



### Menu: Laughs

American Flatbread and THT are collaborating on a New York City comedy series. See Arts + Leisure.



### Net success

The Tiger boys' tennis team ended the season at 10-1 and earned the No. 3 seed in D-I. See Page 1B.



### Final rest

The remains of a veteran of the American Revolution were buried in Weybridge this week. See Page 2A.

# ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

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## Intrigue abounds in local election field

### Primaries and open seats add spice

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — The 2022 election picture in Vermont came into sharper focus with the May 26 filing deadline for major party candidates. And that picture in Addison County includes some contests that will have to be sorted out by an Aug. 9 primary, and challenges shaping up in most House districts.

Addison County voters this fall will elect a new sheriff, state's attorney, at least two new House

members and a probate court judge, due to incumbents moving on.

And the final election field has yet to be set; minor party candidates and independents have until Aug. 4 to file their paperwork. And there's always the potential for write-in campaigns.

Here's a rundown of what we know so far in a county with some legislative districts whose boundaries have been redrawn (See Ballot, Page 12A)

## Cost of city sewer fix could climb to \$34M

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The cost to overhaul the Vergennes sewer collection and treatment system could end up being as much as 33% higher than estimated on the Town Meeting Day ballot, City Manager Ron Redmond and Hoyle & Tanner and Associates Project Manager Jennie Auster told the

city council on May 24.

Redmond described it as a worst-case scenario, and all agreed the figures were speculative and wouldn't be known until bids on the first phases start coming in over the months and years ahead. But he and Auster presented figures that said rather than \$25.5 million, (See Vergennes, Page 12A)

## Fletcher winds up four decades serving ACSD

### Many changes kept her work fresh

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Sharon Fletcher occasionally gets asked if it can get boring or monotonous working at the same job at the same location for more than four decades.

Her answer is an emphatic "no." As executive assistant to the Addison Central School District superintendent, Fletcher has

worked for five bosses since taking the post in 1979. Each superintendent regime change was like switching jobs, she noted with a smile.

"No two days are alike," Fletcher said during a recent interview. "My job is very interesting and challenging, on occasion. Having new superintendents, having some (See Fletcher, Page 16A)

## Planning intensifies for a new Ripton school district

By JOHN FLOWERS

RIPTON — Very preliminary budget modeling by the Ripton School District board indicates the town might be able to run its own K-12 public education system for an education property tax rate of \$2.06 per \$100 in property value

during the 2023-2024 academic year — the first year the town will be independent from the Addison Central School District.

That \$2.06 would represent a 22-cent increase compared to the education property tax (See Ripton, Page 13A)



### Back and better!

THE LAST MEMORIAL Day parades in Addison County were in 2019. After skipping two years because of the pandemic, crowds and parade participants were happy to be back on Monday morning in Middlebury (above) and Vergennes (below), where bands played loudly, people on floats waved enthusiastically and it seemed that everyone applauded for those who serve our country. See more photos on Pages 4A, 10A and 11A. Independent photos/Steve James



THREE MEMBERS OF the Middlebury College Class of 2022 celebrate their graduation Sunday by filming a video for TikTok. More than 460 members of their class gathered for commencement Sunday, then nearly 500 members of the Class of 2020 came to campus Tuesday for their own commencement. Independent photo/Steve James

## College hands out diplomas – twice

### Classes of '20 & '22 walked this week

By CHRISTOPHER ROSS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury College held two commencement ceremonies this week for nearly 1,000 students.

On Sunday, the Class of 2022 gathered for the college's first together-and-in-person graduation ceremony since 2019.

On Tuesday, after a two-year wait, the Class of 2020 participated in the commencement COVID-19 tried to take away.

While Sunday's event saw hundreds of students gathering together for the last time in their college careers, before scattering to all parts of the globe, Tuesday's event was as much a homecoming as a sendoff.

In their own ways, both commencements spoke to a sense of rootedness — not just the sort it's possible to feel in connection

to a place, but also the kind we develop with ourselves, which helps us navigate doubts and uncertainties.

CLASS OF 2022

At Sunday's commencement, the student address was co-delivered by independent scholar in human design Om Gokhale of Redwood City, Calif., and international politics and economics major Roni Lezama of Queens, N.Y. They decided to deliver the speech together because "neither one of us, on our own, was tall enough to reach the podium," Gokhale said.

Over the past four years together, the Class of 2022 has learned some essential skills, Gokhale continued, such as "how to jump in cold water" and "how to slip on ice in front of a tour group and retain your dignity."

(See Graduation, Page 8A)



### By the way

Parlour, the hair and skincare salon in downtown Middlebury, is hosting an event this Saturday to raise money for the town's teen (See By the way, Page 13A)

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**Josiah Clark**, a veteran of the Battle of Bunker Hill in the American Revolution, was buried with full military honors in Weybridge on Saturday. He was originally buried in Weybridge after he died in 1835, but his remains were rescued from the grave in 2019 before the were potentially washed away by the encroaching Otter Creek. A color guard from Middlebury American Legion Post 27, along with a bagpiper and a horse-drawn caisson marched Clark's remains from the Weybridge Congregational Church to the Weybridge Hill Cemetery. A throng of veterans and other citizens came to show their respect.

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## Rte 125 in Addison likely to reopen in early June

ADDISON — Route 125 along Lake Champlain in Addison, which has been closed since a severe Halloween rainstorm washed out about 500 feet of the state highway, should reopen soon.

Workers were set to begin striping the road on Tuesday, May 31, weather permitting, and begin putting on the finishing touches next week, according to a construction update on the estimated \$1.3 million road rebuild from Agency of Transportation

spokesperson Stephanie Barrett. "It is anticipated that guardrails are to be installed the week beginning June 6, 2022. After such time the roadway will be opened to motorists," Barrett wrote in a May 27 email.

The stretch of road in Addison's southwest corner that was destroyed is about a mile from the east end of the Lake Champlain Bridge and just north of McCuen Slang. The south end of the washout was right next to Whitney Creek Drive.

That piece of the highway had

been sagging and failing already before the Oct. 31 storm, according to VTrans officials. The agency had reduced traffic to one lane in the summer of 2021, with traffic lights at either end of the one-lane stretch, and a project was already planned.

Since Oct. 31, VTrans has asked motorists who need to get from one side of the washout to the other, including those driving from New York to central or southern Addison County or beyond, or vice versa, to detour along Routes 17 and 22A

through Addison Four Corners. Many of those who know the local roads better or use wayfinding apps have, however, reportedly been taking a shortcut via town roads, using what is Jersey Street in Addison and turns into Basin Harbor Road as it heads south into Bridport. That route connects Routes 17 and 125 several miles west of Route 22A.

The project appears to be running a bit ahead of schedule. In February, VTrans put the tentative target completion date at June 24.



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### ADDISON COUNTY School Briefs

At Worcester Polytechnic Institute Commencement Ceremony on May 14, two local students received bachelor's degrees. **Arden Carling** of Starksboro received a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering. **Abigail Perlee** of Bristol received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering.

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# COVID won't mute opera production

By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

MIDDLEBURY — Jacques Offenbach's opera "Orphée aux enfers" (Orpheus in the Underworld) is full of irreverent chatter and absurd story turns, but the cast and crew of the Opera Company of Middlebury who are readying to stage the 19th century work beginning this Friday, June 3, are dealing with a plot twist that didn't come with the script.

Two of the cast members and Artistic Director Douglas Anderson this week were diagnosed with COVID-19.

Not to worry, all three are doing well. "Doug is feeling fine, he's mostly just frustrated," said Executive Producer Mary Longey.

Opening night at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater will still take place, as will subsequent performances scheduled for June 5, 9 and 11. It is not unusual for understudies — who have practiced

the parts throughout rehearsals — to step in and play their roles when performers can't take the stage.

Longey is optimistic that OCM can make the theater safe for performers and audience members alike.

"We are taking the maximum precautions," she said. The company is administering antigen tests every day, everyone is wearing masks as much as they can, and they have consulted with Patsy Kelso of the Vermont Department of Health.

The singers who tested positive are Joshua Jeremiah and Bevin Hill, professionals who both have appeared in many OCM productions. Two members of the chorus didn't even get to Middlebury before they bowed out because of COVID-19.

One of the singers was told that they had been a close contact of someone with COVID-19 elsewhere, so they themselves took a test and discovered that they were

positive, too.

Longey on Tuesday said Jeremiah was feeling better and he may be able to perform some of the scheduled shows.

Now in its 19th season, Opera Company of Middlebury is known as one of the best small-town opera companies in the country. Professional singers come from great distances to work with OCM, and the operas are presented with full orchestra, sets and costumes.

Longey pointed out that this is not the first time the Opera Company of Middlebury has staged performances during this pandemic, and she was optimistic that audiences would enjoy this month's performances of "Orphée aux enfers," just as they did the operas staged in the past year.

"We got through 'Candide' last spring and through the 'Maiden of Orleans' last fall, and we'll get through this."



SINGERS IN THE Opera Company of Middlebury's production of "Orphée aux enfers" run through the technical rehearsal at Town Hall Theater on Tuesday. Here Stephanie Weiss performs the role of "Public Opinion" and Thomas Glenn sings the title role of Orpheus. The opera will open Friday evening.

Photo by David Devine

# City council backs new zoning

Officials hope laws will spark housing

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — After two years of mostly favorable public feedback and a long delay for a rewrite, the Vergennes City Council on May 24 approved, 6-1, new zoning and subdivision laws that, among other items, would ease density and parking requirements in downtown neighborhoods to encourage creation of more housing.

The action came after adoption of clarifying "non-substantive" changes proposed by Councilor Mel Hawley, the former longtime Vergennes city manager and zoning administrator and the only nay vote.

But Hawley also criticized the regulations for not requiring enough off-street parking in High Density and Historic Neighborhood residential districts, and for allowing what he called overly intensive redevelopment of larger, older homes in the Historic Neighborhood District, something he said could change its character.

Among many other provisions, the regulations would require 2,500 square feet of lot size per unit for apartment buildings with three or more units.

But the rest of the council and most commenters in a series of council and planning commission public hearings this year said the changes could promote more affordable and workplace housing in Vergennes and thus boost city businesses and schools.

Still, some residents expressed skepticism in the final council public discussion before last week's vote, agreeing with Hawley that some substantive changes in the zoning laws were not welcome.

Resident D.J. Djordjevic agreed with Hawley in stating the minimum requirement for one parking space per dwelling unit in downtown districts was unrealistic.

June Sargent, who owns a duplex in the Historic Neighborhood District, said regulations encouraging transformation of older, larger homes in the district into multi-family dwellings could mean laxer maintenance by renters, thus having a negative impact on the area.

Sargent also suggested many property owners in the district were unaware of the scope of the changes despite the two-year process, and she suggested letters should have been

sent out.

Planners have held multiple public hearings while producing two sets of new zoning laws for the council (the first edition in July 2021 was revised into the current version at the council's request), and held two public hearings before last week.

Councilors spoke to the 11th-hour concerns before the vote.

Councilor Ian Huizenga said easing the regs in the historic district could give homeowners, particularly seniors, more options — for example allowing them to stay in their homes by renting out an apartment or two.

Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin said the "city's largest employer" (Collins Aerospace) is seeking to fill 100 job openings, and the regulations could boost workforce housing and bring more children into city schools.

Planning Commission Chair Shannon Haggitt addressed parking via Zoom. Haggitt said the development review board could encourage developers to add spaces. He added experts recommended regulations that offer developers leeway to gauge the market for parking when creating their proposals.

Planner Cheryl Brinkman pointed out applicants would still have to go through the development review board. That body, she said, will "talk to neighbors" of proposals during that process.

"It still has to be thoroughly presented. It still has to have approval from the development review board. And it has to be OK with all the neighbors," she said. "So I feel like there are a lot of safeguards in place."

Brinkman added the document is not written in stone: "If we go forward with this and there are some negative repercussions, we can change it back."

Resident and former planner Tim Cook noted the average lot size in the historic neighborhood district is 7,000 square feet, a figure which would limit most properties' subdivision potential.

"It's not like every property can become a multi-unit property," he said, adding, "I'm ready to see this move forward even though not everybody is going to be happy. There's a lot of good in here for everybody."

**PETITION ENCOURAGED?**

One wrinkle has emerged since

the meeting. In a May 28 Front Porch Forum post Hawley brought up petitioning against the new zoning regs. He wrote:

"Unless there is a petition filed with the City Clerk by June 13 containing signatures of five percent of the voter checklist calling for a public vote, these new regulations will be effective on June 14. As a member of the City Council, I feel I should not lead a petition drive... I am very concerned with the potential adverse effects on our community as a result of the new regulations."

At least two residents responded on Front Porch Forum the next day supporting the new laws — Elise Shanbacker and Cook, both Historic District residents.

Shanbacker noted "several Historic District neighbors were deeply involved in the process through their service on the Planning Commission and (I) have confidence that the changes they are proposing are well considered."

She also pointed out, as has Haggitt, the new laws would make the city downtown eligible to become a "Neighborhood Development Area." That status, she wrote, "will allow some priority projects to waive Act 250 and encourage the creation of new housing."

Cook encouraged "everyone not to sign a petition calling for a public vote on this issue" because he believed a vote would delay new laws until at least November.

"Vergennes has few rental opportunities... and the few properties that are for sale are remaining astronomically beyond the means of most people in our city," he wrote. "Delaying the new Zoning regulations means staying the course that holds residential properties at prices that only investors and wealthy out of towners can afford."

He added what Hawley is suggesting would "prohibit citizens of Vergennes from making their own choices with their property," and most people in the Historic District know of the changes, "as a majority of the people who have been working on these regulations are, in fact, members of the historic district and there have been conversations in the neighborhood for years on this subject."

He suggested residents, "Resist the call for political obstruction and allow these regulations to take effect."



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## Guest editorials

### Shootings: Senseless, sick, sickening, but VCT will continue to fund hope

By Dan Smith

We are out of words. The list of available adjectives is too commonplace to hold any real meaning. These events are not aberrations of a functioning society — they are the convulsions of a society in decline.

This May alone, we have seen mass gun violence touch Santa Ana, California, and Buffalo, New York — towns in two deep blue states — and now, Uvalde, Texas perhaps the reddest state in our union. This is not a condition that is red or blue; it is an American condition.

It is senseless, right? But what seems “senseless” to the witness observing it, frighteningly, must be sensible to the mind filled with hate and fear and clouded by illness. It is both sick and sickening.

We feel sadness, hopelessness, fear, compassion, but most significantly, a drive to do something, to do anything, coupled with a feeling of being frozen in place. We feel afraid that the depth of the hate, fear and illness, coupled with the routine and pedestrian accessibility of guns in America, means that whatever is done may not prevent the next event from occurring before another day passes. Afraid also that our capacity to fix things, to keep the promise we make to younger generations that things can get better, is part of the mounting count of casualties.

So today I write what we, as the Vermont Community Foundation, will continue to do in the face of these losses.

We will continue to find and fund hope. Our mission is to make a difference and to believe that it is possible to do so with the spirit of giving and the kindness that informs it.

We believe the antidotes to hate and alienation are love and kindness. The antidote to fear is hope. The antidote to isolation and mental illness are health and connection.

When young people see Vermonters working hard and still falling further behind, it is not reasonable to expect faith in our institutions and leaders. When our next generation feels left out by their community and left behind by the world at large, we've left fertile ground for fear and hate to incubate in the darkness of isolation.

At the Community Foundation, we remain resolute in our commitment to closing the state's opportunity gap — knowing that life might not be easy, but it can get better. We do so through giving as an act of kindness, care, and connection that offers a sense of hope and potential — qualities missing right now.

We will support youth and families from cradle to career and community engagement. Every young Vermonter deserves to know they have a pathway to success and a place they belong.

We will strive to lead with compassion. Community is the shared experience of place — our community is only as strong as each member's experience. This is the fuel that powers our work and our vision of Vermont at its best.

We will continue to learn and educate ourselves how equity, race and belonging factor into all aspects of our work. To do better, we must be better, and we're committed to that.

And every day, we will do our job to address the conditions that let hate and fear and isolation — those fertile grounds for illness and violence — fester. That includes listening to what Vermont communities need right now. We encourage you to let us know your thoughts on how collective philanthropy can help offer every Vermonter an opportunity to thrive.

When these things line up, we see the compass pointing to a future much brighter and full of hope. And yet, a compass only points the way. This path is ours to walk together — as donors, as nonprofit organizations, as civic leaders, as employers, as individuals, as neighbors, and as policymakers. Faith in our institutions is faith in each other.

We remain committed to doing our job as your Community Foundation.

It is time for Congress and federal policymakers to do theirs.

*Editor's note: Dan Smith is president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation, which is based in Middlebury.*

### Gun proliferation is what has changed

By Brian Searles

In the wake of yet another mass shooting in the United States, we mourn the child victims and again ask: Why are we as a nation unable to effectively deal with the malignancy of gun violence?

That recurring question has us looking to the U.S. Congress, which has failed us many times on this issue.

I come at this subject as a retired 47-year public employee who spent 26 years of those years in law enforcement, carrying a firearm routinely as part of the job. When I started in the late 1960s, it was very rare to deal with an armed person, but that risk increased over time, and when I retired from policing in 1994 it was a much bigger concern.

According to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms folks, there were 194 million guns in circulation in 1994, growing to 310 million by 2009 and now estimated to be more than 400 million. And guns are not only more prevalent, but also more lethal, as military-style assault weapons are easily obtainable, as in the Uvalde, Texas, case.

Concurrent with the explosive growth in the number of firearms, the number of deaths of those under age 19 hit a record 4,368 in 2020, surpassing child deaths by motor vehicle accidents for the first time ever.

Americans have had enough. According to a recent Politico/Morning Consult poll, 88% of us support background checks for gun purchases, 84% red flag laws, 77% safe storage requirements, and even reinstating the assault weapon ban garners 67% support in the poll.

How obvious does public support have to be in a democracy like ours before the U.S. Congress, particularly Republicans in Congress, respond with support of sensible gun safety legislation?

Nothing here is meant to dismiss the other potential contributors to the plague of gun violence, such as mental health issues and exposure to violent video images, but it is the proliferation of guns in the United States that sets us apart from virtually all other developed countries.

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#### Pre-cadets

SIX-YEAR-OLD Peyton Laplant and four-year-old Evelyn Laplant had the best seats in the house for Monday's Memorial Day parade in Middlebury — the cab of a Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department engine. The weather was nice, the crowds were appreciative and the fire trucks were gleaming.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

## Life is about making connections

There is an old trail near our house that leads to the North Branch of the Middlebury River. When our kids were young, we would often go down there on warm days to cool off; not really a swimming hole, but a place to splash, wade, or send pieces of bark and sticks downstream. If the day was warm, we would sometimes go in as early as mid-April, the chilly snow-melt still running down the mountain. Around this same era, I was often asked to tell stories at bedtime or on car rides.

The river — and one of those pieces of bark — became part of a favorite tale. It told of a small mouse riding on its bark-formed boat from the banks where we played, taking the run downstream. The North Branch joins the main branch of the Middlebury River about midway down the mountain, with the Middlebury River flowing into Otter Creek in the valley. From there, I would describe the winding journey until Otter Creek emptied into Lake Champlain.

Ah, but the story did not end there. Our mouse in its little boat continued to sail north up the lake and into Canada and the Richelieu River. This river then carried them all the way to the Saint Lawrence, and ultimately into the Atlantic Ocean. At that point there were untold places the mouse's journey might take it.

Much of the reason for this story was to pass the time in the car or lull a small child into sleep, but there was more to it. It is the story of how each of us, wherever we may be, however small ourselves and our homes, connect to the larger world.

As our state strives to clean up Lake Champlain, even our little mountain towns must do their part to contour our road ditches and place our culverts to minimize their erosive potential. If our tiny mountain streams can be pristine, then the larger streams and rivers they connect with will likewise have cleaner water. And if our littlest towns can be strong communities, they can contribute to the larger communities nearby. In our small-town citizens can exercise democracy in its purest form at their Town Meetings, they can provide the template for an active, involved citizenry for other communities in the state, the nation, the world.

When I think of the watershed around me connecting with the world, I can't help thinking of my own connections. Some years back, I began seeing the slogan “Think globally. Act locally.” When we contemplate the complexities of our world, it is so easy to become overwhelmed. Quite frankly, if I were that mouse on its little bark boat, I might just want to pull up on the closest bank and find a cozy hole. The big world is both exciting and terrifying. The larger entities, be they commercial, governmental, or societal, can surely scoop up the smaller ones as certain as the bigger fish swallows the little ones. Yet, we are all connected. The little streams, dirt roads, small towns are like the capillaries in our bodies. They need the larger blood vessels, but are essential in maintaining the health of the whole.

Centuries ago, people lived isolated in their small (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

#### Ways of Seeing

By Laurie Cox



## VLCT report was deeply flawed

Imagine how you'd react if someone told you a state economic development program created 815 new jobs in Montpelier and Bennington in just a few short years. Sounds good, right? And what if, on top of that, you heard that the same program generated \$20.2 million in economic development activity in those two communities? The news keeps getting better, you'd say.

The governor and the Legislature were presented with these very numbers just a month ago by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to press them to greatly expand the state program. There was just one problem, though — neither Montpelier's nor Bennington's projects have even begun! So, the actual job and economic activity numbers are the same — zero.

Lobbyists frequently pay for reports intended to bolster their advocacy. Unlike the transparent and unbiased reports from nonpartisan groups like the Legislature's Joint Fiscal Office, materials from lobbying groups are not required to meet high professional standards. The report prepared for VLCT regarding the state's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program suffered from such significant factual errors that it should not have been used by the Legislature or the Executive branch as they considered TIF-related



#### Community Forum

This week's writer is Vermont State Auditor Doug Hoffer.

legislative proposals.

TIFs allow municipalities to withhold funds from the state's Education Fund in order to invest in infrastructure. The Auditor's Office is required by statute to audit TIF districts, so over the years we've developed expertise in this very complicated municipal financing tool. We reviewed VLCT's report and identified many significant errors. After informing VLCT of our concerns, the report was revised, although no mention was made in it of why or how the figures changed so dramatically.

The jobs figures for the TIF program are especially unreliable. The Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC), which administers the program, acknowledges the problem attributing jobs to the TIF program in their 2022

annual report:

“The methodology by which jobs are counted differs by municipality, and some jobs may not be new to Vermont, permanent, or fulltime. VEPC reviews the methodologies towns use to provide this information, however, the Department of Labor does not provide data at the TIF District level so there is no way to verify the TIF District-reported numbers.” (emphasis added).

(See *Forum*, Page 5A)

## Letters to the Editor

### Guns do not make us safe

This is not a foreign war. The terrorists are us. Yes, the horrors of war rip apart peoples and lands elsewhere. Yes, nations destroy nations but we are at war within ourselves. Our enemies don't wear uniforms, our enemies don't speak a different language, our enemies live next door.

The most hideous act of war, the most efficient tool of terror is the killing of children. U.S.A. is number one. A great evil has infected our land, a plague of hatred is sickening our people. Preachers of hatred proliferate on mass media pulpits. Silent profiteers smirk with glee at each mass killing. Gun manufacturers market more efficient weapons to an increasingly terrorized population in the name of capitalism, in the name of an arcane amendment in a dated document. The Constitution is more sacred than our children's lives. Guns do not make us safe.

Roland Wiebe  
Middlebury

### Pause advisable in merger study

Starksboro voters recently dealt a lethal, if not fatal, blow to the aspirations of a regional merger study committee to impose a full governance merger of the Mt. Abe and Addison Northwest school districts. In a stunning vote tally of 221 to 0, Starksboro joined Lincoln and Ripton before it as yet another town wishing to leave its school district. It didn't have to come to this.

Foregoing any meaningful community input, the Mt. Abe school board last year joined with Addison Northwest to form the merger study committee to address perceived demographic and financial challenges faced by our schools. In so doing, the boards handed over a problem-solving process under Vermont law to a body over which, ironically, neither has control. A consequence of this — the anti-democratic removal of the right of individual towns to decide the fate of their own schools — is the primary cause of the Lincoln and Starksboro votes to withdraw.

As the merger committee was being formed, the Mt. Abe board commissioned a highly regarded consultant to help seek solutions to our schools' challenges. The recently released “Levenson Report” is undergoing community review and contains numerous useful policy and practical recommendations for moving forward. While a merger is not incompatible with the report, it also is not necessary for effecting positive change. The logical conclusion is that a full governance merger is at best premature.

Even if the merger study committee recommends a merger of the two school districts, its adoption by voters later this year is unlikely, as Lincoln and Starksboro have made abundantly clear. In difficult circumstances, individual committee members have been diligent and are to be commended for their efforts. It would be a shame for the committee's work to come to be seen as simply a waste of everyone's time. So what is to be done?

Here is a six-step “recovery program” for the merger study committee to consider:

1. The original intent of at least the Mt. Abe board was to explore further collaboration with surrounding districts, including Addison Northwest. The committee should return to its roots and focus its efforts on expanding current areas of successful collaboration between the two school districts, rather than expending so much energy, as it currently does, on creating complicated bureaucratic structures that will be expensive and time-consuming to implement.
2. The committee and merger proponents should refrain from scaremongering and otherwise gaslighting voters

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## Letters to the Editor

### Old Growth forests critical in climate change fight

Thanks to Jennifer Vyhnaek for her letter to the editor in the May 12th paper about the importance of old growth forests in sequestering carbon. Old Growth forests are a major player in slowing down the warming of our planet and the weird weather events that we're all experiencing.

Ms. Vyhnaek reported that the National Forest Service slated the White Rocks Recreation Area for the logging of old growth forest. They are planning to do the same thing in another section of the Green Mountains in Rutland County.

Six miles east of Brandon is a section of the Green Mountain

National Forest that the Forest Service calls the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project. The Forest Service is planning to release its plan for managing the area at the end of May. In their preliminary documents, they identify areas of old growth forest as well as areas suitable for timber harvesting. Some of these areas are the same. It is critical that the public monitor the plans for the area and decry the use of our national forests for timber harvesting, and in particular sections of old growth forests.

For as long as Americans need wood, we should rely on the privately owned forests to provide

the timber. In Vermont 80% of the forests are owned by families or other private entities. Let's let those private entities earn income from their land, in as ecologically a manner as possible. In their role in protecting the citizens from natural disasters, our federal and state governments should save their forests as part of an intelligent climate policy.

In the case of the Telephone Gap project, please be on the lookout for the Forest Service's plan and their 30-day comment period.

**Sarah Stott  
Bristol**

## Letter

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with questionable doomsday demographic and financial prognoses. Legislative initiatives and migration patterns in 2022 are much different than they were just two years ago when the study committee was in formation; thinking forward should reflect this fact.

3. The committee would be wise to recognize and support the promises that were made to voters during Act 46 school unification with respect to the right of towns to vote on closing or repurposing schools. The Mt. Abe board has taken this step; the committee should do the same.

4. It is never too late to stimulate meaningful community input, even if it should have been done previously. Failure to approach reform from the "bottom up," as opposed to from the "top down," has created unfortunate and sustained divisiveness within our communities. Further, towns in the Mt. Abe district have been disproportionately vocal in

committee deliberations, adding to the divisiveness. More should be done to encourage Addison Northwest participation in the process. The committee would do well to expand outreach efforts to encourage, not just tolerate, collaboration with selectboards, zoning officials, housing advocates, and regional economic development interests.

5. The Levenson Report contains valuable information about school reform. Even though the effort was initiated by the Mt. Abe board, its recommendations undoubtedly have relevance for the Addison Northwest district. Steps should be taken to integrate the Levenson Report fully into the study committee's agenda.

6. The determinative nature of adopting Articles of Agreement for a merger before settling on how the two districts might collaborate is not well conceived and does not build trust in our communities. The current decision-making timetable is to accommodate state officials' summer vacation

plans in the event of a merger recommendation and to fit into this year's town voting schedules. These artificial considerations pale in contrast to the importance of the solving the issues at hand.

Failure on the part of the study committee to modify its course of action very likely will result in a rejection of its recommendations by the voters. This might mean an opportunity missed, in the sense that inter-district collaboration, short of actual merger, could very well have significant regional benefits. The study committee would be wise to refocus its work to address the issues of the day and put off further discussion of a governance merger to a time when circumstances actually require it.

Respectfully,

**Brad Johnson, Starksboro  
Rob Backlund, Lincoln**

*Editor's note: Messrs. Johnson and Backlund serve on the MAUSD board. Mr. Johnson also is a member of the merger study committee. The views expressed in this letter are their own.*

## Forum

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Below are some examples of the report's deeply flawed job totals:

- Claimed 1,928 new jobs had been created in South Burlington's TIF district. The City of South Burlington's own reports to the state indicate only 71 jobs through 2020.

- The Burlington Waterfront District was credited with the creation of 227 new jobs. Upon revision, the change in jobs in the district was a gain of 52, meaning the original report was overstated by 337%.

Other significant, notable errors in the VLCT report included:

- Asserted that Burlington's Waterfront TIF District sent \$2.9 million of additional revenue to the Education Fund. The actual amount directed to the Education Fund from 2014 to 2020, the period analyzed by the report, is less than \$30,000.

- Reported a total of \$684.6 million in "total development" in nine TIF communities. The revised report cited \$322 million, which is less than half the original amount. But even this figure is misleading because it counts pre-existing buildings as new TIF-associated

development even though the buildings were already there.

Further exemplifying the unreliable nature of jobs credited to this program, the City of Burlington's 2021 TIF report counted 150 Burlington High School teachers and staff as jobs "created" by the program, when they have merely moved temporarily out of the PCB-impacted BHS and into the empty Macy's department store building.

This is not a question of supporting or opposing TIFs. Rather, it is a question of how we make decisions about how to spend taxpayer dollars. VLCT is a private organization, and it is their right to pay for this report. On the other hand, we believe it is so deeply flawed that it should not be cited or used by the Legislative or Executive branches. Unfortunately, before VLCT corrected the report, even the governor cited some of the most egregious factual errors in a press statement.

One final note: Count me among the Vermonters of all political stripes who want more and better jobs and housing and economic growth more generally. It can be tempting to think "well, if it creates

a single new job, it's a good program," or "if it creates any new economic activity, I'm for it."

But we have at our disposal unprecedented levels of federal infrastructure money and massive amounts of unexpected state general fund money. The question is not whether we should support municipal infrastructure investments, but rather how to do it at the best cost, with the least administrative complexity, and resulting in the broadest benefit to communities across Vermont.

### Despite bumps, good things happening at MUMS

I should have written this letter months ago.

My 11-year-old daughter is a sixth grader at Middlebury Union Middle School (MUMS). She joined the ACSD district for this school year from RNESU. She is a strong academic, artist, musician and athlete. She was quick to make friends and she settled in to her new school with ease. She quickly adjusted to the new routine, and found all of her teachers to be challenging and available.

What I really want to say is that MUMS really IS a great school. MUMS has a great, hardworking, available and responsive administration, staff and faculty. While my daughter transitioned into this school well, it was not without bumps. With emails, zoom meetings and school visits, we got it all sorted out for her because her teachers, the guidance department and the administration were quick to respond and problem-solve with us. I know about the bad behavior, the overworked staff, the staff that's leaving, etc., and I'm

not denying that all of that exists and is a real problem deserving of a thoughtful solution. I am here to offer our community an opportunity to see a glimpse of all the good that is still happening here.

Step One: Go to a track meet. The MUMS track team is led by the *incredible* Karen and Rick Morris. They have been our fearless leaders all year because they coach Cross Country as well as Extreme Winter Running. These miracle workers have been dedicated to MUMS students for 20-ish years, I believe. At a track meet you will see our fifty-six (56!!) middle schoolers participate in field and track events, and they will truly inspire and awe you — grit and positivity abound! These kids have learned not just their events, but how to be a friend, be on a team, and support each other in victory and loss.

At the meet last night, it was amazing to see how far they have come just this season: They knew where to be for their event to start, they knew how

to behave, what to do, and after their own event they'd sprint to where they could cheer on their teammates. They are so good to each other across age, gender, race, orientation, and ability. Did I mention they've gotten so much stronger? The race results showed many personal records, and what an incredible thing to see in themselves and each other. Our kids represented MUMS with respectful sportsmanship and kindness, and they are building friendships, making connections and learning an activity that they can do anywhere at any time for the rest of their lives. Guess what else? They inspire spectators. Our kids inspire me to meet other parents, to cheer for the opponent but also to show up for myself as a runner.

So to our ACSD Community, like I said, I wish I'd written this months ago so we all remembered that there is still so much goodness we need to acknowledge and to give credit where it's due.

**Kristen Carr  
Brandon**

### Article on the impact of pesticides was appreciated

Kudos to the *Addison Independent* for their front-page, in depth, article "Pesticides threatening pollinators."

I was shocked, angry and deeply saddened to read how dire the situation is and how little is

being done. It was interesting to read how Europe is taking far more precautions than the United States. Surely we can do better, at least here in Vermont.

I hope you will continue to keep us informed and, if possible,

offer suggestions of how we might pressure the legislature to pass a bill to curb the use of neonicotinoids. Before it's too late.

**Susan Humphrey  
Weybridge**

### Dubious honor: U.S. is the gun capital of the world

Just this week we all witnessed yet another terrorist attack. This time it was a white supremacist who killed thirteen individuals of which eleven were our black brothers and sisters. Is this last outrage enough to fire up our Congress to seriously enact legislation that would make this type of attack less likely? Or, will it be the "same old same old?" ... Lots of fervent condemnations but ZERO legislative movement to prevent these calamities.

The proliferation of killing weapons (guns for example) makes the U.S.A. the world's gun capital. There are over 400 million guns in the U.S.A., of which 98%, or 393 million, are in the hands of civilians. That's 1.2 guns for every man, woman and child. That's a pretty startling statistic. Thankfully, the vast majority of gun owners pose no threat to you or me. It's that tiny lethal minority — those individuals who

should not be permitted to own a gun — who are a threat to you and me and obviously to the recent victims in Buffalo, N.Y.

The Buffalo terrorist was able to buy his weapons even though in 2021 he was held for psychiatric evaluation. Our gun laws must be tightened. This is a

difficult process which will take a great deal of conviction from our leaders who, so far, have done nothing! The U.S.A. has seen more than 200 mass shootings this year in the first four and a half months! Is that enough?

**Bill Brown  
Bristol**



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## Ways of Seeing

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regions with scant awareness about what else existed. Now we are connected in so many ways that it can be dizzying to stay abreast, to sort through the information that comes our way. We need to have that awareness, but what we can do best is act locally.

If we can mitigate erosion and water contamination by how we ditch and set culverts in Ripton, then we need to do that. If we can support young families by providing access to affordable housing, childcare, and preschool in our communities, then we need to do that. If we can redeem the health of our agricultural lands, our insects, birds, and fish by using more organic methods, we need to take that step. If we refuse to buy products wrapped and re-wrapped in plastic, that message may eventually get carried downstream to the suppliers and manufacturers.

Every day, we have a choice. People complain about the price of gas, but want to support Ukraine. And want to drive to Costco or a restaurant in Burlington. And want to drive 65 mph on Route 7 even though the speed limit is 50, and by driving more slowly would use less gas. The choices we make as we go through our own activities reverberate outward. Each of us is a little stream, a small part of what runs into the larger world. We have the chance to bring less silt and contamination by how we care for each other as well as our environment. We can be the pollution or the solution.

*Laurie Cox is a retired school counselor and longtime Ripton Selectboard member. Besides occasional writing she pursues art, gardening, hiking with her dog, and is always striving to building stronger communities.*

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## Obituaries

## Mary Elizabeth Baker, 104, of Middlebury

Born on Jan. 13, 1918, in Needham, Mass., she was the daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Haigh) Trudeau.

