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Meet the candidates



BRATTLEBORO DEMOCRAT BECCA Balint, the current Vermont Senate president pro tem, is seeking to become the first woman to represent her state in Congress.

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Vt. Senate leader aims for U.S. House

In a big field, Balint focuses on issues

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Becca Balint is used to breaking barriers.

Last year, she became the first woman and first openly gay person to be sworn in as Vermont Senate President pro tem, second-highest-

ranking official of the Senate.

Now she's hoping to become the first woman to represent Vermont in Congress.

Balint, 54, is a Brattleboro Democrat competing in a crowded field for the right to succeed

incumbent Democratic Rep. Peter Welch. He is running for a U.S. Senate seat being vacated by incumbent Sen. Patrick Leahy. The Nov. 1 general election is looming large, but first, an Aug. 9 primary will settle which among four Democrats will advance: Balint, Sianay Chase Clifford of Essex

Junction, Lt. Gov. Molly Gray and Dr. Louis Meyers of South Burlington.

Balint has been canvassing the state not only for votes, but for a clear sense of the issues resonating most with Vermonters who are trying to make ends meet in a

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Lincoln native seeks return as state's atty.

Lueders-Dumont eyes role in county

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Only 15 years ago, Tim Lueders-Dumont was commuting from Lincoln to Mount Abraham Union High School, where a soccer ball was never far away from his feet.

He's now a newly married lawyer seeking to become top prosecutor in the county he called home for the first 18 years of his life.

Lueders-Dumont, 31, is one of three confirmed candidates seeking to succeed former Addison State's Attorney Dennis Wygmans, who stepped down in May to become one of two Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors in the state.

Middlebury attorney Eva P. Vekos and Lueders-Dumont — who currently lives in Montpelier and

serves as Washington County deputy state's attorney — will square off in an Aug. 9 Democratic primary. The winner of that contest will face independent Peter Bevere of Middlebury — currently facing Addison County state's attorney — in the Nov. 1 General Election.

The *Independent* will seek interviews with both Vekos and Bevere during the coming weeks.

"When I saw that Dennis wasn't running again, I moved quickly... because my fiancé (Ashlynn Doyon) and I had always intended to move back to Lincoln," Lueders-Dumont said of his decision to enter the race. "And I have tremendous respect for everyone working in the Addison County office."

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Passenger train service to begin in county 7/29

MIDDLEBURY — Five long years after work started on the replacement of two failing bridges and the creation of a rail tunnel through the heart of Middlebury, the Amtrak Ethan Allen Express passenger train will begin its expanded passenger rail run through Addison County on July 29.

The passenger train, which already runs between Rutland and New York City, will extend service to Burlington and add stops in Middlebury and Vergennes.

Late last week the Vermont Agency of Transportation

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Title IX: Half a century of equality or a continuing battle?

Women appreciate progress, want more

By SHAYIQ SHAH

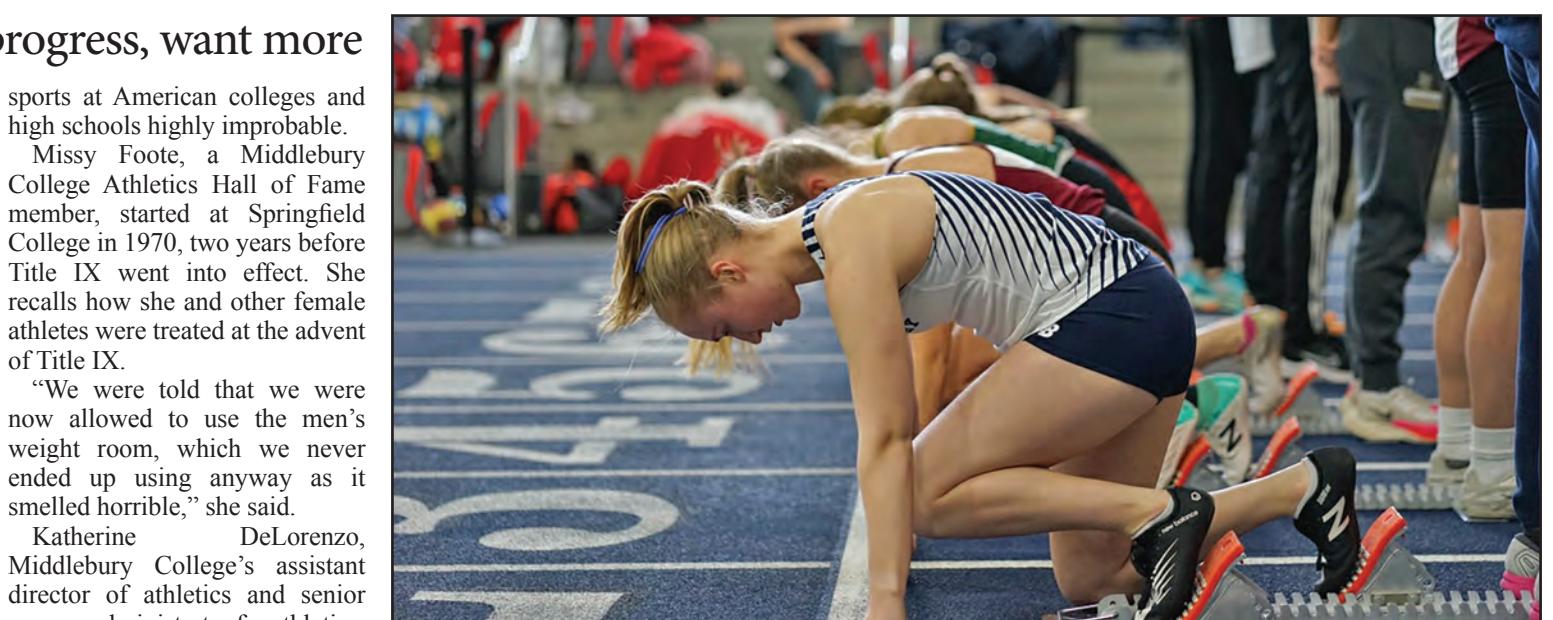
This year marks the 50th anniversary of a landmark in the pursuit of equitable education for men and women in the United States — Title IX.

Title IX, a federal law that went into effect on June 23, 1972, prohibits all institutions receiving federal funding to discriminate based on sex in educational opportunities and activities.

The inclusion of the word "activities" called for equal opportunity, facilities and coaching for both men's and women's sports — a law that was the first of its kind.

However, the lack of infrastructure, funding, female coaches and organizational precedents made that immediate and effective roll out of women's

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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ATHLETE Liza Toll, shown at the start of a 60-meter dash, appreciates the pioneering work of the female athletes who took advantage of Title IX and made her participation in college sports possible.

Photo Credit: Zander Kessler



Summer begins in city with berry bash

By MARIN HOWELL

VERGENNES — How passionate are berry-lovers about getting back to eating their summer fruits in the company of a fun community event?

Very passionate, if Monday's 48th annual strawberry festival in Vergennes is any indication.

This year's festival, an event that typically serves up 250 to 300 plates of strawberry shortcake to Addison County residents, served 500, according to Marion Sullivan, who is a volunteer with festival sponsor Champlain Valley Christian School.

It was the first Vergennes Strawberry Festival in two years to operate fully in person after 2020's festival was canceled and last year's was held as a drive-through event due to the

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DELLA CONNOR, LEFT, Rachel Connor, Julie Cousino and Alexi Rabideau were among the Champlain Valley Christian School volunteers who dished up around 500 servings of strawberry shortcake at the Vergennes Strawberry Festival in City Park on Monday evening.

Photo credit: Alisa DeVries

Local printmaker's art bound for Alaska

Hudson's work off to his former home

By WILLIAM REED

MIDDLEBURY — Some of the woodblock prints that Raymond Hudson made in his Middlebury studio/garage will soon be making the long journey to an exhibition in Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

The public library on Unalaska Island reached out to Hudson and asked him if he would compile several woodblock prints, a specific style of paint and print-made visual art, for the library to install following completion of renovation work at the end of the year.

"There are two four-foot panels that will be joined by a nine-foot piece at the top," Hudson said. "They'll be installed around a fireplace at the public library."

Why did the Alaskans reach all the way to Vermont? Well, Hudson was a resident of Unalaska for three decades.

This project has taken around six weeks to complete, but Hudson has been working with woodblock

prints since 1973. The former school teacher explained how this piece, with its nature scenes, Native American symbolism and words, came into being.

"The carvings are the blocks from woodblock prints that I've made over the years, mostly of three-quarter-inch cherry," he said, showing his work. "The words included in these are in one of the native languages of Alaska, Unangam Tunuu."

Unangam Tunuu is an indigenous language of the Aleut people who reside in the Aleutians, that string of islands that stretches southwest from mainland Alaska. Some of the phrases on the panels translate to "coming of daylight," and "the work of my country."

Hudson carefully picked which prints to include in his display. By gluing and recessing them together, he has created a colorful and vibrant display of Alaskan nature and history, all for the eyes

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Community leaders discuss water quality

By SAM LIPIN

ADDISON — There's too much phosphorus in Lake Champlain, and it's past time to do something about it.

That was the message at a June 16 meeting at D.A.R. State Park in Addison that drew a group of about 100 farmers, small-business owners and concerned citizens to listen to a panel of environmental lawyers, state officials and legislators discuss the state of water quality in the Lake Champlain Basin in an event organized by the Addison County Democratic Party.

The panel included Rep. Amy Sheldon, D-Middlebury; Sen. Christopher Bray, D-Addison County; Jon Groveman, policy and water program director for the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC); and David Mears, executive director of Audubon Vermont.

Other Democratic lawmakers in attendance as guests were Addison County Sen. Ruth Hardy, Vergennes Reps. Diane Lanpher and Matt Birong, and Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas of Bradford.

The theme of the event: educate and engage.

The stated objective of the meeting and action it recommended was "to enact targeted legislation and regulation, to equip state and local officials with the resources they need to address the challenges within their purview, and to enforce the legislation and regulations that are already on the books," wrote Skip Masback, co-chair of the Champlain Basin Water Quality Task Force of the Addison County and Panton Town Democratic committees.

Once a pristine body of water enjoyed for its swimming, recreational activities and drinking water, Lake Champlain has seen excessive growth of algae as a result of too much phosphorus, according to Groveman and Mears. That pollution has at times resulted in lake water becoming toxic to pets and people, as well as turning it green.

All of the panelists stated that this accretion of phosphorus in the water is largely the result of stormwater runoff from farms whose soil can contain harmful chemicals, including phosphorus. Also problematic, they said, is rainwater runoff from dirt roads that do not always direct water away from river corridors that feed larger bodies of water.

Furthermore, they added, Lake Champlain is especially susceptible to runoff because the total surface area of the lake's basin is about 18 times the size of the lake itself. To put that into perspective, the basin of Lake Michigan is only twice the size of the lake's surface area.

Although there have been localized efforts to clean the lake and come up with sustainable solutions for purification, the panelists said the biggest issue remains regulation of farming practices. Despite the ratification of Act 64 in 2016, also known as the Vermont Clean Water Act, which required massive changes in agricultural and road maintenance practices, they said that law has not been adequately enforced.

Amy Sheldon, who chairs the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, announced a bill in the works that centers around building a regenerative economy that both supports farmers and requires them to engage in healthier agricultural practices.

"Delusion will not be the solution to our pollution," said Sheldon.

While the entire panel agreed as to the problems and solutions of the pollution issue, they did not dismiss the problems facing farmers in Vermont. Sustainable solutions to the problem demand major changes to farmers' use of land, including to the types of fertilizers and pesticides used, as well as to infrastructure to ensure chemicals from the soil do not leak into river corridors.

The solutions do not come cheap, they said, especially for farmers who already struggle to survive financially. Mears acknowledged many simply do not have the time or resources to focus on environmental concerns.

"To ask farmers who are already navigating through a global set of challenges with our food system to, at the same time, transform the way that they farm is a lot to ask," said Mears. "The farms have not met the challenge, nor have we as a state given them the tools to meet the challenge."

This point was not lost on the panel, but they nevertheless said collaboration among farmers, state and local governments, and perhaps even the federal government could result in benefits for all parties. The most important of which, at least to those in attendance, was the cleanliness of Lake Champlain and all Vermont bodies of water.

Such a collaboration is necessary to ensure farmers can adjust their practices without making their margins even smaller, according to Sheldon, who simplified the benefits of such a collaboration.

"If we get out of the way, Mother Nature will heal," she said.

A video of the meeting will be posted and disseminated in hopes of further educating and engaging citizens throughout Vermont. Masback stressed the importance of getting farmers, state representatives, citizens and students committed to improving water quality in Lake Champlain and beyond.

Masback hopes the urgency of the situation will motivate further community engagement throughout the county and the state, fearing that anything less will not be enough.

"The concept of 'All-In' is that we have no chance of solving this without everyone's engagement," he said. "It can't be an anti-farming movement or an anti-city movement."



Frolicking foals

YOU COULD JUST tell that the young horses at the UVM Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge knew that Saturday was their day. June 18 was Foal Day, when the public was invited to come enjoy the baby Morgans, which were all born in April and May. The youngsters ran this way and that, but the mothers were always there in the background keeping an eye on the fun. It was kind of the same for the human families.

Independent photos/Steve James



Lincoln elects first school board members

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — On Tuesday, Lincoln residents elected the town's first school board members since withdrawing from the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD).

The three Lincoln residents chosen to sit on the town's school board were Paul Forlenza, who got 117 votes; Jennifer Oldham (116 votes); and Abby Reynolds (115 votes). Each member was elected for a different term length;

Forlenza will sit on the board for one year, Oldham for two years, and Reynolds for three.

It was one of the lower turnouts for a town-wide election in Lincoln, with only 118 of the town's 1,130 registered voters (about 10%) casting ballots for the three candidates running unopposed to fill the school board's three open positions. Of the 118 residents to vote in the election, 35 voted via absentee ballot and 83 voted in person at Lincoln's Burnham Hall.

Town Clerk Sally Ober said that while the voter turnout was low, the residents that came out to cast their vote were excited about what the election meant to the town.

"People came in and were excited because it felt like a historic moment in our town. We're still making progress in separating from MAUSD, so it's another step on that path," said Ober. "They acknowledged all the hard work it will take to establish a new school district again for Lincoln. Many

folks expressed gratitude for all the people involved in this MAUSD withdrawal process."

The newly elected school board members will now begin the specific tasks of forming an operational school district, starting by negotiating and ratifying a financial exit agreement with MAUSD, creating a budget for fiscal year 2024, and hiring staff for the town district and for a new supervisory union the town is working with Ripton to form.

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Editorials

Day 4: Trump's travesty wreaks havoc on others

Seemingly, the troubling aspects of the Trump drama never end. After the fourth day of testimony by the House committee looking into the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, inspired by ex-president Donald Trump, those Americans paying attention now fully realize how callous and premeditated Trump's "big lie" has been.

Most Americans, including former Republican Vice President Mike Pence, knew President Biden fairly won the election. They believed in the validity of the elections, and believed the validation provided by the numerous court challenges (over 60) of election results. But because of a cowardly Republican Party, which at first recoiled at Trump's lie (that the election had been stolen from him) and then embraced it out of concern for their electability, the lie took hold and those citizens with blind loyalty to party, not truth, fell in line like lemmings to Trump's piper.

The first consequence of that lie, and Trump's callous disregard of the truth and his willingness to subjugate the nation's democracy, was the assault on the nation's Capitol. It was a violent assault on Capitol Police and one in which the assailants chanted, "Hang Mike Pence," and came within seconds of the vice-president's exit from the building — all while Trump watched approvingly from the safety of the White House.

Whether Trump's role was a criminal act in which he could face prosecution is what these hearings are about. But more has come out of the hearings than expected.

Most Americans knew Trump and his team had shown callous disregard of the truth and that his actions were potentially criminal. But we weren't so aware of how premeditated it had been and how his actions threatened the lives of the individuals he and his team singled out and/or pressured to illegally change election results on Trump's behalf.

The first three days of testimony laid out a solid case that Trump pursued his "big lie" even though he knew he had legitimately lost the election. We have learned that he shamelessly pursued the lie for monetary gain, and in the hope that he could overthrow the regular transfer of power through devious means.

Among the testimony on Day Four of the hearings were two stories of how the lives of two election workers from Georgia and a GOP leader in Arizona were threatened and turned upside down by Trump's reckless behavior.

Arizona House Speaker Russell "Rusty" Bowers, a diehard conservative Republican, testified on Wednesday that as much of a conservative, life-long Republican and ardent Trump supporter that he was, he couldn't bring himself to disavow the oath of office he was sworn to. Bowers testified that Trump and his team pressured him relentlessly to throw the state's electors to Trump even though he knew President Biden had carried the state by an undeniable margin.

For Bowers' honesty and sticking up for America's democracy, Trump threw a tantrum, called him unfaithful to his cause, and, consequently, Bowers suffered the misguided wrath of Trump's clueless and amoral supporters.

According to an account in the *New York Times*: "Bowers had voted for Trump, campaigned for Trump, but would not violate the law for him — and, as a result, his political future was jeopardized, his character was questioned and his family was harassed as his daughter was dying... In the weeks that followed, Bowers' neighborhood in Mesa, a suburb east of Phoenix, was practically occupied at times by caravans of Trump supporters. They screamed at Bowers through bullhorns, filmed his home and led parades to ridicule him that featured a civilian military-style truck. At one point, a man showed up with a gun and was threatening Bowers' neighbor."

More troubling was the mother-daughter duo, Wandrea "Shaye" Moss and her mother Ruby Freeman — Georgia election workers. Trump and Rudy Giuliani targeted them because one passed a mint to the other during the vote count, and Trump, having no evidence but good optics, used the moment to falsely allege it was a USB drive.

Because Trump's supporters were so willing to believe Trump's big lie that the election was stolen, his supporters jumped at every false allegation Trump made. Trump and Giuliani were relentless in their assault, specifically attacking the duo 20 separate times, even as they knew they were spreading more of the same lie.

The consequences to the mother and daughter were devastating. "A lot of threats," Moss told the committee, "wishing death upon me. Telling me that, you know, I'll be in jail with my mother, and saying things like, 'be glad it's 2020 and not 1920.'"

In a taped deposition, Moss's mother, Ruby Freeman, told the House committee that she's now afraid, 18 months later, to have her name said in public. "For my entire professional life, I was Lady Ruby," Freeman told the select committee. "My community in Georgia, where I was born and lived my whole life, knew me as Lady Ruby.... Now, I won't even introduce myself by my name anymore. I get nervous when I bump into someone I know in the grocery store who says my name. I'm worried about who is listening. I get nervous when I have to give my name for food orders. I'm always concerned of who is around me. I've lost my name, and I've lost my reputation. I've lost my sense of security all because a group of people, starting with number 45 and his ally Rudy Giuliani, decided to scapegoat me and my daughter, Shayne. To push their own lies about how the presidential election was stolen... There is nowhere I feel safe. Nowhere. Do you know how it feels to have the president of the United States target you? The president of the United States is supposed to represent every American. Not to target one. But he targeted me, Lady Ruby, a small-business owner, a mother, a proud American citizen, who stood up to help Fulton County run an election in the middle of the pandemic."

It's stuff none of us want to read, or watch, or even think about. We're all sick from it, and sick-and-tired of it.

But for our democracy's sake, we can't tune out.

As the committee has demonstrated time and again, the actions taken by Trump and key members of the Republican Party to subvert the constitutional transfer of power were a serious challenge to the nation's democracy. It was more than just insuring the election results were accurate; it was a deliberate attempt to keep Trump in power despite his loss.

To ignore those acts and fail to prosecute is to set the stage for democracy's demise.

Angelo Lynn



'bout time

THE FACE OF this E.M. Barnes clock sits quietly in the Chimney Point State Historic Site at the foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge in Addison. This model and its sister in the museum were made in the area about two centuries ago.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Crossing the bridges in our lives

This summer I look forward to walks across the Champlain Bridge at sunset. I will admire its slender beams and graceful curves from many angles. The allure of bridges dates back to my childhood.

In 1959 construction began on the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge connecting Staten Island to Brooklyn. One Sunday afternoon my dad and Uncle Phil decided to visit the worksite while their wives visited. A few of us kids tagged along. I remember standing on the Staten Island shore, building rubble strewn about, as the two men gazed across to Brooklyn.

