Hazel Stoddard	9
Lauren Cousin	9		
Ryan Cross	9		
Whitney Dykstra	9		

Schedule

4/12	@ CVU
4/15	@ Middlebury
4/27	@ Burlington
5/4	@ Milton
5/7	@ Fair Haven
5/9	Home Meet
5/14	@ Burlington
5/19	@ Middlebury
5/25	@ Colchester
5/28	@ Essex
5/31	@ Mt. Mansfield
6/4	D-II Championship Meet

Otter Valley
Union High School

By GENE DELORENZO

BRANDON — Coach Matt Clark will have a challenging task on his hands as he looks to build his Otter Valley boys' lacrosse team into a title contender this year, after finishing last season 1-11. Faced with a shortage of

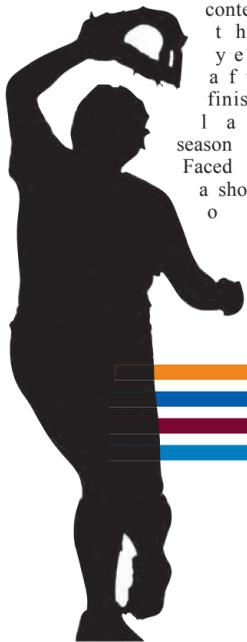
numbers, he will have to create a flexible team of players who can fill in at numerous positions and play long minutes during gametime action. Fortunately, Clark has some quality athletes who possess a collective team spirit and work ethic that could carry the team a long way this spring. Look for senior Hayden Bernhardt to be the team leader, ably supported by fellow seniors Evan Thomas, Nick Parker, Kieran Williams and Danny O'Brien. O'Brien, a lanky and trim goalkeeper, is very active and aggressive in the goal and will be able to provide athleticism and a lot of energy to the Otters' defense.

Bernhardt, at 6-feet, 4 inches tall, is an imposing figure on the lacrosse field. Others who will contribute include Dom Davis, Isaac Dereptigny, Austin Cormany, Simon Martin and Sawyer Thinsman. The Otters' schedule will be a tough one, but Coach Clark has hopes for some measure of success this season. A team opening with a tough game on their schedule is the Otter Valley baseball team, which opens on Thursday, April 14, versus Division I Burr and Burton at the Otters' home field. But Coach Mike Howe looks forward to a veteran team and a solid pitching staff to lead the way for the

Brandon-area squad. Otter baseball went 8-9 last year, but they won a game in the first round of the playoffs before falling to the undefeated top seed. Pitchers Fraser Pierpont, Andy McEnery and Jordan Beayon should be the strength of Otter Valley. All have varsity experience and have experienced success for Coach Howe. The entire infield returns and looked sharp in a pre-season practice session last week. A key will be finding out who will be the primary catcher as two younger players vie for that all-important position. The team has great spirit and competition has been keen thus far in early practices. Over on the softball diamond, Otter Coach Kelly Trayah enters his 27th season of coaching softball in the Greater Addison County area, and his experience and knowledge is very apparent as you set foot on Patti Candon

Field. In preseason practices, players moved with a purpose and discipline and the teaching from Trayah and his assistants is interesting and worthwhile to watch. This year, OV softball has some very fine athletes within and the team will be an exciting one to watch. Several players will vie to be the number one pitcher, but whoever Trayah chooses should do well on the mound. There were at least five throwing the day we visited and they were all throwing strikes — a requisite on the softball diamond. Trayah hopes to have senior Alice Keith back in a softball uniform after a few years away from the sport. Her outstanding athletic ability is well known to area fans. Keith seemingly can play any sport she picks up — she is a natural. Another dynamite athlete from the basketball court is junior

Ryleigh LaPorte. Destined to be the leadoff hitter, she can fly. Even better than that, watching LaPorte run the bases in the practice environment was a treat to watch. She is very intelligent on the bases and knows the game extremely well. Look for her to score a lot of runs for the Otters this spring. The infield and outfield positions seem to be well in place and held by veteran players. Coach T. will just need some solid hitting to back up his excellent pitching and defense and this team could go a long way. Last year, Otter softball — like the baseball team — won a first-round playoff game before falling to a top seed. They are hoping for better this year. The opener for softball is Thursday, April 14, versus Burr and Burton in Brandon at Patti Candon Field. Game time is 4:30 p.m.



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OVUHS Softball Coach: *Kelly Trayah*

Roster

Virgil Chapin	12
Marissa Connors	12
Emily Hutchins	12
Alice Keith	12
Riley Keith	12
JoJo LaRock	12
Bryn Blanchard	11
Sydney Gallo	11
Alexis Hayes	11
Ryleigh LaPorte	11
Mackenzie McKay	11
Olivia Miner	11
Grace O'Connell	11
Alivia Sheldrick	11
Sierra Cormany	11
Ella French	10
MyKenzie Thibault	10

Schedule

4/14	Burr & Burton	4:30 p.m.
4/19	Springfield	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Mt. Abraham	4:30 p.m.
4/26	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/28	White River Valley	4:30 p.m.
4/30	@ Springfield	11 a.m.
5/3	Windsor	4:30 p.m.
5/5	Hartford	4:30 p.m.
5/7	@ West Rutland	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Rutland	5 p.m.
5/12	@ Green Mountain	4:30 p.m.
5/17	@ Windsor	4:30 p.m.
5/21	Brattleboro	11 a.m.
5/24	@ Mt. Anthony	4:30 p.m.
5/26	@ Hartford	6:30 p.m.
5/28	@ Fair Haven	11 a.m.



OVUHS Boys Lacrosse

Coach: Matthew Clark

Roster

Hayden Bernhardt	12
Austin Cormany	12
Domanic Davis	12
Isaac Derepentigny	12
Cooper Johnson	12
Matthew Moseley	12
Daniel O'Brien	12
Nick Parker	12
Evan Thomas	12
Kieran Williams	12
Chase Cram	11
Benjamin Marks	11
Thomas Politano	11
Derek Raymond	11
Malachi Sheldrick	11
Matthew Cole	10
Simon Martin	10

Sawyer Tinsman	10
Aiden Wade	10
Gavyn Towle	9

4/5	Essex
4/12	@ S. Albans
4/16	@ Hartford
4/19	@ CVU
4/26	@ Burlington
4/28	GMVS
4/30	Stowe
5/4	Harwood
5/6	U-32
5/10	@ Spaulding
5/13	Lamoille
5/17	Colchester
5/20	@ St. Johnsbury
5/24	Milton
5/27	@ Rice

Schedule

4:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
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4:30 p.m.
11 a.m.
4:30 p.m.

OVUHS Baseball

Coach: Michael Howe

Roster

Ethan Blow	12
Fraser Pierpont	12
Ben Adams	11
Jordan Beayon	11
Matt Bryant	11
Colton Cone	11
Richard Lafontaine	11
Andrew McEnery	11
Cody Pariseau	11
Gavin Parry	11
Brian Stanley	11
Caleb Whitney	11
Luciano Falco	10
Luca Polli	10
Isaac Whitney	9

Schedule

4/14	Burr & Burton	4:30 p.m.
4/16	Bellows Falls	11 a.m.
4/19	@ Bellows Falls	4:30 p.m.
4/21	Mt. Abraham	4:30 p.m.
4/23	@ Mt. Anthony	11 a.m.
4/26	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/28	Stratton	4:30 p.m.
4/30	@ Springfield	11 a.m.
5/3	Windsor	4:30 p.m.
5/5	@ Hartford	7 p.m.
5/10	@ Rutland	5 p.m.
5/12	@ Green Mountain	4:30 p.m.
5/17	@ Windsor	4:30 p.m.
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