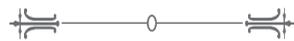
A graduate of Needham, Mass., schools, she later graduated from Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing and obtained her R.N. Additional nursing credits were earned at Simmons College. Her interest in the nursing profession continued throughout her life.

On April 10, 1948, she married John T. Baker of Huntington, Long Island, N.Y. He predeceased her on

Dec. 6, 2001. With her husband, they owned "Baker's Jewelry Store" at 47 Main Street in Middlebury for 32 years, retiring in 1980.

Mary served as a board member of Porter Medical Center's Auxiliary for several years, volunteering at Porter Medical Center, and was a member of Newton-Wellesley Hospital Alumni Association.

She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers and a sister. She is survived by two nieces and a nephew, and many great nieces and nephews.



## Leo F. Gorton, 73, of Cornwall

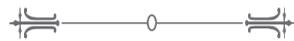
CORNWALL — Leo F. Gorton Jr., 73, died early Monday, May 16, 2022, at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington with his loving wife at his side.

He was born May 13, 1949, in Middlebury, the son of Leo F. Gorton Sr. and Doris Irene (Strong) Gorton. Leo was a General Contractor all his life, working along side his wife, Betty Lou. Leo

was a true jack of all trades.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou (Deering) Gorton, by his daughter, Wendy Lou McCallion and her husband Michael, and by his granddaughter, Holley Marie McCallion of Erie, Pa.

A Celebration of his life will be held on June 10, from 4-7 p.m., at the Bridport Masonic Hall, 57 Crown Point Road, Bridport, Vt.



## Sherry Ann Robbins, 63, of Orwell

ORWELL — Sherry Ann Robbins, age 63, passed away Friday, May 27, 2022, with family members by her side at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Sherry was born in Randolph on June 15, 1958. She was the daughter of Theodore and Vivian (Brooks) Caswell. She grew up in Bethel, where she attended Whitcomb High School, graduating in 1976. She moved to the Brandon area in 1981 and worked at the Highland Press as a press operator for many years. Later she worked at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center as an aide in the printing department. She also worked as a bus driver and custodian at the Career Center, retiring in 2021.

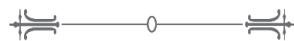
Sherry loved her home and her family, and she also found much joy from the animals on their small farm.

Sherry is survived by her



SHERRY ANN ROBBINS

husband, Kenneth Robbins Sr. of Orwell, whom she married in Hubbardton on Aug. 18, 1984; one stepdaughter, Deb Robbins of Hubbardton; a stepson, Kenneth Robbins Jr. of Mechanicville, N.Y.;



## Ernestine Wilma Hawkins, 86, of Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — Ernestine Wilma Hawkins, 86, passed away Friday, May 27, 2022, at Helen Porter Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Middlebury.

She was born on May 16, 1936, in Colchester, the daughter of Ernest and Lida (Hamilton) Cloe.

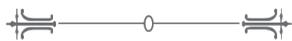
Ernestine was a member of Lincoln United Church. She was a graduate of Bristol High School. She enjoyed bird watching and

feeding them (especially red cardinals), cooking and family gatherings. She worked many years on the family farm, in a dental lab and very much enjoyed her years at the Ferrisburgh Bake Shop.

Ernestine is survived by her son, Scott Hawkins; grandson, Allen LaBerge; a son-in-law, Gerald LaBerge; a sister, Gwen Zeno; a brother, Edward Cloe and wife Joanna; and three nieces and two

nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Yvonne LaBerge.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 6, at Maple Cemetery in Lincoln. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Lincoln United Church, Attn. Judy Brown, 66 West River Road, Lincoln, VT 05433. To send online condolences to her family please visit [www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com).



## Ruth Barenbaum memorial service

RIPTON — Middlebury Friends Meeting (Quakers) will be hosting a memorial service/celebration of Ruth Barenbaum's life on Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m., at the Ripton

Community Church, Route 125, in Ripton Town Center. Please bring your loving anecdotes of Ruth to share with others.

All are welcome.

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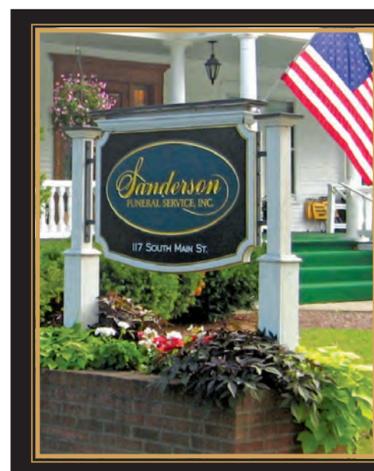
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## Stephen T. Welch, 96, of Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — Stephen T. Welch, 96, of Ferrisburgh, Vt., passed away Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, Vt. Stephen was born May 10, 1926, in Providence, R.I., to George Townsend and Mildred Larimer Welch. He grew up in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

In 1944, Steve joined the Navy and fought in the South Pacific on the U.S.S. Battleship Alabama during World War II. He was very proud of his service, especially being present in Tokyo Bay when the treaty with Japan was signed.

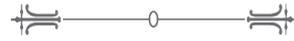
He graduated from Middlebury College, class of 1950, and went on for his M.B.A. at Cornell University's Business School. Before starting his own accounting firm he worked as Assistant Comptroller at Dartmouth College and later as Comptroller at UVM. He enjoyed playing the clarinet in both the Bristol Town and the Vergennes City bands until just



STEPHEN TOWNSEND WELCH

a few years ago. He believed it important to serve his community in large ways and small, proudly serving for many decades in the Lions Club.

He married Patricia Johnson of Springfield, Vt., in 1953, and together they raised a family of six



## John C. Huestis, 63, of Middlebury

BRIDPORT — John C. Huestis a lifelong resident of Addison County, Vt., died at Porter Medical Center on May 29, 2022, after a short illness at the age of 63.

John was born to parents Merton and Alma (Weller) Huestis on Jan. 11, 1959, in Burlington, Vt. He grew up in Bridport in a large farm family, being one of fifteen children and attending Middlebury Union High School.

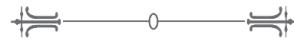
John is survived by his son Travis and granddaughter Karlie; longtime partner and mother to their son, Lori Cram; his sisters Patricia Cawthra, Sandra Rule, Louise Smith, Colleen Huestis, Sheila Huestis, and Mary Dragon; his brothers Michael Huestis, Ervin Huestis, Dennis Huestis and Gerald Huestis; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.



JOHN C. HUESTIS

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother M. James, and sisters Carole Huestis, Virginia Nedwick, and June Ash.

John could fix anything, from



## Bernard R. Parent, 97, of Orwell

ORWELL — Bernard Romeo Parent, 97, of Orwell, died Tuesday morning, May 31, 2022, at his residence in Orwell.

He was born on May 4, 1925, in Enosburg Falls, the son of Alcide and Corana (Gauthier) Parent.

Mr. Parent relocated to Orwell when he was 6 years old, growing up on his family farm and attending local schools. He worked for many years at the Creamery and for his father on the farm until purchasing his own farm in 1953.

He was a member of the St. Paul's Catholic Church in Orwell, Loyal Order of Moose in Rutland, Wilderness RV Club, and had been a member of Orwell Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Mr. Parent enjoyed shuffleboard, hunting, fishing, gardening, and riding his baby Harley. He also enjoyed spending the last 36 winters in Florida,



BERNARD R. PARENT

where it was "easy living." Survivors include his wife Marie Parent of Orwell; three daughters, Cathy Ladd of Sudbury, Donah Parent of St. Augustine, Fla.; and Pam Spaulding of Orwell; two sons, Paul Parent

children and seven grandchildren.

Stephen is survived by five children, Peter (Nancy Conant), David, Donald (Traci), Alan (Donna), Andrea Heller (David); and six grandchildren, Sarah Forward (David), Jonathan, Brittany, and Bradley Welch, and Lauren and Kristen Heller.

He is also survived by his sister, Mildred Clough and brother, Edgar Welch (Valerie Reich) and five nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Patricia, his daughter, Linda Welch (Wally Orr), and his grandson Phillip Blaine Welch.

Family and friends are invited to a graveside committal service held 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5, at Prospect cemetery in Vergennes.

Donations in his memory to Addison County Home Health & Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT would be greatly appreciated. To send online condolences to his family please visit [www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com).

auto mechanics, to a broken household item. He would say "Give it here, I'll fix it up for you, good as new," but the end result would be better than new; it would have some creative touch to it. John was also an excellent carpenter; like he could fix anything, he could also build anything! He spent hours building tiny houses out of popsicle sticks or toothpicks. He had a great attention to detail, and always a story to go along with it.

He will be remembered by days at the farm, fishing just about anywhere he could, his love of cooking with tons of added pepper, and of course his humor. He always found a way to crack a joke and get people to smile.

He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him. A celebration of life is being arranged at a later date.

and Peter Parent, both of Orwell; two stepdaughters, JoAnn Rowe of South Burlington, and Sue Hebert of Middlebury; a stepson, Andre Hebert of Thomasville, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by son Michael J. Parent in 1971 and by several siblings.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 73 Church St., Orwell, Vt. A private burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery in Orwell.

Arrangements are with the Durfee Funeral Home, 119 North Main St. Fair Haven, VT.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Orwell Volunteer Fire Department 604 Main St, Orwell, VT 05760 or to St. Paul's Catholic Church, 73 Church St, Orwell, VT 05760.

## Turtles on the roadway need your help

VERMONT — Vermont's turtles will be on the move this spring, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking for the public's help in keeping them safe.

Female turtles will be looking for places to deposit their eggs, sometimes choosing to lay them along the shoulders of roads, which can bring them into the path of motor vehicles.

"Turtles often move across

roads as they search for a nest site," said Luke Groff, biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

"They are usually slow-moving animals, so they have a tough time making it safely across the road.

Turtles grow slowly and live a long time, so losing a mature breeding female may be a huge loss to a turtle population."

Turtle nesting activity peaks between late May and early June,

and drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles on the road — especially when driving near ponds and wetlands.

"When you spot a turtle in the road, you may be able to help it across. First be sure you're in a safe spot to stop and get out of your car, as human safety comes first," said Groff. "If you're going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they're going."

Most turtles can be picked up and carried across the road. However, if the turtle has no colorful lines, spots, or other markings, it is probably a snapping turtle, so people should stay alert to avoid being bitten. Snapping turtles' necks are long. Instead of picking up the snapper, try pushing the turtle across the road with a shovel or pulling it across the road on a car floor mat.

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## Silver Lake hut hearing set June 8

BRANDON — A public hearing on the construction of a hut near Silver Lake in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area is set for next Wednesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. in the downstairs function room of Café Provence in Brandon. The meeting is being hosted by the Moosalamoo Association and the Vermont Hut Association (VHA), the two nonprofit organizations proposing the year-around hut.

The hut will sleep up to 10 people and be available for year-around use via bookings through the Vermont Hut Association. It will include a modest propane heating stove to make winter camping more feasible.

The hut would complement VHA's other huts as part of its statewide hut-to-hut system, which it is building out to be similar to those in Maine and New Hampshire. Its location within the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (MNRA) is near a similar hut constructed at Chittenden Brook Campground two years ago, and others being built along the spine of the Green Mountains.

According to the Forest Service information on the project, "the hut would provide a unique four season camping and recreation opportunity that is not otherwise available in the (MNRA). The provision of an indoor, heated facility with sleeping and

cooking amenities provided would enable segments of the population currently unable to enjoy an overnight experience at Silver Lake the opportunity to do so. A similar backcountry hut design was recently approved for construction and operations at Grout Pond located in the GMNF" in the Manchester area.

According to the VHA, its mission is "to provide an enriching and immersive outdoor experience for everyone. By collaborating with our partners in recreation, we are creating a four-season hut network across the Green Mountain State to strengthen local communities and foster a deeper appreciation of our natural environment."

RJ Thompson, executive director of VHA, also noted that huts help increase stewardship of the land by having a weekly caretaker visit the site year around.

"The hut's caretaker will service it weekly, and this person can also report trail maintenance needs or other issues in the vicinity of the hut," Thompson said. "Additionally, hut guests can be notified of trail-maintenance and other volunteer days within the MNRA, providing more capacity to assist with ongoing projects throughout the MNRA."

Thompson said VHA reaches out to underrepresented individuals to get them into the

outdoors. "It is a priority of Vermont Huts to bring members from underrepresented communities into the outdoors, free of charge. We do this by running the FOREST program out of our huts. Participants receive meals, transport, gear, professional naturalist instruction, and two nights in the hut. The Silver Lake Hut will host the FOREST program four times per year, in addition to educational programming the Moosalamoo Association would like to offer."

According to the Forest Service scoping report, the VHA mission aligns in support of the GMNF Plan's recreational goals, desired future conditions, and the Moosalamoo area's purposes and values. The new hut being proposed would be owned and operated by the VHA in a partnership with the Moosalamoo Association.

The public is invited to learn more about the project and to offer public comment at this June 8 hearing during a 45-day public comment period. For those people unable to attend the meeting, it will be covered live by PEG-TV (Rutland County's community television) and can be found on its YouTube channel at any time after the event.

## Area man facing multiple charges

By SHAUN ROBINSON  
VTDigger.org

SALISBURY — A Leicester man has pleaded not guilty to a slew of criminal charges after police said he threatened to kill two adults and two children who were related to his ex-girlfriend, and then recklessly drove after them at Moosalamoo Campground in Salisbury over Memorial Day weekend.



LEON FORREST

Leon Forrest, 41, was on furlough on unrelated charges at the time of the encounter and is being held at Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility in Rutland, said Mark Furlan, the attorney who represented Forrest at Tuesday's arraignment in Rutland County Superior Court, criminal division.

According to court documents, Forrest was charged with two counts of aggravated stalking of a person under age 16, two counts of stalking, one count of reckless

endangerment, one count of disorderly conduct, one count of criminal threatening, one count of grossly negligent operation of a vehicle and one of driving under the influence.

Bail was set at \$5,000.

Police were alerted to the episode around 1 a.m. Sunday. Forrest claimed to be at the Addison County campground looking for his ex-girlfriend, whose parents were staying there with two children, ages 5 and 10, police said.

Forrest asked the parents — who are in their 50s and live in Port Henry, N.Y. — where his ex-girlfriend was, according to court documents. When they wouldn't tell him, he allegedly screamed and threatened to kill them and the two young children at their campsite.

Forrest later followed the adults and children in a Jeep while driving "in a grossly negligent manner,"

according to a Vermont State Police press release. The family described being tailgated by Forrest on a dirt road "at over 50 mph."

The adults told police that Forrest "caused them to fear for their lives, and for the lives of their children on a scale of 10 out of 10," police wrote in a court filing.

After Forrest lost sight of them, police said, he searched several campsites and woke up other campers in an attempt to locate them.

Police said they detected signs of impairment when speaking to Forrest, and he refused field sobriety tests. He was arrested and lodged at the Rutland prison.

In court documents, police also noted that Forrest "used racist and homophobic slurs" throughout the incident.

It was not immediately clear why Forrest was on furlough conditions at the time of his arrest. Vermont's furlough system allows people convicted of crimes to serve a portion of their sentence in the community, rather than in prison, if they abide by certain rules.

## Proposed lodge would despoil Silver Lake's beauty

The Green Mountain National Forest Service is expected to decide on a plan for establishing a profit-generating "lodging opportunity" on Silver Lake this summer ([www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61910](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61910)). If approved, the proposal would permit the Vermont Hut Association (VHA), backed by the Moosalamoo Association (MA), to construct a two-story hut for 10 guests at Silver Lake, and operate it all year round on a fee basis of \$100-\$150 per night with projected annual revenue \$25,000-\$30,000 split between the two organizations.

Silver Lake is located on public land within the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (MNRA), which was established by the New England Wilderness Act of 2006 that followed the Vermont Wilderness Act of 1984. The Wilderness Act "strives to restrain human influences within wilderness areas so that ecosystems can change over time in their own way, free, as much as possible, from human manipulation." In these areas "the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man," untrammelled meaning that the forces of nature operate unrestrained and unaltered. Does construction of a hut in the unspoiled Silver Lake area align with the statutory language that created the MNRA?

The MNRA is administered by the U.S. Forest Service Middlebury/Rochester District office in partnership with the MA that was created in 2006 on the heels of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area designation. The MA is chartered as a non-profit organization with a goal of assisting the U.S. Forest Service with various MNRA management projects — such as signage and trail maintenance.

Since its inception the MA hasn't been a financially successful operation. Its net assets for the last three years were: (\$3,334) for 2019; \$2,870 for 2020 and \$5,131 for 2021. Construction

of a revenue-generating lodging within the MNRA would secure the future of the organization and its Board of Directors. The project is fully supported by the VHA, whose Executive Director sits on the MA Board. The plan looks like a win-win solution for these two supporting organizations, but who are the losers? The public! Those who hike and camp at Silver Lake to escape from developed environments and enjoy nature in its unspoiled state.

Local communities learned about the proposal only recently when the "draft" proposal was already very well developed prior to any of the interested public hearing about it. Since then the opposition to the hut proposal has been widespread among local communities and organizations as well as out of state visitors to the area, who point out that the MNRA, and the Silver Lake area in particular — with its beach, trails and a small, primitive campground — has been undeveloped since the 1940s and should not be the site of a revenue-generating year-round operation that benefits few and degrades the special character of the place which, as is believed by many, is already overused. It is well documented that trail use has dramatically increased during the pandemic. The Silver Lake area is no exception. Constant human presence is a threat to the area's diverse wildlife including a pair of breeding loons that chose Silver Lake to raise their offspring three year after year. There are currently only 100 pairs of breeding loons in Vermont.

Aside from demeaning the character of the area and threatening wildlife habitat, construction of a hut is an act of disrespect to the place where Abenaki ancestors found quiet primitive tranquility drawn to the area by the beauty of a lake that gave them a subsistence living. Archaeological excavation conducted in 1995 resulted in the discovery of old dugout canoes, Indian pottery and tools. Additionally, Abenaki legend

hints of the presence of a still undiscovered cemetery. Isn't protecting this documented prehistoric archaeological site a good opportunity for U.S. Forest Service to demonstrate its commitment to meeting the goal stated in the Long-Term GMNF Management plan: "provide protection and stewardship for heritage resources and invest in tribal relations" (Goal 16)?

The MNRA encompasses over 15,000 acres and includes the Moosalamoo campground with 19 campsites near Voter Brook. Reasons behind selecting Silver Lake over accessible-by-car Moosalamoo campground or other places within the MNRA remain unexplained. Opponents to the plan point out that the proposal describes the facility as "accessible to elders and mobility-impaired" but it is not clear how the need to hike in from either the Falls of Lana or Silver Lake Road parking lot would support that accessibility. How handicapped people could enjoy the building's second floor and balcony is also unclear.

Interestingly, the Forest Service has categorized the hut proposal as a "Categorical Exclusion action". This categorization allows the project to bypass a requirement for a formal environmental assessment and a public meeting. At the time of submission of this letter there was no announcement of a planned public hearing. A window to submit written comments will open soon and the public will have 45 days to respond. We encourage all concerned citizens to request being added to the project notifications list by emailing [philip.macaskill@usda.gov](mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov) today. Don't miss out on this opportunity to put a stop to development of Silver Lake. Request a public meeting, propose to construct the hut at another location within the MNRA. Don't stand on the sidelines by watching as this unique area is spoiled by development.

Save Silver Lake!  
Galina Chernaya  
Goshen

## Letters to the Editor

### Leaders aim to fill gap left by Planned Parenthood

The closing of Planned Parenthood's Middlebury location came as a surprise to many in our community after several decades of service. As a person who has used their services, trained in their centers and donates to their mission, I know how valuable and meaningful the organization is on both an individual and a community level.

As a local health care provider and leader at Porter Medical Center, I want our community to know that people are coming together to assure local continuity for people who have come to rely on Planned Parenthood's essential services. In partnership with Senator Ruth Hardy and a coalition of leaders from Middlebury College, the Mountain Health Center and the Open Door Clinic, we are working to make sure we find solutions to address the gaps in health care services.

Porter practices (including our Pediatric, Primary Care and Women's Health sites) can provide many of the services that women, non-binary and trans people need, including preventative check-ups, gynecology, same day access to care, contraception, abortion services and a full-range of pregnancy management and care. Porter Primary Care offices in Brandon and Middlebury have also recently hired providers who specialize in health care services for non-binary and trans people.

Mountain Health Center in Bristol provides primary care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay. The Open Door clinic also serves uninsured and underinsured people. Middlebury College's health clinics are available to students. Porter is committed to its support of our community providers so that together, we get patients the care

they need, when they need it.

We will not stop working to improve until we feel confident that everyone in our community has equitable access to health care. We are in conversations with Planned Parenthood of Northern New England to support their patients with access to care — whether through telemedicine, travel to their other locations, or transitioning to other practices in our community.

Talking about these issues openly will help us expand access to care, making Addison County a better place to live. I welcome your input as we work to find the best solutions for our community and can be reached via email at [abenvenuto@portermmedical.org](mailto:abenvenuto@portermmedical.org).

Dr. Anna Benvenuto  
Cornwall

*Editor's note: Dr. Benvenuto is the Chief Medical Officer at Porter Medical Center and a Physician at Porter Women's Health.*

### Legislature's failure to protect pollinators shameful

Christopher Ross' recent piece "Pesticides Threatening Pollinators" was a much-needed examination of the rot that has infested our democracy from top to bottom. We, sadly, have come to expect naked corruption and power politics on the national stage, but we like to believe that Vermont is a bubble of sanity that remains largely untouched by the madness outside. As Ross' coverage shows, Vermont is not immune to the influence of lobbyists and the tide

of corporate cash that stymies common-sense governance in our country. If we cannot even agree to protect the bees that we rely on to pollinate our crops and guarantee a stable food supply because pesticide producers have hijacked our legislature, then it is time to admit that our democracy is well and truly broken.

I don't know how we dig ourselves out of this abysmal situation, but it begins by getting up off our comfortable couches,

leaving our comfort zones, and standing up for what is right. For too many years, we have been complacent, shaking our heads at the state of things but always assuming someone else will sort it out. Our leadership is compromised to the point that it will not fix itself. We will have to do it for them.

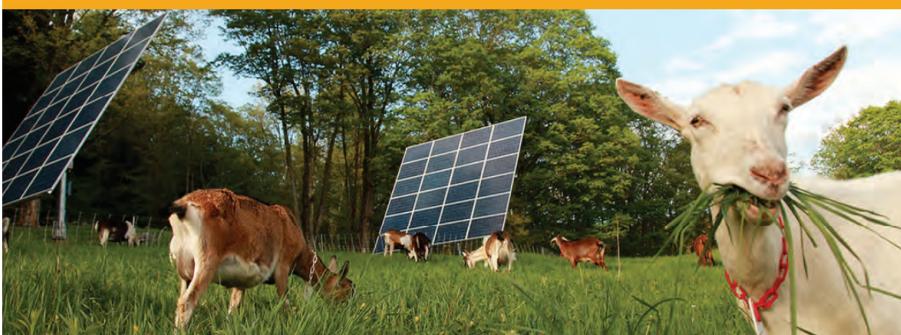
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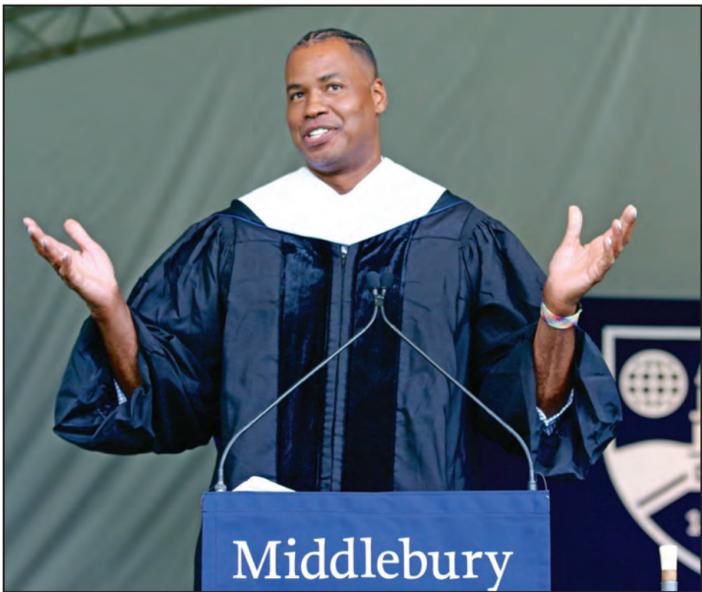
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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE'S GRADUATION ceremonies this week — on Sunday and Tuesday — marked milestone achievements for a generation of young people. Above, Orwell native Rhiana Carr celebrates with her family at Sunday's commencement; from left are her grandmother Lynn Dike, younger sister Adrienne Carr, Rhiana holding her Middlebury degree in neuroscience, older sister Courtney Carr and mother Kelly Norris. Pictured, clockwise from bottom right, are a grad commemorating his late aunt being photographed by his mother; grad Phaedra Robinson sharing a big hug with her mother, who came all the way from California; a happy grad waving to well-wishers; Sunday's speaker Dan Schulman; Tuesday's speaker Jason Collins; and Burlington resident Hawa Adam basking in the honor of her new Middlebury degree.

Independent photos/Steve James



## Graduation

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On a serious note, Gokhale spoke of uncertainty — how it can “sit on your shoulder during magical times of your life” and “try to convince you that something is not quite complete about the present.”

Doubt, he said, “is a symptom of being alive.” And while it’s tempting to try to cure it, to answer all of its questions, “to search for peace behind the next accomplishment,” there will “always be something that’s next.”

Perhaps doubt is not meant to be solved at all, Gokhale said.

“What does it look like to embrace not knowing? To acknowledge the cosmic rarity of life feeling settled, even on days like this one? To sink into the uncertainty of the present? To hear the questions that you don’t have the answers to yet, and still choose to be here, now?”

For Lezama, the embrace of not knowing looks something like love.

“Fundamentally, the practice of love begins with acceptance — the recognition that wherever we are is the appropriate place to practice, that the present moment is the appropriate time,” he said, quoting the late writer-activist bell hooks. “But for so many of us our longing to love and be loved has always been about a time to come, a space in the future when it will just happen, when our hungry hearts will finally be fed, when we will find love.”

Lezama acknowledged that he has struggled to embrace this notion.

“One of my biggest regrets during my last four years at Middlebury was failing to communicate that appreciation for one of the most endlessly endearing and empathetic people I have ever met,” he said.

Last summer, Lezama’s friend Miguel Sanchez-Tortoledo, Class of 2023, died of cancer.

“It is people like Miguel that have lived with radical love, that have known that the present is the appropriate moment to heal and protect and cherish,” Lezama said. “He embodied the ability to accept the world at its most imperfect and uncertain, and choose to care for it anyway.”

Looking back at that moment, “all I wanted was to tell him ‘I love you,’” Lezama said. “But it is our habit to wait... for some perfect poetic time.”

What if every day could be that time? he asked his classmates. What if certainty and perfection weren’t prerequisites to loving wholly and living fully?

In addition to conferring undergraduate degrees on Sunday, Middlebury College

also awarded honorary degrees, to:

- Joseph Bruchac, a citizen of the Nulhegan Abenaki Nation, respected elder, author, poet, musician, storyteller, speaker, and advocate for equality, peace and social justice who has authored more than 170 books.

- Nan Jenks-Jay, who taught in the Environmental Studies program for 23 years, served as dean of environmental affairs and has become a national leader in sustainability in higher education.

- Dan Schulman, ’80, president and CEO of PayPal, who is widely recognized for his commitment to social change, equity, justice and basic human rights.

“You went through a time like no other in recent history,” Schulman told the Class of 2022 in his commencement speech. “You were resilient, tenacious and courageous, and you’re here, and everybody here celebrates your accomplishments.”

That was the uplifting part of his speech, Schulman said.

“Here’s the thing: You’re going to need all of that resilience and tenacity and courage ... because you’re entering the real world in a time that is full of challenges.”

The war in Ukraine could precipitate further humanitarian and economic crises. At home, political polarization and culture wars are likely to get worse.

“We are looking to you, the next generation of leaders, to navigate through an increasing time of uncertainty and rapid change,” he said. “What you learned at Middlebury, what you learned about yourself as you found new strength and inner resources during the pandemic is going to serve you well, and there’s the opportunity for you to make a huge impact.”

Schulman urged his audience to challenge themselves to listen closely and respectfully to those who may have different sets of values.

“History teaches us over and over again that some of our fiercest assumptions will turn out to be completely wrong,” said Schulman. “A good question to ask yourself today is ‘What might I be wrong about?’”

This year’s salutatorian was Mingjiu Gao of Beijing, China, and there were two valedictorians: Andrew Carter Ng of Woodinville, Wash., and Mykhailo Poklad of Kyiv, Ukraine.

During a ceremony regularly punctuated with applause, it was Poklad who earned some of the loudest cheers.

### CLASS OF 2020

On March 10, 2020, members of the

Middlebury College Class of 2020 hurriedly packed their belongings and vacated campus as a deadly coronavirus began spreading around the world at lightning speed.

It was the last time they were together as a class, until Tuesday.

“Considering these extraordinary circumstances, what can we say to you? And do for you?” President Laurie Patton asked in her Baccalaureate address. “I believe we can do two things: First, we can welcome you home, to your first, most unusual reunion. And second, at the very same time, we can give you a proper celebration which creates closure, a sense of an ending to your Middlebury careers.”

The traditional student commencement address was co-delivered by Mollie Smith, an anthropology major from Marblehead, Mass., and Jack Litowitz, a double major in economics and philosophy from Glencoe, Ill.

Middlebury presented honorary degrees to:

- Allison Burroughs, ’83, a judge for the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts.

- Marta Casals Istomin, a renowned cellist and music educator.

- Kim Collins Parizeau, ’79, former chair of the college board of trustees, and Ernie Parizeau, an investor, entrepreneur and professor of the practice at the college, who together are the parents of three Middlebury College graduates.

- Jason Collins, a retired NBA player who in 2013 became the first male active player in a major American sport to announce publicly that he was gay.

Collins, who had recorded a brief video message to the class in the spring of 2020, addressed them in person on Tuesday, imparting “some lessons that I’ve learned over the course of my tall, big, black, beautiful, gay, fabulous life.”

As the college newsroom reported Tuesday afternoon, “Collins encouraged the graduates to not overlook repetition and mastery of the smaller tasks in life as they prepare for bigger challenges” and “urged them to take the time to find their own role in life and then be the very best they can, even if it’s not in a starring role.”

“Be that good teammate for your family, your friends, your neighbors,” Collins said. “But also be that good teammate for someone who doesn’t look like you, or someone who doesn’t have the same background as you, because I think the team — and I’m talking about society now — is made stronger when you support and care about others.”



# Middlebury police help out at MUMS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police responded to a disorderly conduct complaint at Middlebury Union Middle School on May 24. Police were called to the school on a report of an out-of-control student.

Police said the student was being picked up by a parent when they arrived. That parent was subsequently served a no-trespass order by police for bad behavior, at the request of MUMS officials.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Found two baby squirrels off South Street Extension on May 23. Police called a state-certified wildlife official to take custody of the animals.

- Assisted a person who had fallen on Short Shannon Street on May 23.

- Determined that a medical event had prompted a driver to crash off Route 7 South, just outside of the village, on May 23.

- On May 23 recovered a vehicle on Washington Street that had been stolen from the Burlington area.

- Checked on the welfare of a woman who had been found sleeping at the bus stop off Academy Street on May 23.

- Received a report about an unwanted person in an Ossie Road resident's garage on May 24. Police said the interloper left after the homeowner yelled at him.

- Warned a motorcyclist who had been doing "burnouts" on Creek Road area on May 24.

- Arrested Canerib J. Gelezinsky, 30, on an outstanding warrant on May 24.

- Received a report that spent ammo casings had been found in a student's bag at MUMS on May 24. Police determined the casings had accidentally been brought into school by another student and then ended up in the wrong bag.

- Assisted Cross Street apartment tenants in removing unwanted guests following a noise complaint on May 24.

- Responded to a report of an unwanted person at the Charter House Emergency Shelter on May 25.

- Served a court order on a person in the Court Street area on May 25.

- Responded to a report of a loud party in the downtown area on May 25.

- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS with a potentially suicidal person in the North Pleasant Street area on May 26.

- Responded to a report of a fallen tree on Quarry Road on May 26.

- Cited Ryley D. McClure, 21, of Bomoseen for driving under the influence, following a traffic stop on South Main Street on May 26.

- Spoke to the guardian of a truant MUMS student on May 26.

- Received a report about a woman screaming in the South Village Green housing development on May 26.

- Cited Ben Taylor, 41, of Middlebury for failure to appear in court on May 26.

- Responded to a dispute between two Cross Street neighbors regarding noise on May 27.

- Received a report about a suspected fraud case involving an elderly victim on May 27. Police said the case remains under investigation.

- Responded to a report of speeding vehicles in the Ossie Road area on May 27.

- Investigated a report about dirt bikers speeding in the Washington Street area on May 27.

- Assisted MREMS with a suspected overdose patient on May 27.

- Served a no-trespass order on a person on behalf of a Court Street business on May 27.

- Conducted a welfare check on a Jayne Court resident on May 27. Police said MREMS was subsequently called to help the person.

## Middlebury Police Log

- Investigated a report of two young children having been left unattended in a vehicle parked off Court Street on May 27. Police said the parent had gone inside a store to buy the children drinks.

- Responded to a report of a man shouting behind the Ilsley Public Library on Main Street on May 27. Police said the man had been singing the lyrics to a song.

- Responded to a 911 call at a Washington Street apartment on May 27. Police said they found an unconscious woman inside the home, and MREMS responded to take the woman to Porter Hospital.

- Broke up a fight between two people in front of Two Brothers Tavern on Main Street on May 28.

- Helped a motorist who had run out of gas at the intersection of Seymour Street and Otterside Court on May 28.

- Launched an investigation in the Exchange Street area on May 28 following a reported assault in which a firearm had allegedly been used. Police provided no additional details on this incident.

- Received a late report on May 28 about a suspected burglary in the Seminary Street area. Police said the case remains under investigation.

- Assisted a person who had lost their keys down a storm drain off Washington Street on May 28. A police officer was able to snag the keys.

- Investigated an altercation between two people centering on a cellphone in the Buttolph Drive area on May 29.

- Found an injured animal in the North Pleasant Street area on May 29.

- Were informed of the theft of a cellphone from the Court Square area on May 29.

- Received a report on May 29 about the recent theft of a bicycle from Middlebury College campus.

- Responded to a report of a family fight in the Jackson Lane neighborhood on May 29.

- Assisted MREMS with a man who had fallen down in the Jane Court neighborhood on May 29.

- Received a complaint about fireworks being shot off in the Cross Street area on May 29.

# Climate matters

## Perspectives on Change



### Climb the Climate Mountain

18th in a series

By STEVE MAIER

Two years ago, scientists were telling us that we needed to reduce carbon emissions by 45% by 2030 and to zero by 2050. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its 2018 report established a target global temperature increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius. It may not sound like a lot, but The Climate Reality Project summarized it this way:

"Holding global warming to the... target of 1.5 degrees Celsius will be a big ask and require rapid and large-scale transformations of our economies and development paths. We have a short window to hit this goal, but holding warming to about 1.5 degrees is the difference between a world we can adapt to and one threatening life planet-wide."