My dad, then a research engineer for Bakelite Synthetics, marveled at the conceptual challenge of spanning the Narrows, almost a mile across, with what would be for a time the longest suspension bridge in the world. Uncle Phil, a machinist for the New York Sanitation Department, reflected on the physical challenge and danger of assembling such a vast structure. In fact, before a single car drove across the bridge, three workers had fallen to their deaths.

Now, over 60 years later, I have seen and crossed that bridge numerous times, and truly, it is a calming work of art in the midst of a turbulent city. At night, its parallel cables ascend and descend in succession to form a gleaming curve across the skyline.

Of course, the bridge was built for practical reasons, and it shortened my Uncle Phil's commute significantly. He rode his motorcycle across that bridge each workday, skirting long lines of traffic on his way from Staten Island to Brooklyn, where he maintained the compactors

Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



he helped us with math homework, and he once gave me such a good idea for an essay contest on patriotism it won first prize. He daydreamed about building a go-cart but didn't have the mechanical know-how. The only time Dad ever got injured at work was during a team-building volleyball game when someone jumped and landed on his size-13 foot.

After my dad became a widower, he needed a hand with his three girls during school breaks. Uncle Phil was renovating his old house on Quinlan Avenue while he and Aunt Leah worked full-time to support their family (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

Summer kicks off social season

In recent weeks, I've learned something about myself: I like people.

At some level, I've always liked people. I've just preferred not to be around them. I don't have the energy for all that give-and-take and talking and listening and bantering. It's too much.

So when the pandemic hit in March 2020, I wasn't that upset about having to avoid large groups and start working from home. (According to Mark, in fact, I ran around the house shouting, "Freedom!")

Abiding by all the pandemic restrictions and recommendations, we didn't go out for months. There were weeks when the only people I talked to in person were Mark and a checkout clerk or two.

I was living the dream.

There were signs, however, that I needed more human interaction. For instance, I started a book club last winter. But the only members were me and our dog, and I'm pretty sure in a lot of cases he only watched the movie.

Then this spring, society began to return to some semblance of normalcy. And I felt a hint of a long-forgotten emotion stirring in my soul. Did I ... miss people?

For the first time in ages, the prospect of seeing other humans face-to-face gave me a thrill. And the reality

did not disappoint. For several consecutive weekends, we've had multiple social engagements, most of them with dozens of attendees. Our calendar has been packed with graduation parties, cookouts, even a wedding.

In past years, I would have complained about all these people having life events back-to-back. This year, however, I've gotten to hang out with tons of friends and relatives I literally haven't seen in years, and I'm loving it.

I keep thinking the joy will wear off, but so far, every time we arrive at a party, I act like Dorothy waking up at the end of "The Wizard of Oz." Reconnecting with so many people after so long touches my heart. It's all I can do not to burst into tears and hug every last one of them, even the annoying ones.

I've noticed something, though: Each event follows the same pattern over 24 hours. Part one is the gathering itself. I cannot wait to catch up with every guest. I feel like I've been rescued from two years on a desert island and am trying to get up to speed on all the news of the mainland.

Unlike Mark and me, however, other people have been going wild (i.e., leaving the house) for a while now, putting me at a conversational disadvantage. One couple told me they had taken a road trip to Joshua Tree. At a loss, I said, "How fun. I tried a new brand of

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Letters to the Editor

Caterpillars not really so scary

The first time I met a tomato hornworm caterpillar in my garden I screamed and ran. What was that?

Huge, pudgy, bulgy and bright green with 100! (well no, just 10) little fat feet; a spiky horn on its head! (no, it's on the other end, just for show); HUGE! (well, maybe 5 inches ...).

So I looked it up and learned that this bulgy creature — overwintering underground in the tomato patch — will emerge in spring a lovely sphinx moth, wings patterned with soft browns, pinks and creams with fuzzy antennae.

I see them every summer in my flowers. They are important pollinators.

Now each spring I plant an extra tomato plant, just for the hornworms, at the far end of the garden.

I carry them gently to their own plant. Their green pudgy skin is soft, their tiny feet tickle. Sometimes they rear up to look scary but I know better.

Anna Rose Benson
Weybridge

We can all help our pollinators

I'm thrilled to be part of a county-wide effort to help our native pollinators. With just a tiny bit of mindfulness and care and effort, we can all help in one way or another. For myself, I have added a few new plants to my yard and intentionally chose some native ones. And my love of fireflies allows me to keep my back lawn (and a circle of lawn out front around a tree!) a bit shaggy and long. Surprisingly, I have clover, daisy, and yarrow blossoming happily that would normally have been cut by the lawnmower. I don't know when I'll feel compelled to mow it but I'm willing to experiment and discover what will happen. For now, my mowed pathways are fine for me. I'm also not mulching with pine bark and instead using old leaves from a pile that my neighbor offered me. Next up: maybe bee hotels!

If you'd like to know more, I host a monthly gathering at the Ilsley Library and use PPF to announce the event.

Lily Snow
Middlebury

Reflecting on fellow drivers

In spite of current cost of gasoline, there seems to be, and I have noticed, as many cars on the road today, as ever. There are places that people need to be: work, shopping destinations, restaurants, meet-ups with friends and so on. Traveling today for any purpose is more costly and many are making necessary adjustments to off-set high prices at the pump. So, it seems that for all intents and purposes people are on the road and going here and there and everywhere!

My parents were always on the road in their hometown of Bennington. If my dad wasn't working, he would take my mom on the road to picnic, fish at their favorite fishing hole, or scouting deer for the up-coming deer hunting season. Gas cost them about 23 cents per gallon in the early 60s. I won't remind you about what we are paying for a gallon of gas at the pump today.

I paid \$65 for my first car at Honest Carl's Used Car Lot in 1966. It was a 1954 Ford and was so rusty that it changed colors when it rained. It wasn't exactly a chick-magnet, but people were not afraid to come along for a ride.

Today my wife Sharon and I are on the road all the time! Since retirement we have taken to driving a Miata MX5 for the past 10 years; today we are on our second Miata, a 2006 MX5. It's a fun drive and averages between 30-31 mpg. We are on the road at the drop of a hat and always with the canopy up.

We do have a Subaru that we use (See Pinsonneault letter, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

MAUSD board urged to revisit firing of hoop coach

The firing of Connie LaRose, winning girls' basketball coach at Mt. Abraham Union High School, is shocking to me. From everything that I have read in the press and talking to Connie personally, it came as a complete surprise to her. How is it possible that a coach that has helped turn out so many championship teams and high caliber players in 30 years of coaching would just be let go. Is it her coaching style, her age? A good coach such as Connie motivates and encourages her players to be their best on and off the basketball court. A winning attitude comes with hard work, dedication and discipline. You may have to run a couple of extra laps or stay shooting foul shots when practice is complete but that is how you get to be the best. Having a coach that is tough on you helps you to prepare for life's

challenges. Success requires, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority.

Connie expected respect and discipline, and she respected her players in return. It is unfortunate that respect and discipline are not being taught in our schools anymore. Our society's "everyone gets a trophy" attitude is turning out children that expect things to be given to them not only as children but adults as well. We are turning out a society of entitlement. Our children are not learning the value of hard work and the reward that comes from that. Connie helped these players learn how to reach their true potential and be contributing members in our communities as adults.

As a supporter of Vergennes athletics for over 50 years it was always a pleasure to watch the

rivalry between the two schools when they would compete, always very competitively. It also was refreshing to observe how well disciplined and respectful Connie's players were.

I know personally a number of her former athletes and the successes that they have enjoyed in their adult lives. If you were to ask them, I'm sure they would attribute a lot of that success to the skills that they were taught by Connie and other great coaches in their life.

This is a travesty and a bitter pill for Connie and her supporters to swallow after 30-plus years of dedication to her school and community. I would hope that the Mt. Abe School board would reverse this decision and reinstate her immediately.

Michael Donnelly
Vergennes

There are easy ways to help our planet's pollinators

Pollinators have become the new "buzz" word in the last several months. We now have National Pollinator Week, June 20-26!

Everyone loves butterflies, and even bumblebees are having their day in the sun. But there is a deeper reason to work on saving our pollinators: their link to climate change.

For plants to pull carbon dioxide from the air and put it into the ground, they need to be pollinated or they won't survive. Not only do pollinated plants provide the food we eat, they also continue to do what they do naturally, help reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

So how can we help to keep this natural process going strong? The Pollinator Pathway Northeast, which has been helping educate many Addison County residents

through the efforts of Pollinator Pathway of Addison County, has three main principles:

- Grow plants native to your region
- Avoid pesticides
- Rethink your lawn

These principles can be practiced in home gardens, parks, roadsides, along riverbanks, in fields, and in the wild. We can make changes gradually, as time and money allow. To increase equity, we can invite non-profits, schools, businesses, and municipalities to help support this effort through offering education, providing public land, and helping fund plantings. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in planting for pollinators.

Finally, we must change the existing rules and laws that consider every insect to be a pest.

We must drastically reduce the use of pesticides for home use and in agriculture. Laws restricting pesticides must be strengthened. Large-scale habitat loss must be addressed on the local and state level with new approaches to development.

All of this may sound like a tall order, but, from my observations, I've noticed people are really responding to the call to help pollinators. They feel that at last, there is something positive they can do to help avert the climate crisis and create beauty and biodiversity at the same time.

For those who want to get more involved, go to pollinator-pathway.org for a wealth of information and support.

Fran Putnam
Weybridge

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ADDISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Allan Cary Goldberg, 78, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Allan Cary Goldberg of Middlebury died on June 14, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his husband, David Kosnick; a beloved nephew, Dale Dixon, and his wife Amanda, of Zebulon, N.C.; and a beloved niece, Carole Faison, and her husband, Kenny, of Knightdale, N.C.

Allan was born in San Rafael, Calif., on Sept. 15, 1943, to Earl and Dutchess Hempstead Goldberg. His father's military career meant that Allan lived in multiple locations, including occupied Japan and several states in the U.S.A. His fondest memories as a youth were in Calistoga, Calif., where he played and worked in the orchards.

After serving in the Army, he was honorably discharged in 1967. He then obtained an associate's degree in Law Enforcement. Allan



ALLAN CARY GOLDBERG

served on the California Highway Patrol for 30 years and retired as a lieutenant.

He was a parishioner of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Vergennes. He

supported the Vermont Food Bank and Elderly Services.

After his cancer diagnosis, Allan was admirably treated by Dr. Hibba tel Rehman and her oncology team at UVM and by Dr. Terry Rabinowitz. The Burlington Hope Lodge (American Cancer Society) provided support and comfort during overnight stays for chemotherapy. His friends Peter and Ann Straub of Middlebury and Jim and Maria Provencher of Salisbury were a constant support during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Peter's Church, Hope Lodge, Vermont Food Bank, Elderly Services, or Addison County Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson Funeral Home. Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.◊

Frederick U. Hotte, 74, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frederick U. Hotte, 74, of Shoreham, Vt., on June 14, 2022.

Fred was born in Cornwell, Vt., the son of Simon J. and Helen (Naylor) Hotte. He grew up on a farm with his brothers and sisters. He attended Middlebury Union High School and retired from the State Highway Department.

He was an avid hunter; he loved horses, raising beagles, fishing and tending his garden. His greatest joy, though, was being surrounded by family.

He leaves behind his wife Debbie Hotte; his sister Theresa Wright; his children Darcie Arensmeyer (Dan), David Hotte; his step-children Jennifer Boujoulian (Jeff), Amy Loppe (Louis) and Bradley Bergevin (Ruth); and 13 beloved grandchildren.

The family will not be hosting a reception. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Diabetes Foundation at Diabetes.org — dedication can be sent to Darcie Arensmeyer at darensmeyer@gmail.com.◊



FRED HOTTE



SHERRY ANN ROBBINS

Sherry Ann Robbins celebration of life

ORWELL — A gathering in celebration of the life of Sherry Ann Robbins, age 63, who died May 27, 2022, will take place on Sunday, June 26, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., at Brandon American Legion Post #55.

All are invited to visit with family and friends in a time of remembrance.

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

Wendy A. Blake, 55, of Bridport

BRIDPORT — Wendy A. Blake, 55, passed away June 16, 2022, at UVM Medical Center. She was born July 3, 1966, in Middlebury, Vt., the daughter of Stanley Sumner and Betty (Jackson). She graduated from Vergennes Union High School, class of 1984. On Sept. 20, 1987, she married Brian F. Blake in Salisbury, Vt.

Wendy worked several jobs in her lifetime. Most recent was at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Wendy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Her children blessed her with four amazing grandchildren that she loved dearly. She was the kind of woman who would help anyone if needed. Always showing up for her children even after she was diagnosed with



WENDY A. BLAKE

stage four Cervical and Sarcoma Cancer. She enjoyed watching her son race at Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven, Vt.

She is survived by her husband Brian F. Blake of Bridport, Vt.; by her daughter, Stacey Thomas and husband Andrew of Mount Holly, Vt.; her son, Brian J. Blake and girlfriend Jessica of Cornwall, Vt.; her siblings Rick Sumner, Joey Sumner, Debbie Gearwar and Jason Sumner; her four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, from 2-6 p.m., at the VFW, located at 530 Exchange St., Middlebury, Vt.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home. On-line condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.◊

David D. Munger, 74, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — David D. Munger, 74, died Monday, June 20, 2022, at The Pines in Rutland after a brief illness.

He was born April 28, 1948, in Rutland, the son of Floyd and Lucy (Moore) Munger.

David was a graduate of Fair Haven Union High School class of 1967.

He was a farmer for most of his life.

David was a member of the Champlain Valley Fiddlers Assoc.

He is survived by his sister, Juanita Hornbeck (Ronald) of Whiting; by his brother, Dwight Munger (Donna) of Fair Haven; by his companion, Liz Smith and her family; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, July 2, at 1 p.m., at the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, located at 117 South Main Street Middlebury.



DAVID D. MUNGER

Memorial contributions may be made to the Champlain Valley Fiddlers Assoc.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralhome.com.◊



DICK THODAL

Dick Thodal celebration of life

MIDDLEBURY — Please join us in celebrating the life of Dick Thodal, who died Feb. 13, 2022. We will gather on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Wiley Side Farm, 1623 Buttolph Road, in Whiting, at 3 p.m. Family and friends will share memories of Dick. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before 3 p.m. to allow time for parking and seating. Following the program there will be a potluck for anyone who chooses to stay.◊

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Congratulations to the five local students who recently graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. More than 500 members of St. Lawrence's Class of 2022 took part in the University's commencement ceremonies, which were held Sunday, May 22.

Included among them were **Owen Hammel** of Middlebury, B.A., Cum Laude, Art and Art History; **Polly Heminway** of Shoreham, B.A., Magna Cum Laude, English; **Isabella Lucarelli** of Bristol, B.S., Magna Cum Laude, Environmental Studies-Biology; **Harlow Punderson** of Middlebury, B.A., Cum Laude, Music; and **Carley Sherwin** of North Ferrisburgh, B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Performance and Communication Arts.

Hammel, Heminway and Punderson are all graduates of Middlebury Union High School. Sherwin and Lucarelli are Mount Abraham Union High School graduates.

Eliana Ginsburg of New Haven and **Tyler Giorgio** of Middlebury have been named to the dean's Honors list at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., for the spring 2022 semester. Ginsberg has yet to declare a major and Giorgio is majoring in Economics and Music Studies.

Margaret Ann (Walker) Bishop, 77, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — Margaret Ann (Walker) Bishop, age 77, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Margaret was born in Rutland on Jan. 28, 1945. She was the daughter of James and Katherine (Bigelow) Walker. She grew up in Benson, where she received her early education and graduated from Fair Haven High School, Class of 1963. In her earlier years she worked in the apple-packing business at the Shoreham Co-Op. She worked at Vemas, Inc., in Middlebury until her retirement. She enjoyed gardening, hiking, and camping and was an avid reader.

She is survived by her husband, William L. Bishop Sr., of Shoreham, whom she married Feb. 17, 1962, in Benson; two sons, William (Jane) Bishop Jr. and Brian (Rose) Bishop, both of Shoreham; two



MARGARET ANN (WALKER) BISHOP

daughters, Rebecca (Kirk) Bishop-Sabourin and Barbara (Rick) Reed of Brandon; five brothers, Wallace Walker of Oregon, Malcolm Walker of St. Albans, William Walker of

Winterville, N.C., John Walker of Orwell, and Thomas Walker of Benson; and a sister, Mary Philion of Bridport. Fifteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, James Walker.

A private graveside committal service and burial will take place in the family lot at East Shoreham Cemetery. A gathering in celebration of her life will take place at a later date, time and location to be announced.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to The Shoreham First Response Squad or the Shoreham Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Deborah Ann Muscato, 68, of Leicester

LEICESTER — Deborah Ann Muscato, 68, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at her home in Leicester.

She was born in Little Falls, N.Y., on July 16, 1953, the daughter of Thomas and Betty

(Prahm) Muscato. She was a 1971 graduate from Otter Valley Union High School and furthered her education at Community College of Vermont graduating with a degree in accounting and business management.

She had worked as an aide at the Brandon Training School as well as a receptionist at Porter Hospital.

She was forced to retire due to illness in 2011. She cared for her mother until she passed in March 2021. She enjoyed needlepoint, reading and fishing. She loved to shop.

She is survived by her nephew Michael Tebbets of Leicester.

A private graveside committal service and burial will take place at a later date in Forest Dale Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers

may be made, in her memory, to: Brandon Area Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733.

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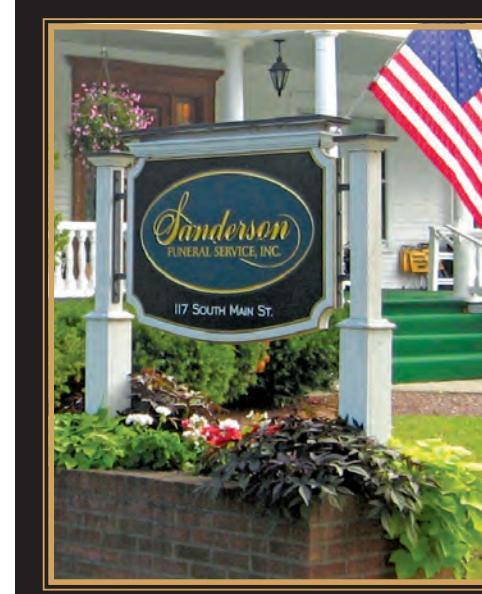
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Ferrisburgh sets public hearing on cannabis zoning

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh selectboard has scheduled a public hearing on proposed new zoning laws that would govern where sellers, growers and manufacturers of cannabis could work within town limits.

The laws would allow cannabis shops along much of Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, but not in the Old Hollow Road village in North Ferrisburgh or in the area near the town's Route 7 office building, Ferrisburgh Central School and other public property.

Cannabis growing would be allowed through much of what is an agricultural community. Almost all cannabis proposals would be subject to a site review process that would include an evaluation of their impacts on neighborhoods.

The hearing will be held in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the town office building.

Per state law the Vermont Cannabis Control Board grants cannabis licenses, leaving only the regulatory power of zoning to communities, which essentially must treat cannabis businesses the same way they handle any other ventures.

At a meeting this spring, Ferrisburgh Zoning Administrator Steven True told the selectboard that if Ferrisburgh does not have its own zoning in place to regulate siting of cannabis operations, control over where cannabis sales and cultivation in the town could occur would default to the Cannabis Control Board.

As is the case for any change to zoning laws, the cannabis addition is subject to a public vote. Ferrisburgh officials are hoping for balloting to dovetail with Aug. 9 primary voting.

But another hearing could be

required if feedback arises at the June 28 hearing that would lead officials to make significant changes to the zoning proposal. In that case the selectboard could target a vote in tandem with the November general election.

A majority of Ferrisburgh voters did not object to retail cannabis sales on Town Meeting Day. In March residents backed cannabis retailers being allowed to operate in the town by a vote of 294-172.

They also supported, 295-170, another measure that would allow cannabis integrated licensees — those that combine selling, growing, manufacturing in some fashion — to set up in Ferrisburgh.