Now, two years later, the climate crisis is still here, only the problems are bigger and the timeframes for action are shorter. Three weeks ago, the scientists at the IPCC issued an update that, among other somber things, stated that we must make greenhouse gas emission reductions faster. Roughly speaking, the scientists are now saying that the changes we all needed to do by 2030 (which were hard enough), now need to be done by 2025.

*Pause a moment to let it sink in...*  
OK, enough science for now. That's about all I can take on any given day.

But, the question looms: How do we live and act with this knowledge?

The climate mountain is large and the road over and to the other side is long and uncertain. But there are many things we can do now that we know will keep us moving up the mountain.

I want to suggest a general goal

or strategy for climate action: "Electrify Everything." One of the take-aways from the recent update from the scientists is that humans should no longer purchase any new fossil fuel infrastructure. It is reasonable to translate that at the personal and local levels as something like, "No New Machines that Run on Fossil Fuel."

Here are some examples, starting with the easier ones:

- Electric lawn mowers, weed whackers, chain saws, etc. They are available, effective and price competitive. They are also quieter and healthier. Of course, mowing less lawn and mowing what's left less often would be very good on the carbon, noise and health fronts, and also do a favor for pollinators.

- Electric vehicles — largely the same story as above: available, effective and competitive on cost. And once you drive one, you'll never want to go back. New models are appearing all the time, and many are now available in all-wheel drive. There are also more and more used EVs now for sale. EV charging on longer trips (out of state) is improving all the time, but can still be a concern. If you need to regularly drive out of state, there are plug-in hybrids that let you run on electricity only for shorter trips, but then switch to gas.

- No new gas stove tops. Electric alternatives are available and work better. If you are a gas-stove devotee, I invite you to come check out our induction stove (dinner could be included). Once you test-drive one, you won't want to go back to (fracked) "natural" gas.

- Heat pumps are good alternatives for oil or gas furnaces or boilers, hot water heaters, and clothes dryers. But the selection and installation of heat pumps can be more complicated and usually

require some professional help.

One uncomfortable truth, however, is that even if we do all these things, it will not be enough to reach greenhouse gas reduction goals, and it probably won't be close. Some of the necessary changes will require actions beyond the consumer choices that individuals can make. Policies and decisions at the community, corporate and political levels will need to change, and change quickly, if we are to get further up the climate mountain.

However, there are ways for us individually or in groups to engage with entities that have the power to make such larger decisions, and we need more people locally to be involved with these kinds of advocacy actions.

Here are a few local examples:

- Middlebury College has recently purchased land in Middlebury to be used for low- and moderate-income and work force housing. This presents a great opportunity at the community level to make sure that this new development is net-zero in terms of energy and does not install any new fossil fuel infrastructure. But early inquiries suggest it may take quite a lot of attention and advocacy to enable this to happen. Would you like to help with a project like that?

- The Hannaford Career Center recently received voter approval to upgrade their buildings and systems. They have proposed a new gas-fired boiler. It is unclear whether they even considered electric heat pump options. After almost two months of requesting information, I have still not received a substantive response. Does anyone out there know anyone there that might help?

- And, of course, advocacy for different policies needs to happen at the local, state and federal levels.

Letter-writing campaigns maybe? Can you show up at local selectboard meetings?

- Climate problems and solutions always involve issues of justice and equity. Are you interested in those?

- There are many more of these types of decisions. Would you like to be part of a team to help identify them and work for climate-friendlier solutions?

Climate work is hard and, at times, frustrating. The climate mountain is large, too large for me to have confidence that we will make it to the other side. It is useful to know from the scientists what needs to be done and it is important to dream that it *can* be done. But day-to-day we need to take care of ourselves, or it is too easy to get depressed and burned out. These are the kinds of things that work for me:

- Sing, dance, walk, play games, exercise
- Plant seeds, tend gardens
- Interact with people and other beings; be in relationship, be a part of a community
- Find ways to bring joy and love to the work
- Read poetry

The climate crisis will increasingly define the work that humans are called to do. And we must do it even though it is unclear if or how we will make it over the mountain. It will help immensely if we can do it in community, in relationship, and with love.

*Steve Maier, a former member of the Vermont House, currently serves on the Middlebury Energy Committee and is a founding board member of CEAC, the Climate Economy Action Center.*

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# Memorial Day Celebration In Middlebury



A NICE-SIZE CROWD assembled in downtown Middlebury on Monday for the first Memorial Day Parade the community has been able to host in two years. The event, organized by Middlebury American Legion Post 27, featured many fan favorites, including fire trucks, marching bands, local musicians, politicians, 4-Hers, children, and of course veterans. Mother Nature cooperated with wonderful weather to help participants pay tribute to our fallen service members.

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# Vergennes Memorial Day Parade



THE STATE'S BIGGEST Memorial Day Parade returned to its littlest city on Monday after its two-year hiatus, and participants and a large crowd of onlookers in Vergennes were happy to see it. The weather cooperated, with warm sunshine helping the events honor those who have given their lives for our country.

Independent photos/Steve James



# Volunteers clean up W. Cornwall cemetery

CORNWALL — Fourteen volunteers turned out April 21, a hot Saturday morning, to clean the gravestones in the old West Cemetery in Cornwall. It was established in 1812 on land purchased from Roswell Post. Instruction in the correct technique to be used to clean the marble stones was provided by David Clark who recently oversaw the restoration of Middlebury's Washington Street Cemetery.

A lot of Cornwall's history is written on the stones of this burying ground. Eleven veterans of the American Revolution are interred there. Two of its earliest physicians are buried there, Oliver Eells, 1795-1860 and Rodman C. Greene, 1833-1866. Dr. Eells practiced medicine in West Cornwall for 42 years and Dr. Greene became his partner. Their modern-day counterpart Dr. Matt Breckenridge lives next door and the Breckenridge family helped with the cleaning.

Mehitabel Preston DeLong, 1784-1877, appears, at 93, to have been the longest lived. She was born during the early years of the nation and lived to see it almost tear itself apart in the Civil War. The earliest birthdate belongs to Sarah Metcalf Davis, 1736-1812. She was born in Medway, Mass., and moved as a girl with her family to Chesterfield, N.H. Upon her husband's death in Chesterfield in 1794, she moved to Cornwall with her son Abijah and his family.

This was the Cornwall Cemetery Commission's first community workday specifically for this purpose, and the crew was able to clean about one third of the stones — not too shabby for a maiden effort.



**VOLUNTEER JIM PUGH** was among the fourteen Cornwall residents to help clean gravestones at the historic West Cornwall Cemetery back in April.

Photos/T Tall



**VOLUNTEER ANNE COLLINS** got her hands dirty cleaning this gravestone in the West Cornwall cemetery.

# Vergennes

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The project cost could reach \$34 million.

The council took no action at the Tuesday meeting, but discussed if another bond vote might be necessary in the future if the project did prove to be as expensive as presented.

Auster acknowledged the original cost estimates “were developed in 2021,” and that no one involved had expected the level of inflation seen since then. “Price escalation is more than what we would have anticipated,” she said, adding Hoyle Tanner had also recalculated costs of future phases figuring in higher inflationary rates.

The good news remains the city's \$17 million of grants to support the project, including \$7 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development arm, a \$3 million Congressional earmark, \$3 million in American Rescue Plan Act backing, and other funding sources that include the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

“You're still in a position where you have significant grants and are in a very good position to move forward,” Auster said.

Some noted that if gasoline or other prices come down, the estimates could drop.

But if that doesn't happen, the problem could be if the latest estimates are accurate and hold up a larger project might not be voter authorized.

Councilor Mel Hawley noted that problem and suggested the council might have to “go back to the voters” if a larger loan was needed to fund the difference.

Mayor Matt Chabot and Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin expressed similar reservations after Hawley spoke.

“I am very concerned moving forward with a \$34 million project when we told our voters it was \$25.5 million,” Hawley said.

Part of Redmond and Auster's presentation also included possible sewer rate projections higher than initially expected after the USDA award, which also included a \$10 million loan at a favorable rate.

But the rate projections were lower than city officials had said might be necessary before the USDA came up with its \$17 million grant-and-loan package.

They said an increase to \$600 a year for a base-rate payer for a home or business owner or per apartment in a building, for example in the next fiscal year (FY2023), with a gradual increase to \$950 by FY2027, should fund the more expensive project.

Redmond said those rates would be “close to what the averages are in the state” for municipal sewer uses, but not quite as high.

Redmond also said he believed residents would support those rates to pay for a more expensive project, as they did when they first thought rates would need to top \$1,000 to fund a \$25.5 million project.

“I have heard many residents say ... that's my annual cellphone bill. That's my annual cable bill, it's worth it,” he said. “We spent 30 years not investing in the sewer plant. We need to invest in it now, and the way to do it is through rates and through grants. That was what the voters understood. That's the message we put out.”

Councilor Ian Huizenga pointed out the council was in no position on May 24 to act without hard information, specifically the estimates that Hoyle Tanner will be soliciting.

“We're dealing with a wild world of hypotheticals,” Huizenga said. “I don't think we're putting this out to a bond vote any time soon.”

Chabot and Redmond essentially concluded the discussion.

“I think Mel's comments are valid, and they need to be on all of our radars as we move forward,” Chabot said.

Redmond did not disagree. “This is why we brought this up,” he said. “It's good to go into this with our eyes wide open, for sure.”

# Ballots

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through the recent decennial reapportionment process:

The **two state Senate seats** representing Addison County, Huntington, Buel's Gore and Rochester. Democratic incumbent Sens. Chris Bray of Bristol and Ruth Hardy of Middlebury. There are no Republican challengers.

**Addison-1**, a two-seat district in the Vermont House that covers most of the town of Middlebury: Incumbent Democratic Reps. Robin Scheu and Rep. Amy Sheldon are running unopposed.

**Addison-2**, a single-seat district that includes Cornwall, Goshen, Leicester, Ripton and Salisbury: A primary will be needed to sort out a race between incumbent Rep. Peter Conlon, D-Cornwall, and challenger Wendy Harlin, a Ripton Democrat. The winner will face no competition in the General Election, barring an independent challenger or write-in campaign.

**Addison-3**, a two-seat district including the communities of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Panton and Waltham and a new slice of neighboring New Haven: Incumbent Democratic Reps. Matt Birong and Diane Lanpher, both of Vergennes, face competition from Republicans James McClay of New Haven and Rob North of Ferrisburgh.

**Addison-4**, a two-seat district including Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro: incumbent Democratic Reps. Mari Cordes of Lincoln and Caleb Elder of Starksboro face opposition in the General Election from Monkton Republican Valerie Mullin and Bristol Republican Lynn Dike.

**Addison-5**, a single-seat district that encompasses Bridport and Weybridge, most of New Haven, and a northwest carve-out of Middlebury that includes the Marble Works and Seymour Street neighborhoods: A GOP primary on Aug. 9 will be needed to decide whether New Haven Republican Jon Christiano or Bridport Republican Zachary Kent moves on to face Bridport Democrat Jubilee McGill in the General Election. The retirement of longtime incumbent Rep. Harvey Smith, R-New Haven, has generated much interest in this seat.

The single-seat **Addison-Rutland** district, which includes the towns of Orwell, Shoreham and Whiting, Hubbardton and Sudbury: Orwell Democrat Joe Adriano. But other, independent candidate(s) could emerge by the Aug. 4 filing deadline, as the Addison-Rutland district has for more than a decade elected independent candidates to represent it.

**Windsor-Addison**, a one-seat district that includes Hancock, Rochester, Bethel and Stockbridge: Bethel Democrat Kirk White.

**Orange-Washington-Addison**, a one-seat district that includes Granville, Roxbury, Brookfield, Randolph and Braintree: (Democratic Primary) Jay Hooper and Larry Satcowitz, both of Randolph; and (Republican Primary) Wayne Townsend of Randolph and Jackie Klar of Brookfield.

**Addison County Probate Court Judge:** Middlebury Democrat Sarah R. Star. She is on target to replace longtime incumbent Judge Eleanor “Misse” Smith.

**Side Judges:** Patricia “Patty” Ross, a Cornwall Democrat; and Nicole Wilkerson, a Middlebury Democrat.

**Addison County State's Attorney:** A primary contest is shaping up between Montpelier Democrat Tim Lueders-Dumont (who grew up in Lincoln) and Middlebury Democrat Eva Vekos.

It should also be noted that current Addison County Deputy State's Attorney Peter Bever will run as an independent and thus has more time to file his nomination petition for the General Election. The candidates are seeking to replace the county's former top prosecutor, Dennis Wygmans, who left on May 7 to take a different job. Gov. Phil Scott is currently reviewing options for filling the post until the General Election.

**Addison County Sheriff:** A primary is shaping up between Addison Republican Michael Elmore and Middlebury Republican Ron Holmes. Incumbent Sheriff Peter Newton, whose recent tenure has been marked by controversy, is not seeking re-election.

**Addison County High Bailiff:** Middlebury Democrat Dave Silberman, the current incumbent. The *Independent* will have more reporting on the candidates and the issues during the coming weeks. You can find a full listing of all the statewide and county candidates at [tinyurl.com/58mpr9n8](http://tinyurl.com/58mpr9n8).

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# Guided hike set June 4 in Orwell

ORWELL — Come to the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell, on Saturday, June 4, 2022, for a guided history walk from 1 to 4 p.m. This is one of many special walks across the country to celebrate National Trails Day.

Steven J. Zeoli, president of the Mount Independence Coalition, the site friends group, will lead the hike. He is happy to share his wealth of knowledge about the Revolutionary War at Mount Independence and what can be seen on the grounds.

Meet at the museum. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for children under 15, and includes the museum and all the trails. Call 802-948-2000 for more information.

# ADDISON COUNTY School News Briefs

## Area students make UVM dean's list

BURLINGTON — The following students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont:

Aine Alexander, Psychological Science, Lincoln; Lance Bergmans, Exercise Science, Ferrisburgh; Jacob Brookman, Biological Science, Middlebury; Adelaide Brooks, Early Childhood Preschool, Starksboro; Ashley Cray, Natural Resources, Vergennes; Ava Devost, Psychological Science, Middlebury; Casandra Dykstra, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Bristol; Emalie Gernander, Elementary Education, K-6, Vergennes; Marlie

Hunt, Undeclared, Addison; and Devon Kearns, Neuroscience, Middlebury.

Also Liam Kelliher, Biological Science, New Haven; Sam Koskinen, Public Communication, Middlebury; Hunter Munteanu, Undeclared, Middlebury; Andrea Palmer, Psychological Science, Weybridge; Anoushka Pschorr, Community-Centered Design, Leicester; Megan Tarte, Microbiology, Vergennes; Payton Thurston, Psychological Science, Whiting; and Sabina Ward, Art History, Middlebury.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20% of their class in their respective college or school.

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## By the way

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**center in support for the local LGBTQIA+ youth community. On June 4, professional hair colorists will dye the hair of any current middle school or high school student who can make a donation of any size they want. All proceeds go to the Addison Central Teens organization. Parlour owner Lisa Phelps, who is hosting this Pride Month event with Ilsley Library's Trisha Allen, called this important to everyone that is "different." Phelps said, "I am proud to support these amazing teenagers!"**

Join the Vermont Folklife Center's Mary Wesley at the Lincoln Library on June 4 for a free two-hour training and story sharing session. The Vermont Town Schools Project is engaging with communities in Addison County and building an interview collection that explores the relationships between towns and their schools. Lincoln is creating its own preK-12 education system. As Vermont's schooling landscape shifts, this project creates a space for everyone's

experiences with town schools to be told, recorded and collected within a larger discussion on communities and education in Vermont. Learn what's involved in a community-based interviewing project and how the Vermont Folklife Center supports this kind of work. Listen to and share your own perspectives on the past, present and future of schooling in Vermont (with the option to have your voice recorded and included in the interview collection). The June 4 training at the Lincoln Library will span from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with another session set for Wednesday, June 22, from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Help organizers fete the first anniversary of the Monkton Community Dog Park on Sunday, June 5, with an event that'll include friendly folks, a silent auction, yummy refreshments, fresh air, beautiful views and a good excuse to take a breather from your spring to-do list. The dog park provides a playground for dogs, but also gives humans an opportunity to connect with each other. Join in, whether**

**you are a people person or a dog person or a nature person or whatever kind of person you are. The Monkton Community Dog Park is located on Pond Road (near Monkton Road) at Morse Park. This event will be rain or shine. For questions about the event please contact dogpark@monktonvt.com**

June 1 marked the beginning of the so-called "100 Days of Summer," and many people will be traveling. Vermont law enforcement is partnering with the trucking community to once again get the message out to all motorists and passengers to "Buckle Up" before and during your travels. It's called the "See It, Click It, Commit to It" program, and it will involve police and participating truckers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont. The Vermont Truck and Bus Association, along with the Bellavance Trucking Company of Barre, were among the first to commit to bringing the buckle up message to motorists.



### Knowledge and kindness

**KELLY MCQUADE, RN, center, a nurse who works in the Birthing Center at Porter Medical Center, recently received the DAISY award from the DAISY Foundation. The award celebrates both clinical skills and compassionate care. She's pictured here with the nominating family — Carly, Glen and baby Fiona Lehrer. In the nomination, Carly wrote, "I had an incredibly long, difficult, frustrating and painful induction and labor. Kelly stood by my husband, myself and our child every step of the way. She consistently soothed us, dotingly cared for us and went above and beyond as we fluctuated medically and emotionally through this process. She answered every question and request with patience, knowledge and kindness."**

Photo courtesy of Porter Medical Center

## Ripton

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 rate of \$1.85 that the ACSD has estimated for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year.

But Ripton board member Molly Witters cautioned the \$2.06 tax rate could be substantially different by the time FY24 rolls around, based on such factors as changes to the town's grant list, the town's equalized per-pupil count and the number of local children requiring special education services.

"We're probably not close to where we're going to end up in a few months," she said of budget planning.

But the latest budget modeling at least gives Ripton residents a financial reference point as they prepare to take the reins of a school system that has for years been run under the umbrella of the ACSD, which currently manages K-12 education for children in Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge. Ripton has decided to go it alone in an effort to keep its elementary school, which is one of the smallest in the district. The ACSD is currently planning for declining enrollment, which could mean tough decisions on school closures.

As currently envisioned, the independent Ripton School District would enter its inaugural, 2023-2024 year with a K-12 student population of around 76, according to Witters. Children in grades K-5 would continue to attend Ripton Elementary, in three multi-age classrooms, broken up into K-1, 2-3, and 4-5.

Secondary school-age children would be tuitioned to area middle and high schools.

"We hope to mirror very closely what's in place now," Witters said of the new district's programming,

support staff and administrative personnel.

Ripton school directors in the longer term will likely look at restoring preK and grade 6 to its local school, but not for the district's first academic year, according to Witters. She noted the ACSD moved all sixth-graders to Middlebury Union Middle

School this past fall as part of its transition to an International Baccalaureate program. Since most Ripton Elementary children will likely matriculate to MUMS, local school directors want to give them continuity to continue with IB.

"We've got enough challenges as-is to get this going that we have (potential preK and grade 6 scenarios) in our 'tier two' plan," she said.

Tier one, she explained, is keeping Ripton Elementary open and potentially forming a Mountain Supervisory Union with Lincoln. Ripton and Lincoln officials have been meeting around twice per month to plan a new Mountain Supervisory Union that would ensure delivery all the ancillary services the new SU would need — including special education, transportation and central office support.

As currently envisioned, the Mountain SU would be staffed with a full-time special educator, a 0.5 FTE (full-time equivalent) superintendent and curriculum coordinator, and a 0.6 FTE business manager.

It remains to be seen whether Mountain SU would contract for transportation and/or food service, or hire someone to create and manage the services in-house, according to Witters. It's clear at this point that Ripton would maintain an in-town bus driver as part of the transportation system, she said.

"The checks could be written at the SU level, but the two towns may have two totally different (transportation) systems in place," she said. "And on some level, that's what this whole thing is about: autonomy in governance again."

Witters said it's possible the Mountain SU's new staff will wear multiple hats, depending on needs and workload.

She anticipates one or more of the new jobs — such as the business manager — could be filled remotely.

Witters said Ripton school directors will work with Lincoln on shared teaching positions for such subjects as art, music, library, physical education, school nurse and counselor.

"We remain committed to understanding our students' needs, meeting education quality standards, and our taxpayers' interests," the board stated in a joint report to Ripton residents last month.

Ripton officials promised their financial projections will improve during the coming months, as the groundwork is more firmly laid for the district. Lincoln voters will elect their independent school board on June 21, putting that community in a better position to jointly plan the Mountain SU.

In the meantime, consultant Dillon Patrick of the Holistic Impact Foundation, has been interviewing current Ripton Elementary School teachers as part of a report that will inform local officials on the challenges, strengths and opportunities for change as the town transitions to an independent preK-12 education system.

Witters said Patrick's services won't cost Ripton taxpayers any money, as the Holistic Impact Foundation — a nonprofit — is

raising its own resources to do the work.

### WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK?

While Ripton is working hard to build its own education system, Witters said she and her colleagues will advise the town to rejoin the ACSD if going it alone is proving untenable. Witters noted bill H.727, passed by the Vermont House and Senate this past spring, would require Ripton residents to vote — via

Australian ballot by this October — to direct the State Board of Education (SBE) to nullify its earlier decision to allow Ripton to operate an independent school district.

H.727 had yet to earn Gov. Phil Scott's signature as the *Independent* went to press on Wednesday.

Two possible reasons for Ripton returning to the ACSD, according to Witters: If maintaining a local elementary school proves too costly for local taxpayers, and/or if the ACSD were to change its charter in a manner that would give Ripton more of a say in running the district. Ripton currently has one seat on the 13-member ACSD board, which can unilaterally decide to close a school (by supermajority vote).

The Ripton School District board will be extremely busy during the next several months planning for life after the ACSD. In the near term, the panel is due to submit a report to the SBE next month showing its progress in meeting the criteria for independence.

The *Independent* reached out to Lincoln to get an update on its impending departure from the

Mount Abraham Unified School District.

Lincoln's James Warnock, a member of the Save Community Schools (SCS) group, said the town will be able to intensify its educational planning after electing its school board later this month. Among other things, the new Lincoln School Board will "determine what might or might not need to be budgeted for ongoing consulting services," according

to Warnock. Consulting services to date have been defrayed by SCS fundraising, he noted.

Organizers are optimistic that many current Lincoln Community School staffers will stay on when the withdrawal process from MAUSD is completed. Plans call for drafting a Mountain SU labor contract that would apply to teachers in both member towns. That pact, according to an April 11 Lincoln report to the State Board of Education, would "honor the most favorable provisions" of the current ACSD contract (which applies to Ripton teachers) and the MAUSD agreement (which covers Lincoln educators), "pending a thorough analysis of the tax implications and subsequent affordability to taxpayers in each of the communities."

Witters is looking forward to the payoff to their many hours of planning.

"We're getting close to having the day where we can really sit down and say, 'We're all legal here and we've gotten all this input from all these professionals,'" she said. "We're starting to layer in advice from former superintendents and we are getting closer to being able to tell the SBE and our town, 'Here's what we've come up with, and should we go forward with it?'"

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## Kelly Brush Ride returns Sept. 10

MIDDLEBURY — The Kelly Brush Ride powered by VBT Bicycling Vacations returns as an in-person event on Saturday, Sept. 10 in Middlebury. This is the 17th year of the ride, which is aimed at raising funds to inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. Riders who can't make the in-person event can still participate by riding anywhere on the road or trail of their choice.

In-person participants can ride 100, 50, 20, or 10-mile routes through the scenic Champlain Valley with stunning views of the Green Mountains, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks. For those who can't make it to Vermont, the foundation offers a ride anywhere option that allows participants to join in the fundraising ride from the road or trail of their choosing.

In 2021, the event drew more than 942 in-person and virtual riders, including 47 handcyclists, and raised more than \$825,000 to provide direct support for equipment that gets people with spinal cord injuries out enjoying the activities that enrich their lives, like skiing, basketball, cycling, and tennis.

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Early-bird registration discounts are in effect until June 30. For registration and information visit [www.kellybrushfoundation.org/kellybrushride](http://www.kellybrushfoundation.org/kellybrushride).

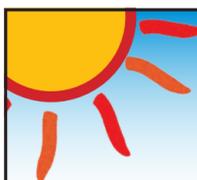
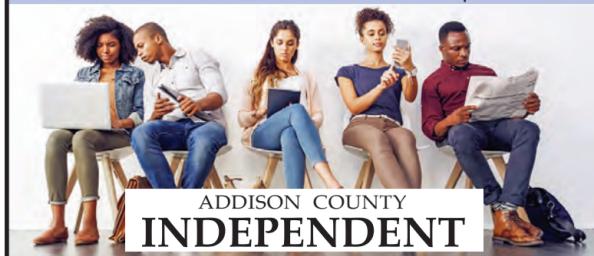
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**At a Memorial Day wedding**

**Milk was the drink of choice**

By ARDEN TEWKSBURY  
On Memorial Day weekend, I had the privilege of attending the wedding of Katie Kuzma, daughter of Pro Ag members Ray and Annette Kuzma. Before the reception, during the cocktail hour, I witnessed several adults walking around with pints of whole milk. So, I asked Annett about it. She took me to the hallway where there were several containers of whole milk. What a surprise to see a large milk cooler of white and chocolate whole milk. The milk was from Manning's Dairy in Lackawanna County, Pa., which contains all the fat and protein level that comes

from Manning's cows. It is whole milk. I couldn't believe how many people were taking whole milk — young and old drinking white and chocolate milk. The story gets even better. The whole crowd of nearly 300 people were waiting for Ray and Annette to be introduced at the reception when they all went silent as the D.J. played a tape of the great Paul Harvey reciting "So God Made a Farmer." You could have heard a pin drop. When Harvey's presentation was over, Ray and Annette (the father and mother of the bride) burst into

the room. The crowd went wild. What a presentation this couple made — blue jeans, farm shirt, hat and all. I have never seen anything like this. The crowd loved the milk but then after the dinner there was another surprise. A Manning's supply truck parked by the wayside serving 15 different flavors of fresh, whole milk ice cream. The crowd loved it. As I have said man times, if you want to purchase whole milk, then go to Manning's Dairy. I don't know how much whole milk would be served at a wedding but I thank Ray and Annette for having whole milk at the wedding.  
*Editor's note: Arden Tewksbury is the manager of the Progressive Agriculture Organization in Meshoppen, Pa.*

*I couldn't believe how many people were taking whole milk — young and old drinking white and chocolate milk.*

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AT LEAST SIX Addison County youth participated in the Northeast All Breeds Dairy Show (National level) in Springfield, Mass., recently. The competition brings together approximately 800 high-end, highly competitive animals from seven different breeds. Ashlynn Foster of Middlebury, 2nd from left, and Brailey Livingston of New Haven, 2nd from right, won Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion respectively in the Brown Swiss show. Foster, Abby Reen, Sarah Hill, Livingston and her sister Karissa Livingston all accomplished high placings. In addition to Foster and Livingston's honors, the Livingston sisters and Hill earned Reserve "Grand Supreme of All Breeds" titles on their animals. Caroline Allen also participated with her young Milking Shorthorn.

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produced dairy products guided by marketing/branding professionals. Funded projects will increase consumer awareness of products, develop market channels and distribution opportunities to increase product placement, support innovative strategies to increase consumption, and/or increase business

Additionally, up to 25% of the grant funds may be used to implement the strategy and/or content developed by the contractor. Awards will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 with a match requirement of 25%.

Applications are due by June 23 at 2 p.m. To apply for a grant, head online to [tinyurl.com/DairyBranding](http://tinyurl.com/DairyBranding) or go to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture website.

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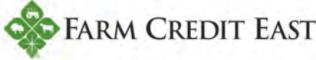


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# Fletcher

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turnover in the building has kept things fresh.”

Add in the fact that she deals with many different people each day and needs to juggle a half-dozen tasks simultaneously, and you’ll know why Fletcher has found her role too invigorating and interesting to leave.

Until now.  
Fletcher, 65, has decided to retire at the end of this month. She’s still preparing for what will soon become a new reality.

“My whole life story has played out in this position, from marriage to children, putting children through college, and grandchildren,” she said.

Fletcher grew up on a dairy farm in Orwell called Mutton Square Farm. She routinely helped with farm chores, including feeding cattle, washing the milking machines and loading hay.

After graduating from Fair Haven Union High School, she earned a secretarial business degree from Champlain College. What followed were a series of secretarial jobs for an insurance company in Rutland and an attorney’s office in Boulder, Colo., before she returned to Vermont and briefly flirted with a career as a nurse’s assistant at what is now Rutland Regional Medical Center.

She decided the medical field wasn’t for her, and successfully applied for a receptionist’s job at the Addison Central Supervisory Union office. Fletcher felt at home, and was promoted to the executive assistant job in less than a year.

“It seemed like a natural transition, to be able to elevate to a higher level at the office,” Fletcher said.

The rest, as they say, is history — and a lot of it. Fletcher has been the right-hand person to ACSU Superintendents Dale Lanphear, Alan Myers, James Lombardo, Lee Sease and now Peter Burrows. There were also a couple of interim superintendents squeezed in.

“It’s hard to put into words just how important Sharon has been to both ACSD and to me in my role as superintendent,” Burrows said. “In Sharon’s 43 years of exceptional service to our community, she has impacted so many people, from students to parents to employees, over generations. Her patience, her warmth, and her strength have profoundly shaped everything we do here.”

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— Superintendent Peter Burrows

Fletcher confessed that Burrows has been her favorite of her five bosses.

“He’s unflappable,” she said. “When I might feel riled up about something, he’s very level, kind-worded. And there are many situations where that could’ve changed. I’ve not seen him out of sorts very often.”

**VARIED DUTIES**

It’s a fast-paced office in charge of seven elementary schools, a middle school and a high school. Fletcher’s varied duties have included:

- Providing a critical information pipeline between the central office and school board members.

“School board members are volunteers, so you try to support them as much as you can, getting materials to them, helping to get meetings organized and communications with administrators within the district,” Fletcher said.

- Keeping track of the superintendent’s schedule, which

can be a complex jigsaw puzzle of meetings with a variety of ACSU stakeholders, ranging from students to principals and visiting dignitaries. Fletcher also coordinates with the central office team, including Business Manager Logan Price, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Caitlin Steele, and Director of Communications and Engagement Emily Blistein.

- Helping with the orientation of newly elected school board members.

There are times when Fletcher must accomplish major feats of mental and organizational dexterity to ensure meeting schedules mesh, informational packets get sent out prior to meetings, reports are typed up and that everyone is on the same page with the appropriate memos.

“There is a lot of juggling that I have to do,” she acknowledged. “I feel like I’ve done it pretty well, but after 40-plus years I should be, right?”

As one might imagine, Fletcher has seen a lot of changes — in technology, public education and in her job description — since she started during the Presidency of Jimmy Carter.

Until five years ago, she was dealing with a 50 school board members seated on nine separate panels representing the Addison Central Supervisory Union, Middlebury Union middle and high schools (then known as UD-3), and each of the seven elementary schools in Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge.

But Act 46, the state’s school governance consolidation law, changed all that in 2016 — and that’s just fine with Fletcher. She now deals with only 13 elected school directors on a single ACSU board that represents all Middlebury-area schools.

“When Act 46 (was happening), my dad asked me ‘What do you think of this Act 46?’ and I simply said, ‘In my work life, I would love



**SHARON FLETCHER IS capping a 43-year career as an executive assistant to the Addison Central School District superintendent, during which she’s seen a lot of changes.**  
Independent photo/John Flowers

it,” she said. “It would be so much easier in how you communicate on a regular basis.”

While the number of school board members she had to accommodate shrank virtually overnight, don’t get the impression that Fletcher’s job suddenly became a cakewalk. There’s no shortage of work to do at the central office.

“You can drive to work and have three or four things in your head that you need to do, and by the time you get to the office, it can be totally different; someone else’s needs are ahead of what you need to do,” she said. “Prioritizing is huge, so that’s a big part of the job — figuring out what needs to be done today, and what can wait until tomorrow.”

Fletcher has prided herself on the fact that all of her work — and that of all the district’s elected officials, paid staff and volunteers — comes down to a single priority: children. Making sure they receive the educational sustenance they deserve as they

strive for intellectual growth and professional success.

“We’ve made it our mission to serve the ACSU community to the best of our ability, keeping in mind we are here for the students,” she said.

The central office staff of around a dozen workers generally doesn’t have a lot of contact with students, but their work helps shape the curriculum they consume. The office also pays the district’s bills and hires staff, among other things. “Without the central office people behind the scenes, the district couldn’t operate,” Fletcher said.

Operations were a lot more basic during the 1980s, Fletcher recalled. When she first came on board, central office staff members were using typewriters and mimeograph machines — all good quality and state of the art for their day.

“When they introduced computers to us, the salesperson said, ‘You’ll never want to type another envelope again,’” and I didn’t think that was possible. Now I can’t live without (my computer),” she said. “Everything is on your computer. Technology has changed, and we’d be lost without it.”

Still, Fletcher remains somewhat nostalgic about the good old days.

“It seems like it was a simpler life; you had a lot happening, but it seemed like there was less imposed on you and less oversight — in a good way,” she said.

Fletcher could have had her pick of other jobs during her career, but felt no urgency to leave the ACSU’s employ.

“I’ve always made a point to make (this job) work, and it always has worked,” she said. “And I’ve never taken it for granted. I’ve always made a point of striving to

do better.”

**WHAT’S NEXT**

But she’s now ready to leave her familiar office surroundings for the next chapter, one that will be filled with gardening, spending more time with family and friends and volunteer opportunities. She and her husband, Andre Fletcher, have two grown children and four grandchildren.

“I had no vision that I would stay in the same job for 43 years,” she said. “This is where I wanted to be.”

The ACSU was slated to honor its new crop of retirees (each with 20 or more years of service) as a special gathering on Wednesday, June 1. The list includes Shoreham

Elementary teacher Karen Bashaw (33 years), Middlebury Union High School Assistant Principal Catherine Dieman (31 years), MUHS Custodian Carolyn Lussier (46 years), Salisbury Elementary Paraprofessional Donna Payne (21 years), Mary Hogan Elementary art teacher Alyce Schermerhorn (31 years); and Donna Woods, paraprofessional/crossing guard at Mary Hogan School (33 years).

Burrows thanked all the departing employees for their service. He saved some special words for Fletcher.

“From day one, Sharon made it clear that I had someone to lean on and she has been with me every step of the way,” he said. “It’s hard to imagine this work without her by my side. As she begins the next adventure in her life, all of us in ACSU are so grateful for how much of herself she’s given to the thousands of people that have had the opportunity to benefit from her service to our school community.”

John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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# SPORTS

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## MUHS boys' tennis team downs U-32 ahead of playoffs

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
**MIDDLEBURY** — The Middlebury Union High School boys' tennis team breezed to a win in its final regular season match on May 25, defeating U-32 and finishing with a record of 10-1.  
 The Tigers earned the No. 3 seed in Division I behind undefeated No. 1 Burlington and No. 2 St. Johnsbury.  
 MUHS was set to open the postseason, weather permitting, vs. No. 14 Hartford (4-9) on Wednesday afternoon. If the Tigers held serve vs. the Hurricanes, they'd next host No. 6 Burr & Burton (9-4) in a semifinal scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday.  
 With a win on Friday, MUHS would then most likely travel to face No. 2 St. J on June 7.  
 In addition to defeating U-32 in the week leading up to the playoffs, several Tigers participated in the

boys' individual tournament at Burlington's Leddy Park last Thursday and Friday.  
 Tiger No. 1 Clyde Malhotra won his first-round match on Thursday, defeating CVU's Ziggy Babbott 6-0, 6-4. But on Friday South Burlington's Sriram Sethuraman defeated Malhotra in the round of 16, 6-2, 6-3.  
 Two other Tiger singles players were eliminated on Thursday. CVU's Charlie Mjaanes knocked out Kellan Bartlett 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (9). St. Johnsbury's Frederik Heineking ousted Aidan Chance, 6-0, 6-0.  
 In doubles play in Burlington, the Tiger team of Lewis Suchomel and Brian Newton defeated Seissen/Labrie of Colchester in their first match, 6-0, 6-2, but fell to Naylor/Taggard of Brattleboro, 7-5, 6-1, in the second round.  
 The second Tiger doubles team of Iver Anderson and Jackson



**TIGER NO. 2 KELLAN** Bartlett rips a shot during his match on May 25. Bartlett lost in a tiebreaker, but the Tigers coasted over visiting U-32, 6-1.

Independent photo/Steve James



**TIGER NO. 1 SINGLES** player Clyde Malhotra lines up a backhand during his straight-set victory over his U-32 counterpart on May 25. The Tigers defeated U-32, 6-1, to finish the regular season at 10-1.

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## Score BOARD

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

#### Boys' Lacrosse

5/27 CVU vs MUHS .....12-7

D-III Tournament

6/1 #6 Fairfax at #3 OV .....Late

#### Girls' Lacrosse

5/25 CVU vs MUHS .....17-4

5/26 MAV at Rice .....4-3

5/28 MUHS at St. Albans ...Canceled

D-I Tournament

5/31 #7 MUHS vs #10 Burlington 18-5

#### Softball

5/26 Rice vs VUHS .....6-5

5/26 MUHS vs Milton .....8-7

5/26 OV vs Hartford .....16-7

5/26 Enosburg vs Mt. Abe .....4-0

5/27 OV vs Burr & Burton .....17-5

5/28 OV vs Fair Haven .....21-6

D-II Tournament

5/31 #2 Mt. Abe vs #15 Harwood 15-0

6/1 #12 U-32 at #5 MUHS .....Late

6/1 #11 Woodstock at #6 OV .....Late

#### Baseball

5/26 VUHS vs Missisquoi .....3-2

5/26 MUHS vs Milton .....12-11 (10)

5/26 Hartford vs OV .....5-2 (8)

5/26 Enosburg vs Mt. Abe .....5-3

5/28 OV vs Fair Haven .....7-6

D-II Tournament

5/31 #13 F. Haven vs #4 Mt. Abe ..6-5

5/31 No. 6 Hartford vs #11 OV .....7-1

5/31 #2 Lyndon vs #15 MUHS .....10-0

D-III Tournament

5/31 #10 VUHS vs #7 Windsor .....5-3

#### Boys' Tennis

5/25 MUHS vs U-32 .....6-1

D-I Tournament

6/1 #3 MUHS vs #14 Hartford .....Late

#### Girls' Tennis

5/25 MUHS vs U-32 .....5-2

5/27 MUHS vs Montpelier .....4-3

### COLLEGE SPORTS

#### Women's Lacrosse

##### NCAA D-III Final Four In VA

5/28 Midd vs Gettysburg .....18-5

5/28 Tufts vs TCNJ .....18-7

5/29 Midd vs Tufts .....13-5

### SCHEDULE

#### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

##### Boys' Lacrosse

D-I Tournament

6/3 #5 MUHS at #4 Essex .....4:30 PM

6/6 MUHS/Essex at No. 1 CVU .....4:30

D-III Tournament

6/3 #5 MAV at #4 GMVS .....4 PM

6/6 OV/Fairfax at TBD .....4:30 PM

6/6 MAV/GMV at #1 Stratton 4:30 PM

##### Girls' Lacrosse

D-I Tournament

6/3 MUHS at #2 S. Burlington ... 7 PM

D-II Tournament

6/3 #7 Stowe at #2 MAV ..... 4:30 PM

##### Softball

D-II Tournament

6/4 TBD at #2 Mt. Abe ..... 4:30 PM

6/4 Quarterfinals ..... 4:30 PM

D-III Tournament

6/3 #10 Windsor at #2 VUHS ..... 4:30 PM

6/7 .....Semifinal

##### Baseball

D-III Tournament

6/3 VUHS at #2 B. Falls ..... 4:30 PM

6/7 .....Semifinal

##### Boys' Tennis

D-I Tournament

6/3 Quarterfinal at MUHS ..... 3 PM

##### Girls' Tennis

D-II Tournament

6/2 #6 B. Falls at #3 MUHS ..... 3 PM

6/6 Quarterfinal at BBA ..... 3 PM

##### Track & Field

6/4 .....D-II State Meet at U-32

6/4 .....D-III Meet at Windsor

Those interested in attending or viewing events are advised to check school websites for the latest updates.



**PANTHER JUNIOR ATTACKER** Jane Earley was named the NCAA D-III tournament's Most Outstanding Player after helping Middlebury College win the NCAA title this past weekend. Early racked up eight goals and four assists in two games.

Photo by Keith Lucas

## Panther women's lax claims NCAA crown

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

**SALEM, Va.** — The Middlebury College women's lacrosse team started fast, finished strong, and saw junior attacker Jane Earley pour in six goals as the Panthers defeated Tufts, 13-5, in Sunday's NCAA Division III championship game in Salem.  
 Middlebury improved to 22-1 and avenged its only loss of the season, a 9-8 setback to the 19-4 Jumbos in the NESCAC title game two weeks before.  
 The Panthers also claimed the program's third title in the past seven years, in two of which they didn't compete due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and completed a dominant run through the NCAA tournament.  
 Middlebury wiped out Gettysburg in Saturday's semifinal, taking an 8-1 halftime lead on the way to an 18-5 victory. The Panthers outscored their five NCAA foes by 87-22 and didn't allow an opponent to score more than six goals. They also followed the Middlebury field hockey and women's ice hockey teams in winning NCAA D-III titles during this school year.  
 In Sunday's final, Earley gave

the Panthers a lift from the start by knifing through the Jumbo defense on the right side to open the scoring 2:02 into the contest and making it 2-0 three minutes later.  
 Defender Emma White initiated the next Middlebury goal by causing a turnover in front of the Panther net, carrying the ball up the field and setting up a Lily Riseberg score.  
 After the Jumbos got on the board with 6:22 gone, Kelcey Dion gave the Panthers a 4-1 lead by bouncing a shot just under the crossbar. Middlebury's defense limited the Jumbos to one shot and forced eight turnovers in the opening quarter.  
 Earley made it 5-1 47 seconds into the second stanza, but Tufts made a push with back-to-back goals and better defense, and it was 5-3 at the halftime break.  
 Both defenses limited the chances in the third period, with each team scoring once. Middlebury's Hope Shue made it 6-3 with a free position at 9:19, and the Jumbos' Genna Gibbons answered at 5:29.  
 The teams traded goals 24 seconds apart early in the fourth quarter. Grace Getman picked up  
 (See Panthers, Page 3B)

## CVU tips Tiger boys' lax Loss drops MUHS to No. 5 seed in D-I

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
**MIDDLEBURY** — The Middlebury Union High School boys' lacrosse team had good moments vs. visiting Champlain Valley this past Friday, but the Redhawks used a 4-0 fourth-quarter run to break open a tight game and claim a 12-7 victory.  
 The Redhawks, the multi-year defending champions, nailed down the No. 1 seed in the Division I playoffs. At 15-1, their only loss came to the Tigers on May 3 in Hinesburg, 9-8 in overtime.  
 The Tigers dropped to 8-6 and fell out of position to earn a first-round home game. Instead, they earned the No. 5 seed and will open on Friday at 4:30 p.m. at a familiar foe: No. 4 Essex (10-6). The Tigers dropped a pair of hard-fought, low-scoring affairs (6-4 and 5-3) vs. the Hornets this spring.  
 If MUHS turns the tables on Essex this time they will almost certainly earn another shot at CVU on Monday. The Redhawks will play either a No. 8 or 9 seed

on Thursday.  
 MUHS Coach Matt Rizzo believes the Tigers are capable of beating the Redhawks, and the Hornets, for that matter. That is, he said, if they clean up some of the passing and catching mistakes that slowed their offense for much of Friday's game vs. CVU.  
 "We beat these guys a month ago. We can certainly beat them again. We can't beat them if we throw the ball away at times," Rizzo said. "It shouldn't be that difficult. You're catching the ball and you're throwing the ball, right? If we can do that we're totally confident we can make a run. We're right there. We just have to be consistent."  
 — Coach Rizzo  
 The Friday, May 27, game got off to a promising start. The Tigers won a battle for the opening draw, and middle Jackson Gillett whipped home a transition shot high into the net for the lead, with middle Henry Hunsdorfer getting the assist.  
 But the Tiger attack stagnated after that. Turnovers were a



**CVU GOALIE JAKE** Bowen stops a shot by Tiger middle Cameron Stone as the horn sounds to end the first half. Stone scored later, but it was not enough as the visiting Redhawks prevailed on May 27.

Independent photo/Steve James

problem, and MUHS also had trouble solving the CVU defense. The Redhawks controlled most of the possession and slowly began to break down what was a strong effort by the Tiger backline and goalie Kegan Brown, who stopped 16 shots.  
 Matias Williams equalized for CVU at 7:18, picking off an errant

Tiger clearing attempt and racing in 35 yards for a breakaway strike. At 2:20, Colin Zouck zipped home a shot from the top of the box.  
 The Tiger back line and Brown held the fort for the first 10 minutes of the second period. But Owen Pierce struck from the right side and then set up Peter Gilliam 25 seconds later at the left post to

make it 4-1.  
 Owen Lawton answered with a man-up goal from the left side with 22 seconds to go, on a Gillett feed. Tiger Cam Stone won the face off and bulled his way through the defense to shoot on goal as the horn sounded, but CVU goalie Jake Bowen stopped his bid, and  
 (See Boys' lax Page 2B)

# Baseball playoffs: Eagles fall in Stetson's finale; only VUHS wins

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
**ADDISON COUNTY** — In Tuesday's high school baseball playoff action, a first-round upset ended the 41-year Mount Abraham varsity coaching career of Jeff Stetson. That same day Vergennes pulled off an upset, but Otter Valley and Middlebury dropped road contests to higher seeds.

**EAGLES**  
 Fair Haven, the No. 13 seed in Division II, did the damage to the No. 4 Eagles. The Slaters were down, 5-1, after five innings but they rallied to prevail, 6-5. **Joe Buxton**, **Tim Kendall** and **Trey Lee** had RBI hits for Fair Haven in their four-run seventh as they improved to 7-10. **Sawyer Ramey** also tripled for Fair Haven.

**Carson Babbie** started and went five innings for the Slaters, allowing just three hits, and **Tyler Niklasson** earned the win with two innings of perfect relief. Babbie also doubled in an early run.

The Eagles manufactured runs in the traditional Stetson manner: three squeeze bunts. **Adam Mansfield**, **Norm Benoit** and **Carter Monks** successfully laid down run-scoring bunts.

But only Mansfield, the losing pitcher, **Gus Hill** and **Neil Guy** hit safely for the Eagles, who dropped to 11-6 after seeing a nine-game winning streak snapped with a loss in their final regular-season game.

"The last couple of weeks we struggled to score runs," Stetson said.

But despite the disappointment Stetson said it was a successful season for the Eagles, especially considering their bounce-back from a 2-4 start.

"The senior group was a good group of leaders," he said, adding the hardest part of the loss was not seeing that group making a deeper run in the D-II tournament. "I'm disappointed for the seniors."

As for his time leading the Eagles, which began in 1981 and includes six D-II titles, all in the past 20 years, Stetson said he had few, if any, regrets about leading the program



JEFF STETSON

"Now that we don't have to limit ourselves to traveling in the middle of the summer we can travel in the fall and spring and do some things," he said. "There's a lot of stuff in the United States that we would like to go see and experience. And throw our clubs in the car, and if we run across a golf course along the way, we've got nowhere to be, so we can spend some time doing that."

*"It was a good five decades of baseball ... I really enjoyed my time and relationships with the players. And I think we upheld the tradition of good baseball in Bristol."*  
 — Jeff Stetson

over parts of five decades.  
 "It was a good five decades of baseball, I guess. It went by pretty quickly, now that I think about it," he said. "I really enjoyed my time and relationships with the players. And I think we upheld the tradition of good baseball in Bristol, Vt., and hopefully that will continue forward."

Stetson said he and his wife, Mary Stetson, also retiring from a long, successful stint leading the Eagle field hockey program, plan to travel around the country. He said he has never seen the Grand Canyon, several other national parks, and Washington, D.C., for example.

"It just came a week-and-a-half too early, that's all," he concluded.

**COMMODORES**  
 In D-III, the No. 10 Commodores knocked off No. 7 Windsor, 5-3, dropping the Jacks to 6-10. **Tyler Kimball** earned the pitching win and worked out of a seventh-inning jam. Other details were not available at press time.

The Commodores improved to 5-10 and will hit the road to take on No. 2 Bellows Falls (12-4) at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

**OTTERS**  
 Back in D-II, host No. 6 Hartford

(8-8) ended No. 11 OV's season with a 7-1 victory. The Hurricanes jumped on OV starter **Fraser Pierpont** early; he went four innings and allowed four runs. **Josh Beayon** relieved. Pierpont also had two of OV's four hits as the team finished at 6-11.

Matt Hayes went 6.2 innings for Hartford, striking out 13. Drew Martin drove in three runs with a pair of hits, and Sean Dunton plated two runs with two hits.

**TIGERS**  
 Also in D-II, No. 2 Lyndon improved to 14-3 with a five-inning, 10-0 victory over the Tigers. Viking hurler Whit Steen held MUHS to two hits and struck out five. Wyatt Mason led Lyndon with three hits, and Zach Hale's bases-loaded triple concluded the game in the bottom of the fifth. The young Tiger team finished at 2-13.

**REGULAR SEASON**  
 As the regular season wound down last week MUHS and VUHS pulled out victories, but Mount Abe saw its winning streak snapped and OV's woes continued.

**TIGERS**  
 MUHS defeated visiting Milton, 12-11, in 10 innings on May 26 for its second win of the spring. **Tim Whitney** raced home from third base with the winning run, his third score of the game. The Tigers twice rallied for two runs in what could have been their last at-bat to tie the game, in the seventh and ninth innings.

There were plenty of offensive contributors for MUHS: **Riley Disorda** (three hits, three RBIs), **Milo Gordon** (double and single), **Tucker Morter** (single and two RBIs), **Alex Sperry** (two hits, two runs), **Cole Warren** (triple and an RBI), and **Ethan Sweet** (single and

an RBI).  
 Evan Gorton went five for five with two triples, two RBIs and four runs to lead Milton, and Kayden Burke and Aidan Greenfield had three hits apiece.

**COMMODORES**  
 VUHS edged visiting Missisquoi 3-2, on May 26 as Kimball tossed a complete-game four-hitter, striking out eight. **Eyon Tembreull** and Kimball had key hits for VUHS.

**EAGLES**  
 Visiting Enosburg snapped Mount Abe's nine-game winning streak on May 26 with a 5-3 victory. The Hornets trailed until they rallied for four runs off Mansfield in the fifth inning. For Enosburg Shea Howrigan homered and singled, Landon Blake doubled and singled, and each drove in two runs.

Guy and **Tanner Harris** each had two hits and an RBI for the Eagles.

**OTTERS**  
 On May 26, visiting Hartford defeated OV, 5-2, in eight innings.

Pierpont pitched 7.2 innings and took the hard-luck loss; a costly error in the eighth hurt OV's cause.

Three Hurricanes led their team with two hits apiece. OV managed just three hits, from Pierpont, **Ethan Blow** and **Andy McEnerney**.

On Saturday, the Otters scored twice in the seventh to edge host Fair Haven, 7-6. The runs came on a **Luca Polli** single, walk to Beayon, a Pierpont sacrifice fly and a go-ahead RBI hit from Blow. The Otters had surrendered a 5-0 lead before falling behind.

Blow earlier had doubled twice and driven in two runs. Beayon added three hits, and **Caleb Whitney** poked a pair. McEnerney picked up the win in relief of Whitney and Beayon.

Niklasson took the loss after throwing 3.1 innings of relief. **Kyle James** singled in two runs for the Slaters, and Lee and **Wyatt Cusanelli** hit RBI doubles.



LONGTIME MOUNT ABE baseball Coach Jeff Stetson confers with pitcher Adam Mansfield and catcher Tanner Harris this season. Stetson is stepping down after 41 seasons and six D-II titles. Photos courtesy of Mark Bouvier

## Boys' lax

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 it remained a two-goal game.

The Tigers gained some traction in the third period, but Bowen stopped Lawton early on. Bowen couldn't stop Lawton at 7:58 on a Gillett feed from the right, though, and it was 4-3. But Gilliam curled from behind the right side of the net 27 seconds later to restore the two-goal lead.

The Tigers then took two penalties. Brown made two big saves on the first, but couldn't deny Gilliam at 5:00, and the Redhawks entered the final period up, 6-3.

The Tigers made another run.

Lawton tossed in a long-range bomb in the first minute, and a minute later middie Eddie Hodde open out front, and Hodde spun and scooped the ball home to make it 6-5.

Penalties slowed the MUHS momentum however, and CVU scored four straight between 9:15 and 3:29 to ice the win. Two goals came from Nolan Shea and one each from Pierce and Zouck.

Down the stretch, the teams traded goals to create the 12-7 final, with Stone and Lawton doing the damage for MUHS and Williams netting a pair for CVU. Bowen finished with seven saves.

Rizzo said his team will have to improve on the basics in the playoffs, but praised his goalie and defenders, including Matt Kiernan, Cole Schnoor, Noah Doherty-Konzal and Penn Riney on low defense, and middies Hunsdorfer, Joe Pellerin, Willem Berry and Gavin McNulty. Junior middie Fynn Whitlock is injured.

"That's been our brand a little bit. We play real tough D. We play that kind of goofy zone, and it works. They've been doing an awesome job," Rizzo said. "I couldn't ask anything more from the defense. They're doing great."



MIDDIE JACKSON GILLETT fires home a goal in the first minute of the Tigers' regular-season finale on May 27. Despite that early MUHS lead, the Redhawks prevailed.

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# Panthers

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The Panthers then scored six straight to close the game out, with Earley providing the spark. She charged her way to the net to make it 8-5, and 56 seconds later cashed in on a free position. At 7:11, Earley made it 10-5 with a shot high into the net, and the title was in the Panthers' grasp.

Soon afterward, Getman spun past a defender and converted, and Earley set up Susan Rowley to make it 12-5. Rowley added the final goal.

Earley tied a career-high with six goals, set a program mark with an 80-goal season, and with her assist set the program's single-season scoring record with 99 points.

On defense, Erica Barr finished with four ground balls and four draw controls, while Madison Paylor scooped up three rollers and caused three turnovers. Annie Enrietto made four saves, making timely stops when the game tightened.

Mae Briody led Tufts with a goal

and two assists, and goalie Molly Laliberty made nine stops.

Barr, Getman and Enrietto were named to the all-tournament team along with Earley.

Panther head coach Kate Livesay won her fourth NCAA championship as a coach after leading Middlebury to the 2016 and 2019 crowns and also guiding Trinity to the title in 2012. She won twice as a Panther player in 2001 and 2002.

## SEMIFINAL

On Saturday, the Panthers dealt Gettysburg only its second loss of the season; the Bullets finished at 18-2.

The Panthers took a 5-0 lead after one period on route to their seven-goal halftime bulge. By the end of three periods, they had stretched the advantage to 14-4.

Niki Mormile led Middlebury with a career-high four goals and an assist, Earley scored twice and dished out three assists, Shue scored three goals, Rowley chipped in two goals and two assists, and



THE PANTHER WOMEN'S lacrosse team completed its dominant run through the NCAA D-III tournament by defeating Tufts in Sunday's final, 13-5, in Salem, Va. The NCAA crown was the third won by a Middlebury College women's varsity team this academic year.

Photo by Keith Lucas

Erin Nicholas — who added her second lacrosse medal to her case full of field hockey plaques —

scored twice. The Panthers held a 20-6 advantage in draw controls, largely

thanks to Barr tying Middlebury's single-game record of 12. White caused three turnovers, and

Enrietto backstopped the victory with seven saves.

# Local softball teams ready to host in postseason

By ANDY KIRKALDY  
ADDISON COUNTY — The Mount Abraham, Middlebury and Otter Valley softball teams all earned home games in the Division II tournament and were hoping to advance to weekend quarterfinals with wins.

The Eagles won on Tuesday, while the MUHS and OV were set to play on Wednesday, weather permitting after the deadline for this edition of the *Independent*. This story will be updated online on Thursday morning.

Vergennes (8-7) received the No. 2 seed in the D-III tournament and was awarded a first-round bye. The Commodores are set to play on Friday at 4:30 p.m., when they'll host the winner of a first-round game scheduled for Wednesday between No. 7 Thetford (5-7) and No. 10 Windsor (3-12).

Mount Abe (13-3), seeded second in D-II, was set to host

winless No. 15 Harwood on Wednesday. They will almost certainly entertain either No. 7 Spaulding or No. 10 Lamoille on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

The Tigers, seeded fifth at 8-6, were set to play No. 12 U-32 (7-10) on Wednesday. Their most likely foe in a Friday quarterfinal at 4:30 p.m. is No. 4 Hartford (10-6).

The sixth-seeded Otters (10-6) were set to host No. 11 Woodstock (6-5), on Wednesday. If the Otters improve to 11-6 they'd almost certainly visit No. 3 Enosburg on Friday.

## EAGLES CRUISE

On Tuesday the No. 2 Eagles cruised past winless No. 15 Harwood, 15-0 in five innings, as Payton Vincent tossed a no-hitter, striking out six. The 14-3 Eagles erupted for eight runs in the first inning.

Among the productive Eagles at

the plate were Sara Heath, Patty Mc Nerney and Lucy Parker, each with two hits and multiple RBIs; Madelyn Hayden, with a triple and three RBIs; and Eve McCormick, Cami Willsey and Alyssa Whitcomb, each with one hit and at least one RBI.

Mount Abe will host either No. 7 Spaulding or No. 10 Lamoille on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

## REGULAR SEASON WRAP

Teams played their last regular-season games late last week, with MUHS and OV prevailing.

## TIGERS

The Tigers rallied in the bottom of the seventh to edge visiting Milton, 8-7, on Thursday. Olivia McRay drilled a hit up the middle to tie the game, stole second, moved to third on a groundout, and scored on Lily Russell's walk-off squeeze bunt. Emma Deering earned the pitching win.

## EAGLES

On Thursday, visiting Enosburg blanked the Eagles, 4-0, as Dana Elkins tossed the complete-game three-hitter and fanned six to snap Mount Abe's eight-game winning streak. Cami Willsey took the loss, going the distance and whiffing 16. Willsey also had two of the Eagles' hits.

## COMMODORES

Visiting Rice nipped the Commodores, 6-5, on May 26 with the winning run scoring on a Jaydenne Garbarino sacrifice fly in the seventh. Garbarino had two hits and four RBIs. Alayna Havreluk earned the complete-game win allowing seven hits. Savannah Blaise allowed eight hits and struck out 10 in the loss, while Felicia Poirier tripled and doubled twice for VUHS.

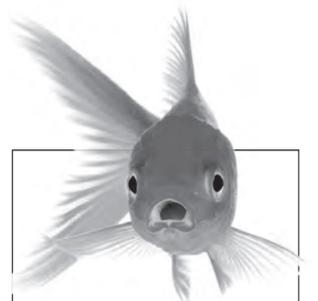
## OTTERS

The Otters wrapped up with three wins. They outslugged host Hartford, 16-7, on Thursday as

Ryleigh LaPorte, Riley Keith, Alice Keith, Marissa Connors, Grace O'Connell and Sydney Gallo knocked out multiple hits. Riley Keith struck out nine in earning the pitching victory.

On Friday, the Otters pounded out a 17-5, five-inning victory over visiting Burr & Burton. Virgil Chapin led OV by tripling, doubling and singling and driving in several runs in the Otters seven-run second and nine-run fourth, and Riley Keith and Bryn Blanchard also had multi-hit games. McKenzie McKay got the win, allowing five hits and fanning three.

On Saturday, the Otters rolled to another big win, thumping Fair Haven, 21-6. OV broke the game open with another seven-run inning. O'Connell and Gallo keyed the attack.



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**TIGER NO. 1 DOUBLES** player Brian Newton makes a forehand return as partner Lewis Suchomel stays ready for action during the team's comfortable win over U-32's top doubles team on May 25. Independent photo/Steve James



**TIGER NO. 1 DOUBLES** player Lewis Suchomel stretches to hit a forehand during a match against U-32 on May 25. He and partner Brian Newton coasted to a straight-set victory in the Tigers' 6-1 win. Independent photo/Steve James

## Tennis

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Murray defeated Arrington/Allen of Burr & Burton in its opening match, but lost to Fitzgerald/Towle of Colchester in a tiebreaker in the next round, 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (8).  
**REGULAR SEASON**  
On May 25, the Tigers closed out their regular season with a 6-1 victory over visiting U-32.

The results were:  
• No. 1 singles Malhotra (MUHS) defeated Kayl Humka (U-32) 6-4, 6-4.  
• No. 2 singles Tzevi Schvartz (U-32) defeated Bartlett (MUHS) 3-6, 6-3, 10-4.  
• No. 3 singles Murray (MUHS) defeated Rory McLane (U-32) 6-2, 6-1.  
• No. 4 singles Anderson (MUHS) defeated Sean Butler (U-32) 6-0, 6-2.  
• No. 5 singles Avery Hamilton (MUHS) defeated Hughes Gilbert (U-32) 6-0, 6-0.  
• No. 1 doubles Suchomel/Newton (MUHS) defeated Phinneas Low/Sam Clark (U-32) 6-1, 6-0.  
• No. 2 doubles MUHS won by forfeit.

## Tiger girls' lax rolls in playoffs

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**  
MIDDLEBURY — The seventh-seeded Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team coasted past visiting No. 10 Burlington on Tuesday, 18-5, in a first-round Division I playoff game.  
The Tigers, who had won three of their final four regular-season games, improved to 6-9 at the expense of the 3-12 Seahorses.  
Their postseason path now becomes more challenging: The Tigers are set to visit No. 2 South Burlington (13-2) for a Friday quarterfinal; the Rebels defeated MUHS twice this spring. School officials said that game has tentatively been moved from 4:30

to 7 p.m. under the lights at the Wolves' stadium.  
Against the Seahorses on Tuesday, the Tigers took an 11-1 lead late in the first half, triggering the sport's 10-goal running-time mercy rule.  
Senior middle Sophie Larocque scored two of the Tigers' first three goals, freshman Ada Weaber found the net three times in the first half and helped the Tigers dominate the draw, and six Tigers added a goal apiece as MUHS bolted to the 10-goal lead at the break.  
Weaber finished with five goals and an assist to lead MUHS, and Larocque added one for the hat trick. Also scoring multiple goals

were Ivy Doran and Nora Wooten, with two goals and two assists apiece, and Alanna Trudeau, with two goals and an assist.  
Nyna Cole added a goal and an assist, and Lia Robinson, Claire Bruley and Willow Fitzgerald chipped in a goal apiece. Tiger goalie Ava Schneider made six saves.  
For Burlington, Mershon Sky and Camryn Muzzy scored two goals apiece, Camryn Poulin added one, and goalie Emma Hellyer made 13 saves.  
The Tigers' last scheduled regular-season game, at St. Albans on this past Saturday, was called off due to poor weather.

## Eagle basketball camp slated

BRISTOL — The 29th annual Eagle Basketball Camp will be held in Bristol from June 27 to 30 for grades 2 through high school.  
Elementary school-age campers will have sessions from 9 a.m. to noon focusing on fundamental skills,

according to longtime Mount Abraham Union High School Girls' Basketball Coach Connie LaRose. Afternoon sessions running from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. will focus more on individual ball handling, shooting and offensive work.  
LaRose said each camper

will receive a camp T-shirt and a basketball, and afternoon campers will get two basketballs.  
To learn more or receive a brochure with fees for the camp, contact LaRose at [connielarose@gmail.com](mailto:connielarose@gmail.com).

## MUHS girls' tennis to host quarterfinal

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**  
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls' tennis team won its final two regular-season matches, including one against Division II's first-place team, to earn the No. 3 seed in the D-II playoffs with a 12-3 record.  
The Tigers will host No. 6 Bellows Falls (7-7) at the Middlebury recreation courts at 3 p.m. on Saturday. A win in that match would mean a trip to No. 2 Burr & Burton (12-2) for a Monday semifinal.  
A semifinal victory over the Bulldogs would probably earn the Tigers a rematch with No. 1 Montpelier (12-2) in the final. The date for the final has not been determined.  
Tigers No. 1 Scarlet Carrara and No. 2 Julia Bartlett also competed in the individual tournament in Burlington on May 26. Carrara defeated Rutland's Olivia Shipley, 6-3, 6-3, in the first round before falling to Burlington's Gussie Guyette, 7-5, 7-5, in the round of 32. Burlington's Lulu Barr-Brandt eliminated Bartlett in the first round, 6-4, 2-6, 11-9.  
**REGULAR SEASON**  
At U-32 on May 25, the Tigers won, 5-2. Coach Dan Comar said Carrara and Bartlett and

the No. 2 doubles Oni Krizo and Maeve Roche all continued to play well, while at No. 5 singles Kaya Wright and at No. 1 doubles Audrey Carpenter and Caroline Nicolai reversed losses from the previous meeting between the teams to help secure a win that moved MUHS to 10-3. The results were:  
• No. 1 singles Carrara (MUHS) defeated Ruby McElwain U-32 6-0 6-1  
• No. 2 singles Bartlett (MUHS) defeated Tovah Williams (U-32) 6-3, 6-4.  
• No. 3 singles Jin Clayton (U-32) defeated Talia Cotroneo (MUHS) 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.  
• No. 4 singles Maya Elliott (U-32) defeated Paige Hescocock (MUHS) 6-1, 7-5.  
• No. 5 singles Wright (MUHS) defeated Samantha Martzke (U-32) 6-1, 6-4.  
• No. 1 doubles Carpenter/Nicolai (MUHS) defeated Yvette Petrella/Meredith Wilcox (U-32) 6-4, 5-7, 10-7.  
• No. 2 doubles Roche/Krizo (MUHS) defeated Sophia Badeau/Sawyer John (U-32) 6-0, 6-0  
The Tigers followed up that win by knocking off defending champion Montpelier on the road, 4-3, on Friday. The Solons

defeated MUHS by the same score in the 2021 D-II final.  
Coach Comar noted Bartlett completed an undefeated two-year regular-season run; Carrara turned the tables on her opponent, who had edged her earlier this year; and both doubles teams won again, including a decisive tiebreaker victory by Carpenter and Nicolai.  
The individual results were:  
• No. 1 singles Carrara (MUHS) defeated Daphne Lassner, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8.  
• No. 2 singles Bartlett (MUHS) defeated Grace Murphy, 6-1, 6-4.  
• No. 3 singles Emily Swensen defeated Cotroneo (MUHS), 6-4, 6-0.  
• No. 4 singles Rachana Cherman defeated Hescocock (MUHS), 6-1, 6-1.  
• No. 5 singles Sophia Sevi defeated Wright (MUHS), 6-3, 6-2.  
• No. 1 doubles Carpenter/Nicolai (MUHS) defeated Lilian Boutin/Abby Bigglestone, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.  
• No. 2 doubles Roche/Krizo (MUHS) defeated Phoebe Gingold/Elizabeth Lassner, 6-3, 7-6.

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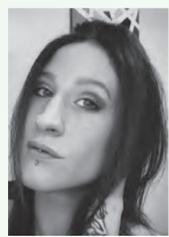
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**MOUNT ABE JUNIOR** Gavin Bannister stretches to clear a barrier in the boys' 110 hurdles at the Essex Invitation this past Saturday. By placing fifth in 16.93 Bannister earned a trip to the New England championship meet.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

## Track stars qualify for New England meet

ESSEX — Ten athletes from Addison County schools earned the right to compete at the New England High School Track & Field Championship meet by virtue of top-six finishes at the Essex Invitational qualifying meet this past Saturday.

The Essex Invitational brings together Vermont's best athletes in every division to compete for a chance to take part in the regional championship meet, which this year will be held in New Britain,

Conn., on June 11.

On Saturday they dealt with a variety of conditions, ranging from a cool morning, heavy midday rain, to a steamy afternoon.

Qualifying in multiple events were Middlebury ninth-grader Jazmyn Hurley and Mount Abraham sophomore Joe Darling.

Hurley was sixth in the girls' 200 meter race (27.35), fourth in the 400 (1:03.15), and anchored the Tiger girls' fifth-place four-by-100 (54.40) along with seniors Vivi



**ESTELLA LAIRD**, A ninth-grader at North Branch School in Ripton, leads a pack through a torrential downpour in the 1500-meter race at Saturday's Essex invitational. Laird earned fifth place in a meet that included schools from all divisions.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Hammond, Zoe Noble and Natalia Mendez Capelan.

Darling was fourth in the boys' long jump (20 feet, 2.25 inches) and fifth in the triple jump (39 feet,

7.6 inches).

Also qualifying on the girls' side where Tiger senior Hannah Turner, fifth in the girls' 400 in 1:033.47, and North Branch School ninth-

grader Estella Laird, fifth in the girls' 1,500 in 4:57.35.

Also qualifying on the boys' side were Eagle junior Gavin Bannister fifth in the boys' 110 hurdles

in 16.93, and Tiger junior Eliot Schneider sixth in the boys' 400 in 54.08.

# Panthers at Nationals

## Middle distance runners lead Panthers at NCAA championship

GENEVA, Ohio — Middlebury College senior Cassie Kearney, a multiple-time All American, led the Panther women's track and field team to a 17th place finish at the NCAA Division III championship meet this past weekend. Sixty-nine teams scored points at the meet held at SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio.

Kearney took second in the 1,500-meter race in 4:28.05, holding off a charging competitor from Baldwin Wallace. Less than

a hour and a half later, Kearney competed in the 800-meter final along with fellow senior Nicole Johnson. Both Panthers ran personal best times, with Kearney earning third in 2:07.92 and Johnson sixth in 2:09.06.

In field events, Panther senior Cady Barns finished in 16th place in the triple jump with a leap of 11.42 meters. Juniors Kate Kenny and Audrey Grimes competed in the 3,000 steeplechase, finishing 17th

in 11:19.20 and 20th in 11:26.88, respectively.

The Middlebury 4X400M relay team of Michelle Louie, Jackie Topping, Julia Munz and Ciara Dale competed in the preliminary round but didn't make the final.

On the men's side, junior Peter Hansen was the lone qualifier for the Panther men. Hansen ran a personal best 52.36 in the preliminary round of the 400 hurdles, and placed seventh in the final in 52.98.

## Panther senior wins NCAA tennis crown

ORLANDO, Fla. — Middlebury college senior men's tennis player Stan Morris on Sunday defeated Johns Hopkins' Vishnu Joshi 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 for the NCAA Division III singles title at the United States Tennis Association National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Morris lost a close first set, prevailed in a tight second set, and cruised to the win in a decisive third set.

Morris caps his career with a 55-23 record in singles play and became just the second men's tennis player to win the national crown, and third Panther overall.

The fourth-ranked Panther men's team lost on May 24 in an NCAA semifinal, 5-1, in Orlando to second-ranked Case Western Reserve University. The Panthers finished the season with a 21-3 record, including a 17-match winning-streak heading into the semifinal.

The Panther men made their 17th appearance in the quarterfinal round and advanced to the semifinals for the 12th time in program history. Middlebury reached the 20-win plateau for the seventh time in eight seasons and 11th time overall.