True said the conditional use approval almost all cannabis ventures

would require typically includes conditions such as requirements for setbacks from neighboring properties and road frontage. For cannabis businesses' security measures and limits on hours of operation would be added.

For cannabis retail that would probably mean a larger footprint would be required than for other ventures, he said.

Other items almost always dealt with in business proposals are lighting, egress and access, parking, landscaping and similar elements included in the site review that goes along with any conditional use application assessment of neighborhood impact.

DETAILS

The Ferrisburgh zoning to be reviewed on June 28 would allow cannabis retail shops in the Highway Mixed Use (along most of Route 7), Industrial and Shoreland districts, in all of which retail is already a conditional use.

Retail would be prohibited in the Ferrisburgh Town Center (the built-up area surrounding public property such as the town office building, Ferrisburgh Central School, the Union Meeting Hall and the post office), the North Ferrisburgh Village and Conservation districts.

True acknowledged retail is a permitted use in the Town Center and North Ferrisburgh Village districts. But he said the planning commission agreed to exempt those areas from cannabis retail.

In the case of Old Hollow Road, True said planners believed there were no properties that could hold up to conditional use scrutiny because of the need for a larger footprint.

"There's no location ... that would be conducive to the performance standards that we're imagining," he said.

The case against the Town Center district reads a little different. As well as having questions about the character of the area possibly being affected, planners believed the regulations they are proposing create ample locations for cannabis businesses without including that district. Thus, True said, the laws would not be discriminatory

by excluding the Town Center District.

"The planning commission sees that district as the civic center of our town. The Union (Meeting) Hall is there. The school is there. And we had in our minds identified enough areas in the town where that type of retail application would fit better," True said. "We felt there was enough opportunity in other districts that we could isolate that area."

True also noted the Shoreland District already permits retail, although like the North Ferrisburgh Village District he wondered if it contains suitable locations.

True added Shoreland District language limits retail businesses to those that have "low impact" on the area.

"I also think in the language the definition in the district itself, I think using that you can exclude a retail store of that size," he said.

Wholesaler and "testing laboratory" licenses would be conditionally permitted in the Highway Mixed Use, Industrial, Rural-Agricultural 5-acre and

Rural Residential 2-acre zones.

Those uses would not be allowed in the Ferrisburgh Town Center, North Ferrisburgh Village, Conservation and Shoreland districts.

Planners saw those both as low-impact uses.

"The laboratories, in any of the descriptions that were available to us, don't use any kinds of chemicals. They're testing for the material organic composition of the flowers, and also verifying the ingredients of any of the manufactured stuff," True said. "That struck us as a very low-impact business. So we wanted to be fairly permissive with that use."

The most basic cultivation license would be allowed in every district that allows Home-Based Occupation/Business 1 uses. These are the exceptions to the conditional use requirements; Home-Based Occupation/Business 1 uses are considered permitted in the town zoning regulations.

They are defined in town zoning

as "Any occupation by a resident of a dwelling which utilizes a portion of that dwelling or an accessory building and is clearly secondary to the use of the dwelling."

All more intensive cultivation licenses (Tiers 2 through 6) would be conditionally permitted with zoning board approval and site review, except in the Ferrisburgh Town Center, North Ferrisburgh Village, Conservation and Shoreland districts.

Ferrisburgh is proposing to conditionally allow only Tier 1 and 2 manufacturing licenses in the Highway Mixed Use and Industrial Districts.

True said there are three tiers of cannabis manufacturing licenses allowed in state regulations for extraction of substances from cannabis plants.

Ferrisburgh is proposing to allow only the first two tiers, for temperature and organic procedures, because the third can include "some chemical solvent processes," and the town lacks municipal sewer to handle chemicals.

ANWSD on path to sell ACS

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The town of Addison could once again own the Addison Central School (ACS) building this fall.

The Addison Northwest

he believed Addison would welcome a chance to own ACS again. He didn't return messages this week asking if he thought the town still felt that way.

As also required by the Articles of Unification, the board must hold a series of public informational meetings. They are scheduled for Sept. 12 in Ferrisburgh, Sept. 19 in Vergennes and Oct. 10 in Addison.

Central factors to the board's decision, according to minutes, were that:

- ANWSD's Addison Wayfinder Experience, a special education serving multiple program districts, is moving to Middlebury, leaving the district with no planned educational use for the ACS building for the coming school year.

- The carrying cost of the building empty is about \$100,000.

It is now used for storage and

renovations would be necessary.

In the event Addison chooses not to accept the return of its former elementary school, the ANWSD board would be free to sell it, according to ANWSD Board Chair John Stroup.

Punderson letter

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people spending the night there in the winter — a seven-month period when very few overnight in that area anyway. This would allow winter users to spend a winter night near the lake in a cozy hut with friends.

The hut's location at Silver Lake Campground is why the project qualifies for a "categorical exclusion," rather than more extensive environmental review under the USFS approval procedures. Because the site is within an area with existing and historical development and use, the Forest Service is not required to perform an "environmental impact statement." Nonetheless, the site will undergo review by USFS staff, including an archaeological survey, which will address concerns raised about Abenaki heritage being respected. If it is found that the site infringes on that heritage in any significant way, other sites will be considered.

It has also been suggested there was some kind of secrecy because the Moosalamoo Board selected the site before seeking any public input.

In fact, the idea of a hut in the MNRA has been an active MA agenda item for at least a year, but as with all of our projects, there is a lengthy and uncertain period before approval and funding is even a likely possibility. And with two organizations involved (VHA and MA), making the idea into a concrete proposal is even more arduous. It is only when the proposal truly becomes viable does it become a publicized process. Otherwise, there really would not be anything for the public to review and comment on. The timing and sequence with this hut was no different.

Only when the proposal

received its Forest Service permit in late May was it ready for public input, and we and the USFS put it out there for all to see.

Questions of motive have also been raised. Ms. Chernay infers there is a shady financial motive by the MA to use the hut to fill its coffers and benefit board members. This is wrong. The MA will receive a percentage of the net revenue, which is expected to generate about \$7,500 annually. The MA is, fortunately, a very low-budget organization so it won't take much to cover our minimal annual administrative costs, which we would otherwise cover by membership dues and donations — as we have done for most of the past 20 years. Most of the anticipated hut income will be used to meet our mission, which includes helping the FS manage the 16,000 acres of the MNRA and its 70-plus miles of trails for public use. Board members are not paid — all of their hundreds of hours working to keep the trails in shape and managing these lands are volunteer — and the implication that they would somehow benefit financially is absurd.

We also have been criticized for touting accessibility as an attribute because some believe the hut will not in fact be accessible to all mobility-impaired persons. This criticism assumes that all such persons have the same abilities, and demeans the unique and amazing abilities of many people who meet such challenges in their everyday lives. In short, there are many in this category of outdoor enthusiasts who are able

to navigate the road and trail, and once there, a hut would simply be much more accommodating than a root-strewn campsite. The hut is one-and-a-half stories and bed space is available without climbing stairs. That said, making all facilities universally accessible is also a USFS requirement; not making those accommodations is not an option — and for many good reasons.

While not expressly stated, some of the outcry against the hut reflects a deep mistrust of the U.S. Forest Service and other institutions, and a profound misunderstanding of how nonprofits function and interact with other stakeholders. Nonprofits (and for-profits) frequently work with federal and state land managers. VHA and MA are just like the Appalachian Mountain Club and Green Mountain Club, among many others, which work with the USFS to add value to public lands.

In sum, we are grateful for all of the attention this proposal is getting. A hut like this will only enhance the MNRA, which we all recognize and appreciate as a treasured local asset, which we are lucky to have in our backyard. And when we want to have an undisturbed and pristine experience in nature we can go just a bit further north and east into the vast and undisturbed Bread Loaf Wilderness Area.

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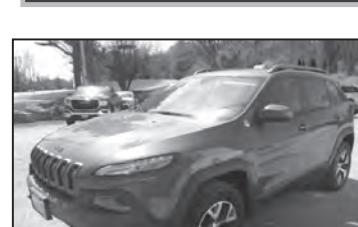
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Photos by Jason Duquette-Hoffman



Monkton history tour to be unveiled at strawberry festival

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — This year's 34th annual strawberry festival and book sale in Monkton, to be hosted by the Russell Memorial Library this Sunday, June 26, will offer more than the usual shortage and used books. A self-guided tour sponsored by the Monkton Museum and Historical Society will be unveiled to residents, offering them a walk through the history of Monkton Ridge.

Historical society member and former social studies teacher Lauren Parren is part of the group that put together this tour. She's worked with a handful of other invested community members,

each of whom has provided some form of research assistance, editorial advice or expertise on Monkton archeology. The group also relied on the work of Margaret French Sunderland and Gill Coates, who created a town-wide tour of Monkton in 2013 and offered guidance to the group as they constructed this new tour.

Parren said the group's motivation for the project came after the historical society discovered there was community interest in learning about Monkton's history.

"The Monkton Museum and Historical Society has a treasure trove of information about

Monkton's past, but we haven't found a way to share it with the community," Parren said. "We conducted a survey last year, particularly related to the 1859 Town Hall, but the responses indicated a more general interest in learning about our collective past."

After a year of planning and collaborating with experts, the group has created a 0.8-mile-long tour for Monkton residents and interested tourists. The tour begins and ends at the new library and town hall at 92 Monkton Ridge Road and brings participants to 25 historical sites throughout Monkton. Many of the sites are for exterior viewing only, as they are

reconstructed and privately owned buildings. However, participants can enter the old town hall and view the historical society's exhibits.

This new tour is potentially just the first offering of a larger project. If it is well received, Parren said the goal is to eventually create self-guided tours for each of Monkton's four boroughs. From there, the group could offer themed tours, educating residents on topics like the history of indigenous people in the area over 12,000 years, or schools in Monkton over time.

"We've committed to doing similar tours in the other three boroughs of Monkton, probably once a year, for Barnumtown, East Monkton, and Monkton Boro," Parren wrote in an email to the *Independent*. "I'm hoping we'll

create an interest in Monkton's past and perhaps in history in general. This tour is a first draft, really, if citizens begin to contribute memories and stories and images they have from the Ridge's past."

Any future tours wouldn't take place for at least a year, coinciding with next year's strawberry festival in order to give the historical society time to incorporate the town's feedback and put together new tours.

In the meantime, the group has also put together a form for residents to submit information and stories about the stops on the tour; it can be found online at tinyurl.com/Monktonhistory. This feedback will then be used to create a richer narrative for tourists. Parren said the loose theme of this

tour is to introduce residents to a local history much more vibrant than what meets the eye.

"I think teachers in the 5-Town district will find value in having students see how many blacksmith shops, wheelwrights, schools, etc. were in Monkton and how there are no obvious signs of them now. What might they discover in their own towns?" Parren asked.

Residents interested in attending the first offering of the self-guided tour can stop by the Monkton Museum and Historical Society's table at the strawberry festival, which runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A tour booklet will be available for \$4, though residents can also access the guide online at monktonhistory.org.

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Crashes, drunk driving keep police busy

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police reported several automobile crashes, some drunk driving incidents and a missing person case over the past fortnight.

Between June 6 and 21 troopers:

- Updated a report on a June 3 crash in Ripton on Route 125 near Upper Plains Road. When police got to the scene of the 10:30 p.m. crash no one was there. But now state police say they determined that the driver was 45-year-old Armistice Ryan of East Fairfield. Police say he was driving negligently and they cited him for leaving his lane.

• On June 6 at 8:10 p.m. looked into a report of an impaired driver who stopped at a residence on South Street in New Haven. Troopers found the vehicle parked

in the driveway

Vt. State Police Log

and identified the driver as Ronald Gorton Jr., 51, of Bridport.

Police cited Gorton for driving under the influence, second offense, and for driving with a criminally suspended license.

• On June 8 at 9:03 a.m. responded to a call from a Hancock man reporting that he had been assaulted and needed help. Police determined that Nathaniel Natoli, 48, of Rochester had assaulted the Hancock man and stole something from the residence. They cited Natoli for aggravated assault, assault, robbery and trespassing. During the investigation, police also determined that Natoli had caused pain to a former domestic partner a day earlier, and they cited him for domestic assault.

• On June 12 at 6:30 p.m. logged a report that a vehicle had struck a mailbox on Route 116 south of Bristol village and then left the scene, a report that led to several charges. Troopers found the vehicle and said the driver showed signs of intoxication. They said Shain Sargent, 21, of Bristol became belligerent and intentionally broke a set of handcuffs while they were processing him. Ultimately, police cited Sargent for driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and unlawful mischief, and then they took him to the Act 1 detox center in Burlington.

• On June 8 at 11:23 p.m. responded to a report of a car parked in the middle of the intersection of Halpin Road and River Road in New Haven. Troopers found the vehicle, identified the driver as Ethan Rogers, 24, of Pomfret Center, Conn., and cited him for driving under the influence of drugs.

• On June 11 at around 9:30 p.m. got a call from a driver on Hollow Road near Higbee Road in Monkton reporting that she was tailgated and verbally assaulted by an unknown man driving a car on the same road; she provided the car's license plate number. Around the same time, troopers got a report from an off-duty Middlebury police officer in a similar incident with that unknown man and the same Vermont license plate.

Troopers investigated and ended up citing Dakota Yankton, 36, of Bristol for disorderly conduct.

• On June 18 at around 1:15 a.m. went to the scene of a two-vehicle crash on Lincoln Gap Road near Geary Road in Lincoln. Police report that Nolan Whitcomb, 20, of Lincoln drove too fast for conditions on a dirt road, lost control of the 2019 Chevy Silverado he was driving and crashed head-on with a 2019 GMC Yukon driven by Christopher Hart, 30 of Fair Haven. No one was injured but both vehicles were totaled. Police said that after the crash, Hart violently threatened Whitcomb. Troopers issued Whitcomb a ticket for driving too fast for conditions, and they cited Hart for a criminal count of disorderly conduct.

• On June 20 at a few minutes before 4 p.m. were notified of a person with Alzheimer's Disease missing from South Middlebrook Road in Waltham. State police gathered initial information about Robert Companion, 70, of Waltham and went looking for him, but could not find him. As the search continued, troopers asked the public to be on the lookout for Companion and, if they had any helpful information to contact the New Haven barracks at 802-388-4919, or provide an anonymous tip online at vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit. As of press time no update was available.

Climate matters

Perspectives on Change

Lessons from a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey

21st in a series

By ROSS CONRAD

The honey bee is critical to the environment and our survival. Here are some facts about honey bees, drawn from two sources:

• "Without pollinators 70% of plants would be unable to reproduce and provide food. According to the United Nations Environmental Programme, of the 100 crop varieties that provide 90% of the world's food, bees pollinate 71%. In North America, honey bees alone pollinate nearly 95 kinds of fruits, such as almonds, avocados, cranberries and apples, in addition to commodity crops like soy. The health of pollinators is directly linked to food security. Pollination services are a core component of global agricultural production. In the U.S., the value of pollination services is estimated to be \$20 billion-\$30 billion annually."

—The Center for Food Safety, "Impacts on Food Supply"

• "According to the USDA, one colony of bees is worth 100 times more to the community than to the beekeeper — meaning that the value they deliver extends well beyond their actual price. Honey is more than just a byproduct of pollination. This sweet nectar serves as an economic driver in its own right. Used commercially for food, skin creams, anti-aging lotions and medical wound dressings, over 160 million pounds of honey are produced each year in the U.S. alone.

"Beeswax produced by these insects is used for candles, carpentry, lip balm and other cosmetic products, while pollen is valued for medicinal purposes. Propolis, a resinous sealant created by bees to construct and protect the bees from bacteria and fungi, serves as a varnish for stringed musical instruments, and in some countries a toothpaste or mouthwash.

"Each season these insects provide a service that

boosts harvest size and quality, creates value for farmers, and drives the global food supply. It's hard to imagine an ecosystem without them.

"Without pollinators, more than 39 different crops would see a decline in production. In order to meet demand, farmers would be forced to pursue more intensive and less environmentally sustainable practices. More land would likely be needed to match current production levels. Farming these greater landmasses would result in greater carbon emissions.... And by expanding the physical footprint of farms, organisms in wild habitats would risk being displaced or disrupted."

—Forbes, "The Value of Pollinators to the Ecosystem and Our Economy"

Despite its importance, the honey bee is under threat, and beekeepers are increasingly challenged to keep them alive and healthy. Among the issues bees face are pesticides, diseases, pests, changing land use patterns and a destabilized climate. The latter threatens bees through increased extreme weather and shifting blooming patterns. Additionally, scientists have found that in a high carbon-dioxide atmosphere, vegetation on Earth produces less protein and more carbohydrates resulting in less protein in the pollen bees require for their survival.

As I wonder how to respond to this life-threatening crisis, I take my cue from the bees. As a colony of bees goes about making their living, they collect nectar, pollen, water and tree resins. These things along with the air that they breathe and the warmth of the sun they soak up are all the bees need to survive, and by taking these things they do no harm and instead make the world a better place through pollination.

What a powerful lesson for life: Live so that I do no harm, and at the same time, improve the capacity of

the world to support all forms of life.

You're probably thinking this is idealistic and naïve. After all, one person can't change much. Yet once again, the bee provides wisdom and inspiration. It is estimated that in its entire lifetime, a single honey bee creates one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey. The efforts of one bee seem insignificant when you realize that in order to survive the harsh climate here in Vermont, honey bees need to consume 150 to 200 pounds of honey annually. Bees, however, do not fall for the illusion that what they do is insignificant. One person burning fossil fuel in an internal combustion engine appears insignificant, yet today we have billions of people doing so with dire global impact.

This same power of cumulative impacts provides a path toward healing and sustainability when each of us works to not just do less harm, but to actually do good by doing no harm and making the world a better place. I endeavor to emulate the bee by living in a home and driving vehicles that require no or limited amounts of fossil fuels, eating primarily a local, organic vegetarian diet and working to keep our pollinators healthy so that they can continue to do their important and life-sustaining work.

Meanwhile, I am counting on each of you to be responsible for your twelfth of a teaspoon.

Beekeeper Ross Conrad of Middlebury runs a local honey business, Dancing Bee Gardens. He is the author of "Natural Beekeeping, Revised and Expanded 2nd edition" (Chelsea Green), and "The Land of Milk and Honey: A history of beekeeping in Vermont."



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Community chefs

A LARGE CONTINGENT of Mount Abraham Union Middle School eighth-graders on June 8 prepared and served meals at Middlebury's Charter House Coalition, which offers services like emergency shelter, meals and housing assistance to Addison County residents in need. The 49 Mount Abe middle schoolers on Team Apex voted to make meals for the Charter House as their final project for the class's unit on food security in the United States. Through their efforts, students served 30 individuals at the Charter House. Shown above are Cole Shepard, Wesley Husk and Georgia Cannon take the baked beans to Mt. Abe kitchen to be baked.



Addison Wright, Matthew Broderick, and Nathan Lester make fruit skewers for the dessert portion of the meal.

Proposed Silver Lake hut Some locals voice their opposition

By MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — The evening of June 8 was pristine and harmonious for anyone lucky enough to be outside for a stroll. The sky sparkled with light. Happy little clouds bobbed along as if imitating the fluffy heave of the peonies beneath. It was the kind of night Vermonters have come to expect—the kind that makes visitors fall in love and never want to leave.

And yet, for the 45 or so people gathered inside Café Provence's event space in Brandon, the air was fraught with uncertainty and accusation.

The Moosaloo Association and Vermont Huts Association, alongside the U.S. Forest Service, held a public information meeting that night and were joined by a group of concerned citizens in person and via Zoom to talk about a proposal to build a hut on the east side of Silver Lake about 315-feet from the shore.

Brief remarks were made outlining the proposal (which can be found online at moosalamoo.org/hut), after which there was a spirited question and answer period where more than two dozen citizens were allowed to voice their concerns, each given five minutes to make their remarks.

The proposed hut could sleep up to 10 people and is projected to have an average occupancy of 6.6 people. The cost to rent the hut would vary according to the season, from \$65 to \$165 per night, which is split between up-to-10 campers, meaning the price per person could be as low as \$10-\$16 per night per person.

The meeting, which lasted nearly three hours, was meant to be a respectful exchange of information among the two non-profit organizations, the USFS, and the general public.

For the most part, the meeting was peaceable enough, although there were moments when opposing viewpoints threatened to derail the affable pretense of the occasion.

The vast majority of attendees who spoke voiced their opposition to the proposal, citing a variety of

concerns, including environmental destruction, unfair maintenance burdens to the towns nearby, questions about the functional accessibility of the hut, general fears of ongoing developmental creep, and an abiding concern for the lake's population of loons.

Some who spoke in support of the huts countered the opposition with accusations of NIMBYism, with one businessperson urging the public to consider the potential positive economic impact of the hut and the hut system.

Reasons the associations gave for locating the hut at Silver Lake included the premise that it would encourage more use of the area during the seven months of winter (November through May) when the area is underused; that it would allow older residents and families with young children to enjoy camping near the lake without having to carry large backpacks with camping gear and without fear of bears getting into a child's tent; and because it was set back from the lakeshore out-of-view and just south of the last of 11 existing campsites, it would have a minimal impact of the lake's aesthetics.

Others said they supported huts in general but countered that putting the hut near Silver Lake would spoil the lake's pristine environment and implored the two associations to locate the hut elsewhere.

At one point, RJ Thompson, co-founder and executive director of the Vermont Huts Association, addressed the crowd's swelling opposition.

"We recognize that there would be and is opposition," he said. "If it feels lopsided here, that's the reality of tonight. But we do have a lot of folks who support this work."

The Vermont Hut Association has 11 huts in its network, primarily in central Vermont. The VHA recently built a hut at Chittenden Brook Campground on the other side of Brandon Gap off Route 73.

Several opponents of the Silver Lake site suggested a better location within the Moosalamoo National

Recreational Area would be at the Moosalamoo Campground, one of four sites board members of the Moosalamoo Association had initially considered. The drawback of that location, Moosalamoo Association President Angelo Lynn said, is inadequate parking in the winter when the gates to the campground are closed at the Ripton-Goshen Road.

Another site that the associations considered was near the Goshen Dam area, but the Forest Service eliminated that site because it doesn't have public restrooms. A site off the end of Brooks Road was similarly eliminated for the same reason.

"There are very practical and significant reasons the Silver Lake site was chosen, and we didn't make that decision lightly," Lynn said of the board's six-month review of the various sites.

"We knew it would upset some people," he continued, "but it's the most economical to build there, and it's the most beautiful site for campers. The question is, at what cost to visitors of the lake? It's a legit question, and not all board members were 100% supportive at first, but were at the end of our six-month review."

Plans for the proposed hut can be found online at moosalamoo.org/hut, and anyone looking to hear more details about the meeting can find the recording at youtube.com/watch?v=ktgBp3dEn8.

The Forest Service's public comment period ends on July 11. Comments can be made c/o Phil MacAskill via mail by sending comments to USDA Forest Service – Rochester Ranger District Office, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, VT 05767; or by email to comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-rochester@usda.gov.

Editor's disclosure: Angelo Lynn, president of the Moosalamoo Association, is also the publisher-owner of the Independent. He lives on Lake Dunmore and has been a member of the MA board for a dozen years.



LION TOM BROUGHTON, left, presented Melvin Jones Awards to Lions Cookie Steponaitis, Carol Mapel, Susan Hayes and Kathy Dorman at a recent Vergennes Lions meeting. The award was given to the four in recognition of their "dedicated humanitarian service."

Photo courtesy of Larry Simino

Vergennes Lions honor members

VERGENNES — At a recent Vergennes Lions Club meeting, Past International Director Tom Broughton installed the new slate of officers for the 2022-23 Lions Club year, with Lion Debbie Brace coming in as club president. Outgoing President Yvonne Raphael presented several gifts to Lions who were particularly helpful to her this past year.

Lion Broughton, on behalf of the club, with District Governor Elect Kathy Dorman, presented Melvin

Jones Awards to Lions Carol Mapel, Susan Hayes, and Cookie Steponaitis, recognizing them for their "dedicated humanitarian service." This award is named after the founder of Lions Clubs, and the donation on their behalf is made to Lions Clubs International Foundation to help meet many needs throughout the world, from disaster relief to the Quest Program for helping youth stay off drugs and out of trouble.

Lion Gary Russell mentioned

how well the car raffle tickets were selling, and that the drawing is scheduled for July 4.

Lion Jim McClay also talked about the Annual Lions Charity Auction scheduled for Aug. 3 at St. Peter's Parish Hall and asked members to visit businesses they deal with for donations.

Lion Macky Gaines thanked everyone who worked so hard on Memorial Day on the float, selling popcorn and flags. "You did us proud!"

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Balint

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national economy saddled with inflation, surging fuel prices and a diminished workforce.

She said in a recent interview with the *Independent* that her many campaign stops to date have revealed the lack of affordable/workforce housing as Vermonters' top concern right now, followed by the worker shortage and a lack of affordable health insurance options.

Enveloping these tangible problems is an over-arching fear among many constituents that democracy in the United States is in imminent peril, according to Balint.

"People are articulating this across the political spectrum; they're concerned about 'will we ever get to the bottom of what happened on Jan. 6, 2021, and will anyone be held accountable?'" Balint said. "There's a concern that norms have been so shattered, will we ever get back to a place where we have a functioning democracy that people can believe in?"

Indeed, whomever succeeds Welch will enter a Congress in which some members continue to assert unfounded, unproven allegations of a stolen presidential election in 2020. Various Republican candidates nationwide are campaigning — and winning primary contests on a "stop the steal" credo being advanced by former President Donald Trump, who is being investigated for his role in promoting a Jan. 6 protest that culminated in a violent takeover off the Capitol Building that resulted in an estimated seven deaths.

Balint was sworn in as Vermont Senate President pro tem on the day of the Jan. 6 insurrection.

"We went from this moment of elation to going back to our offices and watching what was happening on our computers," she recalled.

The state priority on that day, according to Balint, was to show Vermonters and Americans in general that "we could have functioning government here in Vermont, and could have opposing views with the governor that didn't have to (produce) dysfunction."

MORE HOMES IN VT

She noted the Democrat-controlled Legislature and Republican Gov. Phil Scott agreed this year on bills S.226 and S.210, which together dedicated more than \$45 million to address the state's housing shortage by — among other things — creating more friendly rules and resources for the redevelopment of older building stock into homes, and creation of modest homes to be sold at prices affordable to middle-income Vermonters.

But more work needs to be done on housing, according to Balint. Vermont has seen its already-limited available housing stock shrink during the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of out-of-state folks buying up homes in the Green Mountain State, often at prices higher than many Vermonters can afford.

Here in Vermont, she'd like to see more communities adopt Tax Increment Financing districts, akin to Barre and St. Albans, which have attracted much capital investment.

"People want to be able to live where they work," Balint said, referring to housing in village centers and along travel corridors. "But in order to do that in rural Vermont, we're going to need federal dollars. Those

small communities can't raise the money to do water and sewer upgrades (necessary for housing developments in areas where there are clay soils)."

If elected to the U.S. House, Balint said she'd comprehensive support for housing, including building new housing, rehabilitating old housing stock, and significant rental support."

She noted the U.S. House recently passed \$170 billion in housing assistance.

"This is a vital first step, but there's still work to be done," she said, adding federal grants could be used for affordable housing partnerships between municipalities and developers. "I want to see investment at the federal level and a more expansive definition of affordable housing."

More affordable housing will be critical to rejuvenating Vermont's workforce, according to Balint. Those graduating from high school or college have little hope in securing an affordable mortgage, or even a market rate apartment rent, she noted.

Balint, a former middle school educator, is encouraged by Vermont's stellar high school graduation rate (more than 90%), but noted not enough of these graduates are going on for further education and training. If elected, she vowed to support programs to assist people in entering higher education, but also those who need assistance getting training for jobs that don't require a college degree.

"I think (college) is the right path for many people, but it's not the path for all," she said. "The jobs are there; the last time I checked there were 20,000 open jobs in Vermont right now."

Balint would also ask for greater funding for federal programs designed to get young families off to a good start, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance and school meals, Integrated Services, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and paid family & medical leave.

Gun safety has been a hot topic nationally in light of repeated mass shootings, including recent

tragedies in Buffalo, N.Y., and Uvalde, Texas. Balint is encouraged by an announced bipartisan gun control agreement among U.S. senators, but said more work needs to be done. The Senate proposal includes support for state crisis intervention orders, funding for school safety resources, an enhanced review for buyers under age 21 and penalties for straw purchasing, according to a report at cnn.com.

Congress, Balint believes, must "stand up to the gun lobby" and advocate for such measures as an assault weapons ban, expanding background checks, investing in gun violence research and prevention programs and adopting a waiting period to purchase handguns.

She acknowledged the difficulty in getting gun control legislation through Congress, in part due to Second Amendment issues and a powerful firearms lobby. But Balint said "it feels different now," in terms of societal demands for change in the wake of the latest mass shootings.

Balint noted that Vermont in 2018 passed meaningful gun safety laws that, among other things,

expanded background checks for weapons purchasers, raised the legal age to buy a gun to 21 and banned the sale of high-capacity magazines.

"It didn't fundamentally change the ability for law abiding Vermonters to buy firearms, and I think that story is important to tell nationally, because we're not the only rural state with a healthy hunting culture," she said.

RAISING MONEY

Vermont's Senate president has drawn some metaphorical fire lately from one of her primary opponents — Lt. Gov. Gray — for appearing to use a tactic called "redboxing," a discreet flag on a campaign website that ostensibly alerts super Political Action Committees (PACS) to mine the online content for promotional material

or attacks ads on opponents. It's a discreet tactic employed by super PACs on both sides of the aisle to sidestep campaign finance rules that prohibit such funders from coordinating with individual campaigns on their messaging.

Gray brought up the red boxing assertion at a recent debate.

Balint, during her visit to the *Independent*, said she didn't know what redboxing was until that

morning.

"I want to be really clear that we do not coordinate with super PACS; we never have," she said. "We don't want outside groups influencing voters."

She agreed with the label that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has placed on super PAC resources, "dark money," and alleged Gray was making the redboxing claim to create a distraction.

"The way we've approached it in our campaign is to hit hard on trying to raise the most individual contributions from Vermonters, which we've done," Balint said. "We are just trying to run a very Vermont-focused campaign, which is a difference between us and our opponent on what is being raised outside of Vermont. There's a significant difference there."

"There are very few people who would want that kind of money in politics, and I certainly don't."

Ultimately, Balint said there's really nothing a candidate can do to keep a PAC from mining any kind of website for material.

"You don't have any control over it. Is there a way to rein it in without coming up against First Amendment issues?" She asked.

"I'll say 'stop it' and they'll do whatever they want."

For more information on Balint and her campaign priorities, check out beccabalint.com.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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School News

Eliana Ginsburg of New Haven and Tyler Giorgio of Middlebury have been named to the dean's Honors list at Connecticut College in New London, Conn., for the spring 2022 semester. Ginsburg has yet to declare a major and Giorgio is majoring in Economics and Music Studies.

Meghan Hakey of North Ferrisburgh and Isadora Luksch of Middlebury were named to the dean's list at the University of Rhode Island for the spring 2022 semester. To be included on the list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average.



THE WOODBLOCK PRINTS that Ray Hudson created for the Unalaska Library, which will soon be shipped to the 5,000 miles to the Aleutian islands, show many themes that will be familiar to the Alaskan audience.

Independent photo/William Reed

Hudson

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of visitors at the library.

Hudson is set to ship the panels up to Alaska sometime in the next week, but "keeps wanting to add more paint to them," because he is enjoying the project so much.

The Unalaska Public Library was founded in 1995 to support the small town's families, many of whom are part of the community's important fishing and seafood and processing industry. One of the largest islands of the eastern end of Alaska's Aleutian Island chain, Unalaska contains one of the largest fishing communities in the United States.

There are 5,000 year-round residents of Unalaska, one of the largest community in the Aleutians, who can only access the island by plane and a ferry that runs infrequently throughout the summers.

Hudson knows this remote turf well. After completing a bachelor's degree in philosophy, Hudson moved to Unalaska in 1964 to work as an elementary school teacher. Hudson was part of the Unalaska community for 30 years.

Hudson said the well-used library plays a vital role in the lives of Unalaska's residents.



MIDDLEBURY ARTIST RAY Hudson stands next to a completed set of woodblock prints in the garage where he crafted this artwork for a public library in Alaska.

Independent photo/William Reed

Many rely on it for its free Wi-Fi and internet access and family and children's programming, and more, meaning his prominently displayed woodblock artwork will be constantly viewed.

Hudson said he still feels deeply connected to the community in

Unalaska, and travels back there every two or three years.

Hudson added he enjoyed crafting each panel of artwork and could not choose a favorite one, and he's looking forward to seeing them in the library during his visits.

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Vergennes City Council talks budget

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Vergennes City Council on Tuesday edged closer to approving a draft budget of roughly \$2.74 million that, because of an infusion of cash from a surplus and from city funds not supported by taxpayers, would not trigger an increase in the community's 91-cent municipal tax rate.

City Manager Ron Redmond said in proposing a budget that would not increase the city portion of the overall property tax rate he was mindful of larger economic uncertainty and higher gas prices.

The Vergennes City Council is responsible for setting the tax rate and making a final decision on spending for the city's fiscal year 2023 budget. The council is expected to do so this coming Tuesday, deciding on spending that will cover city expenses from July 1 to June 30, 2023.

Redmond's latest draft, which may be found under the Budgets heading at vergennes.org, includes:

- A decrease in administrative spending to \$555,753 from \$582,950.

The drop is largely due to Redmond's proposal to share an administrative assistant on a 50-50 basis with the Vergennes Police Department, thus relieving the department of paperwork chores. This was one recommendation of the recently completed International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) draft report from its study of the department. (See related story.)

It is lower despite higher pay for city employees.

- An increase in police department spending to \$976,035 from \$959,857.

The increase reflects a 10% increase in officers' pay and better health insurance benefits that officials said brings their compensation in line with other regional agencies. It also reflects

the 50% administration position and the recommendation by Redmond — based on the IACP report — not to replace an officer who left the force in September 2020.

- An essentially level-funded public works budget at \$828,035, despite higher pay. Redmond is recommending no city-funded paving. Councilor Mel Hawley at Tuesday's meeting suggested American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used to pay for paving rather than go two years with no paving.

- A major increase in recreation spending to \$109,699 from about \$50,000. The higher spending would allow Vergennes to make the recreation coordinator full-time, a move supported by many in the community.

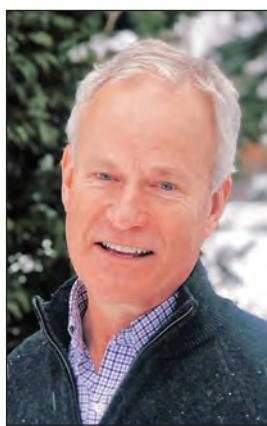
- Lower "General Expenses" — a drop to \$227,193 from about \$284,000 — largely due to no vehicle replacements planned.

- The city's voter-approved donations to nonprofits remain the same at \$44,014.

Redmond proposed to use one-time infusions of \$106,076 from the city's Water Tower Fund to pay for the principal and interest on the bond that funded the city's police station and \$5,000 from the Watershed Fund for a recreation project to be determined.

Redmond also told the council that spending in the current fiscal year ran in a deficit, and he proposed to use \$163,968 of the \$209,000 fund balance from FY2021, more than authorized by the council previously, to prevent the city from entering FY2023 with a deficit. That move would help control taxes, he said.

Some at the meeting, including



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former mayor Lynn Donnelly, asked the council to be sure their budget projections were not too conservative.

Others who could not be identified over Zoom because they were speaking in person and did not always give their names, questioned whether not replacing the police officer and following an IACP recommendation that some officer shifts could be worked by a single person would make the community less safe.

One speaker who said she was married to an officer in another town said officers would also be less safe, a sentiment echoed by city sewer department head Rick Chaput, who said he sometimes feels uneasy when called out after dark to deal alone with emergencies.

"How about our officers?" Chaput said. "Do they feel safe?"

But others identified on Zoom, including Cheryl Brinkman, Abby Blum and Erin Wolcott, pointed at IACP statistics that indicate Vergennes has a low crime rate. Brinkman said the city has "all that data that show we live in a safe community."

One IACP table tracks calls to city police for "Crimes Against Person" in the six years starting in 2015 and ending in 2020. It logged 181 incidents alleging crimes or resulting in citations, including 72 assaults, 71 threats, 24 sex offenses, seven cases of stalking, three each of sexual assault and child abuse and one kidnapping case.

Current department coverage runs from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m., with officers on call during the remaining hours.

Monkton wins grant to uproot buckthorn

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — The Monkton Conservation Commission has been awarded a \$490 "Tiny Grant" by the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) to be put toward removal of invasive buckthorn trees.

Monkton's was one of six town conservation commissions to win one of the so-called AVCC Tiny Grants, which range from \$300 to \$600 and fund land conservation projects, education and outreach work and planning activities done by conservation commissions throughout Vermont.

The AVCC is a nonprofit organization that supports Vermont's conservation commissions and encourages the formation of new conservation commissions. Such commissions are made up of appointed officials who advise other local, governing bodies on how to handle natural resource issues.

Each year, the AVCC awards a handful of these commissions around the state with the grants, to be put towards projects such

as trail work, removal of invasive plants and educational programs for communities.

The Tiny Grant received by the Monkton commission will be used to buy two uprooter tools needed to remove invasive buckthorn in the town. Like other invasive plant species, buckthorn crowds out the area's native vegetation by monopolizing food, water and light. The plant also affects local wildlife like birds; buckthorn is low in protein and energy content and doesn't offer birds the nutrients they need.

Monkton Conservation Commission Treasurer Debra Sprague said invasive buckthorn is not a new problem, but the commission decided to address removal of the plant species before its impacts intensify.

"Buckthorn and other invasive plants like honeysuckle and wild parsnip have been a problem for many years, a problem that will be made worse by climate change. We decided to tackle the issue now because we would like to try to control it as much as possible," Sprague said.

The removal is an ongoing collaborative effort done by members of the conservation commission and community volunteers. The project began this past weekend with a presentation by Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologist Travis Hart at the Monkton Central School. Hart educated community

members on invasive species in Vermont and the tools Vermonters have for handling these species. After the presentation, community members were invited to begin removing buckthorn from the woods behind the elementary school.

The Monkton Conservation Commission will host two more of these sessions later this summer and in the fall, continuing to tackle the woods behind Monkton Central School and eventually extending their efforts to Morse Park. The group will continue the work annually, as it is an ongoing effort to completely eradicate buckthorn from the area.

Sprague said projects like this one are incredibly important to preserving the natural resources of Vermont, and by working together the efforts of community members and local conservation commissions have an impact.

"One way that we as individuals can combat a changing climate is to work on projects like removing invasive plant species, and AVCC helps provide the education and funding needed by Vermont communities and their local governments for these projects," Sprague said.

"To conserve Vermont's forests and wildlife in a changing climate, we each have to take steps. All of the activities carried out by the many conservation commissions throughout the state can make a difference."

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Lueders-Dumont

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Lueders-Dumont grew up in Lincoln and graduated from MAUHS in 2008. He attended Skidmore College, then it was on to the University of Maine School of Law.

It's like he was genetically programmed for a career in the legal profession; both of his parents — Jim Dumont and Karen Lueders — are attorneys, operating out of 15 Main St. in Bristol.

"(He was) raised in the (Addison County) courthouse and town clerk's offices across the county while his parents worked the early days of their respective law practices with three kids in tow," reads the bio on his website, timldvermont.com.

He's already compiled a busy resume that includes work for the Vermont Democratic Party; U.S. Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.; policy director for State Treasurer Beth Pearce; deputy state's attorney in Washington County; and an assignment with the Office of the Vermont Attorney General, where he assisted the General Counsel and Administrative Law Division in civil matters concerning labor, employment and contract matters before the Vermont Supreme Court, Vermont Superior Court and the Vermont Labor Relations Board.

Lueders-Dumont has also worked as a law clerk in the Office of the Chittenden County State's Attorney and in the Office of the Ulster County District Attorney in New York. Prior to becoming a deputy state's attorney, he served as a judicial extern in the chambers of Federal District Court Chief Judge Geoffrey W. Crawford in both Burlington and Rutland.