Also in Orlando, the fifth-ranked

Middlebury women's tennis team reached the NCAA semifinal round before falling to top-ranked University of Chicago, 5-1. The women's program had reached an NCAA semifinal for the fourth time after reaching the Panthers' eighth quarterfinal. The Panther women finished at 18-6.



## MAV girls' lax gets No. 2 seed in D-II

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes girls' lacrosse team finished the regular season with an 11-2 record and earned the No. 2 seed in the Division II playoffs behind undefeated No. 1 Hartford.

The Commodores will host No. 7 Stowe (7-8) on Friday at 4 p.m. in

their first postseason action. MAV defeated Stowe, 14-1, at home back on April 30.

The Commodores will play at home during the playoffs until a potential final.

Spaulding (12-3) was seeded third, and St. Johnsbury (12-3-1) is the No. 4 seed.

On May 26 the Commodores

wrapped up their regular season by edging host D-I Rice, 4-3. Goalie Carley Cook made seven saves in the defensive battle, Reese Gernander keyed the MAV attack with two goals, and Elena Bronson and Halle Huizenga added a goal apiece. Tayton Barrett made nine saves for the Green Knights.

## OV boys', Eagle lax earn seeds

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — The Otter Valley and Mount Abraham/Vergennes boys' lacrosse team are opening their Division III postseason quests this week.

The 5-7 Otters earned the No. 3 seed and were set host No. 6

Fairfax (2-13) on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition. The teams split two games this season. If the Otters prevailed their most likely foe on Monday at 4:30 p.m. is No. 2 Montpelier (5-6).

The Eagles are 3-9 on paper but forfeited two games due to

inadvertent use of an ineligible player. As a No. 5 seed they'll visit No. 4 Green Mountain Valley (3-6) on Friday at 4 p.m., and a win would send them in to a 4:30 p.m. Monday game vs. top-seeded Stratton (6-4).

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# community calendar

**june 2 THURSDAY**  
**Author reading in Middlebury.** Thursday, June 2, 3-5 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 754 Mai St. Author Pearl Whitefield will read from her latest book, "Aspar."

**june 3 FRIDAY**  
**Age Well Sit down lunch in Middlebury.** Friday, June 3, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Meal served at noon. Please bring your own place setting. Cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and onion, broccoli salad, three-bean salad, pineapple orange vanilla fluff and milk. \$5 Suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and over. Free ride or may be available. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

**Age Well Grab and Go Meal in Starksboro.** Friday, June 3, 3:30 p.m., Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Menu includes chicken and biscuit, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce, peach crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

**june 4 SATURDAY**  
**Green Mountain Club trail work in Ripton.** Saturday, June 4. A full Trail Crew Work Day in the Bread Loaf Section. Rain date is Sunday, June 5. Contact Trail Manager Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 if you join the volunteer trail crew. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**Middlebury Garden Club plant sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 4, 9-11 a.m., town green. The Middlebury Garden Club plant sale returns after a two-year hiatus. Available for purchase will be perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, small shrubs, houseplants, vintage garden tools, books, etc.

**American Red Cross blood drive in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 133 Valley View Dr. Donors needed to give blood or platelets to ensure a strong blood supply in the coming months. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Craft fair in Brandon.** Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 760 Grove St. A fun day filled with over 80 local crafters and vendors along with food trucks. Free admission, free parking and a fun day of shopping, eating and visiting with old friends and new friends. Rain or shine. Come support you neighbors and small businesses.

**Used book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Office Plaza, Main St. Buy some books and help raise funds for Ilsley Public Library. Rain location, Community Room, Ilsley Public Library.

**Annual Rhubarb Festival in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Rhubarb pies, strawberry-rhubarb pies, books, seedlings, plants, rhubarb inspired aprons and pot holders, rhubarb sweets and savories and even a Rhubarb Café serving rhubarb crisp with Wilcox vanilla ice cream. If you want a crisp to go, bring your own container. A portion of the proceeds support Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (H.O.P.E.) Please park at the high school; accessible parking at the church.

**june 5 SUNDAY**  
**Art show in Brandon.** Sunday, June 5, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Brandon Congregational Church, 1 Carver St. Come to Getting to Know You Creative Sunday, a free event open to the public. Join them for viewing artwork by members and friends of the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

**june 6 MONDAY**  
**Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes.** Monday, June 6, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Pion the fun. City band gives free concerts on the city green from June through September. New players are welcome.

**june 7 TUESDAY**  
**Bingo in Brandon.** Tuesday, June 7, 6 p.m., American Legion, Franklin St. Bingo is back some to the first bingo at the American Legion since the pandemic began. Bingo every Tuesday night at 6 p.m.

**june 8 WEDNESDAY**  
**Community collaborative art project in Middlebury.** Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee for a quick intro session on CD weaving or stop in at the library to pick up a Take & Make kit anytime during the summer. Bring your woven piece back to IPL where they will be collected to use in a Community Collaborative Art project. Then, join Renee again on Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. to create an art piece with the individual pieces we collected. The final piece(s) will hang in the Ilsley lobby. Light snacks will be provided at the work sessions.

**june 11 SATURDAY**  
**Vermont Free Fishing Day.** Saturday, June 11, locations across the state. Go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams. A great opportunity for an experienced angler to be a mentor to friends who have not gone fishing before.



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**Learn to bird**  
BUDDING BIRD ENTHUSIASTS can learn the ropes on Saturday, June 18, at "Taking Flight! An Introduction to Birding" with Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust on a beginners bird walk through Wright Park, a segment of the Trail Around Middlebury. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge.

Photo by Gary Starr

**Wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 11, 7-9 a.m., Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Meet at Otter View Park parking area. Shorter and longer routes possible. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. Please bring a mask. For information call 802-388-1007 or 802-388-6019.

**Salisbury Public Library Art and Chocolate fundraiser in Salisbury.** Saturday, June 11, time TBD, Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. The Salisbury Public Library's 5th annual Art & Chocolate fundraiser will have delicious baked goods, paintings, jewelry, earrings, baskets and totes, used books, and plant clippings for sale.

**Middlebury Community Music School concert in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m., Reference Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Ilsley is partnering with MCMC for free concerts in the library. Musician will be either teachers or students from the school.

**Takeout only chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes.** Saturday, June 11, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Menu includes chicken and gravy over biscuits, stuffing, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. To order call 802-877-3150.

**"The Adventures of Robin Hood" silent movie in Brandon.** Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m., Brandon town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Starring Douglas Fairbanks Sr. This is 100th anniversary of the blockbuster adaptation of the tales of Robin Hood — the top grossing film of 1922. Live music for each silent film program will be provided by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

**june 14 TUESDAY**  
**American Red Cross blood drive in Middlebury.** Tuesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Midd Rec. Center, 154 Creek Rd. Donors needed to give blood or platelets to ensure a strong blood supply in the coming months. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**june 15 WEDNESDAY**  
**American Red Cross blood drive in Vergennes.** Wednesday, June 15, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Donors needed to give blood or platelets to ensure a strong blood supply in the coming months. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Teddy Bear Picnic in Bristol.** Wednesday, June 15, noon-1 p.m., town green. Bring your favorite bear and a picnic lunch and join us at the Veterans Memorial on the Bristol Town Green for stories, songs and fun. Free and open to the public.

**"Graduating Into December" presentation in Middlebury.** Wednesday, June 15, 4:30-6 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Becki Lund, a certified End of Life Doula and Elder Care consultant, will talk about transitioning into the next phase of living. Spend time talking about what the term "a good death" looks like for us all. Let's begin talking about death in a more honorable, sacred way reflective of what it truly is.

**june 16 THURSDAY**  
"All In!" A Community Conversation About Water in Addison County in Addison.

Thursday, June 16, 5-6:30 p.m., Lakeside Pavilion, DAR State Park, 6750 Route 17. Join in important water conversations with former DEC Commissioner David Mears; Sen. Chris Bray and Rep. Amy Sheldon, chairs of the Senate and House Natural Resources Committees; VNRC's Jon Groveman; and more. Light refreshments and live music. RSVP to [ActBlue.com/donate/panton-event](http://ActBlue.com/donate/panton-event).

**june 17 FRIDAY**  
**Pascuala Ilabaca y Fauna in New Haven.** Friday, June 17, 6-7:30 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m. Chilean singer-songwriter Pascuala Ilabaca is a unique and treasured voice in both the Latin American and World Music scenes. Ilabaca and her band won Best World Beat Album at the Independent Music Awards. The second performance in Town Hall Theater's World Music+Wine series. Tickets \$15 advance/\$18 door/kids 12 and under free, available [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org), by calling 802-382-9222, or at the door.

**june 18 SATURDAY**  
**Taking Flight! An Introduction to Birding with OCAS and MALT in Middlebury.** Saturday, June 18, 9-11 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Nature enthusiasts of all ages are invited to take part in a beginners bird walk through Wright Park, a segment of the Trail Around Middlebury. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge. Suitable for all ages, but not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs. The walk will go rain or shine. Questions? Call (802) 989-7115.

**American Red Cross blood drive in Bristol.** Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bristol Federated Church, 37 North St. Donors needed to give blood or platelets to ensure a strong blood supply in the coming months. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Abenaki Heritage Weekend in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Join the Native American community at the Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Citizens of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribe, and the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association work with Museum staff to plan and present the event. There will be drumming, presentations, vendors, and more.

**june 19 SUNDAY**  
**Abenaki Heritage Weekend in Ferrisburgh.** Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. 4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. See June 18 listing.

**Free Museum Day in Ferrisburgh.** Sunday, June 19, Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. In celebration of Juneteenth, Rokeby Museum is offering free admission.

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## UWAC awards scholarships to local students

MIDDLEBURY — The United Way of Addison County has announced this year's three winners of its annual "Live United" Volunteer Scholarship Award: Anna Doucet of Bristol, Leaf Reiderer of Granville and Viviana Hammond of Middlebury. The three seniors were awarded scholarships in recognition of their commitment to volunteering in their community and their interest in advancing their education. The award comes with \$1,000 for each student, to be used for post-graduation education.

UWAC's volunteer and donor engagement coordinator, Amy Hoekstra, is impressed with the students who make time to give back to Addison County. "Being a teenager can be tough enough in 'normal' times, never mind spending the majority of your high school years in a pandemic. We are inspired by the students who

— at a young age — recognize the importance of contributing to their community."

Anna Doucet began regularly volunteering with Open Door Clinic in early 2021 with the outreach program, which visits Addison County farms to provide vaccines and health screenings to agricultural workers. A supervisor at ODC says that Doucet sees the big picture of community, culture and kindness, which is impressive. Doucet will graduate from Mt. Abraham Union High School this month and will attend Middlebury College to major in International Affairs in the fall.

Viviana Hammond of Middlebury has been a member of the Middlebury Union High School chapter of Best Buddies throughout her high school career. Viviana's volunteer efforts have led to a more inclusive school, positively impacting all its

members and the surrounding community as a whole. Viviana's staff advisor says that Viviana demonstrates "Live United" even when it may not be a popular stance with her peers. Viviana will major in Marine Biology at Duke University this fall.

Leaf Reiderer of Granville has volunteered with WomenSafe since his sophomore year at Middlebury Union High School, helping to make concrete changes in how our schools and communities worked around Rape Prevention Education (RPE) and equality. A WomenSafe educator said that Leaf's work with WomenSafe has opened so many doors for teens in Addison County to get the education and support they need to live healthier, safer lives. This fall, Leaf will attend St. Michael's College to major in Biology and Environmental Science.

## New birders are welcome on walk

MIDDLEBURY — Nature enthusiasts of all ages are invited to take part in a beginner's bird walk through Wright Park, a segment of the Trail Around Middlebury, on Saturday, June 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. The annual event, returning from a hiatus due to the pandemic, is hosted by the Otter Creek Audubon Society (OCAS) and Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT).

Walking through Wright Park is a pleasant way to enjoy a summer's day and to sample the diverse natural landscape of Addison County. The route begins in a shrubland then leads into a forest, passing the evidence of former beaver activity. Walkers will enjoy their exploration in small groups led by local expert birders. There is much to explore: an unusual footbridge, woods filled with birdsong,

*Walking through Wright Park is a pleasant way to enjoy a summer's day and to sample the diverse natural landscape of Addison County*

the peaceful banks of the Otter Creek, and the rich diversity of trees and ferns. Along the way local naturalists will offer a station with a discovery activity. There will even be a "trail appropriate" snack available for hungry hikers.

Walkers may bring binoculars or borrow a pair from OCAS. The walk is family-friendly and suitable for all ages, but not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge. (Go northwest from the Middlebury Green on Seymour St., then just before Pulp Mill Covered Bridge turn right on Seymour St. Extension to the parking area at the end.) The walk will go rain or shine, but if you have questions please call (802) 989-7115.



BEGINNING BIRDERS GATHER in Middlebury's Wright Park to learn the ropes from local bird experts. With open scrubland and forest, the park is the perfect location to view a wide variety of birds and hear their songs

Photo courtesy of Otter Creek Audubon Society.

## Ferrisburgh

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### NEWS

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh Climate and Energy Committee is now activated after a five-year hiatus. Their first meeting was held on May 24 to discuss aspects of the town energy plan and the starter kit from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Anyone who is interested in assisting with this important work should contact Kurt Haigis at khaigis@together.net.

It is time to begin planning for this year's Ferrisburgh Day, which celebrates our community and will be held late summer or early fall, with many details to be determined as yet. Those who would like to help in the preparation, feel free to contact Ashley LaFlam at ferrisburghday@gmail.com.

The Ferrisburgh Grange "King Ped" card parties are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 p.m. with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Ped is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. They are scheduled for the Saturdays of June 11 and June 25. It is requested that attendees be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

We congratulate all our area students on a successful academic year and wish them well for the summer or for their plans after graduation. We thank the teachers and staff for their support of our students during this past year that was still hindered by COVID-19. Please keep up-to-date with all the end-of-the-school-year activities on the schools' websites. Ferrisburgh Central School will be holding its sixth grade Graduation on Thursday, June 9. The last day of school will be Monday, June 13. Congratulations to our High School seniors! The graduation ceremony will be held Friday, June 10, at 6 p.m., on the VUHS JV Sports Field. Also, congratulations to our students who will be entering ninth grade next fall. A recognition will be held at the eighth grade Step Up Ceremony on Monday, June 13, at 10 a.m., at the VUHS auditorium.

The ANWSD Board of Directors encourages Ferrisburgh residents to stay informed about the planning work that is going on for the operations and the future of our schools. The most up-to-date information about the District and school announcements is on the ANWSD website at [www.anwsd.org/index.php](http://www.anwsd.org/index.php). The agenda, reports, and minutes from the Board's May meeting are at [www.anwsd.org/anwsd-school-board.php](http://www.anwsd.org/anwsd-school-board.php). The board's next regular meeting is on Monday, June 13,

at 6 p.m., at the VUHS Library and via Zoom. The upcoming ANWSD/MAUSD Merger Study Committee meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. for Monday, June 6, at VUHS or via Zoom and at MAUHS on Tuesday, June 21, or via Zoom. The documents related to this planning are available at [www.anwsd.org/anwsd-mausd-merger-study-committee.php](http://www.anwsd.org/anwsd-mausd-merger-study-committee.php).

The Bixby Library and the Vergennes Rotary invite children and young adults in preschool to eighth grade to join in the 25th Annual Summer Reading Program: "Booked for Bikes!" Starting June 1, log every 20 minutes your child has read or been read to online in Beanstack. After logging five entries, your child will be entered into the drawing to win the grand prize of a bike (four prizes) or a Kindle (four prizes). Every entry also enters the reader into a chance to win a prize in the weekly drawings. Sign up for the Summer Reading 2022 Challenge on Beanstack at [vermont.beanstack.org](http://vermont.beanstack.org).

The Bixby Library and Rokeby Museum are partnering again this summer to bring to families a series of three, free story times and sing-alongs outside on the Rokeby lawn. The first event will be held on Tuesday, June 21, at 3:30 p.m., and the theme is Art and Inspiration. Note that admission to Rokeby on Tuesdays after 1 p.m. is pay what you can.

Rokeby Museum is in full swing with a variety of great summer programs that are listed on their website: [www.rokeby.org](http://www.rokeby.org). Note that on Sunday, June 19, admission is free to commemorate Juneteenth. Visitors are encouraged to explore Rokeby's exhibit "Free and Safe: the Underground Railroad in Vermont," telling the stories of Simon and Jesse, two fugitives from slavery who found shelter at Rokeby in the 1830s. Also, be sure to explore the extensive hiking trails that begin on the Rokeby property — an interpretive brochure is available at the reception desk or on the Rokeby website.

The Bixby Library is presenting "If Grass Could Talk," by Sid Bosworth, a longtime Vergennes resident and retired UVM Extension Professor, on Thursday, June 23, at 6 p.m. This interactive presentation will focus on those common grasses of the Poaceae that we deal with every day (whether trampling on them, mowing them, eating them or driving by them.) Learn why grasses are important, how to recognize them, their importance to our food system, and their impact on our environment and wildlife. There will be a living display for identification and information

about non-grass plants found in grasslands and their importance for soil health and pollinators. Seating will be set up in the Bixby Hall and available on a first come, first serve basis. This event will also be broadcast online via Zoom. For online attendance, register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum has a full schedule of summer events and continues to offer free admission. View all their offerings at [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). The Abenaki Heritage Weekend will be on June 18 and June 19 and will explore the Abenaki perspective on life in the Champlain Valley. Activities include workshops, presentations, drumming and singing. This event brings together citizens of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, and the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribe. It is presented by the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association and the Abenaki Arts & Education Center, and hosted by the Lake Champlain Maritime

Museum. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is hosting the Hope for Tomorrow, on Saturday, June 25. This annual "rowathon" and community event is dedicated to raising awareness about teen suicide and an opportunity for us to come together in memory, hope, and support. Held in partnership with Project HOEPPNER, this event is open to everyone and anyone — no prior rowing experience needed! Register as an individual or with a team. All boats will be assigned an experienced rower to

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## ADDISON COUNTY School News

Emma LaRose of Bristol and Elizabeth Marini of Shoreham were among those who graduated from St. Michael's College on May 15.

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# Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

## 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](mailto:lee@keewaydin.org) or call 802.352.4447 lv msg

**PARKER EXCAVATION IS** a local excavating company known for its work ethic and attention to detail. Do you take pride in your work and long to make the smallest of details fit just right? We may be looking for YOU! As our busy season approaches, we are looking to fill multiple positions. We offer competitive starting package dependent on experience. Job Type: Full-time. Pay: \$16.00 - \$31.00 per hour. Call 802-877-3434

## Help Wanted

**TOWN OF LINCOLN, VT** seeks a part-time Zoning Administrator (ZA) for approx. 20 hours per week. Pay is commensurate with experience. The ZA administers and enforces zoning regulations and supports the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. Minimum qualifications include: one year relevant work experience, excellent oral/written communication skills, and attention to detail. For the complete job description, please contact Ann at the Lincoln Town office at [townbk@lincolnvmt.org](mailto:townbk@lincolnvmt.org) or (802) 453-2980. Apply by email with a letter of interest and resume as a PDF attachment to Bill Finger, Selectboard Chair at [admin@lincolnvmt.org](mailto:admin@lincolnvmt.org) or by mail to Bill Finger, Lincoln Town Office, 62 Quaker St, Lincoln, VT 05443. Position open until filled.

## For Sale

**DURANGO:** 28ft. Excellent condition! Heat/AC via propane or electricity. Queen bed, dinette bed and sleeper sofa. New vinyl flooring. \$6950 for clean, ready-to-go-camper. Serious inquiries and text only 802-585-4134.

## Vacation Rentals

**ADDISON: LAKE CHAMPLAIN** waterfront camp. Beautiful views, gorgeous sunsets, private beach, dock, rowboat and canoe included. \$999. weekly, or call for weekends. 802-349-4212, no texts.

## LONG POINT COTTAGE

For Rent. \$300 per night plus Vt tax 9%. Sleeps four adults. Western Beach Sunsets, tennis, biking, gardens. Please call for availability. Thank you. 802-343-3664.

## For Rent

**MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING** available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

## 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](mailto:rochon_m@yahoo.com).

## MIDDLEBURY: Share rural home w/ professional in her 60s who enjoys horses & growing veggies, seeking housemate to lend hand with yard work & gardening. \$350/month. Furnished bdrm, private BA. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, refs, background checks req. EHO

## For Rent

**NEW HAVEN 2 BEDROOM** apartment. Lower level of our home. \$1250 monthly. Available August 1, 2022. Enjoy peaceful living, well cared for, clean, quiet, cozy, private-900+ sq. ft. space. Spectacular mountain and country views. Includes heat, trash, snow removal, w&d. Respectfully please, no pets/no smoking. 802-233-6588. First & security. References.

## SPECTACULAR 2 BEDROOM

rental on the lake in Leicester. Completely, newly remodeled. Long term rental. Heat, electricity, parking included. Internet available. \$2,500/mo. plus deposit, references. No pets. 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.

## For Rent

**VERGENNES WILLOW APARTMENTS** is currently taking waitlist applications for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. No smoking/no pets. Income limits apply- Rent rate based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191. www.SummitPMG.com.

## Real Estate Wanted

**LONG POINT COTTAGE** I am considering trading my Long Point Lake Champlain Cottage for a year round house within a 30 mile radius. Will consider any arrangement. Thanks. Call 802-343-3664.

## 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](mailto: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

## OLD & USED GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns  
**Top prices paid.**  
P: 802-775-2859  
C: 802-236-7213

## For Rent

**It's against the law to discriminate when advertising housing**

Its easier to break the law than you might think. You can't say "no children" or "adults only."

There's a lot you can't say. The Federal Government is watching for such discrimination.

Let us help you sift through the complexities of the Fair Housing Law. Stay legal. Stay on the right side of the nation's Fair Housing Law.

Call the Addison Independent at (802) 388-4944. Talk to our sales professionals.

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

## 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

## For Rent

## 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.



## Help Wanted

## SLATE VALLEY MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ANTICIPATED SCIENCE TEACHER VACANCY 2022-2023

Anticipated Science Teacher 7-12 needed at the Fair Haven Union High School. Licensure or eligible as a Science Teacher is required.

For additional information please contact Ben Worthing, Principal at 265-4966 or by email [bworthing@svvvt.org](mailto:bworthing@svvvt.org).

Applications for this position must apply on [www.SchoolSpring.com](http://www.SchoolSpring.com)

The position will remain open until filled. EOE

## Help Wanted

## LANDSCAPERS WANTED:

### Colby Hill Landscape Company

is hiring for the 2022 season. We are located in Bristol. Work includes Hardscape Installations, Planting Installations and Planting Bed Maintenance. Applicants should have a valid driver's license and the ability to work in all weather conditions. Experience preferred but we are willing to train. Work to begin early April.

Contact: Dave Brett  
Email: [davebrett@gmavt.net](mailto:davebrett@gmavt.net)  
Phone: (802)363-9958

## Help Wanted

## SLATE VALLEY MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN VACANCY

This is a year round position. Knowledge of school building maintenance work preferred. Candidate should have the ability to work independently, be self-motivated and take pride in their work. Hourly rate and benefit package based on experience and knowledge.

For a more detailed summary of the job essentials, please contact Chris Cole, Director of Operations at 802-265-4905 or email at [ccole@svvvt.org](mailto:ccole@svvvt.org).

All applicants must apply on [www.SchoolSpring.com](http://www.SchoolSpring.com)

Position will remain open until filled. EOE



## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Seeking a dynamic, committed leader to direct an after school and summer program for elementary children aged 5-12. This is a 40-hour position with time being split between administrative duties as well as on site director work. Responsibilities include overall curriculum and program planning and management, working with families, staff support and oversight, daily program operations, handle budgets, and perform grant management duties as needed. A BA/BS is required and experience working with children and managing staff is preferred but not required. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please email resume and letters of reference to [dylan@mjcvt.org](mailto:dylan@mjcvt.org) or send via mail to Mary Johnson Children's Center at 81 Water Street, Middlebury, VT 05753.

The Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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## MARKET REPORT

### ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT  
Sales for 5/26 & 5/30, 2022

BEEF	LBS.	LB	\$
G. Saynard	1780	0.95	1691.00
Gosliga Farm	1840	0.95	1748.00
Vorsteveld Farm	1725	0.95	1638.75
K. Gray	1570	0.95	1491.50
Defreest Farm	1745	0.92	1605.40
H. Degraaf	1910	0.90	1719.00
Maille's Dairy	1750	0.90	1575.00

### COST

CALVES	LBS.	LB	\$
Kayhart Bros.	89	3.00	267.00
Barnes Bros.	123	2.50	307.50
M. Russell	105	2.50	262.50
A. Brisson	89	2.50	222.50
Conants Riverside	114	1.75	199.50

**Total # Beef: 137 Total # Calves: 216**

We value our faithful customers.  
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.  
call 1-802-388-2661

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ADDISON

The Addison Planning Commission will hold a monthly meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Addison Town Clerk's Office.

To consider the following:

1. To approve the meeting minutes for May 16, 2022.
2. To transact any business found necessary before the board.
3. To allow time for public comment interaction at beginning of the meeting.
4. We need to work on updating & referencing some sections for implementing Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan. Continue to work on definitions & reviewing the Vermont State Statutes (Chapter 117).
5. Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the June meeting & continue to review the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Districts & sections.
6. We will review the revised notes on items that the Z.A. helped with (zoning) PUDS and density-zoning, tables & road frontages within the districts. We now have a rough draft to work from to review corrections.
7. Planning for a WORK meeting on Monday, June 06, 2022 at 6:30PM at the T.C.O.

Work meeting on Monday, June 20th after the monthly meeting and after the Monday, July 18th monthly meeting.

Starr Phillips, Secretary  
Addison Planning Commission

## 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).

Vermont Water Quality Standards.  
Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P009

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The Vermont Water Quality Standards (WQS) are being amended to clarify applicability of the Standards, reflect updates to policy related to streamflow and stream processes, update water quality criteria for consistency with federal standards, and reflect changes enacted under Act 32 of 2021. Amendments to the Rule include: 1. Language regarding the application of the Standards to wetlands; 2. Language articulating the requirements of state certifications issued pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA; 3. Update to aquatic biota-based criteria clarifying that 30Q10 flows apply for chronic criteria that utilize a 30-day average; 4. Updates to methodology associated with determining hydrology criteria; 5. Updates to methodology associated with numeric biological indices and aquatic habitat assessments; 6. Updates to the Management Objectives and Criteria; 7. Reclassification of three A(1) streams in the Lower Otter Creek Watershed; 8. Changes to Appendix C, including updates to aluminum and copper criteria.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Bethany Sargent, DEC Monitoring and Assessment Program, Agency of Natural Resources 1 National Life Drive, Davis 3, Montpelier, VT 05620-3522 Tel: 802-490-6131 Fax: 802-828-1544 Email: [bethany.sargent@vermont.gov](mailto:bethany.sargent@vermont.gov) URL: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/>

**FOR COPIES:** Hannah Smith, Agency of Natural Resources 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3522 Tel: 802-461-8187 Fax: 802-828-1544 Email: [hannah.smith@vermont.gov](mailto:hannah.smith@vermont.gov)

Rule 2.000 Rules of Practice.  
Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P010

AGENCY: Public Utility Commission

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The Commission has not comprehensively revised its rules of practice in many years. The proposed rule will update the Commission's rules of practice to, among other things, (1) reflect the implementation of the Commission's electronic filing system, (2) more clearly identify the portions of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure that apply in Commission proceedings, (3) better facilitate public participation by non-lawyers in Commission proceedings by incorporating all rules of procedure into a single source and clarifying their meaning and application, making it easier for public participants to understand what rules apply, and (4) incorporate certain procedural changes that were made on an emergency basis during the COVID-19 pandemic, including clarifying that the Commission may hold status conferences and hearings remotely (and allow remote participation even in in-person hearings) and that parties may file documents without notarization.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Kyle Landis-Marinello, Esq., Vermont Public Utility Commission 112 State Street, 4th Fl., Montpelier, VT 05602 Tel: 802-828-1158 Fax: 802-828-3352 Email: [kyle.landis-marinello@vermont.gov](mailto:kyle.landis-marinello@vermont.gov) URL: <https://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=node/64/151626>

**FOR COPIES:** John Cotter, Esq., Vermont Public Utility Commission 112 State Street, 4th Fl., Montpelier, VT 05602 Tel: 802-828-1161 Fax: 802-828-3352 Email: [john.cotter@vermont.gov](mailto:john.cotter@vermont.gov)

More Help Wanted ads can be found on Page 10B.

**K. A. Bagley inc.**  
Full-Time Lawn Care & Landscaping Positions Available  
Immediate positions available working Monday - Friday and some Saturdays. Paid Holidays, partial uniforms, and competitive pay. Experience isn't necessary but having a positive attitude, loving to work outside, and being reliable is.  
To apply, call 802-352-9088 or stop by at 307 Kelly Cross Rd., Salisbury, VT 05769

**RANDYS SERVICE CENTER, LLC**  
802-388-2067  
Seeking experienced full time auto technician to work in a small, fast-paced tire and preventative maintenance repair shop.  
The job requires applicant to be reliable, have excellent customer skills, a clean driving record, tools, and a VT State Inspection license (or the ability to obtain a license). Must be detail oriented, willing to work as a strong team member and able to work independently when required.  
Shop hours are Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm, but some overtime is expected when needed, wage is based on experience and references.  
Applicants may contact Randy @ 802-989-1386, [randys.rf@gmail.com](mailto:randys.rf@gmail.com) or in person at Randys Service Center, 44 N. Pleasant St., Midd., VT 05753.

**NOW HIRING!**  
T. Bodette Landscaping & Excavation is seeking motivated, self starters for landscape maintenance and lawn mowing positions.  
Valid driver's license preferred.  
Please call to apply: 802-388-4529.

## Public Notices can be found in this ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 11B and 12B.

### TOWN OF NEW HAVEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of New Haven is seeking bids from qualified contractors for their train depot relocation project. The project includes site work, drainage and constructing a concrete foundation on which the building will be placed by the Town's moving contractor. A formal bid RFP will be posted on the Town's website at [www.newhavenvt.com](http://www.newhavenvt.com) and the Vermont Bid website by approximately 6/6/22. There will be a site visit on June 10, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Interested contractors should meet at the Town Office / Library parking lot which is located on 78 North St.

Bids will be due no later than 3:00 PM on June 23, 2022. Proposals can be sent via email at [newhaventownclerk@gmavt.net](mailto:newhaventownclerk@gmavt.net). Contractors providing only hard copies must provide six (6) copies and they can be either mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk at the Town Office. The mailing address is: 78 North St. New Haven, Vt. 05472. Any questions regarding this project can be directed to Matt Young at Ascent Consulting LLC at [myoung@ascentconsultingllc.com](mailto:myoung@ascentconsultingllc.com). Any questions received after the site visit will be posted on the Town website with the response.

The Town of New Haven is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### ADDISON NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### NOTICE RECORDS DESTRUCTION

ATTN: Vergennes Union High School graduates born between 1998-1999 and who received Special Education services.

The Vermont Department of Education's State Board of Education Manual of Rights and Practices, Section 2365, 2.13(a) Destruction of Information, State:

"For purposes of an audit, when a participating agency has counted a child to justify receipt of IDEA funds, the district shall retain copies of the child's IEP and Special Education eligibility evaluations, for a minimum of five years from the end of the school year in which the document was in effect"

If you were a graduate of Vergennes Union High School, received Special Education services, and were born between 1998-1999, you are entitled to a copy of your records. These students have reached the age of maturity; therefore, only the student may request their record.

The Addison Northwest School District will be destroying these records on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. If you wish a copy of your records please contact Rachel Cornellier at [rcornellier@anwsd.org](mailto:rcornellier@anwsd.org) or 802-877-3332.

We must receive your request prior to June 15, 2022.

### TOWN OF SHOREHAM, VERMONT 20-YEAR WASTEWATER SYSTEM EVALUATION NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Shoreham is in the process of obtaining Statements of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms detailing the firms' qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, references, and related prior experience. Required professional services will include but are not limited to preliminary engineering services, design- and construction- related services, preparation of bidding and contract documents, participation in the evaluation of bids received, and monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications associated with wastewater system improvements, particularly a 20-year evaluation for the wastewater treatment plant and associated facilities.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with elements of the procurement process in 40 U.S.C. § 1101-1104. Qualified firms/candidates interested in being considered for the project must submit one digital (PDF) copy of: (1) letter of interest; (2) statement of qualifications and experience of staff persons who will be involved with the project; (3) references; and (4) related prior experience. The Statement of Qualifications will be limited to no more than twenty pages total. Submit the requested information to Town of Shoreham Wastewater Committee, c/o Steve Goodrich, 297 Main Street, Shoreham, VT 05770, [stepheng@shoreham.net](mailto:stepheng@shoreham.net); no later than 04:00 PM on June 3, 2022, in order to receive consideration.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed projects may be undertaken with a variety of Federal and state funds and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by such agencies and the State of Vermont pertaining thereto.

The Town of Shoreham shall evaluate the statements of qualifications and performance data and other material submitted by interested firms and select, in their opinion, the best qualified to perform the desired services. Interviews with each firm selected shall be conducted, which may include discussions regarding anticipated concepts and proposed methods of approach. The Town of Shoreham shall rank, in order of preference, these three professional firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required and shall commence scope of services and price negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm for engineering services.

### CITY OF VERGENNES VERGENNES, VERMONT PORTAGE SEWER RELOCATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the City of Vergennes – Portage Sewer Relocation project will be received by U.S. Mail OR by hand delivery on the day of the bid opening at the Vergennes City Hall, PO Box 35, 120 Main Street Vergennes, Vermont 05491, until 3:00p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. Bidders providing bids by mail shall allow for delivery time. The Project consists of abandonment of existing sewer main piping and manholes, the installation of new sanitary sewer main (>10ft deep) and new manholes along with interconnections to existing infrastructure and bypass of sewer flows.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Schedule.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Otter Creek Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 712, 404 East Main St., Middlebury, VT, (802) 382-8522. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of \$125.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Otter Creek Engineering, Inc." mailing address: P.O. Box 712, East Middlebury, VT 05740. Upon request and receipt of the document payment indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for issuing Addenda if any, to parties obtaining Bidding Documents from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Electronic copies of Bidding Drawings and Documents are available upon request to all parties recorded as having officially received the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office, as portable document format (PDF) files, via e-mail.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Vergennes City Hall at the address listed above. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Owner: City of Vergennes  
By: Ron Redmond  
Title: City Manager  
Date: June 2, 2022



#### Vibrantly crowned

A PILEATED WOODPECKER pauses from pecking at a dead maple near Battell Woods in Middlebury. For several mornings recently he has provided a sight and sound show. "Talk about breaking down a plant to build soil and expose grubs to feed himself and, possibly, his babies," says the resident who snapped this photo.