He's crisscrossed the state during an already-eventful career and is pleased with the current short commute from his Montpelier home to his Washington County deputy prosecutor's job in Barre.

But it's not his dream scenario, which would be a return to Lincoln

and the top prosecutor's job in the county where he spent his formative years.

"I have always wanted to come back and serve the entire county in the best way I can," Lueders-Dumont said.

His prosecutorial philosophy is a blend of compassion, fiscal prudence and collaboration. He called it "a 21st-century approach to what I think a new generation of prosecutors is referring to as 'outcome-based community justice,' as opposed to an older version of prosecution that I hope we can turn the page on, which was much more about the concepts of punishment."

Lueders-Dumont summed it up like this:

"We don't have a lot of resources, and I think we have to effectively use them on the most serious cases," he said, while moving along the cases that are non-violent, cases where there's a conflict that needs to be resolved, to diversion and the community justice centers, so that the community is actually engaging with these folks. "It's incredibly prudent, cost-effective and I really think helps get people back on the right track."

He's mapped out priorities for the state's attorney's office. They include:

- Creating a "treatment court," where some drug-related cases are adjudicated with a rehab, treatment and/or counseling component.

He noted that last year, 210 Vermonters died from opioid-related substance use disorder, with fentanyl a growing concern.

Maintaining the status quo is not working, Lueders-Dumont lamented.

"I walk into overdose events here in Washington County where there's four children still in the house and the mom is upstairs," he said of the all-too-common tragedies he witnesses where drugs are the root cause.

"You can't punish your way out of this crisis; we really need



TIMOTHY LUEDERS-DUMONT is deputy state's attorney in Barre, but he grew up in Lincoln and is now looking to return to Addison County as its top prosecutor.

Photo courtesy Tim Lueders-Dumont

to focus on harm prevention and saving lives," he added.

- Drafting a strategic plan that would detail the state's attorney's office policies on matters like bail — such as when to recommend cash bail.

Lueders-Dumont noted cash bail is usually employed to ensure defendants show up in court, but he believes it "should never be used to punish people who are in-house and people who don't have financial resources," he said.

The court system often deals with folks experiencing mental health problems, and Lueders-Dumont said a strategic plan could state the manner in which the office will approach such cases. He'd like to see the county create a mental health training program for the various stakeholders in the legal process.

- Holding monthly meetings with the county's defense lawyers, to see what local attorneys are seeing in the community and if they have specific concerns about the courts. While the state's attorney and defense lawyers are often adversaries during court

proceedings, Lueders-Dumont believes the two entities can still work together.

"Criminal justice isn't always the best tool for helping people, but if there's a way we can help get someone going in the right direction, that's what we should be doing," he said.

- Coalescing county law enforcement around a "fair and impartial policing" policy, to send a message to federal authorities that it's "not the role of the state's attorney or local law enforcement to enforce federal, civil immigration laws," Lueders-Dumont said.

He said such a policy would reflect the already heavy caseloads police and courts are dealing with, while making potential witnesses in crime cases more willing to come forward, regardless of where they were born.

Lueders-Dumont stressed that he sees the Addison County state's attorney's job as a career, not as a stepping stone to a loftier legal, judicial or political post.

"I want to live, work and grow old and raise a family in Addison County," Lueders-Dumont said.

Train service

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(VTrans) announced that service southbound will depart Burlington daily at 10:10 a.m. and arrive at Penn Station in New York City at 5:45 p.m. The Ethan Allen Express northbound will depart Penn Station at 2:21 p.m. daily with arrival in Burlington at 9:55 p.m.

State officials said the Ethan Allen's fare structure will allow a passenger to travel from Burlington to New York City starting at \$75 — which, with gasoline prices currently hovering around \$5 per gallon — is offering folks an affordable transportation option.

Last week's press release included no details on the arrival/departure times and fare specifics for the Ethan Allen's Middlebury and Vergennes stops.

Middlebury's new passenger rail platform hugs the tracks between Seymour Street and the Marble Works complex. It includes a 300-foot deck with a canopy over 200 feet of that, plus lighting along the entire platform.

Vergennes will be served by a newly remodeled train depot and new platform at the Ferrisburgh Park and Ride lot off Route 22A, near Route 7.

"The agency will announce more details about the event soon, as well as information about ticket sales, including 50% promotional fares on the Ethan Allen Express this summer," reads the release,

which also promotes a celebratory event to mark the service's launch, at Burlington's Union Station on July 29 from 9 a.m. until the train departs at 10:10 a.m.

The debut of this expanded passenger rail option has been somewhat of a moving target, due to extensive planning and the need to upgrade the tracks between Rutland and Burlington to accommodate higher speed passenger rail, according to state officials.

"Our agency's talented and dedicated rail leadership, engineers and planners deserve immense credit for their steadfast dedication to bringing to Vermonters and visitors to the state this new transportation option for travel between New York City and Burlington," said Vermont Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn in the press release. "Passenger rail travel offers beautiful scenery, relaxation, and spacious and comfortable seating, and trains are nearly three times more energy efficient than automobiles."

Creation of the rail tunnel high enough to accommodate potential double-decker passenger and freight trains caused major disruption in downtown Middlebury between 2017 and this past September. The finishing touches on the \$75 million downtown rail tunnel project were done this spring.

ADDISON COUNTY School News Briefs

Timothy Curran of Whiting received a Land Stewards Award presented by the Vermont Land Trust, along with a check for \$300.

Tim comes from a family steeped in agriculture. He works on several dairy farms and sugaring operations in the Middlebury area.

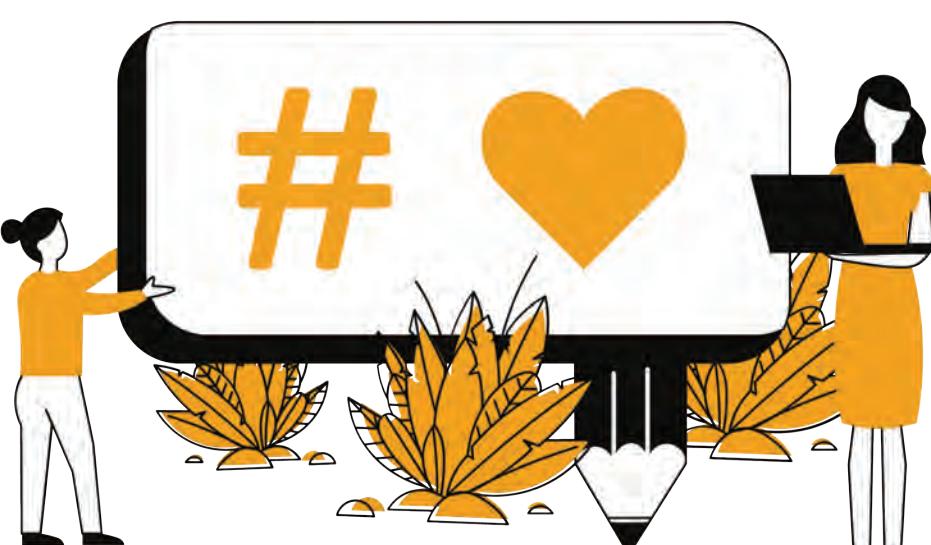
At Hannaford Career Center, he learned new skills to become an agricultural mechanic.

His teacher, Aaron Townshend,

nominated him for the award because of his competence, commitment, and dedication to agriculture

"I enjoy being outside with the sunshine on my skin and the smell of fresh cut hay in the air," said Tim. "I like working the land with tractors and with my bare hands and hand tools. I like working with others who share this same love of agriculture."

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August. The Frances Monroe Home and Garden building hosts contests in Handicrafts, Foods, Flowers, Garden Products and Art and Photography. Entering these contests is a great way for amateurs to share their passions with the community and possibly win a prize offered by a local business or individual. More information can be found on the website at addisoncountyfielddays.com or by calling Megan Sutton at 802-545-2475. See you at the fair!

The resale store at HOPE (the organization Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) is changing its policies regarding what it can and cannot accept for resale. It will only accept clean, quality goods for resale. Donation hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays only, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Donations are limited to no more than four shopping bags and/or boxes per trip. Large trash bags count as two shopping bags, therefore only bring in two per person per trip. To donate larger amounts, please contact them for an appointment. HOPE no longer accepts torn, stained clothing or dirty shoes. Everything must be clean, including household goods and kitchenware. Visit hope-vt.org for details. Store hours remain 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and profits benefit our

food shelf and other poverty relief programs.

The youngsters of the Addison Central Teens group filming a scene from "Star Wars: A New Hope" this summer, as part of the Crowd Sourced Cinema project. If you have a teen who's interested in being involved, please have them send an email to justice@middeteens.org. They still have space, and they'll need all hands on deck. There is no cost to participate. Currently the group is building sets and filming will begin soon.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022 Con Hogan Community Leadership Award until this Monday, June 27, at 5 p.m. This will be the eighth annual award, a tribute to Con's life's work and commitment to public service. The goal of the award is to encourage and reward leaders who share his vision of a better Vermont — one that places the highest value on the public good — who seize the responsibility for making that vision real and who mentor emerging leaders. The 2022 winner will have demonstrated the following characteristics: focus on results, using data and measurement to mobilize action, working with people across diverse perspectives, taking risks in pursuit of the vision and persisting through

setbacks. The \$15,000 cash prize provides a unique opportunity for the recipient to nurture and further their own leadership capacity. It may be spent however the awardee chooses. The awardee must be a Vermont resident who has not yet received the prize and must be nominated by another individual. To learn more and to nominate someone, go to vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/con-hogan-award.

35 Vermont farmers markets are continuing to operate the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont's Crop Cash program, a dollar-match program that promotes the purchase of fruits, vegetables, herbs and culinary seedlings at farmers markets that accept 3SquaresVT (also known as SNAP) food assistance. SNAP benefits from other states may be used in Vermont, including at farmers' markets! When shoppers spend \$10 in 3SquaresVT benefits at a farmers market this summer, they will also receive \$10 in Crop Cash coupons to purchase fruits, veggies and edible plants. This means \$10 In 3SquaresVT buys \$20 in local food! In 2021, over \$78,000 in Crop Cash coupons were spent at markets to buy nourishing food and support our local farmers.



LONGTIME MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE coach Missy Foote was a college athlete herself when Title IX went into effect in 1972. She remembers the uphill battle she and her female peers faced in gaining equity with men's sports.



KATE LIVESAY, MENTORING women athletes as Middlebury College women's lacrosse coach, said she benefited from the growth of women's sports that came about in the United States after passage of Title IX.

Title IX

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slow. "Women's sports lacked a group of already existing expert and seasoned coaches or old, wise resources the kind of which could be found in men's sports," she said.

Both Foote and DeLorenzo would have liked more female role models in the form of female coaches or administrators when they were growing up as young women in sports.

"I wished I had a role model," Foote said. "I made it up as I went along as I had no one to look up to or follow."

For many present day observers, that is what makes the resolve and grit of these women even more admirable. They were tasked to organize and structure women's sports from scratch with no historical precedents of an organized establishment.

Foote started coaching at Middlebury College in 1977 when the college was adding facilities for women's sports but had a small pool of potential coaches.

"I was coaching two sports in the same season," she said. "I would get out of the pool from swimming practice and run to the basketball courts, leaving me no time to get dinner." Coach Foote would sometimes ask her players to fetch her dinner as she would juggle her multiple responsibilities.

DeLorenzo, who graduated from Goucher College in 1990, could see the difference that female trailblazers like Foote and countless others made to her athletic experience and accounted for Title IX's successes.

"Late '80s were the first graduating classes that felt the most positive impact of Title IX," DeLorenzo said. "Professionalization of all jobs under the umbrella of women in athletics was the key. That created opportunities and role models."

As the effects of Title IX took root over the 1980s and '90s, and more

money and better facilities started flowing to programs for girls and women, those women participating in sports felt the change.

Kate Livesay, who took up sports in the late '80s and early '90s, can see the difference in her experience from her older peers.

"I was part of a generation that was feeling the benefits of Title IX and there were opportunities for me at a young age," said Livesay, who is the head coach for Middlebury College women's lacrosse.

She credited as a role model her mother, Carolyn Perine, who would take Kate to practice. Livesay said as girls' and women's sports became more mainstream participants responded by becoming more competitive.

"Investment of resources into our sports programs made us feel important and drove us to excel more," she said.

The current generation of sportswomen is testimony to what girls and women in sports can achieve when given the platform and resources to compete at a high level. The Middlebury College women stick sport teams of lacrosse, field hockey and ice hockey this year combined for 71 wins vs. only one loss during the, and all three Panther teams won national championships.

But even as the earlier generation of women pioneered the growth of women's sports in the United States, it seems that their daughters today are perhaps even more committed to the success of Title IX.

"Our coaches keep telling us that we are much more aware and sensitive of Title IX and our rights than their players from the past years," said Liza Toll, a track and field athlete and rising junior at the Middlebury College. "My mom has been a big influence for me. She had to fight for the right to compete. We acknowledge that our opportunities are the results of the struggles of women in the past.

This drives us to raise the bar even higher for women's sports every time we take the field."

Coach Foote said the mindset of female athletes today is more success-driven than girls and women players in the past.

"There is an innocence in growing up with an opportunity that they did not realize was an opportunity," she said.

Middlebury Union High School Activities Director Sean Farrell said Title IX didn't just shift the mindset of women in college sports, but also credits the law for making sports available to girls in high schools and younger grades.

"The legislation was important," he said. "For young girls growing up in this age, equality in opportunities is their reality."

STILL WORK TO DO

However, many believe that Title IX has still not achieved its primary goal of eliminating gender bias in sport.

"We have come a long way, but we are not there yet," Foote said.

DeLorenzo echoed such feelings of dissatisfaction.

"The gender bias that still exists everywhere is what prevents women's sports from catapulting side by side with men's sports," she said.

The younger Livesay sees the broader roles that many women play in society limiting the ability of female athlete to network and inspire current athletes. She sees that in her athletic cohort.

"Women are often the point person for their families and their familial responsibilities often do not allow them to network with current students or come back for homecomings like male athletes do," she said.

Toll summarized such a gender bias ingrained within our societal attitude as she calls for equal recognition for women's sports on all professional levels.

"Human virtues, such as equity, can be and are often formally legalized in law and in legislation by our policymakers," said Toll. "However, their appropriate application remains in the hands of us as members of society. The law has called for an equitable society, it is now time for the people in that society to honor that call."

County students graduate from Castleton University

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ADDISON COUNTY RESIDENTS gathered at Vergennes City Park on Monday for the 48th annual Vergennes Strawberry Festival. The event, which also is the first Monday performance of the Vergennes City Band, typically serves 250 to 300 helpings of strawberry shortcake to community members but this year served 500.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

Festival

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COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was a beautiful evening Monday for the Strawberry Festival and first band concert of the summer in the Vergennes City Park," Sullivan said. "A huge turnout made for a great event... Let summer begin!"

The Champlain Valley Christian School hosts the festival each year at the City Park, where residents gather to eat their shortcake and hear the Vergennes City Band play. The timing of the festival falls right in the middle of Vermont's strawberry season, which starts in early June and lasts about a month.

"It's such a blessing to see people coming together and enjoying good food, enjoying good music and spending some time chatting."

— Julia Gosliga

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Many of the strawberries grown during that month end up at festivals like the one in Vergennes, which in previous years has served strawberries grown by Addison County farmers. Though this year's shortcakes were made with strawberries from Gunnison Orchards in Crown Point, N.Y., event coordinator Julia Gosliga said she is hopeful the event still has a positive impact on local farmers.

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- A summary of the driving forces behind the Facilities Master Planning process;
- A comprehensive review of the process that was followed;
- Summaries of facilities assessments that have been completed, reconfiguration possibilities that have been explored, the Board's findings to date; and
- Key takeaways with an outline of the work that remains to be done before a capital improvement plan can be finalized.

Although the report does not offer a prescriptive plan for capital improvements or reconfiguration of ACSD schools, it does confirm that we must take action to address our aging infrastructure and identify solutions that will function within the limitations of both ACSD's and Vermont's fiscal realities. Site condition summaries for each ACSD school are detailed in Section D of the document.

The report also discusses concerns regarding the equitable distribution of educational resources across our District, as well as imbalances in student access to educational programming opportunities and consistent support services. The Board is currently exploring these and other District-wide equity concerns in its Strategic Plan for Equity, and intends to coordinate future facilities planning with the results of this strategic planning work.

The Board intends to conduct additional community engagement to inform further ACSD facilities planning in the early fall of 2022. In the meantime, questions about the ***Educational and Facilities Planning Report*** can be directed to the Board at 802-382-1700, or emailed to Board Chair Victoria Jette at vjette@acsdtvt.org and Facilities Committee Chair Jennifer Nuceder at jmnuceder@acsdtvt.org. A Board member will also hold virtual office hours from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29th, July 6th, and July 27th to take questions from the community. Please contact Mary Heather Noble at m noble@acsdtvt.org to request a zoom link for virtual office hours.

Printed copies of the report will be available at the ACSD Central Office, each ACSD school, Ilsley Library, Sarah Partridge Library, Platt Memorial Library, Salisbury Free Public Library, and town offices of each ACSD member town. Printed copies will also be distributed to PreK programs serving ACSD families, including Addison County Parent Child Center, Bridge School, College Street Children's Center, Mary Johnson Children's Center, Middlebury Cooperative Nursery School, Otter Creek Child Center, and Quarry Hill School. Community members may also contact the Central Office at 802-382-1274 to have a copy printed for personal use.

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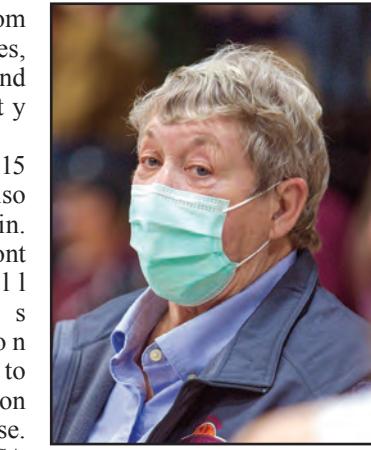


CONNIE LAROSE POSED at this past winter's girls' basketball state championship final with Jay Nichols, executive director of the VPA, the organization that governs Vermont high school sports.

Photo courtesy of Mark Bouvier



THE NATIONAL CHAMPION Middlebury College women's field hockey team contributed 300 points to the Panther athletic teams' points total in the Learfield Directors' Cup competition, which compared athletic success among 326 NCAA Division III colleges. Middlebury placed third this year.



CONNIE LAROSE

Photo by Will Costello

The Old Man and the Puppies

In May, I helped my daughter Jane coach the Monkton Little League farm team — true beginners, five-to-eight-year-olds.

In the first practice, Tina, the head coach, was going around the diamond explaining the rules of the game to our dozen charges: five girls, including Carys (5), my granddaughter, and seven boys, among them Dylan, my 8-year-old grandson.

"Now, when you're on first base," she explained, "if the batter hits the ball on the ground, you run to second base... but if the batter hits the ball in the air, you stay at first, because

there's no force at second."

"Got it?" They gave us a look: "What? Run. Don't run. Really?"

"OK. Just run when they hit it."

At the end of our first practice, Tina allowed me to briefly address parents. I urged them to get a glove of their own and play "catch" with their child. Catching and throwing — pretty essential to this game, great hand-eye training.

I also gave the parents a little lecture, not long, about batting, explaining there really are no natural left-handed or right-handed

hitters. Throwers, yes. Batters, no. Look at Ted Williams, Wade Boggs, Barry Bonds, Ty Cobb, Shohei Ohtani, I said, all righty throwers and lefty batters. This observation is a hobbyhorse of mine.

I suggested to parents, "turn 'em around" as there are such advantages to batting lefty, now and especially later, not the least, you're three steps closer to first! I was very convincing. Irresistible, I thought.

At the next practice, guess how many kids were choosing to bat from the so-called left-side?

The correct answer is ... exactly none!

I can only imagine the conversations at home among the (See Lindholm, Page 2B)



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7/13: Mville/Peoples	5:30 PM
7/16: Montpelier (2)	Noon
7/19: At Franklin	5:30 PM
7/23: At Post 91	1 PM
7/24: SD Ireland	1 PM

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American Legion nine splits first two games

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — After two summers of no American Legion baseball in Addison County, the local warm-weather nine has returned to action and split its first two games of the season under new leadership, Head Coach Tim Paquette and Assistant Coach Dwight Burkett.

With a roster featuring current and former players from Mount Abraham, Middlebury, and Vergennes union high schools, AC is back playing its home games on Middlebury College's South Street field, but its next few are on the road.

The county team is not scheduled to return to South Street until it hosts SD Ireland at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, and then entertains Colchester for a doubleheader two days later at noon.

AC opened with an 8-2 loss at Colchester on June 14. After two postponements, on Monday the local team hosted Barre and

rallied from an early 4-0 hole and prevailed in 10 innings, 7-6.

Against Colchester, typically one of the Northern Division's top teams, AC managed just four hits, and Jarret Muzzy took the pitching loss.

AC picked up its runs in the third inning on a walk to Tyler Kimball and a single by Cole Warren. Seventh-inning singles by Muzzy and Carter Paquette produced the second run.

Kimball got the start for AC on Monday as the team fell behind by four runs after 2.5 innings. A triple and single in the first inning and a triple and RBI grounder in the second made it 2-0, and a pair of infield errors led to two unearned runs in the third inning.

AC began mounting its comeback in the bottom of the third. Elijah Duprey, Alex Sperry and Paquette reached with consecutive singles, and all three came around to score on a Muzzy single and a groundout.

AC tied the game in the seventh

Duprey then led off the fourth by reaching on an error on a hard-hit ball, stealing second and third, and scoring on an errant throw on the second steal to tie the game at 4-4.

Barre took a 5-4 lead in the fifth on a walk, a single, a double steal and an RBI groundout, but AC responded in the bottom of the inning with a Muzzy triple and a Kimball squeeze bunt to tie the game.

Barre took the lead again in the sixth, Kimball's final inning on the mound. A single, a balk and another single did the trick. Kimball finished by allowing six runs, four earned, on seven hits and two walks, striking out four.

After a scoreless AC sixth Muzzy came on in the seventh and shut down Barre for four innings, striking out seven and allowing one hit and one walk, pitching around a couple of AC infield errors in the process.

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on a Paquette single, a walk to Barrett Barrows, and Muzzy's RBI single. A fine defensive play by the Barre second baseman to turn a double play led to extra innings.

AC lost a chance to win in the ninth when they failed to score despite generating four baserunners — two were thrown out on the basepaths.

But no worries — AC's speed and heads-up baserunning paid off in the 10th. Jacob Kemp reached on a throwing error on his slow roller. Duprey then nubbed another slow roller to the left side, and his quickness forced the shortstop to make a throw on the run that bounced and pulled the Barre first baseman just off the bag.

Duprey was safe, and Kemp never stopped motoring from second base, scoring the winning run standing up and giving the program its first win since nobody had ever heard of coronavirus.



MONKTON LITTLE LEAGUE farm team: Coach Tina Coleman (2nd from left) with her assistants and players. The Old Man is in the middle, with his grandson Dylan, and to his right is his daughter Jane and granddaughter Carys (in the hat).

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"Line it up, take a whack, and run like the wind": Lincoln coach Christine Birong-Smith adjusts the batting stance of her son Gordon.

Lindholm

(Continued from Page 1B) parents: "Where'd they get the old guy? No such thing as righty and lefty hitters? Has he ever seen an actual baseball game?"

I was coaching third, for both teams, in one of our "games" against Lincoln. In the first inning (we only played two innings as it takes an hour to get through the line-ups twice), one tyke made it to my bag. I gave her a high five and asked her name. She told me, "Faith."

"OK, Faith," I said, "when the batter hits the ball, you run home — and run like the wind!"

(You gotta love a game whose purpose is to run home — and be safe.)

Faith came around again the next inning. We high fived again. I asked her what she was going to do when the ball was hit. "Run like the wind!" she said, and she did.

One of our players, a second-grader named Davey, who with Abigail, was bigger and more athletic than the others. (I have changed the names to protect the Innocents). Davey especially was frustrated by the limitations of our play and his teammates. He was looking for actual competition and we were decidedly not ready for prime time.

"Davey, you play third this

inning," Tina instructed. With each successive pitch, either out of the hand of the coach-pitcher, or from the tee, Davey crept closer to home plate.

"Davey! Play third, next to the base."

"They can't hit it that far!" he complained. He was quite right, actually.

On one slow roller his way, and then another, he swooped in, gathered the ball, ran at the baserunners headed to first, caught up and tagged them out, both times.

"Davey, throw the ball to Bobby," he was told. Bobby was playing first.

"He can't catch it!"

"Throw it to him anyway."

So the next time he did, with predictable results. Bobby couldn't catch it.

"See! I told you."

I tried to console him by telling him that he was going to have a great time playing baseball, maybe not this year, but next year, and after that, with the big kids. He should work on his skills now, catching and throwing.

Of course, my fear is that someone will hand him a lacrosse stick and explain you can run around with abandon in that game, bump into people, and play in the rain and get

all muddy.

Or maybe he will fall in love with soccer, and that sport, somewhat to my dismay, usurps the spring and summer now as well as the fall. It was easier when I was a kid and all there was was baseball, and time was in abundance, and there were no screens to seduce us. "Hey, Dad, want to go play catch?"

I had such a good time with these peewees this spring. I told Jane that it was like playing with puppies: such exuberance, such energy, such a delight. Some players' eagerness

could hardly be contained; others were more reticent and needed encouragement to "take a good whack at the ball — and run like the wind!"

I thought of other times in my long life, and other puppies, when I have shared my enjoyment of this great game. As always, I hoped that if my charges didn't stay with the game and become great players (the skills are so hard to master), they might become great baseball fans.

It's a beautiful day; let's play two!



BATTER UP!

New Haven's Pitts, two Panther athletes nominated for national honors

HADLEY, Mass. — Among the NESCAC student-athletes nominated to represent the league as its NCAA Woman of the Year and Division III Commissioners Association Women's and Men's Sports Student-Athlete of the Year are two recent graduates from Middlebury College and one New Haven, Vt., native who attended Bowdoin College.

A committee of conference administrators will select the NESCAC's representative for the awards.

Nominated were Polar Bear track & field standout Lydia Pitts

and Panther field hockey and women's lacrosse standout Erin Nicholas and men's tennis player Stan Morris.

Pitts and Nicholas are up for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award, which honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership.

The Division III Commissioners Association Women's Sport Student-Athlete of the Year award, which will be awarded for the first time this year to join the Men's

Sport Student-Athlete of the Year award, honors the same areas as the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. Both Panthers and Pitts are nominated for these awards.

Nicholas graduated summa cum laude from Middlebury with a degree in molecular biology/biochemistry. She was a seven-time NESCAC All-Academic selection as a two-sport athlete competing in field hockey and women's lacrosse and a five-time National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) National Academic Team honoree.

A two-time CoSIDA Academic

All-American in women's lacrosse, Nicholas was awarded the Charles B. Allen Memorial Prize and the A. Bayard Russ '66 Memorial Athletic Award. Nicholas also collaborated with others on a research project with New York Orthopedics and the findings were published in the *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise Journal*.

Nicholas captained both the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams as a senior, won four NCAA field hockey titles as Middlebury became the first program to win four straight NCAA crowns, and was twice named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA field hockey tournament. Last week she was named DIII Honda Athlete of the Year.

She also won two NCAA titles as a women's lacrosse player. She was a three-time NFHCA National Player of the Year and All-American in field hockey and achieved All-American status in 2019 and 2022 in women's lacrosse.

Nicholas was also an All-NESCAC First-Team performer

in women's lacrosse. Nicholas ranks among the all-time program leaders in five categories in the field hockey record book and three women's lacrosse categories.

Nicholas' involvement in community initiatives included being a Morgan's Message Ambassador, a PushBack at Parkinson's volunteer, a Sister-to-Sister mentor for middle school-aged children in Addison County, a volunteer at local community suppers in Middlebury, a Kiddie Lax volunteer coach for local youths during the spring, a molecular biology/biochemistry mentor, the public relations manager for the Middlebury chapter of Love Your Melon and the community engagement officer for the college's Student Government Athletic Affairs Committee.

She also spent a month in India as part of the East India Field Hockey Project using field hockey to help combat human trafficking and teach a variety of subjects to students at a local elementary school.

NEW HAVEN NATIVE

Pitts, a member of the Bowdoin women's indoor and outdoor track & field teams, graduated with degrees in computer science and digital and computational studies.

An eight-time NESCAC All-Academic honoree, she received the Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar Award, given to the student with the highest GPA in each class in 2019. Pitts has interned at several organizations, including NASA's Mission to Psyche.

She qualified for the 2022 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships and achieved All-American status in the triple jump during the 2022 indoor season.

She is a four-time All-NESCAC performer and was named the NESCAC Most Outstanding Rookie Performer in 2019. Pitts, the captain of both the indoor and outdoor track & field teams as a senior, owns four Bowdoin school records and six all-time top 10 marks in the program.

Pitts was heavily involved in and around the Bowdoin community. She served as a mentor at Mount (See Honors, Page 3B)

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LaRose

(Continued from Page 1B) statewide that fields three teams — varsity and two JV — with 30 participants. Middlebury has two girls' teams with 25 players, and Vergennes' two teams share 18.

LaRose also said Wendel never hinted at any reservations about her coaching before the Monday meeting, nor any suggestions on how to improve her performance.

"I certainly think I should have been contacted or talked to, and told, 'This is what I'd like to see changed,' if there were issues," she said.

Wendel, reached on Wednesday, June 15, would not say much about LaRose's dismissal, at first even declining to confirm she had been dismissed.

Was LaRose fired?

"I can't really talk to you about personnel," he said.

Will the program have a different leader next season?

"We will have a new coach next winter," Wendel said.

Wendel did confirm he met with LaRose on that Monday, but would not say if there had been complaints about her coaching.

"What I've shared with you so far is all I can share at this time. That's about it," he said.

Was the decision his own, or made in collaboration with other Mount Abe administrators?

"I can't really go into any further detail on that as far as process and personnel," Wendel said.

Wendel did not respond to a phone message left or text sent after the *Independent* interviewed LaRose.

On Friday, Mount Abe issued a statement signed by Wendel, Mount Abraham Principal Shannon Warden and Mount Abraham Unified School District Superintendent Patrick Reen that read, in part:

"While we are aware there are questions some feel have gone unanswered from the school, we hope you will understand the private nature of this matter as it is related to personnel ... It is important for media, coaches, fans, and students to know that we cannot share any details ... We are committed to providing a learning environment that is safe, fun, student-focused, engaging, equitable, and inclusive for our student-athletes to be a part of."

The *Independent* hoped, and still hopes, Wendel or other Mount Abraham administrators will at least clarify whether it is true LaRose was never spoken to about her coaching before the Monday meeting, and why the meeting was held so long after the season.

The *Independent* responded to that statement by requesting a better accounting of the decision-making process, and asking for clarification on those two issues.

In an email to administrators, the paper asserted that privacy

laws are intended to protect the employee, not the institution, and that answering those questions would not be "a violation of her privacy, but rather a correction of the factual record."

Reen responded: "I can appreciate your frustration resulting from our inability to comment. However, our legal counsel advises us not to comment on personnel issues such as this and we are following that advice."

LAROSE SPEAKS

According to LaRose the June 13 firing came as a complete surprise.

"I feel like I've had an elephant on my chest, and I'm feeling like I can't breathe," LaRose said two days afterward. "Last night, it was the middle of the night, and I couldn't sleep at all. It was like three in the morning. And I'm still saying to myself, 'Think, what could you possibly have done that is so bad?'"

LaRose reviewed the basic reasons she was given for her dismissal.

"He said numbers are down in the girls' basketball program because kids, once they get through middle school, they don't want to play for you because they say it's not fun," she said.

LaRose said there was attrition, but no more than in any program at Mount Abe or elsewhere. She said, for example, even the school's powerhouse field hockey program had to recruit players to have a JV team.

LaRose also acknowledged she received a few negative written reviews after one season, and that Wendel cited those in the meeting.

She paraphrased Wendel's comments to her: "Nowadays, if you want to correct something that's wrong you need to say something that's really positive first, make the correction, and then end with something really positive."

LaRose invited comparison of her coaching feedback with that given by any other high school coach, and recounted how she defended her approach to Wendel.

"I said, 'I don't think I ever say anything hurtful, certainly not intended to be hurtful. But when you have 60- and 90-minute practices you have to get things done, and you have to get things fixed,'" she said.

LaRose also addressed the "offhand negative remarks" she said Wendel told her she made too many of.

She told the *Independent*, "If I say something between two adults in the gym, I figure it's between two adults in the gym."

LaRose, like most other coaches, makes candid remarks about players. The *Independent* has not heard her make negative comments to athletes in 25 years of coverage.

"I pride myself on how I act



LONGTIME EAGLE COACH Connie LaRose is seen doing what she loves to do on the sidelines of a game last year. She said she is always cognizant how she treats her young charges and does not understand why she was fired on June 13.

Photo courtesy of Mark Bouvier

around those kids," she said. "Always. It's very important to me."

LaRose wouldn't rule out the chance that someone was upset after overhearing a remark and reported it.

"I'm not saying it isn't possible," she said. "But I just don't know."

LaRose also took issue with the timing of the meeting — after she had already made summer commitments, including financial ones, for her team, including organizing a team camp in Maine and scheduling play in a tournament.

"Why did this meeting happen on the last day of school at 3 o'clock?" LaRose said. "His reason to me was the spring was just too crazy, and he just didn't get around to it."

LaRose also recalled the initial stages of her conversation with Wendel. She said he asked her if she was thinking of retiring.

LaRose said she answered that, "We've got an exciting 10th-grade class," and that she was looking forward to blending them with returning players.

Soon afterward LaRose learned she would not be asked back, and said she remains baffled.

"I keep thinking there is something I've done they haven't come out and thrown at me that must have been horribly, horribly wrong," she said.

Ultimately, LaRose said she refused to step down.

"I asked him again, and he brought up those two things, negative comments (and program

numbers)," LaRose said. "And I said, 'I'll tell you one thing, Devin, I'm not going to resign to make this easy for you ...

"If my legacy has to be I got fired, then so be it."

VERGENNES — Between June 13 and 19, Vergennes police devoted resources to traffic control, conducting 21 traffic stops, as well as enforced traffic laws, which netted a citation for a driver for allegedly driving under the influence of drugs.

On June 15 an officer noticed a vehicle allegedly being driven erratically within city limits and pulled it over. Following sobriety testing, Vergennes police cited John A. Cunningham, 48, of Bristol for suspicion of DUI-Drugs, subject to evidentiary blood testing.

Also on June 15 another traffic stop resulted in ticketing a tractor-trailer unit for driving on Monkton Road while being overweight without a permit.

In other action during that week, Vergennes police conducted five patrols by cruiser and six on foot, and also:

On June 13:

- Took a call from a Shelburne resident that stated a family member probably left a phone on a Falls Park picnic table. Police found the phone there and held it until it could be picked up.

- On behalf of school officials checked the welfare of a city mother and daughter, who police said were OK.

On June 14 responded to a report of erratic driving on New Haven Road but could not find the vehicle.

On June 15:

- Investigated the theft of cash and a credit card from an

unlocked car parked on Main Street.

- Served a restraining order on a Main Street resident.

On June 16:

- Spoke to a Main Street business owner who was concerned that youths in a car behind a business who had been littering in the area might pose a problem in the future after a minor confrontation.

- Helped an out-of-town resident retrieve belongings from a family member's city home.

On June 17:

- Tried to check the welfare of a city juvenile on behalf of a Newport resident, but learned she was not at home.

- Asked a panhandler to move away from the front door of a Main Street business.

- Arranged for a purse a citizen found on the city green to be returned to its owner.

On June 18:

- Took a report from a person fishing on the west side of Otter Creek that a boater had run through fishing lines, breaking poles.

- Cited Margot Ami Sirois, 29, of Panton for retail theft. Police allege she took three articles of clothing and a bracelet from the Blue Lily store worth more than \$300, and she was found in a nearby shop with the items.

- Picked up a dead cat hit by a vehicle on Main Street.

- Shot a rabid raccoon on South Water Street.

Panthers

(Continued from Page 1B) championship women's soccer squad advanced to the second round in NCAA play and concluded the year with a 13-4-3 mark.

Volleyball made its first appearance in the tournament since 2016 and advanced to the second round. The men's and women's cross country teams placed 13th and 14th, respectively, at the NCAA championships. The women's squad was paced by Cassie Kearney's seventh-place finish.

In the winter, three teams joined women's hockey on the national stage, garnering 224 points. The combined alpine and Nordic ski team finished 10th at the all-division NCAA championships,

fueled by two top-10 finishes from Peter Wolter on the Nordic side.

The women's indoor track and field team earned 31 points in the standings, highlighted by a fourth-place finish from the distance medley relay quartet of Katelyn Pease, Michelle Louie, Nicole Johnson and Kearney.

Rounding out the winter point-getting performers was the women's swimming and diving squad. Isabella Caddeau, Courtney Gantt, Maddie McKean and Hannah Wander touched the wall in 12th place in the 200-medley relay to earn 33 points for the leaderboard.

In the spring, baseball, men's and women's track and field, and men's and women's tennis joined

the women's lacrosse team to amass 379 points for the Panthers.

The NESCAC champion baseball team broke over two dozen school records en route to the NCAA regional final. Both the men's and women's tennis teams reached NCAA semifinals, combining for 166 points in the standings.

The women's track and field team picked up 57 points by finishing 17th at the NCAA championships. Kearney highlighted the event by finishing as the national runner-up a 1,500 meters and third at 800 meters. Johnson also took sixth in the 800. On the men's side, Peter Hansen finished seventh in the 400 hurdles to round out the Panther Leafield scorers.

Honors

(Continued from Page 2B) Ararat Middle School and a math tutor at the Harriett Beecher Stowe Elementary School.

She was an Out Peer supporting the LGBTQIA+ community at Bowdoin, a SAVO Volunteer supporting prospective students' experience via the Bowdoin Admissions Office, a member of the Bowdoin Women in Computer Science Club, a First-Year Proctor as part of Bowdoin's Residential Life Staff, and a volunteer for Bowdoin's Women in Sports Day festivities.

TENNIS CHAMPION

Morris recently graduated with

summa cum laude honors as an economics major. He was a three-time NESCAC All-Academic honoree and also earned ITA All-Academic honors during his career.

Morris, a two-time ITA All-American, won the Division III Men's Singles title last month and captured the ITA Cup Singles crown in the fall of 2021. He was named the Northeast Senior of the Year and the overall Senior of the Year by the ITA in 2022, while also earning a spot on the All-NESCAC First Team in both singles and doubles.

A team captain in 2021-22, Morris posted a program-best

55 career wins as a Panther and was the No. 1 singles player for two NESCAC Championship teams (2019, 2022). Middlebury advanced to the NCAA Semifinals in the team competition in both 2019 and 2022 and Morris finished as the top-ranked player in Division III this season.

Off the court, Morris contributed to a local toy drive in the Middlebury community, assisted in an annual Girl Scout cookie distribution event, helped out at a retirement home to clean up the grounds, and served as a first-year student-athlete leadership program graduate.

the checkered flag.

Josh LeClaire earned his second victory of the season by winning the Limited Sportsman 25-lap feature. Alex Layn, Bubba McPhee, Evan Roberts, and Cody O'Brien rounded out the top five.

In Devil's Bowl competition earlier this season, Addison County and Brandon racers Steve Miller, Daryl Gebo and Roger LaDuc have each won twice, and Todd Stone, Justin Stone, Tim LaDuc, Jimmy Davis and Gage Provencher have each won once.

Sumner picked up his fourth win of the year in the Mini Stock division, claiming the first of

Audet, Sumner prevail at Bowl

WEST HAVEN — Bridport's Troy Audet and Ripton's Chris Sumner were among the dirt-track winners on Sunday at Devil's Bowl Speedway.

Audet won \$2,000 by claiming the 40-lap Sportsman Modified race, taking the lead on the second lap and never looking back.

Bristol's Josh Masterson, Whiting's Jimmy Davis, Elmo Reckner and Brandon's Vince Quenneville rounded out the top five finishers.