Photos Eric Nelson

### TOWN OF BRIDPORT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, in the Town Office at 82 Crown Point Road, on each and to consider each of the following application(s):

1. At **7:05 PM** on Application (#**Hbb22-23**) by **Logan Balestra** for home based business **Balestra Ballistics** on parcel ID# **06-017** owned by **Tim Howlett**. The property is located at **51 Champlain Side Dr.**

Plans and additional information regarding any such application may be viewed at said Town Office or by calling (802) 758-2483, Ext. 2. Participation in the Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal on any decision of it on an application.  
Steven DeCarlo, Zoning Administrator

### TOWN OF CHARLOTTE REQUEST FOR BIDS

#### FOR CLEANING THE TOWN HALL/TOWN OFFICE

The Town of Charlotte seeks bids for cleaning the Town Hall/Town Office. A copy of the Request for Bids can be obtained from the town website at [www.charlottevt.org](http://www.charlottevt.org) or by stopping by the Town Office, or by calling/emailing Dean Bloch, Town Administrator, at 802-425-3071 ext. 5, [dean@townofcharlotte.com](mailto:dean@townofcharlotte.com). Bids are due by Monday, June 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

### TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a site visit and continue a hearing which was first held on May 23, 2022. This is part of the review for Application # 22-023 as requested by Marilyn Ganahl for an appeal of Permit # 22-022 that was granted to Kyle Clark for a Restricted Landing Area on Parcel I.D. # 17070163.100 at 432 Orchard Road North in Lincoln, VT.

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

4:30 pm: A site visit will be held at Kyle Clark's property at the location as noted above.

6:00 pm: Continuation of the hearing will be held at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road, Lincoln, VT, and virtually using Zoom.

Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please call the Town Office at (802) 453-2980 to arrange a time to view the complete application.

The Zoom link will be included in the agenda which can be found on the Town's website the week prior to the hearing: <https://lincolnvermont.org/zba>  
Nicole Lee, Lincoln ZBA Clerk

### TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a site visit and continue a hearing which was first held on May 23, 2022. This is part of the review for Application# 22-028 as requested by James Dumont for Sarah Laird and also other appellants, for an appeal of Permit # 21-011 that was granted to the Bicknell Trust for a seasonal camp on Parcel I.D. # 19070203.000 on Elder Hill Road in Lincoln, VT.

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

4:30 pm: A site visit will be held at the Bicknell Trust property at the location as noted above.

6:00 pm: Continuation of the hearing will be held at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road, Lincoln, VT, and virtually using Zoom.

Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please call the Town Office at (802) 453-2980 to arrange a time to view the complete application.

The Zoom link will be included in the agenda which can be found on the Town's website the week prior to the hearing: <https://lincolnvermont.org/zba>  
Nicole Lee, Lincoln ZBA Clerk

### TOWN OF LEICESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leicester Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Leicester Town Office at 6:00 p.m.** to consider the following applications:

**(11-22-DRB)** Ryan Eastman, 2789 Leicester Whiting Road for conditional use for autobody repair shop (conditional use). Section 2.4.2(d) of the Leicester Unified Regulations. Parcel ID #050029, 2789 Leicester Whiting Road, Residential Agricultural District, submitted by Ryan Eastman.

**(12-22-DRB)** Robert & Heather LaPorte, 841 Lake Dunmore Road for 28' x 34' single story 3 car garage (setback waiver). Section 2.4.3(e) of the Leicester Unified Regulations. Parcel ID #222168, 841 Lake Dunmore Road, Lake District 2, submitted by Robert & Heather LaPorte.

Applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, 44 Schoolhouse Rd., Leicester, VT during regularly scheduled hours.

Participation in this proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Jeff McDonough  
DRB Chairman  
05/26/2022

# Vergennes police help keep the peace

VERGENNES — Vergennes police between May 23 and 29 were three times called upon to calm disputes and a fourth time stood by to prevent a potential disagreement from erupting.

On May 23 police responded to a complaint of an assault by a family member at a Main Street residence. Stories shifted as officers spoke to the women involved, and the incident ultimately proved to be a verbal dispute among several parties that police said they were able to smooth over before leaving.

On May 28 city police went to an argument that reportedly might have become physical involving a woman and two men on the sidewalk outside of Riverside Apartments. Police said a woman residing there apparently believed two men walking along were too noisy, and she left the building to accost them, accusing them of waking up her children. Again, police said no arrests were made, and they calmed those involved.

Also on May 28 city police went to the nearby Agency of Transportation commuter lot in Ferrisburgh at the request of a party involved and stood by at a child custody exchange between an estranged couple that is struggling to get along.

On May 29 police responded to Walker Avenue and settled down two arguing female neighbors.

In other action in those seven days, Vergennes conducted 13 cruiser and three foot patrols, two VIN inspections, one traffic stop and two property watches, and also:

## Vergennes Police Log

On May 23 and 24 met with Vergennes Union High School and Counseling Service of Addison County representatives in a cooperative effort to develop a plan to help a student going through emotional challenges. On the 24th police checked in with the student at his home and determined he was doing OK.

On May 25 responded to what proved to be a false report of public nudity on School Street.

On May 26 checked out a report of a suspicious person at Falls Park and discovered a homeless person undergoing mental duress. Police took him to the John Graham Shelter, where he received a meal and a bus ticket to a preferred destination.

On May 27:

- Helped Charlotte Rescue deal with a drunken and combative Walker Ave resident, who was taken to Porter Hospital.

- Investigated a report that someone might have broken into and slept in a Main Street home.

- Checked out a building near the VUHS playing fields that had been left open with a light on. Police closed the building down.

On May 29 checked out a tip that dogs at a First Street home might be neglected. Police learned the owners had found someone to come and feed them and take them out.

### MUNGER STREET CEMETERY NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Munger Street Cemetery Corporation, Inc. will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. across from the cemetery at the home of Ruth Penfield, 2691 Munger Street in New Haven VT.  
Mary McGuire, Secretary

### NEW HAVEN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

New Haven Evergreen Cemetery Association annual meeting will be held June 8, 2022 at 7pm at the home of Roger Boise – 434 North St.

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### CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM for the following purpose:

To consider application #2022-05 for a subdivision request from Vermont Industrial Parks to subdivide a 45 acre lot off Pantown Road into 2 lots, 7.5 acres and 37.5 acres. Reviews will consider Article IX.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

**Join by computer:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906470948>, meeting password: 656417.

**Join by phone:** Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 859 0647 0948; Meeting Passcode: 656417.

**For participants joining by phone:**

**To raise your hand during the meeting, press \*9.**  
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**If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact Zoning Administrator Peter Garon at 802-377-9527.**

You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.

A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting Peter Garon at [pgaron@vergenes.org](mailto:pgaron@vergenes.org).

May 26, 2022

Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

# ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

June 2, 2022



TINA FRIML



EMIL WAKIM



JEFF SCHEEN



NONYE BROWN-WEST



GABE PACHECO



TOCARRA MALLARD



ZACH SIGNORE

Tina Friml, Tocarra Mallard, Emil Wakim, Zack Signore, Jeff Scheen, Gabe Pacheco and Nonye Brown-West are some of the comedians who will be traveling north from New York City to perform in the Big Apple Comedy Series hosted by Town Hall Theater at Middlebury's American Flatbread. Friml, a Middlebury native, is producing and performing at all three events on June 10, July 29 and Aug. 12. Tickets are free, but reservations are required for all shows.

## Big Apple Comedy Series kicks off June 10

Starting next Friday, Middlebury's American Flatbread will be serving up laughs — thanks to a new free comedy series presented by Town Hall Theater, featuring an all-star lineup of New York City comedians. Middlebury native Tina Friml is producing the Big

BY **ELSIE**  
LYNN PARINI

Apple Comics comedy series, which will feature Friml and friends — all electrifying performers on the big city and international comedy circuit.

"I'm totally over the moon for these lineups," said Friml, who now lives in New York City.

"These are specifically comics I've been watching recently bring the heat all over New York, at comedy festivals across the country and anywhere you get your podcasts, and so to bring a new batch of them back to my hometown each month of the summer hardly feels real."

Last year Town Hall Theater worked with Friml to put on a comedy event featuring all Vermont comics, but that was a one-time show.

"It was a huge success and so much fun," Friml said. "About two months ago, Lisa Mitchell and I began scheming about how to make it bigger and better."

Since moving to the city, Friml said she keeps meeting amazing comics and "every time I mention I'm from Vermont they lament about how much they love it up here.

"I knew if I wanted to bring New York comics up, I didn't want them to just be doing a five minute bit," she continued. "I wanted to give them a longer set."

So along with THT's Executive Director Mitchell, Friml started putting together a summer comedy series.

"Tina is an outstanding comic, writer and talent who is going places. THT is honored

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# New Music Crawl comes to Middlebury on June 11

**N**ew Music On The Point will present a day-long New Music Crawl at various locations all around the town of Middlebury on Saturday, June 11, from noon-6 p.m. The venues will include the Middlebury Congregational Church, Middlebury Music Center, Edgewater Galleries, and the town green — all within a short walk of each other.

Performers will include participants of the annual music festival, who have traveled from as far as England and Mexico to spend two glorious weeks in Vermont. They will play alongside international superstars who are guest teaching artists at the festival.

Artistic Director Amy Williams, who teaches composition at the University of Pittsburgh, has curated an exciting day of new music, including concerts, musical activities for children, and a community jam session.

"We have an extraordinary group of musicians coming this summer from all over the world, and we want to share this amazing talent with the wonderful people of Central Vermont," Williams said. "The audience will not only listen to great music, but they can bring their instruments and join in on the fun in a group jam session, led by the amazing bassist Robert Black. No prior experience with new music is needed. Just a willingness to make sounds with other curious people!"

The day will start off with a set at noon by percussionist/composers Susie Ibarra and Levy Lorenzo at the Middlebury Congregational Church. They will play original works and



SUSIE IBARRA

improvisations for percussion and they will be joined by the phenomenal young string quartet, the Bergamot Quartet. Next there will be a mini-marathon of solo piano music at the Middlebury Music Center from 1-4 p.m., with five pianists performing a wide range of contemporary works. Instrumentalists will wander through various spaces of the Edgewater Galleries from 3-4:30 p.m., playing solo works for cello, double bass, guitar, saxophone and more. The chosen works connect to visual art in fascinating ways. There will also be a pop-up choir that will sing in different places, including a work by Vermont-based composer Eve Beglarian.

Executive Director of New Music On The Point, Jenny Beck, has wanted to present new music in Middlebury and this year the programming was perfect for an afternoon of music and festivities.

"What a joy it is to offer live music performed by

musicians from all over the world in the town of Middlebury," Beck said. "Listeners can wander from local venue to local venue."

"You can choose your own adventure," Williams envisioned. "And get a coffee or ice cream in between."

The tentative schedule is:

- Middlebury Congregational Church (12-1 p.m.): Percussionist/composers Susie Ibarra and Levy Lorenzo
- Middlebury Community Music Center (1-4 p.m.): Solo piano marathon
- Town Green (2-4 p.m.): Kids' Activities
- Edgewater's Gallery at the Falls and at the Battell Block (3-4:30 p.m.): Wandering Solos
- Middlebury Congregational Church (5-6 p.m.): Community improv jam session — BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!

Now in its 12th season, New Music On The Point is a two-week-long summer festival where aspiring musicians explore contemporary music in a glorious setting on the shores of Lake Dunmore. Each June, 50 participants from around the world engage in collaborative music-making through an intensive schedule of rehearsals, seminars, workshops and concerts. In addition to nightly concerts on the rustic lakeside campus, there is a series of community concerts in various venues around Central Vermont that features NMOP's internationally renowned instrumentalists and vocalists in diverse programs of new music seldom performed in the area.

More information is available at [pointcp.com/new-music-on-the-point/performances](http://pointcp.com/new-music-on-the-point/performances).

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**ORPHÉE AUX ENFERS**  
 (ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD)



LEVY LORENZO

COMEDY

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programming. Late night in Middlebury is happening! Even if late night is 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.," Mitchell said with a laugh. "We're also grateful to American Flatbread for hosting the series in their picture-perfect pavilion."

"I was so pleasantly surprised by the ease of getting people to say 'yes,'" Friml explained. "In reality it's not so hard to convince people to come up to green pastures, especially in the heat of the New York summer. It went a lot smoother than I thought."

Friml herself is one of these incredible comics and will be on set at each event in June, July and August. Friml holds a 2019 readers' choice award in *Seven Days* for "best standup comic" in Vermont and was crowned the 2018 winner of Vermont's Funniest Comedian at Burlington's Vermont Comedy Club, where she got her start. Friml was also featured on The Drew Barrymore

to partner with Tina to bring brilliant NYC comics to our shire town, thanks to a grant for free arts

Show's "Bananamores," as well as Just For Laughs Festival's acclaimed "New Faces" series in 2019 and NBC Comedy Spotlight Series in HBO's Women in Comedy Festival in 2018.

Using animated optimism on her own physical disability, yet fearless honesty about the social assumptions that come with it, Friml befriends audiences of all sorts with her eccentric style, off-beat mind, and unexpected philosophy acquired through her unique circumstances.

On June 10, Friml will be joined by Tocarra Mallard, a comedian and staff writer on "The Problem with Jon Stewart"; Emil Wakim, selected as "Best of the Fest" at 10,000 Laughs Comedy Festival; and Zack Signore, who produces his own show, "Hard Candy" and hosts "L'Podcast."

On July 29, come see Jeff Scheen, a self-described "wonderful weirdo," who recently released his first album titled "jeff"; Gabe Pacheco a "leftie latino" and Sirius XM star who "weaves punchy stories

touching on education, immigration, near death experiences, world travel, allergies, pop culture and better living through chemistry"; and Nonye Brown-West, a Nigerian-American comedian who has performed at New York's Comedy Cellar, as well as on NPR, PBS, ABC and "The

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

The Aug. 12 line up is still not quite pinned down, but Friml assures that she's got some "super awesome and exciting people in the works for the August show."

Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show will run from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Thanks to American Flatbread, there will be an outdoor bar available, as well as takeout pizza for those interested.

THE FRONT PORCH FOLLIES

And that's not all! In a similar comedic vein, THT and American Flatbread will host The Front Porch Follies, the brainchild of theater makers Gina Stevensen and Quinn Rol. Aided by a Bright Ideas grant, Stevensen and Rol dug into the world of Front Porch Forum posts to create a humorous piece that explores such thought-provoking topics as: Stray chicken sightings! Re-homing a pesky hedgehog! and Seeking 200 pounds of rocks! Plus there will be more dramatic and hysterical readings and re-enactments of posts from their neighborhood's Front Porch Forum, followed by sketch comedy, music and audience interaction during the Sept. 23 show.

"So many have been through challenging times on a wide variety of levels in the past couple of years, and it's clear to us at THT that people need to laugh together," Mitchell said.

All these performances are free, thanks to a grant THT received for free arts programming. Register for tickets because space is limited at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or call 802-382-9222.

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— Lisa Mitchell

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## BHAKTA 27-07: THE FRENCHMAN'S FOLLY

**T**his curious tale of intemperance and revenge begins with a barrel of aged brandy and the feckless determination of an aggrieved Frenchman—and ends with the magnanimity of Headmaster of Griswold (H.O.G.) Raj Peter Bhakta.

*Cue scene: An Ancient Brandy Cellar in Condom, France. Midnight.* Giles Gascón gazed into the glimmering blend of Armagnac and Calvados that had until that very afternoon been the pride of his once-aristocratic lineage. His hands quivered for fear of the transgression he knew his better sense was helpless to prevent—and then he dipped his ancestral tasting ladle into its exquisite contents, raised the silver spoon to his lips, and shuddered with such ecstasy that his beret fluttered to the floor behind him.

"This will teach Mr. Bhakta a lesson he shall not soon forget," Giles murmured as he dipped his spoon again and again in a vain attempt to slake his thirst for vengeance. "If that Star Spangled b\*\*\*\*\*d dares ship my family's oldest brandies to America to satisfy the unschooled desires of his corn whiskey-guzzling countrymen, I shall doom his fortune as he has ruined mine. *Sacré bleu!*"

Alas, the brandies which had once belonged to Le Clan Gascón were now in the possession of their upstart American rival, The House of BHAKTA. The deal had been done that very day. Only one man had won: Mr. Bhakta, an intrepid farmer from the New World whose rise to mercantile prominence had been powered by daring, dynamo, and thrift—quite unlike the decadence of the haughty noblemen of the Old World.

Giles rang for Monsieur Vincent—the château's wizened but dutiful maître d' who had waited on him since birth—and requested his customary supper of canard, pigeon confit, pig's foot à la mode, foie gras, macaroons, mushroom stew, and petit fours. Vincent appeared immediately; his countenance, however, was cratered with pain and regret. Worse, he now appeared to be outfitted in an American flag t-shirt from Old Navy rather than his typical tuxedo-of-the-court.

"Master Giles, it is with great apology and trepidation that I must confess that I am no longer permitted to cater to your whims, however just and noble they may be," Vincent sighed. "I now work for *l'américaine*. Indeed, I must humbly request you to exit Mr. Bhakta's cellar most promptly."

"Then I shall burn these barrels to the ground!" Giles exclaimed, his spirit bewitched with demonry as he set forth knocking barrels akimbo and igniting their contents with his ancient candelabra.

But as he stood with the flames licking his bootheel and his face contorted into a grimace of rage, a more cunning ploy came to him from the voice of Great Satan himself. *No*, he thought, *I shall not risk the guillotine by destroying what now most miserably belongs to Mr. Bhakta. Rather, I shall lay a clever trap.* . .

And thus he set about the intermixing of extraordinarily expensive 18 year-old brandies with the even more priceless 49 year-old stock into a wholly unprofitable blend devised to bankrupt the House of BHAKTA once and for all. When Mr. Bhakta appeared at dawn in his silk smoking jacket to undertake a proper visitation of his new cellar, the wily Giles Gascón appeared from the shadows and tried his very hardest to imitate the servile mannerisms of Monsieur Vincent.

"Mr. Bhakta, sir. I have paid my final respects to my lineage's cellar, and I must now take my leave on a poor man's freighter to Algeria to begin my life anew as commoner. But I have one final gift for you. It is a blend of Calvados and Armagnac aged only 7 to 27 years which tastes doubly as old. I do believe that Americans will find it an exquisite entry into the world of aged spirits. I pray that you will christen it BHAKTA 27-07. And if you sell it for \$80, you will earn quite a handsome profit."

Giles poured the tycoon a snifter and studied his face. "Superb," said Mr. Bhakta—and while his expert taste for spirits could not so easily be bamboozled by an inbred hellbent on revenge, he had immediately devised his own masterstroke.

He would indeed christen the brandy BHAKTA 27-07, and, knowing that its liquids were quite obviously twice as old as stated, he would offer it to the public as the most tremendous bargain in the world of drink—and would absorb the unprofitability of the product in order to share the spirit of time with all of America. . . knowing firsthand that a taste for the rare, old, and exquisite—once developed—would inevitably result in lifelong devotion to his brandies forevermore.

—PHINEAS WITHEY IV

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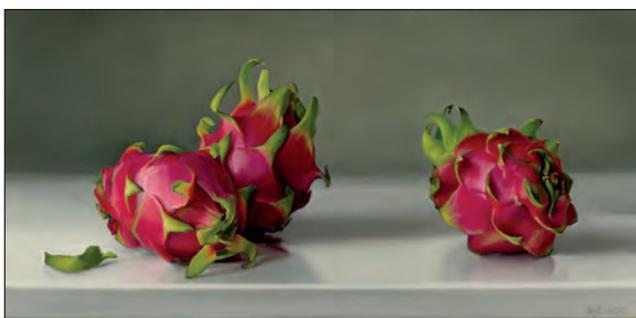
## EDGEWATER GALLERIES PRESENT NEW JUNE EXHIBITS

Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill Street in Middlebury presents "Summer Suite," a two-person exhibition featuring Jill Matthews and Katie Runde, on view May 27-July 27. In the classical music world a "suite" is described as a group of self-contained, instrumental movements of varying character, usually in the same key. "Summer Suite" is Edgewater's version as it applies to the art of painting. For more information about "Summer Suite" visit [edgewatergallery.com](http://edgewatergallery.com), call 802-458-0098 or email [info@edgewatergallery-vt.com](mailto:info@edgewatergallery-vt.com).

"Town and Country," a two-person exhibition featuring Susan Abbott and Molly Doe Wensberg, is on view through June 26 at Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row in Middlebury. Town and Country brings together two painters who present the landscape of rural New England from two very different perspectives. For more information about "Town and Country" visit [edgewatergallery.com](http://edgewatergallery.com), call 802-989-7419 or email [info@edgewatergallery-vt.com](mailto:info@edgewatergallery-vt.com).



"Reflection #1" by Jill Matthews



"Dragon fruit with SNRI Withdrawal" by Katie Runde



**ARIES:** March 21-April 20. Warm and fuzzy feelings are the name of the game this week, Aries. Real world and online friends are sending love and support your way, and this helps you in any endeavor.

**TAURUS:** April 21-May 21. Taurus, try reaching out to colleagues you admire in the days to come. They can be an important network of people who help you make smart decisions regarding your career.

**GEMINI:** May 22-June 21. Don't be afraid to speak your dreams to the universe, Gemini. This week you just may find out that the cosmic climate is ready to provide for you and make things happen.

**CANCER:** June 22-July 22. Cancer, concerns within your circle of friends that you thought were over and done with may resurface. Don't let them adversely affect your happiness.

**LEO:** July 23-Aug. 23. Energy will be intense this week, Leo. Use it to your advantage to sail effortlessly through your list of chores or professional responsibilities. You'll have extra fuel for fun as well.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, try to stay the course as best as possible even when others are throwing distractions your way left and right. Simply keep your head down and plow through.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, you are not one to rock the boat, but don't be afraid to get a little loud and rowdy in the name of a good time this week. Self-expression can be a good thing.

**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Scorpio, lay some ground rules at home, especially for when you are working out of your home office. Others have to know there are limits to interruptions.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Don't worry if you feel disorganized or preoccupied right now, Sagittarius. By the end of the week, you'll be back into the groove and things will move along smoothly.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You don't need permission to treat yourself to a little luxury and indulgence, Capricorn. This week you can book a spa visit or maybe a spending spree to spruce up your wardrobe.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, try not to grow impatient this week and expect immediate results on something you started. It could take some time before all of the pieces fall into place.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19-March 20. It's time to make peace with any issues with which you have been struggling, Pisces. Friends can help if you let them.

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## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 2 — Abby Wambach, soccer player (42)  
JUNE 3 — Rafael Nadal, tennis player (36)  
JUNE 4 — Alexei Navalny, lawyer, Russian opposition leader (46)

JUNE 5 — Laurie Anderson, artist, musician (75)  
JUNE 6 — A'Lelia Walker, businesswoman (d)  
JUNE 7 — Nikki Giovanni, poet, writer (79)  
JUNE 8 — Scott Adams, Dilbert creator (65)

# CALENDAR

JUNE 2-19  
2022

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

**AUTHOR READING IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, June 2, 3-5 p.m., Community room, Ilsley Public Library. Author Pearl Whitefield will read from their latest book, "Aspar."

**ORPHÉE AUX ENFERS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. A comic opera with Music by Jacques Offenbach and words by Hector Crémieux and Ludovic Halévy, that lampoons the ancient legend of Orpheus and Eurydice. A pre-show talk will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Baptist Church at 97 S. Pleasant St. Tickets \$80/\$65/\$55 plus applicable fees, available at ocmveront.org, or by calling or visiting the Town Hall Theater Box Office between noon-5pm, Monday through Friday: 802 382-9222. Ask the box office about OCM's new program "Opera Under 26" that presents the opportunity for people under age 26 to get a free ticket to the opera.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB TRAIL WORK IN RIPTON.** Saturday, June 4. A full Trail Crew Work Day in the Bread Loaf Section. Rain date is Sunday, June 5. Contact Trail Manager Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 if you have interest in joining our volunteer trail crew. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**"HAMLET" LIVE IN HD IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m., Town Hall theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. The Metropolitan Opera's performance of Australian composer Brett Dean's "Hamlet," based on Shakespeare's play. Tickets \$24 adult/\$10 student. Plus fees. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**THE WILL PATTON ENSEMBLE IN LINCOLN.** Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. Rover Rd. The Ripton Community Coffee House serves up its last concert of the season. Tickets \$15-\$25 or pay what you can. Tickets, streaming inks, current covid protocols and concert info at rcch.org.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE RIDE.** Sunday, June 5, 8:45 a.m., meet at Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Rd. Head out Lake Road and across the bicycle-friendly Champlain Bridge. The 43-mile route (M) stops at Crown Point while the 55-mile route (M) makes a loop on the New York side through Port Henry. A separate Social Ride will start at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and include lunch at the Red Barn restaurant at Basin Harbor. Contact Donna Leban at lightspd@comcast.net to sign up.

**ORPHÉE AUX ENFERS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. See June 2 listing.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 p.m., Community Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee for a quick intro session on CD weaving or stop in at IPL to pick up a Take & Make kit anytime during the summer. Bring your woven piece back to IPL where we will be collecting them to use in a Community Collaborative Art project. Then, join Renee again on Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. to create an art piece with the individual pieces we collected. The final piece(s) will hang in the IPL's lobby. Light snacks will be provided at the work sessions.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9

**BLOODROOT GAP AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.** Thursday, June 9, 6-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center. Ripton-Goshen Rd. Bloodroot Gap has honed their sound at numerous club appearances, house concerts, and jam sessions, resulting in a seamless combination of bluegrass, jazz, Celtic and traditional American string music, steeped in the hills of Vermont. Tickets \$35, includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Kids 5 and under are free. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

**ORPHÉE AUX ENFERS IN MIDDLEBURY.**

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Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. A comic opera with Music by Jacques Offenbach and words by Hector Crémieux and Ludovic Halévy, that lampoons the ancient legend of Orpheus and Eurydice. A pre-show talk will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Baptist Church at 97 S. Pleasant St. Tickets \$80/\$65/\$55 plus applicable fees, available at [ocmveront.org](http://ocmveront.org), or by calling or visiting the Town Hall Theater box office between noon-5 p.m., Monday through Friday: 802-382-9222. Ask the box office about OCM's new program "Opera Under 26" that presents the opportunity for people under age 26 to get a free ticket to the opera.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

**JADED RAVINS AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.** Friday, June 10, 6-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center. A modern-day Johnny and June, Jaded Ravins perform in large and small venues from New England to Nashville. Whether they're playing at home in backcountry bars, or in big city clubs, Jaded Ravins are always ready to pour their hearts out on stage. Bring a picnic blanket. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

**YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, June 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for a special evening with talented young artists directed by Young Artists Program Director Sarah Cullins and Music Director Filippo Ciabatta. Tickets \$15 plus fees, available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**BIG APPLE COMICS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, June 10, 8:30-9:30 p.m., American Flatbread Pavilion, Marble Works. New York City-based standup comedian Tina Friml returns to her hometown, with her favorite fellow NYC comics in tow, to bring the laughs in this three-part summer comedy series under American Flatbread's new pavilion. June 10 comics include Emil Wakin, Zack Signore and Tocarra Mallard. Free. Limited seating. More and registration info at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB HINESBURG MONKTON GRAVEL ROADS RIDE.** Saturday, June 11, 9:15 a.m., meet at Hinesburg Park and Ride. Head south for 41 miles (M) on rolling gravel hills. Mainly very quiet roads with little traffic. Easy mid-point turn around where the route touches for those who want a shorter version of the ride. Post-ride food is aplenty in this part of Hinesburg — stop at Frost Brewery for a cold can of après. More info contact leader Brian Howard at [bjhowd@gmail.com](mailto:bjhowd@gmail.com).

**MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m., Reference Room, Ilesley Public Library, 75 Main St. IPL is partnering with MCMC for free



## top pick

**PIZZA AND MUSIC? YES, PLEASE!**

CHECK OUT **BLOODROOT GAP PLAYING IN GOSHEN** AT BLUEBERRY HILL AND ENJOY SOME PIZZA WHILE YOU'RE THERE. TICKETS \$35.

concerts in the library. Musician will be either teachers or students from MCMC.

**NEW MUSIC CRAWL IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, June 11, noon-6 p.m., locations around town. Musicians from New Music On The Point will be performing at Middlebury Congregational Church, Middlebury Community Music Center, the Town Green, Edgewater on the Green and Edgewater at the Falls. Bring your instruments for a community improv jam session at the Congregational church from 5-6 p.m. For other times and performers go to [pointcp.com/new-music-on-the-point/performances](http://pointcp.com/new-music-on-the-point/performances).

**"THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD" SILENT MOVIE IN BRANDON.** Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m., Brandon town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Starring Douglas Fairbanks Sr. This is 100th anniversary of the blockbuster adaptation of the tales of Robin Hood — the top grossing film of 1922. Live music for each silent film program will be provided by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer and composer who specializes in scoring and presenting silent films. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

**ORPHÉE AUX ENFERS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. See June 2 listing.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

**LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR LIVE IN HD IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, June 15, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Live broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera's production of this

formidable and storied opera. Tickets adult \$24/student \$10, plus applicable fees, available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**ABENAKI HERITAGE WEEKEND IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Join the Native American community at the Abenaki Heritage Weekend. Citizens of the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation, the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribe, and the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association work with Museum staff to plan and present the event. There will be drumming, presentations, vendors and more.

**POTTERY SALE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Middlebury Studio School Pottery Studio, 2377 Route 7S. Support Middlebury Studio School artists and find something handmade and truly unique. A portion of the proceeds go towards supporting MSS arts education programs.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19

**ABENAKI HERITAGE WEEKEND IN FERRISBURGH.** Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. 4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. See June 18 listing.

**FREE MUSEUM DAY IN FERRISBURGH.** Sunday, June 19, Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. In celebration of Juneteenth, Rokeby Museum is offering free admission.

# UPCOMING MUSIC

## The Will Patton Ensemble performs live and streamed concert in Lincoln

The Ripton Community Coffee House at Burnham Hall in Lincoln presents The Will Patton Ensemble on Saturday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m., featuring Will Patton on mandolin, David Gusakov on fiddle, Dono Schabner on guitar, and Clyde Stats on bass.

Combine a jazz/choro mandolinist with a symphony violinist who also plays bluegrass and hot swing, add a string bass player who came of age working the Chicago blues clubs with the likes of Howlin' Wolf and is equally at home with flat-picking fiddle tunes and fiery

Gypsy jazz solos, spice it all up with a with a jazz/Brazilian percussionist and stir in a little rock and roll attitude and season for 20 years in small clubs and large concert halls and you get some idea of the music of the Will Patton Ensemble.

Led by renowned jazz mandolinist Patton, the Ensemble deftly blends these many musical genres into a seamless whole, focusing on high-energy improvisation and group interaction. Their repertoire, featuring fiery Brazilian sambas and folk waltzes, gentle

choros and hot Gypsy jazz, takes you on a musical journey from a Parisian bistro to a plaza in the heart of Rio, and back home again to Vermont.

The band will play two sets, beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be no open mic. All audience members must show proof of vaccination and wear masks at all times while inside Burnham Hall. Refreshments — baked goods, coffee and lemonade — will be available downstairs during the break.

The coffee house sells advance tickets as well as welcomes walk-ins. Ticket prices are: general admission \$15; generous admission \$20-\$25, or pay what you can. To buy advance tickets, visit the coffee house webpage at [rcch.org/upcoming-shows](http://rcch.org/upcoming-shows). The show will also be available streamed via the Facebook @RiptonCommunityCoffeeHouse and our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/channel/UCcSnJFnrCSkChHtTzzxDMVw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcSnJFnrCSkChHtTzzxDMVw)). For more information email [rcchfolks@gmail.com](mailto:rcchfolks@gmail.com).

# MOVIE REVIEW

## MAVERICK FLIES AGAIN

Reviewed by **OWEN WILLIAMS**

A second "Top Gun" film has been in the works for over a decade and it's finally clear for take-off! A few veterans from the original adventure return, joined by several newcomers. Not having seen the first film myself, I find this detail quite meta and especially relatable. But those who have seen it may rest assured that this is a sequel, not a reboot.

In the 36 years following his training at the United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instruction Program, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) has been constantly challenging his limits. Regardless of his feats, he's only turned from a Lieutenant to a Captain, as any other promotions would end his naval career. Rear Admiral Chester "Hammer" Cain (Ed Harris) insists on grounding Mitchell after he accelerates a prototype hypersonic scramjet until it falls apart, but Admiral Tom "Iceman" Kazansky (Val Kilmer) summons him to the Naval Air Station North Island to prepare a group of elite pilots for an urgent mission.

The objective is to demolish an under-construction Uranium enrichment plant nestled in a canyon in unspecified territory, guarded by radar-activated surface-to-air missile arrays and

a nearby airfield full of Su-57 fighters. Mitchell devises an attack wherein four F/A 18 "Super Hornets" — two blowing a hole in the facility and two finishing it off — enter the canyon below the scope of the radar, drop the bombs and fly back out before the Su-57s catch up to them. The apprentice pilots doubt this strategy is safe, especially since they include Lieutenant Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller) whose father — Radar Intercept Officer Nick "Goose" Bradshaw — had been killed flying with Mitchell on an early mission of his.

Director Joseph Kosinski states that "the audience should feel the authenticity, strain, speed and gravitational forces, something that cannot be achieved through soundstage or visual effects," and I believe that. With more than 800 hours of footage, the arrays of IMAX-grade cameras all over real, moving planes capture those sensations effectively. "Top Gun: Maverick" is a flight you don't want to miss.

*Owen Williams is an Addison Independent intern, Mansfield Hall and University of Vermont student, and aspiring screenwriter. Look for his reviews through June.*



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# THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW



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## LANGUAGE IN MOTION SHARES STORIES WITH STUDENTS

By Louisa Painter '25

Recently, language students were invited to see presenters from Middlebury College's Language in Motion (LiM) program during FIT block (Flexible Instruction Time) on Fridays to hear their stories and help educate Mount Abe students on current global issues. According to [www.middlebury.edu](http://www.middlebury.edu), "Language in Motion is a program that connects Middlebury's international, exchange, and high-level language students with elementary, middle, and high school teachers, and students in Addison County."

One presentation that stood out was about U.S.-China relations, where Barry told us about his experience as a study-

abroad student from China during the COVID pandemic. He explained the differences between how China and the U.S. handled the virus, sharing that China was much quicker to lock-down entirely because of the trust the citizens have in their government.

Other presentations included freedom of speech in Russia, education and opportunity outside the U.S., immigrant lives, the Middle Eastern refugee crises, and experiences of refugees. Sam Schoendorf '25 and Connor Peck also went to the LiM presentations. Schoendorf's favorite presentation was about education and opportunity outside the U.S. They



Middlebury College's "Language in Motion" participants

said, "The lessons brought perspective that we rarely see." Peck also liked learning about U.S.-China relations, adding, "I got an insight

into other countries' everyday lives."

These presentations helped the students and teachers in attendance to comprehend the adversities facing international citizens. To sum up, they were really eye opening, and I would like to thank LiM for coming to Mt. Abe and encourage other students to learn more about global issues and to open their minds to the experiences of others.

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## DUOS SERVE OTHERS AND FIND EXPERIENCE REWARDING

*DUO stands for Do Unto Others, and is an opportunity to work with a teacher or staff member and earn a half credit. This spring, 23 students served as DUOs.*

By Rachel Gracie '22

This is my first DUO, and I help my mentor, Bob Maurer, in math lab. While it's not a big class, I still feel like I am helpful to my mentor and peers. My main responsibility is checking in with students to see if I can give any extra guidance with their math. With two of us, we are able to more efficiently help students for longer periods of time. I am also grateful that our school has an option to be a DUO, because for students who have a lot going on, it is a relaxing and easy way to get some credit to graduate. I chose to DUO with Bob Maurer because he is a great



teacher that I have learned a lot from. He is patient, kind, and willing to go in depth and make sure students really understand the material. I'm very happy that I was able to be a part of another one of his classes and help him and other students out. DUO-ing is a great option for anyone and everyone.