Sumner picked up his fourth win of the year in the Mini Stock division, claiming the first of

two 20-lap features. He was followed by Brian Blake, Tyler Bell, Freddy Burch and Adam Mahoney in the top five.

In the second Mini Stock race, TJ Knight earned his first victory of the 2022 season. Rounding out the top five were Matt Wade, Clemmy Bell, Derrick Counter and Craig Kirby.

Matt Sheppard won the 50-lap Short Track Super Series North Region Modified main event, pocketing \$3,000 in the process. Matt Williamson, Demetrios Drellos, Anthony Perrego and Erick Rudolph followed him to

the checkered flag.



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ADDISON COUNTY
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community calendar

june 23 **THURSDAY**

Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Italian chicken breast with duck sauce, rice and beans, broccoli, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, strawberry shortcake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, June 19, 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 TTVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TTVT requires 48 hour notice.

"If Grass Could Talk" presentation in Vergennes. Thursday, June 23, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Sid Bosworth, a long-time Vergennes resident and retired UVM Extension professor, 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. Also broadcast online via Zoom. For online attendance, register at tinyurl.com/bixby-grass.

june 24 **FRIDAY**

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, June 24, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Italian chicken breast with duck sauce, rice and beans, broccoli, cranberry sauce, wheat bread, strawberry shortcake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, June 19, 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 TTVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TTVT requires 48 hour notice.

Push To The Pavilion concert in Vergennes. Friday, June 24, 5-8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park. Celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the Pavilion Project at Veterans Memorial Park in Vergennes with a free concert by the special Pavilion Rock Band. Bring a chair and come hungry as there will be food trucks featuring pizza, burgers, fries, chicken skewers, ice cream and cotton candy to purchase. For \$25 enter a raffle to win a pair of Amish made poly-wood Adirondack Chairs. Tickets available at the concert, at Linda's Apparel on Main St. and by emailing recreation@vergennes.org. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Pavilion Project.

Surf & Turf Dinner in Middlebury. Friday, June 24, 5-7 p.m., Addison County VFW Post 7823, 530 Exchange St. Steak dinner or shrimp dinner \$16 per person; Combo dinner \$18 per person.

june 25 **SATURDAY**

Vermont Sun Triathlon events in Salisbury. Saturday, June 25, 8:30 a.m., Branbury State Park, Route 53. The Vermont Sun Triathlon, a 600-yard swim/14-mile Bike/3.1-mile run and the Lake Dunmore Triathlon, a 0.9-Mile Swim/28-mile Bike/6.2 mile run. More info and registration at www.vermontsuntriathlonseries.com. Registration/bib pick-up online or 6:40-7:30 a.m. at Branbury State Park on race morning.

Hope for TomorROW in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, June 25, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Basin Harbor Rd. An annual rowathon and community event at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum committed to raising awareness about teen suicide and an opportunity for us to come together in memory, hope, and support. Held in partnership with Project HOPEPnER, this event is open to all — no prior rowing experience needed! Advance registration is required. More info at www.lcmr.org/event/hope-for-tomorrow.

Town-wide yard sale in Bristol. Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Do some spring cleaning and or shop and find treasures. To register your yard sale, sign up online at www.bristolvtrec.com (registration fee \$15). All locations will be listed on our map and included in all advertising.

American Red Cross blood drive in Vergennes. Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Victory Baptist Church, 862 Route 7. 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 or call 1-800-CROSS (1-800-327-2767).

King Pede card party in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, June 25, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Pede is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. Attendees should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

june 26 **SUNDAY**

Strawberry festival and book sale in Monkton. Sunday, June 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. Book sale, fresh strawberries, cake and ice cream, and live entertainment provided by the PI Quartet.

Local history tour in Monkton. Sunday, June 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monkton Town Hall. Self-guided tour of the history of Monkton Ridge sponsored by the Monkton Museum and Historical Society during Strawberry Festival. Buy the tour booklet for \$4, or access it free online.

Foodarool in Middlebury. Sunday, June 26, 4-8 p.m., Marble Works. Foodarool 7 will feature more than 15 food and beverage vendors representing a diversity of cuisines, adult beverage tasting tent, King Arthur Flour baking competition for kids and adults, music, drums and dancing, the Flying Hawaiian and more. Tickets \$5, kids under 12 free.

june 27 **MONDAY**

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, June 27, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Beef stroganoff with mushrooms over noodles, Brussels sprouts, roll, blueberry crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, June 23, at 802-377-1419. Open to



Bargains

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anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TTVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TTVT requires 48 hour notice.

Age Well sit-down meal in Middlebury. Monday, June 27, 11 a.m., Rosie's Restaurant, Route 7 S. Meal served at 11:30 a.m. of Roast turkey dinner, and Chef's choice of dessert. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, June 23, at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation does not include gratuity.

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City Band performance in Vergennes. Monday, June 27, 7 p.m., on the green. Free.

june 28

TUESDAY

Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in-person meal in Vergennes.

Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at 11:45 a.m. of meatballs in garlic sauce, parmesan cheese, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, roll, blueberry crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, June 23, at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation. Please bring your own place setting. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TTVT at 802-388-2287 to arrange. TTVT requires a 48 hour notice. Masks required unless seated and eating.

City Band performs in Bristol. Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m. Town Green. The Bristol Band, which has been making music since 1870, will play in the gazebo every Wednesday. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Stargazing at Mittelman Observatory at Middlebury College. Wednesday, June 29, 9:30-11 p.m., weather permitting, top of McCordell Bicentennial Hall. A variety of interesting stars, star clusters and nebulas will be visible through the observatory's 24-inch telescope in a dome and smaller telescopes on the roof deck.

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june 30

THURSDAY

Destigmatizing Dementia in Addison County conversation in Middlebury. Thursday, June 30, 8:15-9:30 a.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 30 North Pleasant St. Been touched by Dementia? A couple people will talk and then you can join a conversation hosted by the Alzheimer's Association and local people affected by the disease. For more information or to register call 802-440-1881 or email mpmpote@alz.org.

Virtual U.S. House candidate forum. Thursday, June 30, 7-9 p.m., Zoom. The League of Women Voters of Vermont will host a virtual Candidates Forum for U.S. House of Representatives. Hear from candidates running in the Aug. 9 Primary Election. Eight major party candidates are vying for nomination of Vermont's lone congressional seat. More info and registration at lwvofvt.org/events-calendar.

Movies in the Park After Dark in Bristol. Thursday, June 30, dusk, town green. "The Lorax." Free and open to the public.

july 1

FRIDAY

Great Brandon Auction in Brandon.

Friday, July 1-Saturday, July 9, Auction Center, 6 Park St. Bid on silent auction items or walk out the door with our eBay style

"Buy It Now" option. For hours of operation and more info go to www.brandon.org.

Age Well sit-down lunch in Middlebury. Friday, July 1, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Meal served at noon of pan-seared chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable blend, roll, chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce and milk. Please bring your own place setting. \$5 Suggested donation. Advanced reservations only by Sunday, June 26. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TTVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TTVT requires 48 hour notice.

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Mount Abraham Class of 1972 reunion in Middlebury. Friday, July 1, 6-11 p.m., Mr. Ups. Mt. Abe 1972 grads, come to your 50th reunion. Organizers are asking all classmates to R.S.V.P. and to get more information by contacting Mary Birmingham at 802-453-3969, Diane Livingston at 802-458-2005 or Bill Laberge at 802-388-3368 no later than June 25.

july 2

SATURDAY

Independence Day celebration in Brandon. Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m.-dusk. Enjoy an entire day of family fun, beginning at 10 a.m. with Vermont's biggest small town parade, followed by live music and an abundance of food throughout the day. There'll be family activities for all ages, including the annual Lil' Debbie Swiss Roll Eating Contest and the Duck Race over Neshobe Falls. Cold drinks and snacks will be available at the upstairs concession area at Brandon Town Hall and the bathrooms will be available while the hall is open. The Celebration continues into the evening with a Street Dance with Jam Man Entertainment, then finally comes to a close at dusk with our spectacular fireworks display.

july 3

SUNDAY

Fireworks and Fun in Bristol. Sunday, July 3, 6 p.m. Food and crafts vendors will set up at 6 p.m. on the Rec. Field. Entertainment by the 40th Army Band from the Vermont National Guard followed by The DJ Jam Man. Fireworks at dusk.

Fireworks in Vergennes. Sunday, July 3, 8 p.m. The Eagles and American Legion Post No. 14, together will light up the skies in celebration of Independence Day. The fireworks are set up in the ball fields of VUHS and can be viewed from most anywhere around. Rain date July 5.

july 4

Around TOWN



Scholarship winner

MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH School junior Diana Herasim, an exchange student from Ukraine, receives the Middlebury Rotary's Maggie Quinn \$1,000 scholarship during the club's June 1 breakfast at Rosie's. The scholarship, named in honor of the very active community member and first woman president of the club who passed away in 2015, is usually given to pay for the student's education, but the club said they left use of the funds up to Herasim due to the unusual and unprecedented circumstances in her home country.



ALEXIS WERTHEIM OF HANCOCK and her horse, Acer, participate in the Water Cup Challenge at the 2022 Orange County 4-H/Open Horse Clinic, June 2-5 in Tunbridge.

Photo/Molly McFaun-UVM Extension 4-H

Wertheim participates at recent horses clinic

TUNBRIDGE — Alexis Wertheim of Hancock was among the equestrians from three states to gather at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, June 2-5, for the 2022 Orange County 4-H/Open Horse Clinic.

The annual event, sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H and the Orange County 4-H Foundation, was open to both 4-H and non-4-H youths, ages 8-18, as well as adult riders. It provided an opportunity for them to improve their riding skills and equine knowledge through instruction and fun games, activities and workshops.

Riders from Addison, Lamoille, Orange, Windham and Windsor Counties, as well as Connecticut and New Hampshire,

participated in five riding lessons, three instructional workshops and several gymkhana games throughout the three-day clinic. Youth participants also painted horse grooming brushes, tie-dyed T-shirts, crafted stall signs and created informational posters for their stall doors, addressing the clinic's theme, "Me and My Horse."

Among the other activities, Wertheim received Western riding instruction from Jessica Rabidoux and Emily Lang of Rabidoux Performance Horses in Hinesburg.

All participants took part in daily stable management, which evaluated their non-riding horsemanship and knowledge of tack and grooming aids and basic first aid/safety equipment.

BIRTHS

- Amy Schumer and Christopher Meserve of Burlington, June 2, a boy, **Henry John Meserve Schumer**, grandson of Peter and Lucy Schumer of Middlebury and Jessica Meserve of Kennebunk, Maine.

Sign up for upcoming dairy workshops

WHITING — A free dairy herd management workshop, Raising Healthy Heifers, will be offered Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Taconic End Farm, 1395 Leicester-Whiting Road, Leicester. Dr. Dayna Locitzer, a large animal veterinarian at the Green Mountain Bovine Clinic in Chesterfield, N.H., will lead the workshop.

The session will focus on preventative care and treatment of common diseases. It will include a farm tour to observe how the owners raise their calves. Participants will hear about best practices for raising replacements, colostrum management, milk feeding, housing, scours and

calfhood pneumonia. Vermont grazing consultant and co-presenter Sarah Flack will discuss pasture management for heifers on three Vermont farms.

Locitzer, has worked with pasture-based dairies in the Northeast for more than 10 years as well as worked on organic dairy farms in New York prior to enrolling in veterinary school.

The workshop is one of three being offered by UVM Extension this summer. The Richardson Family Farm in Hartland will host Physical Exam of the Herd and Individual Cow on July 14 at their farm at 18 Richardson Farm Rd. Understanding Mastitis to Produce

Quality Milk will be held at Rekop Farm, 1320 Sunset Lake Road, Brattleboro, on Sept. 8.

Farmers may sign up for one or more workshops at go.uvm.edu/herdhealth. Registration is required as space is limited. If requiring a disability-related accommodation to attend, please contact Kelsie Meehan at (518) 810-6431 or kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu at least two weeks prior to the date of the workshop.

Additional dairy herd management workshops will be offered virtually this fall via Zoom. Topics will include vaccines on Oct. 6, calving and when to intervene on Oct. 20, and

fluid therapy to treat sick cows on Nov. 3. Details and registration information is available at go.uvm.edu/herdhealth.

Both the summer and fall workshops are sponsored by University of Vermont Extension and the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center. For more information, email Kelsie Meehan at kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu or call (518) 810-6431.

Lincoln

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NEWS

LINCOLN — The Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ was back in action this year and it didn't disappoint. A big thank you to everyone at the LVFC for a delicious meal and all that you do for this community! Much appreciated!

Early and absentee voting for the Aug. 9 Vermont Primary Election has begun. If you are a voter in the military or overseas, please submit your absentee ballot requests right away. Overseas voters are encouraged to request electronic delivery of their ballot for speedier

processing. Anyone else who would like to vote absentee, should submit their requests as well by logging into the My Voter Page online at mvp.vermont.gov. You may request absentee ballots for the Nov. 8 General Election at the same time.

If you have questions about voting or if you are interested in signing up to be an election worker, please contact Town Clerk Sally Ober at (802) 453-2980 or clerk@lincolnvermont.org.

Don't forget to stop by the library and check out some of the wonderful passes that are available.

The Vermont State Parks pass admits up to eight people in one vehicle for free. See their website at vtstateparks.com for more details. The Shelburne Museum pass allows two adults and up to four children into the museum for half price. Visit shelburnemuseum.org for information on hours and admission fees. The Echo Museum pass offers a reduced rate of \$4 admission for up to four people. Check out their website at echovermont.org for more information.

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Monkton

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NEWS

MONKTON — The Strawberry Festival is Back! After a two-year break due to COVID, we are pleased to announce the return of our annual Strawberry Festival and Book Sale, hosted by the Russell Memorial Library in the new Town Hall building. We will be serving the usual fare of strawberries, ice cream and cake along with hot dogs and lemonade, along with chili, a new addition.

We're also selling books, of course, for those long days of

summer reading. And we'll have live entertainment by the PI Quartet. On Sunday, July 26 we'll open at 10 a.m. and will serve until 2 p.m. or until we run out of food. All sales will be cash or check only.

The Monkton Historical Society has created a walking tour of historic Monkton Ridge, which will be going on simultaneously, with a program to guide the participants on their trek along the roadside. It will be unveiled at the strawberry festival between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

When you take the self-guided tour of the history of Monkton Ridge, visit the Monkton Museum & Historical Society exhibits in the vacated 1859 Town Hall with items from their collection.

To start the tour, please stop by the Historical Society table at the new town hall/library after you enjoy your shortcake and buy some great books. Buy the tour booklet for \$4, or access it free online at monktonhistory.org. See you on the Ridge!

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Jaro Perera of Hancock graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering degree with a major in Bioengineering

from Lehigh University. Perera was among the more than 1,500 students who received undergraduate,

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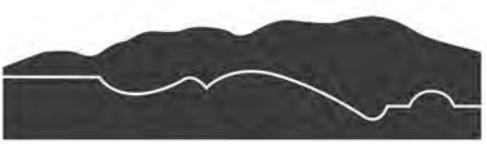
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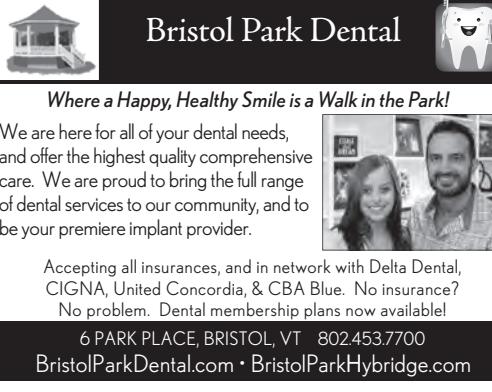
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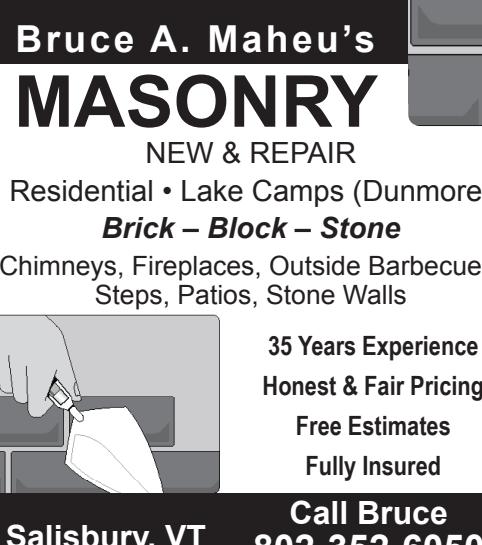


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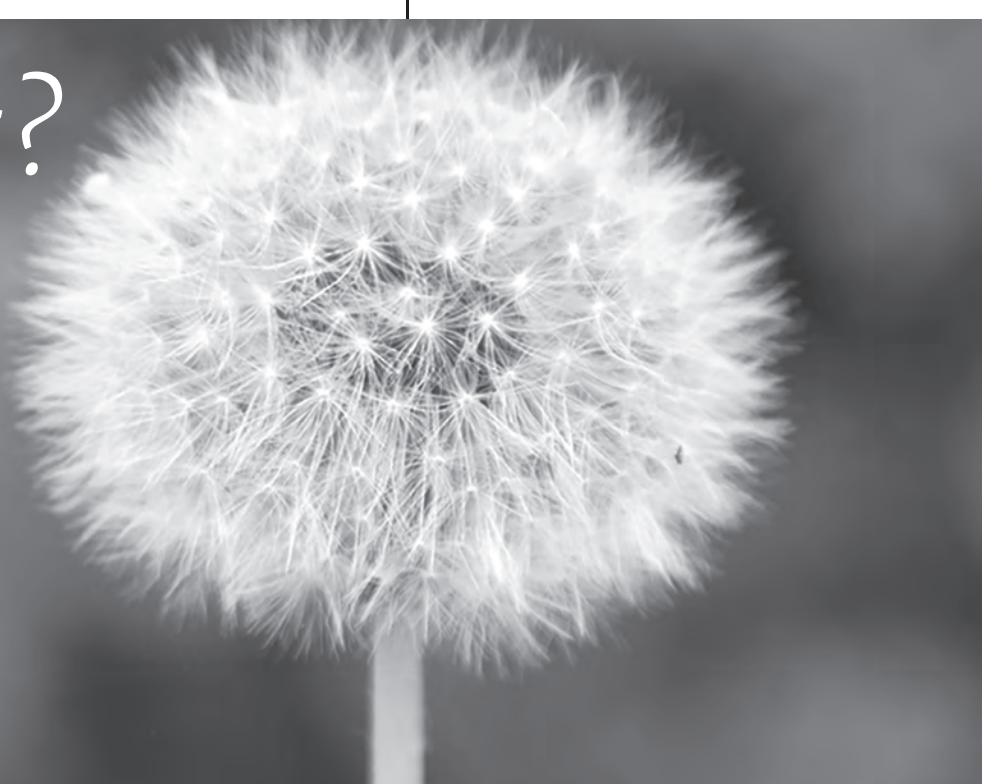
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4 FAMILY LAWN SALE: Sat June 25 9-4pm. No early birds. 35 Seymour St Middlebury. (Next to Police station). Household goods, bedding, dishes, furniture, toys, puzzles, rugs, lamps, Adult & children's clothing, books & lots more, too many to list.

Help Wanted

SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

LONG TERM SUB 7-12 SCIENCE TEACHER 2022-2023 VACANCY

Long Term Sub 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@svuvt.org

Applications for this position must apply on www.SchoolSpring.com

The position will remain open until filled. EOE

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SALE:** Contemporary and Vintage Finds. Linens, vintage Christmas, ribbon, kitchenware, wood boxes, baskets, galvanized items, furniture, vintage oil sign, antique wall sconces, dog crate, bikes, basketball hoop, pewter drawer pulls, sports gear and more! Rain or Shine, 2020 Route 74, Cornwall Friday, 6/24 8

Garage Sales

AM-3 PM Saturday 6/25 8 AM - 3 PM & Sunday 6/26 8 AM-1 PM

NEW HAVEN: Estate Sale of Woodwork Shop Equipment. (preparation, finishing & mechanical tools) power matic saw, planer, sanders, jointer, routers, wood shaper, dust collection system, power tools, clamping, cutting, measuring, numerous misc items.