By Anna Doucet '22

This semester is my first time doing a DUO, and I work with Jori Jacobeit in a French I class. I've always been passionate about language, so being a DUO in a beginner level course is a special experience for me. My goal is to help pass on my passion to younger students, and inspire them to continue to pursue a non-native language. In my DUO, I mostly help out by participating in class discussions. I spent a semester in France, so I'm able to share my insights about French culture with the class. I also sometimes help with vocabulary, and do my best to support the students in whatever other ways I can. Because I was in French I just one year ago, I have a better understanding of what the students are experiencing in class. Being a DUO is different from being a student in the class, but both experiences



Jacobeit with DUO Anna Doucet

are equally valuable. No matter what my position is, I'm able to connect with others through our shared interest in learning a language.

Being a DUO has helped me learn more about the world and what it's like to teach a class. I'm very interested in education, and there are

little moments where I'm able to share my knowledge. This has given me a better understanding of teaching, and how best to connect with students. I've also improved my communication skills.

I would encourage any students who are interested to look into doing a DUO. If you're able, find a class you're passionate about or a teacher you really enjoy working with, and get involved. It's a great experience, and gives you a new perspective on how classes are run at Mt. Abe.

By Kenneth Moran '23

I am DUOing Economics, under the tutelage of Scott Beckwith, even though some may say I am the one teaching Mr. Beckwith. This is my first DUO opportunity, and it's been really fun to "be the teacher" because I know how it feels to be the student as well, and being a DUO gives a perspective of what a teacher has to do to teach a class of students. Beckwith is a good mentor since he really does his best when teaching. This opportunity has allowed me to meet and speak with people who I never would have spoken with and it allowed me to advise people with their small business projects. The small business



Moran fistbumps mentor Scott Beckwith

projects were a large part of their grade and they really bloomed. I helped by carrying heavy items, helping students with pricing, and acted as a wall to bounce ideas off. The most enjoyable part of this class was listening to the ideas people had and this group of people was very ambitious. Beckwith added, "I am grateful for Kenneth's professionalism, patience, and positivity. He was always focused and creative. Bob Marley's words capture his contribution to this class and community: 'The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.'"



By Alyssa Ouellette '22

This is my first DUO class, and I worked with math teacher Janet Robnett. I help her with correcting other students' work and help them figure out the correct answer if it is wrong. While working as a DUO, I am expected to act as a teacher would during class. Some people might think that being a DUO means they can sit there and do nothing, but it's different than that. Depending on what class and grade you are helping, DUOs can learn skills like how to interact with different students based on their personalities. It also helps with being able to communicate clearly so the students better understand. Robnett, my DUO Mentor, had this to say about my participation: "Alyssa accommodates different learning styles and personalities. She is patient, non-judgemental, deeply kind, responsible, timely, engaged. She epitomizes heart."

By Ethan Sonneborn '22

My first DUO was this year with English teacher Addie Thompson. My responsibilities are primarily administrative in nature, though I do directly interact with students a fair amount. I make copies, help keep students engaged, and provide other miscellaneous support. In DUO, I am assessed on "community connection" and "personal development." These metrics

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# VOICES

## GAS OR DIESEL?

By Alex Densmore '22

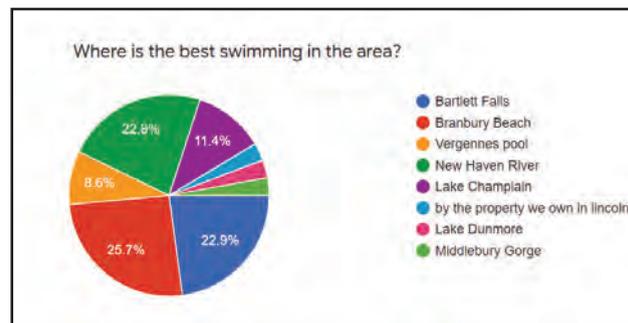
If you're looking to race, go with a gas engine because they have more horsepower than diesel engines and parts are cheaper to buy and easier to find compared to diesel engines. Gas burns a lot cleaner and runs quieter than diesel engines. With those factors in mind, gas engines have better emissions than diesel engines. Vehicles with gas engines are also much more common, meaning that gas vehicles are going to be much easier to find. On top of that, finding places to fuel up is easier than finding diesel fuel stations.

If you're looking for a vehicle to pull around heavy trailers, then a diesel truck is the way to go. Diesel engines have more torque, which is good for getting the vehicle and whatever it may be towing moving. Torque is also good for getting up to speed quicker. If a diesel engine and a gas engine were to race, a diesel engine could get up to speed quicker, but a gas engine would have a higher top speed. Older diesel engines are more fuel efficient than gas engines, but with modern technology, gas engines have caught up and fuel efficiency isn't really a factor in the pros and cons. A diesel is designed to be more durable and more reliable. A diesel engine also has fewer moving parts, meaning there is less that can go wrong.

I have driven vehicles with gas engines and I've driven some with diesel engines. In my experience, gas vehicles are definitely quieter than diesels. Cruising around, diesel engines seem to be faster because they have more torque, but for top speed, a gas car would definitely take it. Diesel engines are definitely stronger for towing. They are also a lot louder. I have driven a modified diesel pick up truck once. It was very loud and very big. It had a lift kit and wide tires. It also rolls coal, which basically means a big black cloud of smoke coming out of the exhaust that happens when you push down on the accelerator. It is also easier to do burnouts in a diesel because of the amount of torque.

Which one is better? Well, it all depends on what you're looking for in a vehicle. If you're looking for a vehicle to hit high speeds and not have to spend as much money on, then go with a gas vehicle. But if you are looking for a work horse or something that is a little better on gas than the average gas engine, you're going to want to go with diesel.

## PLACES TO GO... Survey created by Abi Pierro '23

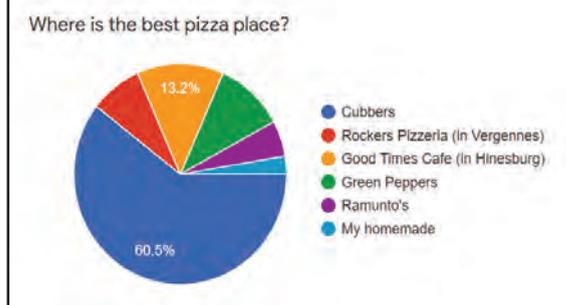
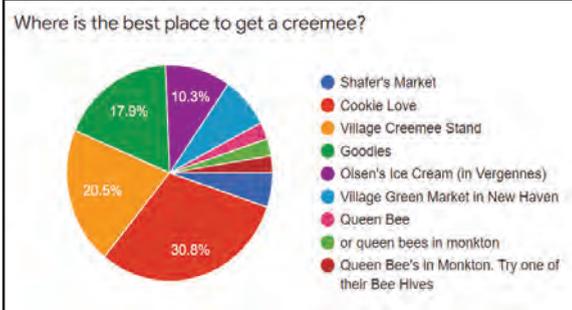


Referring to Bartlett Falls, **Madison Bartlett '27** said, "The water is always clean and the best temperature, and it has the same name as my last name!"

**Teacher Brent Crum** likes the "nice sandy beach" at Branbury.

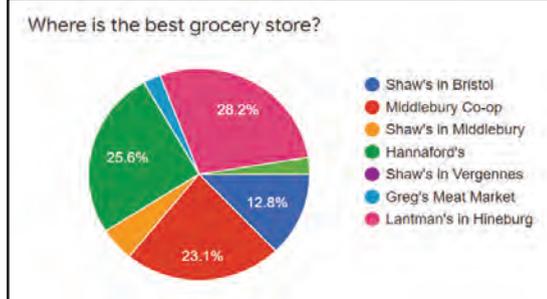
**Junior Mariah Brace** said Goodies, because "they have gigantic creemees that are very good and you get a lot for your money."

**Kendra Tatro '27** chose Olsen's in Vergennes, saying, "It has a lot of flavors and it has hard ice cream, too!"



**Reed Cousino '27** said, "Cubbers has the best food." **Chuck Anderson '27** chose Rockers Pizzeria because "It is high quality." **Teacher Vicki Bronson** likes "the pesto chicken pizza at Good Times Cafe, but the people at Cubbers are the best, and their calzone is outstanding."

**Senior Tarah Poirier** chose Lantman's because it "has good baked beans and raspberry squares, and I grew up with it." One anonymous respondent said, "I love love all of the food at the Middlebury Co-op... the sushi bar is amazing and I love how they locally source their products and everything is delicious."



## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SPOTLIGHT

**Student: Carsyn Jennings '24**  
**Site: Bristol Family Center**  
**Position: Preschool Classroom Assistant**

*What do you enjoy about your internship experience?*

The best part is I get to hang out and play with the kids during my time there. I love learning about each student and seeing how they are different. I also really like working out problems with them. If there is a disagreement or conflict, I appreciate watching them interact and problem solve on their own. It is really cool to see them remembering tools that we have taught them. I also have learned a lot from the teachers I work with there and how they approach and handle different situations.

*What is challenging about your internship experience?*

My biggest challenge has been navigating personal relationships with some of the students as some are family members. Additionally, pushing the kids on the swings can be really tiring!

*What is something funny or random that a child at Bristol Family Center has said?*

A couple months ago, when I first started, a student said, "I'm turning five in a few days." I responded excitedly, "Wow,

so you are going into kindergarten?!"

"Yes," he said looking concerned, "I don't know... maybe if I work out enough." He then proceeded to do push ups.

*One of your favorite activities so far?*

The teachers set up a large cardboard outside for the students to paint on and add different materials. A few students and I ran around gathering flowers to add to the design. I was covered in green paint by the end, but it was so much fun.

*What advice do you have for other high school students interested in working in the childcare/early education field?*

I would say to take advantage of any opportunity to observe and practice in the field. I have learned so much from the teachers at BFC and by observing them, I have become much more skilled when working with kids. I have also found that once you take advantage of an opportunity like an internship, more positive opportunities will come. For example, as more people learn about my internship, they've asked me to babysit, as it puts parents at ease and they trust me more. From this internship, I also have learned a lot about the career field of early education and the different pathways and resources available at the state and national level.

## USING REVERSE OSMOSIS FOR SUGARING AND BEYOND

By Silas Shepard '23

Reverse Osmosis or "RO" is a water filtration system that can remove the smallest of particles from water. According to puretecwater.com, osmosis is the movement of water molecules from a solution with a high concentration of water molecules to a solution with a lower concentration of water molecules, through a cell's partially permeable membrane.

Reverse Osmosis is a one-of-a-kind filtration system that uses pumps to pressurize water to push it through a membrane. According to texaswater.tamu.edu, RO works by putting pressure on the concentrate side of the RO membrane. Concentrate is the water that has not been filtered yet or is rejected by the membrane. Concentrate contains salts, chemicals, minerals, and organic and inorganic compounds. Water that can pass through the membrane is called permeate water, and that's the water that is filtered and drinkable. RO membranes are not as simple as any old water filter. Membranes are multi-layered and multi-material units containing polyamide and polysulphone and many different layers to make it filter water in the most efficient manner. Membranes can also come in different pore sizes to allow more or less particles through, and is measured in microns. According to calculator-converter.com, one inch is equal to 25,400 microns, so microns are used for a very small measurement.

According to texaswater.tamu.edu, a lot of different people use ROs and in many different sizes, but they all have the common goal of filtering water. ROs come in many different sizes, some being able to filter millions of gallons a day. But there's also little ROs that can fit under your sink and provide just drinking water for a single house. ROs are also used in large scales to filter water for hospitals and cities. A household may have a RO system because they have hard water and want better drinking water. Towns and cities may use ROs to filter waste water as well. ROs are very good for removing salt from salt water as well. According to www.water-technology.net, in Perth, Australia, 17% of the drinking water comes from RO sea water. ROs can open up a whole new water source that could not be used by using other filtration systems.

Another use for RO is for maple sugaring. We use RO to give sap a higher sugar content. When we push raw sap through the RO, it filters out the extra water in the sap and give the sap a higher sugar content. According to blog.hannainst.com, the average sugar content of raw sap is 1.5-3.5% but RO brings the sugar content up to 66% which is the requirement for syrup in the U.S. and Canada. That saves a lot of boiling time for us, because the RO gets rid of so much water that we do not have to boil it off. Because it filters out so much water, it saves space, giving us more room for sap storage.



## TWO GREAT BOOKS FROM THE MIDEAST AND ASIA

By Isabella Shea

*A Thousand Splendid*

*Suns* by Khaled Hosseini is an amazing book. The book tells a story of love, loss, and bravery. I love how this book has facts along with telling a heartfelt story. The excitement and tension makes me love the book more every chapter. Mariam and Laila came from such different backgrounds, yet they find themselves living together fighting for respect, and gaining affection for each other. They are strong young women who will make anyone wish for them to stay safe in a place that is quickly falling apart because of war. The plot twists and cliffhangers allow the reader to hope for another page. I recommend this book



to anyone who wants a book you can't stop reading.

I also enjoyed *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, because I enjoyed learning about Vietnam and all the challenges that refugees faced while learning English. Ha, the main character, is a very smart and brave 10-year-old girl. Because she is young, I could see myself in her. Because the book is written in poetry, it has a nice flow and one of my favorite things is that it includes lots of literary elements like simile and metaphor. My favorite poem was "Someone Knows" because it showed how important Ha's neighbor, Mrs. Washington was in her life. She helped Ha learn English, and gain a new outlook on fitting in at school. Ha made friends at school, which might not have happened without Mrs. Washington's influence.

## A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS IS A MUST READ

By Mackenzie Griner '25

I have enjoyed this book from the moment I started reading it. It is extremely interesting to get some insight as to what life was (and still is) like for some people in different places. I can't imagine my life going the way Mariam's has and I that's one reason I like this book so much.

Because this is such a foreign subject and way of living to me, it has intrigued me that much more. I like the many uses of vocabulary from different cultures used in this book, as well as all the twists and turns brought in every chapter. It really keeps me on the edge of my seat. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone. It is an absolute must read and everyone needs this story in their life.

## MUSIC

### SENIORS REFLECT ON FINAL CONCERT

On May 25, seniors in the music program performed in their last Mt. Abe concert. Here are their reflections or advice:

**Jack Eickenberg:** "My favorite Music Department memory was the 2019 trip to NYC. I really liked the feeling of being in an actual competition. We are a small school, so it was nice to go somewhere big and show our skill as a band."

**Elena Bronson's** favorite memory was performing with Sweet Transition for the first time, and her advice is "don't be afraid to join an ensemble and audition for solos. Being part of the Music Dept is like having a big family that shares the same interests as you."

**Eliza Bent** said, "I will remember the people the most" and her favorite Music Department memory was "the pie-making fundraiser in 9th grade."

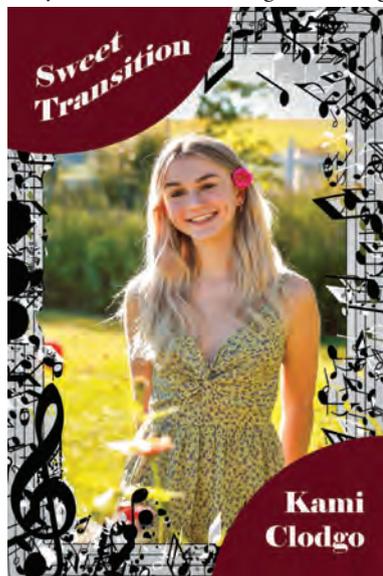
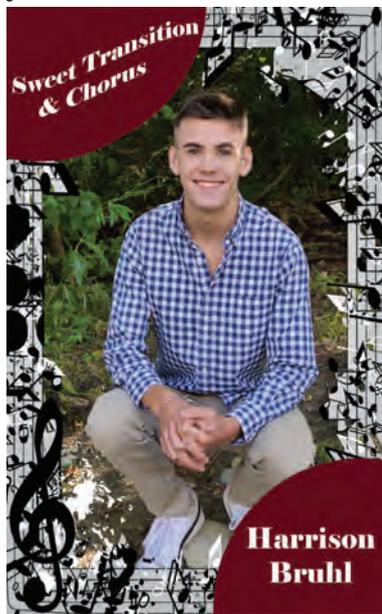
**Harrison Bruhl** wrote, "My best music department memories come from a cappella. All the love and joy we've spread over my last three years will stay with me forever. My favorite memory is from this year, singing to the Pride Center workers after their terrible experience with violence. They were the most caring and loving audience we had on the trip."

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**Caleb Atkins** will remember "the fun atmosphere during class, and making jokes to make everything more fun than playing an instrument already is. Advice I'd give is that Tatro is always right, unless you're a trumpet."

**Evan Jennison** said, "One of my favorite music department memories is playing in that dungeonesque basement at the church on the New York trip. I'll also remember loving the opportunity to play with many different people, and the unique collaborations that came of those opportunities."

**Abigail Johnson's** favorite Music Department memory is singing with Sweet Transition for folks around the holidays. "Even in the bitter cold, it is so heartwarming to bring joy to our community and feel the connection that music grants us." She added, "Being a part of the Music Dept has been like being a part of a family. I am constantly inspired by the people who encourage me to learn, make music, and connect with the community."



## READ AND WATCH JUST MERCY

By Graycie Elkins '23

The memoir-turned-movie *Just Mercy* is the inspiring story of Bryan Stevenson's life, filled with stories of justice and mercy. Stevenson is a lawyer and a law professor at New York University School of Law. He is a social rights activist as well as founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those who need it most and are unlikely to get the legal help they deserve. Bryan spent many years working in the deep south, first as a law student through an internship with the Southern Prisoners Defense Committee and eventually he opened his own practice.

Both the book and the film focus on the thrilling, heart-wrenching, and pain-filled journey of Walter McMillian, a middle-aged black man sentenced to die for a notorious crime he didn't commit.

## READ THE BOOK, SKIP THE MOVIE

By Emily Cousino

In *The Fault in Our Stars* movie, the actors that were picked just didn't look the part. Augustus was supposed to be a buff guy that had a crooked smile and in the movie, he was not buff and just looked like any other guy. Hazel was supposed to have long dark hair that covered her face a bit to cover the breathing tube in her nose, but in the film, she is tall with light

## REVIEWS

The movie throws you through a loop with all of the legal, mental, and emotional setbacks that Stevenson, McMillian, McMillian's family, and the whole community experience during the course of this legal battle. While the movie primarily focuses on McMillian's story, the book goes into detail about cases Stevenson has taken on throughout his career. The perseverance, dedication, and attitude of Stevenson is truly admirable; for many years the only thing he did was take on case after case, fighting to win hundreds of innocent people their freedom in his battle to combat racism, the death penalty, and other social issues within our criminal justice system. The film version of *Just Mercy* is a perfect portrayal of Stevenson's life as told in his book, and both make you pay more attention to the injustice all around us.

brown hair in a pixie cut. There were many parts from the book that were skipped in the movie, and not just short parts, but ones that took up several pages. The book was a well-told romance book by John Green. Overall, I did NOT enjoy the movie, but the book was one of the best books I have read and I'm not a fan of reading! I recommend *The Fault in Our Stars* book 100%, but don't bother watching the film.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ART & MUSIC

What was your experience in Mount Abe Music this year?

**Ivy Schulte '26:** "I have always loved music, but never really engaged in it. This year I decided to try my hand at singing. I loved it. This has been one the best school years of my life. Music gave me so many opportunities and ways of expressing myself. I found that the people involved in music were very kind and welcoming to me. I will be a freshman next year and I am so glad to have discovered music before high school because I now have four more years left to keep exploring and advancing with music. I tried out musicals this year as well. They were the best experience I could have asked for and I plan on sticking with them for years to come. For anyone looking to try something new, I recommend the performing arts. There are just so many ways to be a part of music and it is a great experience for anyone."

**Anonymous 7th grader:** "Music can give a message that you remember for the rest of your life. Songs brings back memories of dancing, singing and just having fun. This year's chorus helped me get through a lot. The whole class was mostly working together trying and improving each practice. Music is magical."

WHAT IS MUSIC?

By Ezaias Herben '27

"What is music?" Jess wondered out loud as she fiddled with the pegs of her cello. "Why...how was it created?" She lifted her bow and pulled it across the C string, creating a loud, ringing, pure sound, then fiddled some more, tested the note and twisted the little knob one last time.

Professor Bartimus, the orchestra instructor, stared at the black board, then his hand shot up, pointer finger extended, he spun on heel and pointed at Jess. "Who cares how it was created? I'm just glad it was! Music means different things to everyone. It's the common language of the world. Is everybody tuned?"

"Okay, thanks professor..." Jess murmured. She didn't want an answer, but her teacher's response was pretty interesting.

"Everybody ready?" called Professor Bartimus. "Let's begin. One, two, three..." As he said "four" the room began to fill with a flowing, majestic river of sound, swirling and weaving out of every violin and viola, blended with the deep strokes of each cello and double bass. The guitarist

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Team Endeavor Class of 2027 Art by Gemma Lyles

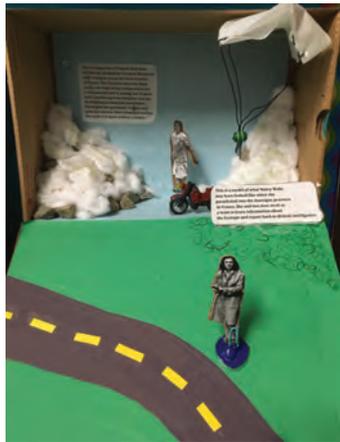
## TEAM IMPACT'S CLASS OF 2026

## FEMALE SPIES MADE A DIFFERENCE IN WWII

By Gen Forand

Virginia Hall, Nancy Wake, and many other women played key roles in World War II because of their involvement in undercover spy operations in occupied Vichy, France. Vichy was the common name for the French state that was a puppet state run by French leaders who favored the Nazi party. Atlas Obscura's article called "The Female Spies who Helped Win WWII"

stated, "Many women joined the French resistance, making up 15 to 20% of the army that secretly battled the Nazis from within. Some of those women would go on to become English spies." These women, including Nancy Wake and Virginia Hall, had an impact on Vichy, France, when it was occupied by Germany from June 1940-September 1944. The women became spies



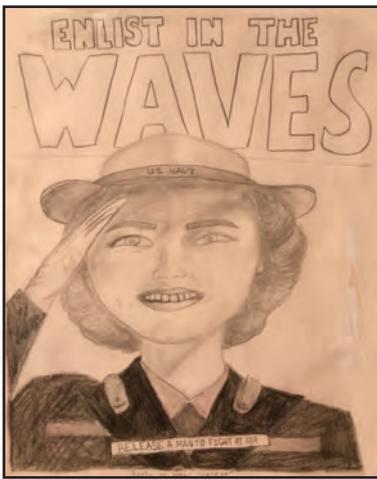
Diorama by Gen Forand, too

and helped British Intelligence and the French people in the occupied areas by destroying Nazi shipments and materials, and blowing up buildings where Axis soldiers were stationed. Another example of the influence women had on WWII comes from the article "The Female Spies of WW2" by the Smithsonian, which said, "The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was established during World War II to be America's first modern spy service. At its peak in late 1944, the agency had nearly 13,000 members and one out of every three was a woman." Two of those women were Hall and Wake, who were outliers because of their perseverance through challenges. They helped thousands of people and did not become recognized until years later.

These brave and courageous women saved thousands of people from the grip of Hitler's harsh rule over the French State and would eventually lead to the German retreat and the liberation of Vichy. They heavily influenced the win of the Allies and the end of the war.

WOMEN IN WAVES HAD AN IMPACT  
Art & Text by Gretchen Toy

WAVES, which stands for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, was a military unit that was made on July 30, 1942. WAVES were initially not supposed to serve overseas, but as time went on, they started performing other tasks as well. It would vary from being instructors for pilots in training, or working clerical jobs that were needed. In fact, many WAVES participated in the Korean War.



## "EDELWEISS RESISTANCE" YOUTH AFFECTED OUTCOME OF WWII

Art &amp; Text by Charlie Prouty

The Edelweiss Teenage Resistance was a group whose actions impacted the course of WWII from France to Yugoslavia to Germany.

For instance, in the late 1930s, Hitler's forces swept across the world. Rebels began standing up to the overwhelming Nazism on the march across Europe. Even a six-year-old boy named Marcel Pinte would be an important member of the resistance. Pinte helped transport crucial information for the French resistance. His actions went on to impact the war and the resistance. He often operated under his code name, "Quinquin." He was later shot by friendly fire, just months before the end of the war. Without Marcel Pinte and others like Josephine Baker, who used their status to stay hidden and avoid suspicion, the resistance fighters may have never impacted the course of WWII.

Across the country, the Edelweiss Pirates poured sugar into the gas tanks of Nazis' cars, and according to the article "11 Incredible Stories of Resistance Fighters who took on the Nazis," they "spray-painted messages like 'Down with Hitler' and 'Down with Nazi Brutality' on build-

ings" and their actions included throwing bricks through factory windows.

The Edelweiss Pirates' actions would impact the Nazi forces, along with helping to change the already frustrated public consensus. The Edelweiss Resistance efforts helped to fend off the oncoming Germans, ultimately delaying their take over. The efforts of the Edelweiss Resistance fighters helped pave the way for the French resistance, and impacted the course of WWII.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

## TEAM APEX'S CLASS OF 2026

PLAY ABOUT SAMUEL SEWALL  
By Molly Schoendorf & Jack Senecal

**At rise:** "October 1692" Sign is seen in the courtroom for the Salem Witch Trials.

**Samuel:** (*enters*) Hello, my name is Samuel Sewall. In 1692, I got appointed as a judge for the court of Oyer and Terminer. The trials have been going on for 3 months. (*Samuel sits and Rachel enters.*)

## SCENE 1

(*People in the court talk amongst themselves. They seem scared and confused. When the judge walks in, everyone goes silent and sits except the people being accused and the Judge. Rachel Clinton takes the stand.*)

**Judge Sewall:** How long hath thou been a witch?

**Rachel Clinton:** (*sarcastically*) As a small child, my grandma made me drink the blood of a raven, and now, huzzah! I am a witch.

**Judge S:** (*impatiently*): Who else is in the coven?

**Rachel:** I only know one... Elizabeth Proctor.

**Judge S:** (*astonished*): Pray pardon me, did you say Elizabeth Proctor?

**Rachel:** Yes, the rumors you hear ring true.

**Judge S:** Now how is that so?

**Rachel:** Elizabeth has always been a witch, She will deny it, but the truth is that she is the real witch.

**Judge S:** We shall see in court. (*Everyone freezes as Judge S comes forward reading as he writes in journal*) I can't stop thinking about how Elizabeth Proctor is a witch. If she's a witch, anyone could be...

## SCENE 1.5

(*Elizabeth comes to the stand*)

**Judge S:** (*looking like hasn't slept*) CONFESS. CONFESS AND BE SAVED!

**Elizabeth:** (*scared and confused*) I have nothing to confess! I'm NOT a witch!

**Judge S:** LIAR! DON'T YOU DARE LIE ME YOU WRETCH! Abigail felt the evilness in you just as she had the others. Now how do you plead in this court?

**Elizabeth:** (*calmer as if accepting her fate*) Innocent... I plead innocent.

(*All actors stay on and freeze, Judge S stays on and "narrator" lights come on him.*)

To see the rest of this play, go to: [sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/](https://sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/) and click "Middle School"



L to R: Emily Fritz, Aiden Cushing, Charlotte Crum, and Cole Shepard in "Mary Parker"



Brochure Cover by Oliver Matson

## WHAT WERE THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS?

By Charlie Germon &amp; James Graziadei

In the year 1692, in a town called Salem, Massachusetts, a historic event that changed America forever took place. This event was called the Salem Witch Trials. In Salem in 1692 everyone followed the Puritan religion strictly. Being a Puritan during this time period would completely shape your life due to the strict rules that you would have to abide by. During the Salem Witch Trials, twenty-five innocent people and two dogs were killed, all of them accused of using witchcraft and/or working for the devil, but why? People were becoming increasingly paranoid, and due to human nature, basic prejudice played a major role in who was accused of being a witch.



Nora &amp; Molly Burgess perform in "Sarah Good"

## CONTRIBUTORS TO THE HYSTERIA

By Charlie Germon &amp; James Graziadei

**Prejudice-** Prejudice is a like or dislike for one rather than another, especially without good reason. Many of the people accused were different in some way, which made them a target.

**Fear-** Fear played a role, too. Puritans had trouble with food scarcity and cold winter. They also were in bloody conflicts with the Native peoples such as the Wabenaki.

**Ergot poisoning-** An ergot is a form of fungus that sometimes grows in rye, a grain. Effects of ergot poisoning included gangrene, vision problems, confusion, spasms, convulsions, unconsciousness, and death.

**Forced confessions-** Forced confessions came from threats of physical abuse or even sentences to death. This happened only when people didn't confess to witchcraft.

# A.P. ART



## By Kai Companion '22

**Artist Statement:** "How can I visually represent my physical and emotional transformations through my artwork? My goal was to symbolize growth and understanding of self through my artwork. I researched various plants that symbolize emotional growth. During my investigation, I ultimately selected the lavender plant, because of its symbolism as a plant of healing. Each of my works are connected to each other through use of line, repetition of visual elements, and concepts. Through use of process images and experimentation with different digital techniques, such as blurring, repetition, line weight, and variety, I explored my emotional growth throughout my sustained investigation. I used the rib symbol, though as I moved further into my investigation, the meaning behind it transformed from feeling caged to feeling alien."

## By Jessie Nault '22



**Artist Statement:** "The questions that guided my sustained investigation were, "What does life with chronic illness look, feel, sound like?"

How does chronic illness transcend the boundaries of physical, mental, emotional health? How do you draw, paint, and express emotions in art? How does my art reflect my personal journey with my body and how it relates to my illness? How does life change, move on, pass you by when



living with chronic illness?"

I began by focusing on perfection/realism, which reflected how I was feeling about my body and illness. As my work and illness progressed, I began to care more about expression, emotions and experimenting with different materials and processes. I researched artists and works that focus on expression through color and abstract elements, like Frida Kahlo and Robert Rauschenberg. Through my investigation, I am trying to express how living with chronic illness feels, how it can impact someone, and how my feelings about my body are changing."

## By Gwen Zeno '22

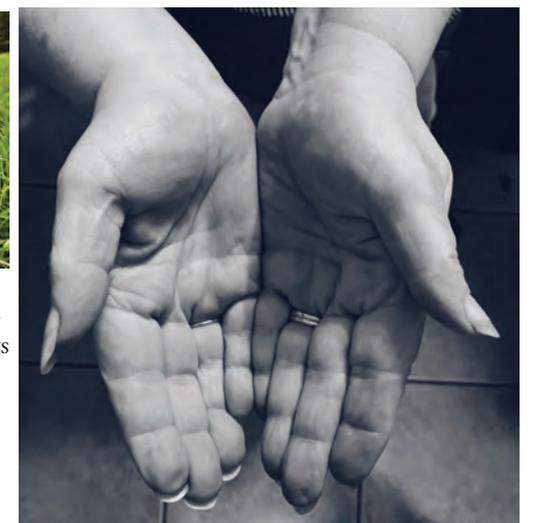


**Artist Statement:** "Art is important to me because I love how creative art pieces are and that each one is telling a story behind it. I love to interpret what the artists are trying to make for the audience to see. Art is important to me because I get to show my creativity and draw what's on my mind and show what I can do and I enjoy how my art changes the more I draw. Some of my inspiration is from people's art on Instagram. They inspired me to draw more digitally than just on paper and I started to enjoy digital art more. What I'm trying to express in my art is myself and what I enjoy. I draw for myself and I would like to show others my art and my growth throughout the years of drawing."



## By Kelsey Roscoe '22

**Artist Statement:** My sustained investigation focused on the question, "How is mental illness a comfort feeling?" This topic is relevant because I struggle with mental illness and it's a big part of who I am. The story I'm trying to tell through my work is that mental illness is something to fall back on. I explored this question by creating work that shows how stabilizing those emotions doesn't actually make you feel happy and normal again. This work led me to the idea to create something where people can connect and relate. I further investigated by finding things that can help in a more natural way, with nature and scenery to make me feel content. By practicing photography, I realized that I wanted to branch out more from drawing. I experimented with my phone, using all the different features on professional cameras, so I revised and made exposure higher to better the lighting to show more of my subject. I used minimal materials because I want it to be simple and straightforward to express that in my case, not everything can be controlled or fixed and it doesn't need to be either."



## By Elena Bronson



**Artist Statement:** "Art is important to me because it gives me an outlet to express myself. I can show any of my emotions in my art or I could just create something for fun or relaxation. My sustained investigation is all about joy. As I was researching different artists and types of art, I realized that all artists tend to illustrate darker emotions such as anger or sorrow, so I wanted to dive into how to illustrate lighter emotions without adding the clichés such as pinks and flowers. I drew more inspiration from what made me happy rather than what makes other people happy. My experimentation helped develop my final ideas for my sustained investigation and I enjoyed working with new materials to see what I could do."



## By Noah Engvall

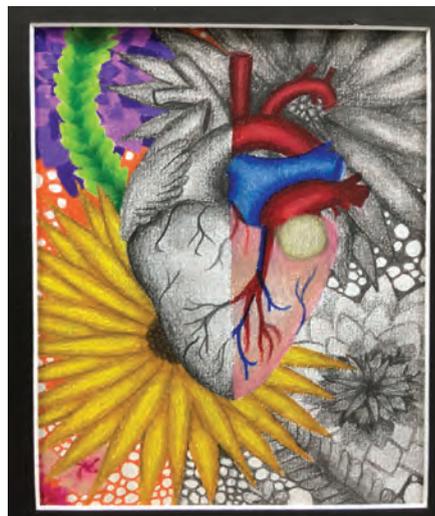
**Artist Statement:** "Memory's effect on the body is a sustained investigation examining how events, places, and people have both positive and negative effects on perception within ourselves and the world around us. I visually explored distortion



within perception, exemplified in my pieces Supposition and Hidden Eyes. By experimenting with camera angle and image cropping, I achieved the emotion of individualistic feeling(s) within my pieces. The revision process was essential in my work. Often after creating a piece, I would revise the shoot again with certain improvements in mind, relying on emotion. My pieces all share certain elements of memory and its effect, yet they are presented differently in their own unique way, individually."

## By Bella Bluteau

**Artist Statement:** "How can you gain closure with your old self in order to accept your new self? This is the question my



sustained investigation focuses on. Although I did have many other ideas for my sustained investigation, I found my final question through the revision of my style as well as my ideas. This topic is important to me because it reflects my personal journey while still incorporating relevant topics in today's society. Someone I drew inspiration from was Jenny Saville. Saville depicts the human form, something I explored in the early stages of my investigation. She not only takes a classical approach to perceptions of the body, but she incorporates abstraction as well. When I started my investigation I wanted to depict the good and the bad of physical and mental change. After my first few pieces I decided to revise them, and my focus shifted. I no longer wanted to focus on the negative aspects of my personal journey. The whole duration of this process consisted of me experimenting with media that fit the aesthetic of my portfolio while also keeping it personal to me."



# ART & POETRY



By Francesca Nudo '23

## OUT WEST (Italian Sonnet) By Lauren Cousino '25

Winding roads go between the ravines  
Brightly colored mesas towering high  
Edges and rock layers up to the sky  
At the top, no one has seen quite a scene.  
Not a single other thought intervenes,  
Beginnings of arches stand up, just by,  
Emerald pools and trails are hard to deny,  
A landscape found straight from the magazines.

In Winslow lies a historic hotel,  
Train cars rumble by on route sixty-six,  
A vast wasteland encompassed the desert,  
Trees frozen in time turn to glass as well,  
The mountains and distance traveled plays tricks,  
Yet this place leaves me wanting to revert.



By Safi Camara '25

## THE SEASONS (Shakespearean Sonnet) by Abigail Parker

The four seasons are all very different  
But two of them blend together like one  
Spring and summer, warm and transparent  
The weather so nice, we always have fun.

Winter is coming, it's close in sight  
There's a season to transition it all  
With warm sunny days and chilly nights  
Leaves float to the ground and it's fall.

The cold is here and the snow is coming  
Negative temperatures are not always fun  
Hot chocolate and fires for cuddling  
The season of winter has just begun.

Winter is done and we're back to the start  
Yet another cycle can now depart!

## beach trip A modern sonnet by Addy Nezin '25

the warmth of the sun  
the soft grainy sand, embedded in my messy bun  
dogs prancing through the aqua blue water  
so thankful we brought her  
sand between my toes  
the tide has finally rose  
book in my hands  
"dinner is ready come eat!"  
my mom demands  
I grab my collected shells  
and head back to the hotel  
after a nice warm shower  
I head to the dinner table  
ready to devour



By Ashka Violi '23

## LISTENING TO SILENCE An ekphrastic poem By Dom Saunders '25

Average age man sitting in a wooden chair  
His hand resting on his face  
Sitting in the dark  
Staring into the distance  
Looking at the old wooden floor  
Watching it creak and move  
As another man takes his photo.  
In a dark, musty room listening to silence  
Someone hurt his feelings earlier that day  
Sad and depressed from his very long day  
Middle aged man sitting in a wooden chair.



Dangly Earrings  
by Reese Laliberte '24

## TV NEWS (in the style of Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai) by Sam Alicea '25

My mother was pregnant with my oldest brother,  
He was kicking and punching her stomach  
She wasn't feeling the best  
so she went in the other room  
And laid down to gain control of her body again  
She heard my Nana gasp  
As she was watching the news  
She saw the planes hit the towers  
My mother jumped up and ran into the kitchen  
To see my Nana looking at the TV  
She asked what was wrong  
And my Nana said look out the window  
My mother walks to the window  
She gasped and put her hand over her mouth  
She couldn't believe what she was seeing

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T-Rex by Finn Harris '25



By Alex Yaggy '22

## MUSIC (Continued from Page 3)

plucked and pulled with every movement of their hands and the conductor rhythmically moved his arms with the beat, one-two-three-four-one-two-three-four and the pianist played in perfect sync to him.  
This is all thanks to years of dedication and practice, this is music! Music is this feeling inside me, a feeling of pure joy, a feeling that is so hard to explain. I wonder... What is music to other people?  
Jess' mind whirled as she played, but soon her thoughts started to melt away as she eased into the music. Everything was perfect in that moment of sound.  
After the practice session ended, Jess

asked Penny, a fellow cello player, what music meant to her.  
"I'm not totally sure," she responded. "I enjoy listening to it and trying to repeat it with my cello." She thought for a minute. "Also, I really enjoy creating new music and learning more about it. I think music is about learning. That's a good question."  
"Thanks." Jess said as she packed up her cello. She asked the same question to Joseph, one of the violinists.  
"Um, I don't know, hmm. My dad plays cello and my mom plays viola so for me music is part of my family. Family!"



By Rin Dunbar '24

That is what music means to me." He started to walk towards the door to leave. "Actually, that doesn't make sense. Family?" Joseph muttered as he walked out the door.  
"Bye Joseph," Jess called.  
"See you next class," he called back, still muttering.

To see the rest of this story, go to:  
[sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/middle-school](https://sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/middle-school)

## ESPERO PODER Por Sean Davison

Sé que me quieres, pero  
Todavía espero que veas mi amor.  
Tanto amor, temo no puedo expresarlo,  
Y no quiero crear resquemor.  
Atesoro todos los tiempos buenos,  
¿Puedes recordar? Por favor, recuérdalos.  
Eclipsan los momentos de hoy,  
Nuestras vidas me parecen como un dédalo.  
Girando hacia un lado,  
Y cayendo al siguiente.  
Hay muchos movimientos metafóricos,  
Que deseo que sean suficientes.  
Haré mi mejor esfuerzo, porque  
Necesita ser lo que quiero,  
Confiaré en ti de aquí en adelante;  
Espero poder.

## TRANSLATION: I HOPE I CAN By Sean Davison

I know you love me but  
I still hope you see my love.  
So much love, I'm afraid I can't express it,  
And I don't want to create resentment.  
I treasure all the good times,  
Can you remember? Please remember them.  
They overshadow today's moments,  
Our lives seem to me like a Labyrinth.  
Turning to one side,  
And falling to the next.  
There are many metaphorical movements,  
I wish they were enough.  
I'll do my best, because  
It needs to be what I want.  
I will trust you from here on in;  
I hope I can.

# TEAMMATES PAY TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MAV LAX GIRLS

## SPORTS

### Elena Bronson By Cassandra Guillemette '23

It's always guaranteed that Elena Bronson will work as hard as she possibly can, every game. She never fails to go hard for a ground ball or to congratulate teammates on good plays. She goes to goal with a mission to score every time. She will leave everything out on the field, and has so much drive and initiative. She shows her captain skills by leading drills and being a supporter on and off the field. Elena is always there if you need someone to talk to about anything. The team has been grateful to play with you this year and to have you as an amazing captain. We are truly going to miss you and we hope you have a blast at Colby Sawyer!



### Ava "Txuxa" Doherty-Konczal By Anna Stilwell '24

Txuxa, or as some sports announcers call you, "Zuzu," I am beyond grateful to have spent this season playing with you. I have had so much fun playing this season by your side and sharing so many laughs with you. You are such a bright and joyful person, and even in games when you may be a tad scary I am really glad to be playing with you. In wins and losses you are always such an incredible captain and always pushing us to be our best. The thought of graduating isn't easy, but Oberlin is so lucky to have you playing for them next year. Everyone there will be so grateful to get the chance to experience the joy and happiness you bring with you wherever you go.



### Halle Huizenga By Nell Harvey '24

Halle, you are one of the most amazing people on this team. Every single day at practice you bring your focus, incredible lacrosse skills, and your wicked hard shot. But, these are only a few of the things that



make you a fabulous captain and an even better teammate. You are such a consistent and reliable leader, and someone we can all count on. While I know you will be an incredible teammate and player at UNE, this team will miss you so, so much in the years to come.

### Laura Bonar (manager) By Carley Cook '24

Laura, from manager to practice player, we want to give you a big thank you for all of the time and effort you put into this team. We truly appreciate what you have done. Though you couldn't play in our games, you still showed up to practices and rode the bus to countless away games. Thank you for putting yourself out there to try a new sport your senior year. We wouldn't be the same team without you. Best of luck in the next few years, and don't forget to come home to visit your MAV lax family.



## DUO *(Continued from Page 1)*

evaluate my ability to build relationships and work with others, two skills that will be invaluable to me in the future. In college my ability to collaborate will be integral to my success.

The tenth grade English class I do my DUO in has a wide range of students from a wide range of backgrounds. Knowing how to communicate with people in ways they understand and appreciate is a core tenet of both life and my DUO. Illia Dennison is my Co-DUO, and we are often tasked with classroom management responsibilities such as reminding students to maintain an appropriate volume. Dennison said, "Ethan lights up the class in many ways. He shares his knowledge for the benefit of the class and keeps them engaged. He is a fantastic DUO partner as we work well together."



Dennison & Sonneborn co-DUO in English 10

### By Cole Manchester '22

The DUO that I am currently doing with Megan Hendee is my first one in my entire high school career, but I am learning lots from the experience and teaching even more. I help Ms. Hendee out anyway I possibly can. For example, I hand out handouts to the students and I also answer students' questions when they arise. Part of my DUO responsibility is to make sure that students stay engaged, so I walk around the room to make sure work is getting done. I enjoy be-



### By Illia Dennison '22

I am in my second DUO with Addie Thompson, having previously done a DUO in French I with Jori Jacobeit last semester. In DUO, I help a lot on the surface level by passing out papers, making copies and running various errands for Addie. For the students, I try to act as a breath of fresh air, not disruptive, but funny. I give them advice concerning what classes to take and act as a role model. I help make students feel welcome and appreciated. I like being a DUO because it not only fills time that I might otherwise be wasting, but it has helped me make connections with younger students. Being a DUO also taught me a bit about how literary ideas change over time. As an AP student now, it's cool to see how similar ideas have evolved as I matured.

DUO has helped me develop problem solving skills as well as skills to effectively communicate with all students. It's also helped me understand the commitment and complexity of being a teacher. Jennifer Stein, Addie's intern, told me regularly how she loved having me around in DUO, especially while she was student teaching. Ethan Sonneborn added, "Illia is always engaged and passionately interacts with students in new and dynamic ways. Being her co-DUO makes me want to be not just a better DUO, but a better person."

ing a DUO because I get to hang out with Ms. Hendee for an entire block, but more importantly, I enjoy teaching the ninth grade students in my block how to be responsible and respectful. I may want to be a teacher someday, so I could use the skills that I have learned in my DUO. I would most likely be a history teacher which would allow me to use some of Ms. Hendee's teaching skills.

### By Rory Hendee '25

I had the opportunity to work in my first DUO with Emily Beattie, a middle school English teacher, helping with grading papers, assisting students, and sometimes taking the whole class into my own hands! Because I had Ms. Beattie as an English teacher, I was familiar with the topics the students were learning.

DUOs are assessed on how they work with kids, and if they show H.E.A.R.T (being Honest, Engaged, Appropriate, Responsible, and Timely), while working with their mentor. I have enjoyed DUO-ing because I love working with young students. Since I was in 5th grade, I have loved working with kids. When my little sister developed a speech delay, I began working with her, and her vocabulary expanded tremendously! I decided to



Rory working with a 7th grader

pursue a career as a speech and language therapist and this experience will help me prepare for my future career. Up until this semester, I have been afraid of public speaking. After being asked to read in front of the

class, I gained confidence, and feel more positive about public speaking. This has been an eye opening experience. Whether I was reading aloud, organizing papers, or just listening to each student's individual thoughts, I was able to see my future! Beattie added, "Rory has a great rapport with the students. The kids love her, and she loves them. She's been great with just taking initiative, jumping up, and working with kids that I point out to her. I've been really pleased with her, she's awesome, she rocks my socks!"

### By Brigette Giron '23

This is my first year being a DUO with a Spanish teacher. I decided to be a DUO because I like helping people, plus my native language is Spanish and I knew I could be helpful to some students. Learning a language is no easy task, but being able to communicate in more than your first language may open many doors in life, while staying in touch with your roots and culture is also important. My mentor, Nathan Shepard, helped me to understand that language is a very important part of one's culture. In Spanish class, I am constantly asking students if they need any help or clarification and frequently some translation. I often share my cultural side of the language with the class, so they can notice how extended the Spanish language is and how it changes depending on the country you are from. I often offer to share some of my personal stories and experiences, what school is like in a Latin-Hispanic country and how it is different from schools in the U.S.



Being able to stand up and give a presentation in front of a room full of people is one of the most common fears of people. Being a DUO has helped me to be more confident when I have to speak in front of the class. The practice that I got from doing that has helped me with the rest of my classes as well.

My DUO experience has given me a different perspective of the learning process. Both teachers and students create a learning and trustful community, they

*(See DUO, Page 8)*

# DUO (Continued from Page 7)

are both there to support and learn from each other. Being a DUO has helped me to understand my teachers more and to be a better and kinder student. I have understood that students and teachers must work together as a team to make the learning process great for both sides. Shepard added, "Brigette is the most engaged DUO I have ever had in class. She takes the initiative to help me and other students. If it is not clear how she can be of assistance, she asks. She has created materials, helped correct assessments and answers students' questions directly in class. She provides engaging personal anecdotes that students appreciate."

## By Lexy Perlee '25

This is my first year being a DUO, and I help out in Karyn Norwood's 7th grade Social Studies class. I have many responsibilities while I'm helping younger students and I have to be understanding. When working with students that are younger than me it can sometimes be difficult to help them be able to understand when they are confused, however it is important for me to be as helpful as I can so they are able to academically grow and learn more. When none of the students need help, I am assigned to go to the copier to get papers, organize things in the classroom, and hang up posters made by students in the hallway. I am able to experience situations much like I would in the real world outside of school. I have developed skills such as patience, positive encouragement, and respectful communication. These skills will help me be successful after high school with pursuing a career with children. Norwood stated, "Lexy is a reliable, calm presence in the classroom, and she has made some great connections with students on the team."



Perlee (center) with 7th graders

## By Riley Cunningham '22

I'm currently enrolled in a DUO with Dana DeWitt. This is the only DUO that I have ever done. At the beginning of the semester, I wasn't really sure how DUO really worked. Normally Ms. DeWitt will have me hand back papers to students or set up a lab for a class. I also help students when they are confused about a question or weren't here when directions were given. I especially help one student understand different vocabulary words and with other tasks. I like being a DUO because I like helping other students with their work. It gives me the chance to see what being a teacher is like. Being a DUO is helping me develop communication skills, and understanding how people think differently. I feel like it has also given me a better understanding of how the teacher feels when students aren't listening and how frustrating it can be. I definitely act a lot different when I'm in my DUO class.

**All the DUO stories in this section were abridged, in an effort to get more stories in. To see more DUO stories & the unabridged versions of those published here, go to: [sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/](https://sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/) and click "Features"**

## Crucigrama Cultural Dos

by Sean Davison

### ACROSS

- 3. Guaraní and Spanish are co-official languages in this country.
- 5. A language spoken in northwestern Spain that is not a Romance language, i.e. not derived from Latin.
- 7. This artist painted *The Persistence of Memory* (*La persistencia de la memoria*).
- 8. Ceviche, a dish now popular in many places, originated in this country.
- 9. The Hispanic custom of spending time around the table chatting after the meal has ended is called \_\_\_\_\_ in Spanish.
- 11. This South American country is the home to the highest elevated capital city in the world.
- 12. Famous mountain range that defines the Chilean border on the east.
- 14. A word that is similar in both meaning and form in Spanish and English is a \_\_\_\_\_.



### DOWN

- 1. This country won the soccer world cup in 2010.
- 2. This Spanish-speaking place is a territory of the US.
- 3. This country's flag features an eagle eating a snake.
- 4. Soccer player Lionel Messi was born in this country.
- 10. In Spanish culture the tooth fairy is this type of animal.
- 13. The national slogan of \_\_\_\_\_ Rica is "Pura vida".
- 15. In the ancient Mesoamerican game pelota, the ball weighs this many pounds.

## Spanish and English Proverbs and Sayings II

By Annabelle Doucet

Proverbs and other sayings offer simple life advice that's passed down from generation to generation. You've probably heard all of the proverbs below in English, but do you know how to say them in Spanish? This is a good way to find out! Match the Spanish proverb with its English equivalent below.

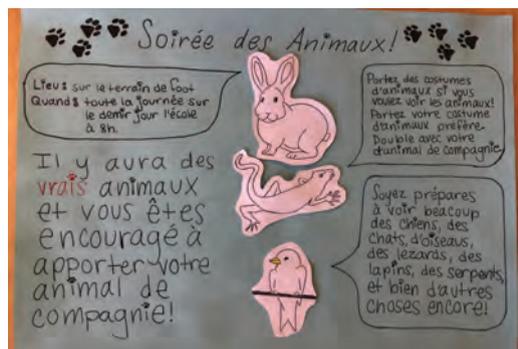
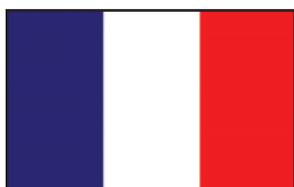
### Proverbios y dichos en español e inglés 2:

Los proverbios y otros dichos ofrecen consejos de vida sencillos que se transmiten de generación en generación. Probablemente hayas escuchado todos los proverbios a continuación en inglés, pero ¿sabes cómo decirlos en español? ¡Esta es una buena manera de aprender! Relaciona el proverbio español con su equivalente en inglés.

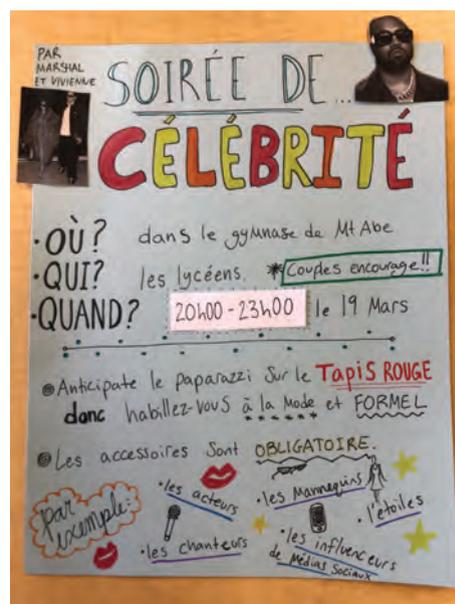
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| ___ 1. De los errores se aprende                              | A. When the cat's away, the mice play.          |
| ___ 2. Hoy por ti, mañana por mí.                             | B. New year, new me.                            |
| ___ 3. Estar en el ojo del huracán.                           | C. Faith moves mountains.                       |
| ___ 4. Cuando el gato está ausente, los ratones se divierten. | D. It's better to be alone than in bad company. |
| ___ 5. Año nuevo, vida nueva.                                 | E. We learn from our mistakes.                  |
| ___ 6. No hay rosa sin espinas.                               | F. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. |
| ___ 7. Mañana será otro día.                                  | G. Today for you, tomorrow for me.              |
| ___ 8. Más vale solo que mal acompañado.                      | H. There are no roses without thorns.           |
| ___ 9. La fe mueve montañas.                                  | I. To be in the eye of the hurricane.           |
| ___ 10. Más vale pájaro en mano que ciento volando.           | J. Tomorrow is a new day.                       |
| ___ 11. Tal padre, tal hijo.                                  | K. You're the apple of my eye.                  |
| ___ 12. Eres la luz de mis ojos                               | L. It's better than nothing.                    |
| ___ 13. Algo es algo; menos es nada.                          | M. Like father, like son.                       |

Solutions to Crossword & Matchgame above at [sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/home/puzzles](https://sites.google.com/a/anesu.org/birds-eye-view/home/puzzles)

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# ASK A MASTER GARDENER

## WHAT TO PLANT IN A SHADE GARDEN



Bonnie Kirn Donahue is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and landscape designer from central Vermont.

**T**hink that a shady area can't have a garden? Think again! Shade gardens can be fantastic places to showcase foliage color, texture and flowers, too.

The key to designing a shade garden is simple. Select plants that can grow in part-shade to full-shade conditions.

BY **BONNIE KIRN DONAHUE**

For reference, a plant that likes part-shade prefers about

4-6 hours of direct sunlight a day. A plant that needs full-shade prefers less than 4 hours of direct sunlight a day.

This sun/shade preference can easily be found on plant tags at nurseries or online. There are many plants that appreciate shade, from annuals, to perennials and even shrubs.

Annuals don't have to be limited to pots. They can be strategically added to perennial gardens to fill in gaps or add pops of consistent color throughout the season.

Shade-tolerant annuals like impatiens (*Impatiens* spp.), fuchsia (*Fuchsia* spp.), begonia (*Begonia* spp.) and lobelia (*Lobelia* spp.), come in a variety of foliage and flower colors and would give any garden an instant boost.

Sweet alyssum, an annual with masses of tiny white flowers, is a powerful plant that attracts beneficial insects that help protect your garden from unwanted pests. Sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*) grows less than 10 inches tall and tolerates part-shade.

Many shade-loving perennials come in a wide range of foliage colors. Plants such as coral bells (*Heuchera* spp.) and foam flower (*Tiarella* spp.) have foliage with scalloped edges. They grow less than 12 inches tall and have delicate flower stems that emerge in early summer.

Coral bells is known for its near-endless foliage colors, with varieties that stretch from lime green, to orange, purples and red. If you're interested in native plants, foam flower is a native perennial with more subtle foliage

with sweet star-like flowers on its stems.

Sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*) is a native perennial that likes medium to wet soils and part to full shade. The fern fronds are light green, which stand out from other darker green foliage. The lovely rusty-brown seed heads stand up through the winter, adding some interest to the winter landscape.

Many great native shrubs can tolerate at least partial shade. Red twig dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) has brilliant red stems that are striking against the late winter landscape. Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) has brilliant red foliage in the fall and can tolerate partial shade.

Both shrubs boast flowers that attract pollinators in the spring and berries that attract birds in the fall. Keep in mind that when planting shrubs with berries in partial to full shade, they may not flower or fruit as profusely as they would in full sun.

Finally, while shade gardens get less sun, they still need occasional watering, weeding and other care, much like any other full-sun garden. Depending on your soil type, shade gardens may retain moisture for longer periods. Check the soil moisture about 2-3 inches down to see if it really needs to be watered.



A popular shade garden plant is heuchera with its scalloped-edge leaves and delicate flower stems that emerge in early summer.

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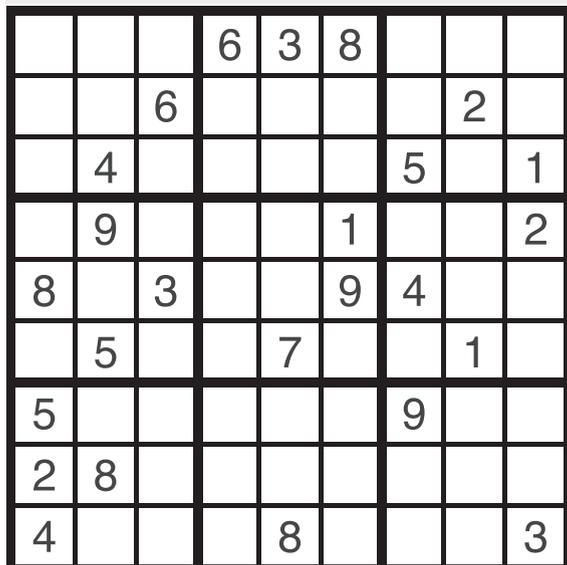
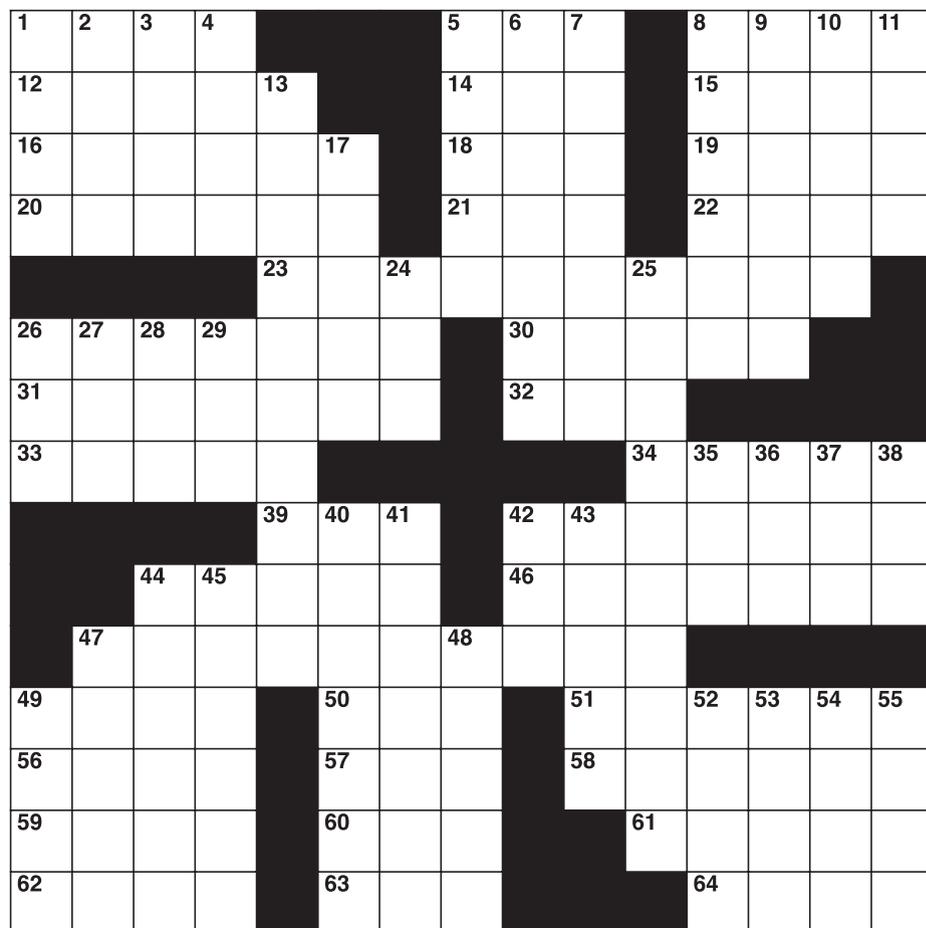
- 1. Orator's podium
- 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to "oohs"
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person
- 15. Monetary unit of Angola
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot
- 19. Tech hub \_\_ Alto
- 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives
- 26. Incompetent person

- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 31. Unspoken relationships
- 32. Passports and licenses are two
- 33. Claw
- 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic
- 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner
- 46. In an angry way
- 47. Ill-intentioned
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. S. American plant
- 51. One or the other
- 56. An alias for Thor
- 57. Gratuity
- 58. In a painful way
- 59. French commune

- 60. Promotional materials
- 61. Greek city
- 62. Assistant
- 63. Confederate general
- 64. Former NJ governor

## DOWN

- 1. Used by gymnasts
- 2. "Luther" actor Idris
- 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Not for
- 5. Blur
- 6. Tots
- 7. Acted leisurely
- 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed
- 10. Town in "The Iliad"



## 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.**

- 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Calvary sword
- 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 25. Keeps a house cozy
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. Southwestern Russian city
- 28. Pro sports league
- 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing
- 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment
- 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes
- 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel
- 53. Iron-containing compound
- 54. Ancient Greek City
- 55. NFL signal caller Matt



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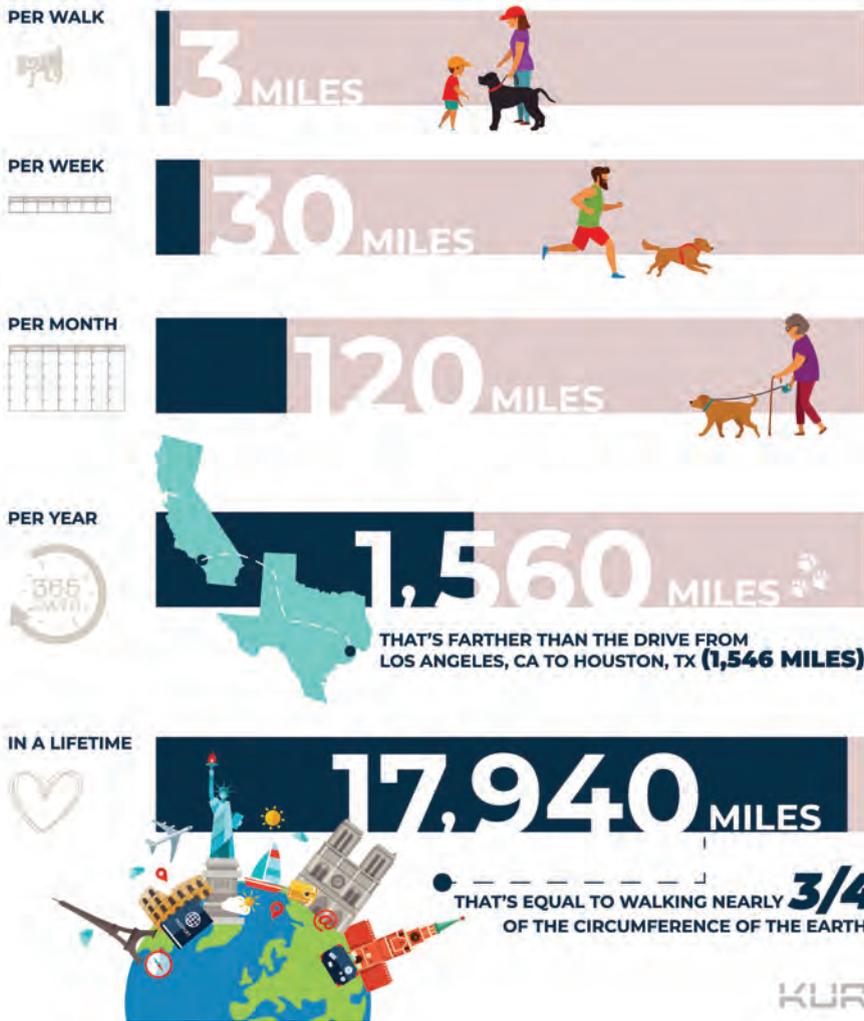
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**Mia** is a 1.5 year old, 80-pound and growing Great Dane. She is human-friendly although can be timid at first. She warms up easily with reassurance and calmness and is super goofy in her long-legged awkwardness.

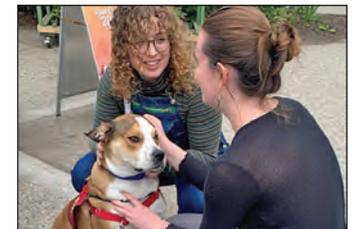
**Lola and Mia** were raised together and were left mostly on their own running free on a large piece of land without being socialized with other dogs or humans outside the immediate family. Our shelter staff have been working on house training and walking on leash and both dogs are making progress, but will need continued training and routine to get them where they need to be in these areas. A large yard with a high fence would provide a great energy release and if out for a walk the new owner would need to be physically able to control their strength until they learn leash manners and basic obedience.

**Both dogs** are considered dog reactive and must be the only pet in a home with no cats or small children. **We are NOT looking to adopt Lola and Mia into the same home** because of the controlling, assertive nature Mia exhibits over Lola.



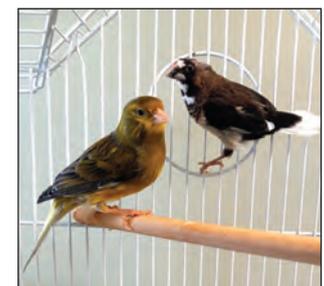
**Kylo** is a 4-year old, 30-pound beagle mix. He has a prey drive toward cats and any other small animals and should not be in a home where he would be tempted. He's good with other dogs and would do okay with older kids. He is anxious at times and has some separation anxieties. Kylo needs a lot of exercise and playtime to burn off his enthusiastic energy. He walks well on-leash, is affectionate and gives an abundance of kisses.

**Skippy** is a 2 year-old, 70 pound hound mix who is carrying a little extra winter weight. He pulls hard on the leash when first starting out on his walks because he is so excited to be going and doing. He needs a strong person for walks or a fenced-in yard where he can bounce off some of his energy. Continued leash training would be beneficial. Skippy has a strong prey drive for cats and birds and does well with other socialized dogs. Kids in his family should be 10 or over and respectful of his food space. Skippy loves to get belly rubs and have long play sessions. He is still a young dog and needs as much exercise and play as someone is willing to do with him.



**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.

These feathered friends are looking for their forever home to fly on into together! We are unsure of whether they are male or female, however, we do know that the brown-ish one (**Squeek**) is a Society Finch and the yellow one (**Sunny**) is a Canary Finch. They are chatty little friends that like to sing and play in the water. Finches can live to be 7 to 14 years old.



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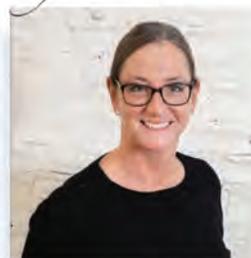
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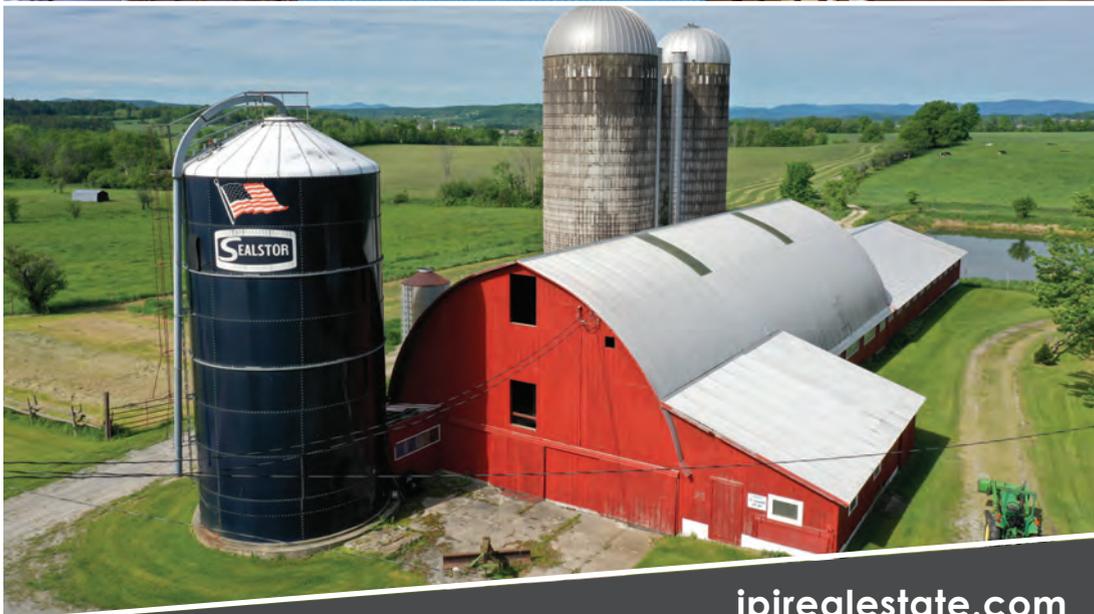
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**"It Runs With The Territory: A Prindle Wissler Retrospective"** features work by the late local artist Prindle Wissler. The paintings and prints in this exhibit span from the 1940s to the early 2000s. On view May 12-June 30.

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART**

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Visit [museum.middlebury.edu/exhibitions](http://museum.middlebury.edu/exhibitions) or call 802-443-5007 to make your free reservations.

**"Contemporary to Classical: Highlights from the New Collection Handbook,"** featuring more than 40 works from the museum's new permanent collection handbook. On view Jan. 28-Aug. 7.

**"Into the Screen: Digital Art from teamLab."** This exhibition highlights a singular immersive digital experience by teamLab and the traditional 17th- to 20th-century screens and prints that inspired it. On view Jan. 28-Aug. 7.

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**"My Side Of the Bed"** features a solo exhibit from artist Sarah King. King has created a body of work depicting moments of motherhood during quarantine for this show. The exhibit will be on view through June 15.

**SPARROW ART SUPPLY**

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**"Sense of Relief,"** a new group exhibit celebrates the art of relief printing. In this show you'll find 2D prints, book arts, mixed media, and more. With work by over 20 artists, this show spans all subject matters unified by this incredible printing process. The exhibit will run from May 13-July 10.

**EDGEWATER GALLERY ON THE GREEN & AT THE FALLS**

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### Vergennes City Band Looking for New Members

The Vergennes City Band is an all-volunteer community band that performs on Monday nights during the summer on the bandstand on the green in Vergennes. As we get ready to start our 2022 season, we are putting out the call for new members. Instrumentalists of all ages are welcome to join! For more information, email [vergennescityband@gmail.com](mailto:vergennescityband@gmail.com).

*Concerts will take place in the Vergennes City Park on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. Our first concert is Monday, June 20.*

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June 17, July 8, Aug. 19 @ 6 pm



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A free concert with the CPO.

August 6 @ 6 pm



## Mid Summer Market Musicians

Weekly live music at the gazebo on the green.

Thursdays @ 5 pm



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Domestic Resurrection Circus

August 18 @ 5:45 pm



## But Why? with Jane Lindholm Live @ THT

Jane Lindholm brings her popular podcast "But Why" to THT.

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## Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival @ THT

Check daily schedule for screening times.

August 24-28



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