2510 John Deere tractor restored. 999 Dog Team Road, New Haven, Sat 8:30 to 4:30, JULY 2. (no early birds).

YARD SALE, 379 East Main Street, East Middlebury, Vermont. June 25 and June 26. 7am.

Help Wanted

SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER 2022-2023 VACANCY

Slate Valley is seeking a full-time Special Education Teacher for the Elementary/Middle School Level. Small caseload and supportive work environment exists. Special Education certification required. Position begins August 24, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information please contact Kris Benway, Director of Special Services at 802-265-4905 ext. 2551 or email at kbenway@svuvt.org

All applicants must apply on www.schoolspring.com EOE



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This position requires basic computer skills, attention to detail, the ability to sit or stand for long periods of time and the ability to lift up to 50lbs. Must be a team player and also able to work independently.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WHITING PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF WHITING TOWN PLAN AND ENHANCED ENERGY PLAN

The Whiting Planning Commission will meet in person at Whiting Town Office for a public hearing on July 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The Town of Whiting has developed an Enhanced Energy Plan as an amendment to the existing town plan and seeks public input pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4384. Prior to adoption of the amended town plan, Whiting must determine whether the plan:

- (1) is consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. §4302;
- (2) is compatible with its regional plan;
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(7) meets the Energy Planning Standards for Municipal Plans as published by the Vermont Department of Public Service required prior to issuing a determination of energy compliance (24 V.S.A. §4352, as noted above). Copies of the Whiting Town Plan and the proposed Enhanced Energy Plan amendment can be found at the Whiting Town Office and on Whiting's website: <https://whitingvt.com/> Questions, please call either: Maddison Shropshire, Energy Planner Addison County Regional Planning Commission at 388-3141 or Heather Bouchard, Whiting Town Clerk at 623-7813.

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508 Burpee Rd., Bristol, Vt
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Household items
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addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

TOWN OF GOSHEN
NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of the real estate in the Town of Goshen, in the County of Addison, and State of Vermont are hereby notified that real estate taxes for the 2021 tax year assessed by the Town of Goshen remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid upon the following described real estate in the Town of Goshen as indicated below, to wit:

Roy D. Kinsley and Hannah Rice: Delinquent 2021 Property Taxes

Being 4.23 acres, more or less, with dwelling and any and all improvements thereon, located at 184 Hayes Road, Goshen, Vermont, and being all the same lands and premises conveyed to Roy D. Kinsley and Hannah Rice by Limited Warranty Deed is dated May 8, 2012 and recorded in the Town of Goshen Land Records in Book 27 page 292. And so much of said real estate will be sold at public auction at the Goshen Town Hall, a public place in said Town on Saturday, the 30th day of July, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

Any questions or inquiries regarding the above-referenced sale should be directed to the following address:

Langrock Sperry & Wool, LLP
ATTN: Fritz Langrock, Esq.

P. O. Box 351

Middlebury, VT 05753-0351 Telephone: (802)388-6356

Langrock, Sperry & Wool, LLP and the Town of Goshen do not give any opinion or certification as to the marketability of the titles to any of the above-referenced properties as held by the current owner/taxpayer.

The only acceptable forms of bid payment at the day of tax sale are: bank check payable to Town of Goshen, VT or cash. No personal checks will be accepted.

Dated at Goshen, Vermont this 15th day of June, 2022.

Vickee P. Whiting, Town of Goshen

Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN OFFICES – 77 MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

Also available via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88239178420>
By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)
Webinar ID: 882 3917 8420

For those wishing to watch but not participate:
Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTVermont>
and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

AGENDA

- 7:00 1. **Call to Order
- 2. *Approval of Agenda
- 3. *Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 3.a. Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Regular Selectboard Meeting and approval of Minutes of the June 20, 2022 Special Selectboard Meeting.
 - 3.b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2022 Infrastructure Committee Meeting
 - 3.c. Approval of the Amended Grant Agreement for the Extension of the Deadline for Completion of the Marketing & Branding Grant Project
 - 3.d. Agenda Placeholder
 - 3.e. Agenda Placeholder
 - 3.f. Town Manager's Report
- 4. **Citizen Comments [Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda]
- 5. Agenda Placeholder
- 6. **Joe McVeigh, President, Ilsley Public Library Board of Trustees, and Dana Hart, Library Director, with an update on the activities of the IPL 100 Project Team
- 7. *Dan Werner, Director of Public Works Planning, with updates and recommendations from the June 16, 2022 Infrastructure Committee Meeting
 - 7.a. *Recommendation on Approval of the FY23 Water Budget & Rates
 - 7.b. *Recommendation on Approval of the FY23 Wastewater Budget & Rates
 - 7.c. Recommendation to Award a Contract to Landmark Engineering for Mill Street drainage and design proposal.
 - 7.d. Recommendation to Award a Contract to Pratt and Smith for Well #3 proposal.
- 8. **Caleb Rick, CEO of EcoGlobal Middlebury, with an updated overview of a request for a letter of support for their proposed Ekopolimer product manufacturing facility
- 9. *Set the Municipal Tax Rate and the Downtown Improvement District Tax Rate for FY23
- 10. *Award contract for the Update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 11. *Appointment to vacancy on the Development Review Board
- 12. *Vermont Gas request for an easement to install a gas distribution line to service 3 Mill Street
- 13. *Approval of Check Warrants
- 14. **Board Member Concerns
- 15. *Executive Session – Real Estate & Contracts – Anticipated
- 16. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- 17. *Adjourn

* Decision Item ** Possible Decision

Rutland man cited for larceny at Middlebury stores

Middlebury Police Log

(MREMS) with a life alert activation on Route 7 South.

• Helped motorists stranded on Main Street.

• Served a court citation on behalf of Hinesburg police.

• Responded to a report of a dog left in a car on Court Street, a vehicle that was gone on arrival.

• Took a report of an accident on Porter Drive for insurance purposes.

• Attempted to resolve a Court Street neighbor dispute.

• Assisted a person having neighbor issues on North Pleasant Street.

• Handled a two-vehicle accident on Route 7 South.

• Helped a motorist whose vehicle had broken down on the Cross Street Bridge.

• Began investigating a reported burglary at a Route 7 South business that might have occurred while it was closed over the weekend.

On June 13:

• Referred to the Addison County Unit for Special Investigations a case of cruelty to a family member on Case Street.

• Helped a Pond Lane business with an incident of an unknown person leaving unwanted items at the premises.

• Handled a two-vehicle accident on Route 7 South.

• Helped a motorist whose vehicle had broken down on the Cross Street Bridge.

• Began investigating a reported

burglary at a Route 7 South business that might have occurred while it was closed over the weekend.

On June 14:

• Checked on a vehicle parked in front of a closed Court Street business.

• Assisted Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services

• Provided a Court Street

business with a security walk-through due to recent threats.

• On Main Street facilitated an exchange between two persons who each had property belonging to the other.

• Cited Faith Stone, 29, of Middlebury for simple assault after an investigation into an incident on North Pleasant Street.

• Conducted the first of three speed-enforcement patrols on Three Mile Bridge Road following recent complaints of high speeds on the road.

On June 15:

• Checked on a man who had fallen outside of a Monroe Street building.

• Dealt with a two-vehicle crash on Court Street.

• Responded to a report from the Counseling Service of Addison County that a client was acting out. Police said the client had left the building, but not before causing an injury to a staff member, and the case has been referred to the state's attorney's office for review of possible charges.

• Helped arrange for a customer to return to an Exchange Street business to settle an account after the person drove away without paying for gasoline.

• Helped a motorist whose car had broken down on Case Street.

• On Collins Drive served court paperwork on behalf of Rutland

County State's Attorney's Office.

On June 16:

• Responded with MREMS to a Case Street 911 call after which the ambulance crew took a man described as having "an altered mental status" to Porter Hospital.

• Checked on a male reported to be sitting in a construction vehicle in the Buttolph Drive area.

• Assisted a driver who had run out of gas on Main Street.

• Responded to a report of a dog left in a Court Street car; the dog was not in the car when police arrived.

• Served a restraining order on an individual in the Cross/South Pleasant street area.

• Served a no-trespass order on behalf of a Court Square business.

• Helped a Seymour Street business with a suspicious note left in the store.

• Checked out a report of a man on Court Street Extension yelling at passing vehicles and chasing after them on his bicycle.

On June 17:

• Found a lost dog in Twin Circles.

• Assisted a resident having an issue with a court order.

• Heard from a Middlebury Market vendor about a missing canopy. Police alerted the Better Middlebury Partnership and town offices in the event the canopy gets turned in.

• Spoke with a person about being harassed by another person at a local store. Police contacted the person accused of harassment and suggested that individual stay away from the store.

• Handled a report of a burglary into a vacant Seminary Street

extension building, a case that remain under investigation.

• Helped remove a person sitting on private South Pleasant Street property and drinking a beer.

On June 18:

• Checked the welfare of a Rogers Road resident.

• Turned over a found dog to Homeward Bound.

• Helped a Rogers Road resident with unwanted communication.

• Took a report of an accident on Quarry Road for insurance purposes.

• Took a report of a larceny of a purse from a vehicle parked on Court Street, but said surveillance video showed no one come near the vehicle.

• Assisted Burlington police with an ongoing investigation on Jayne Court.

• Assisted a person experiencing a mental health crisis in the Route 7 South area and provided a ride to a shelter for the night.

On June 19:

• Responded with MREMS to the Main Street area on a report of a suicidal person who was having a mental health crisis. Officers spoke with the person until MREMS arrived and transported the individual to Porter Hospital.

• Checked the welfare of a Court Street resident.

• Cited Justin T. Miller, 31, of Middlebury for domestic assault and criminal threatening at a Seminary Street Extension location. Miller was released on conditions and cited to appear in Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division, on June 20.

• Assisted two persons with custody dispute on Valley View Drive.

• Investigating a reported theft from a Court Street store.

• Helped MREMS gain access to the airport after wind conditions prevented a medical helicopter from landing at the hospital.

• On Court Street helped a person get an item back from an ex-girlfriend.

• Looked into a complaint on Court Street that a dog was tied to a car. Police determined there was no problem.

• Took a report of the theft of a plastic cover plate from a car parked on Stewart Lane.

• Helped a Rogers Road resident who was getting unwanted text messages.

MARKET REPORT**ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES**

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT

Sales for 6/16 & 6/20, 2022

COST

BEEF LBS. /LB \$

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Foster Bros. Farm 1590 1.08 1717.20

S. Hambach 1165 1.08 1258.20

Deer Valley Ptshp. 990 1.07 1059.30

Maille's Dairy 1375 1.05 1443.75

Champlainside Farm 1120 0.87 974.40

K. Gray 1740 1.01 1757.40

CALVES LBS. /LB \$

Kayhart Bros. 101 3.00 303.00

A. Brisson 99 3.00 297.00

Conants Riverside 105 3.00 315.00

Barnes Bros 91 2.80 254.80

Wilcon Farm 110 2.00 220.00

Total # Beef: 158 Total # Calves: 316

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The Addison Independent

June 23, 2022



Ryan Kick and Ash Allison are the owners and chefs behind the delicious treats at Jones The Boy Bake Shop on Bristol's North Street. The bakery and coffee shop will reopen with new hours on July 1.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

Balancing baking at Bristol's Jones the Boy

Happy first year anniversary to Jones The Boy Bake Shop! Though Ash Allison and Ryan Kick began selling their incredible homemade cookies more like six years ago, they're celebrating their first full year operating from their downtown Bristol storefront on North Street.

BY **ELSIE LYNN PARINI**

Jones The Boy is a "bakery first," and then they added in some delicious espresso drinks with blends from Uncommon Coffee Company.

"We're not just a utility coffee shop," Kick explained. "We're more about delicious

desserts."

And savory too. Don't forget the incredible focaccia or pepperoni roll...

Kick and Allison know how to do food; and they do it with a creative flare you definitely need to experience. Here's how it all started...

"Ash, a (New England Culinary Institute) baking and pastry grad originally from California, and I met working together in Burlington in 2015 shortly after I moved to Vermont from New York," Kick explained.

Allison was working at Uncommon Grounds on Church Street in Burlington, which sadly closed at the end of 2019, and Kick was

working in the kitchen at the downtown Burlington City Market. The couple started baking cookies — "just a dozen cookies three days a week" — for the coffee shop under a home bakery cottage license, which allowed them to operate out of their Burlington home.

"We slowly started making more cookies and offering a wider variety of baked goods at the coffee shop," Kick said. "As momentum picked up we began sending cookies to Burlington's City Market Onion River Coop for their fresh pastry case, and then to their South End location when it opened in 2017."

When COVID hit, Allison, Kick and their 10-year-old daughter decided to "get out of

SEE BAKERY ON PAGE 3

Chilean musician brings vineyard goers to their feet

Lincoln Peak Vineyard last Friday saw the unlikely conjoining of rustic Vermont and the young Chilean music scene. Accordion-wielding Pascuala Ilabaca and her band Fauna were the second performance of the World Music + Wine Series put on at the New Haven vineyard by Lincoln Peak and Town Hall Theater.

BY SAM LIPIN

The wine? Flowing and fruity.

The food? Delicious dumplings and pad thai from the Thai@Home food truck. Though as delicious as these were, they were simply a supplementary backdrop to the events on the stage.

When most people think accordion, they think of the classic music backdrop of a romantic night in Italy, or perhaps a cowboy sitting around a fire in an old western movie. Pascuala Ilabaca played her accordion in a handful of different genres, challenging our own perceptions of where an accordion belongs in contemporary music.

She incorporated the instrument into jazz, rock and pop, also switching to the piano for certain songs or simply singing and dancing sans instrument.

Her energy was contagious; she never ceased to smile and sway, encouraging the audience — an intimate gathering of about 200 people — to do the same. Although at first a tranquil audience, satisfied with lounging on our picnic blankets or folding chairs, Ilabaca and Fauna managed to raise everyone to their feet by the end of the set.

Throughout her show, she took time to share her inspirations with the audience, which included more than just expected influences from Mexico, Peru and indigenous Chile. She spoke of the complexities of death and suggested how to live a fulfilling life, as well as of the global health concerns of women throughout the world.

"We need to write and sing about another way of living," Ilabaca said between songs. "I must say this because women keep dying every day."

To which members of the crowd responded, "Viven las mujeres!" (Roughly, "Let women live!")

Although the set was performed entirely in Spanish, Ilabaca clarified to the audience that her songs were based in activism, indigenous folklore and her Chilean roots.

One of the highlights of the show was her performance of one of her more popular songs,



Pascuala Ilabaca and her band Fauna performed last Friday for the World Music + Wine Series at Lincoln Peak in New Haven. The next show will be held on July 8, featuring Mukana, a group of musicians hailing from Chile, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Brazil and USA.

INDEPENDENT PHOTOS / ANGELO LYNN

"Cancion Quechua," a musical rendering of a poem by the late Chilean poet, educator and humanist Gabriela Mistral. The song celebrates the Incan people and the lasting influences in the communities and land left behind.

"And where used to be cornfields now you see the wheat rising and instead of vicunas you are bumping into cowboys and cattle," the English translation reads. The song similarly recalls for Vermonters the everlasting presence and influence of the Abenaki people and the land they have inhabited for thousands of years.

Other highlights of her set included "Sabatanasa," "Por Que Se Fue la Paloma" and

"Son de la Vida."

Pascuala Ilabaca y Fauna have about two weeks left on their North American tour for those interested, culminating in a performance at the Montreal International Jazz Festival on July 5.

The next performance of the World Music + Wine series will feature Mukana, a group of musicians hailing from Chile, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Brazil and USA; their music is a celebration and fusion of their musical differences. It will be staged at Lincoln Peak Vineyard on July 8. Kids ages 12 and under get in free; adults are \$18 at the door or \$15 in advance. Come early enough to get settled before music starts at 6 p.m.

BAKERY

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Burlington," and were lucky to find a house in Monkton — which at first felt all together too far away from the "city,"

and more specifically Manhattan's Pizza & Pub, where they had a family tradition of Pizza Fridays. But soon, they discovered Cubbers in Bristol and settled into their new pizza place.

"During one of the trips (into Bristol) in April of 2021 we passed a for-rent sign hanging on the door of the vacant space that used to be Almost Home Market," the couple explained. "As we looked through the windows we could see a full kitchen and loads of room for producing, we thought we could even potentially open to the public if we ever decided to! We have always had an eye out for a production space to hopefully, eventually, move Jones out of our house and into a facility that would allow us to bake even more."

Allison and Kick's dream came true, and they opened Jones The Boy Bake Shop to the public on the first weekend of July, just one year ago.

"We were met with great support from

"WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE LOVE TO DO IN A WAY THAT WE LOVE TO DO IT."

— Ryan Kick



Ryan Kick holds a tray of Jones The Boy cookies. They are as good as they look!

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

all the surrounding communities and a strong family of folks that had already been following what we do," Kick said.

"We didn't know what to expect moving out of Burlington," Allison added. "Since moving into Addison County, we have met some of the best friends — it's so rich out here."

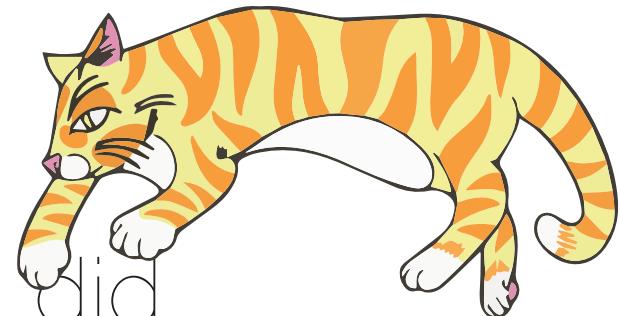
Kick and Allison, being the two primary members of their business team (along with their daughter's help on the weekends and a rotating staff of friends and family), have been able to maintain a sustainable workflow. In fact, it's central to their whole business model.

"We have unique hours because we have a family and are fortunate enough to be able to prioritize time spent together," Kick and Allison said. "We love what we do and serving the public, but we can't continue to operate without support from each other."

The bake shop closed for a couple weeks at the end of June (yes, they're closed now) and plans to reopen on Friday, July 1, with new (reduced) hours.

"For the summer we will be open Friday and Saturday (8 a.m.-3 p.m.), and Sunday (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)" Kick explained. "We hope to be able to reach as many people as we can over the summer within our abilities. By reducing our hours we hope to be able to plan more pop-ups, menus, dinners, movie nights and more community events."

Kick and Allison also hope to add a



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you
know?**

**WHAT'S WITH THE NAME
"JONES THE BOY"?**

It's a cat. Yup, Jonesy. He's their loved orange cat and the bake shop's fabulous namesake.

merchandising piece to their company with screen-printed clothing and accessories.

"We try to diversify what we offer to the community — we're cooks and entertainers," Allison said, adding that Kick is a record collector and DJ.

"Yup, ABC. Always Be Changin'," Kick simplified. "We're going to continue to do what we love to do in a way that we love to do it. And keep things as fun as we can."

For more info about Jones The Boy Bake Shop visit jonestheboy.com or follow them @[jonestheboybakeshop](https://www.instagram.com/jonestheboybakeshop/).

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THE WHISKEY EXORCISM PT. II: FATHER STEVEN'S RESCUE

The exorcism of a possessed, pig-decapitating, and whiskey-swiggling ten-year-old Poultney schoolchild, Eli Wiggins—whose tale of woe was detailed in last week's Chronicle—has terrified a great many of our loyal readers. To any offended by my indelicacy with the written word, I do apologize.

Young Master Wiggins is on the mend and has asked me to personally thank all readers who have kept him in their thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Wiggins has requested that well-wishers respect their family's privacy in this challenging time.

Onward we go. Our tale last left off with Headmaster of Griswold (H.O.G.) Raj Peter Bhakta's siege of an ancient tomb—whereupon he dispelled a goodly number of demons, appearing to strike at the very heart of the evil that had been bedeviling the village of Poultney and had possessed Master Wiggins' soul. When the smoke had cleared within the sepulcher, as you recall, Mr. Bhakta announced his discovery of a great many barrels of aged Armagnac brandy valued at quite a supreme sum. But as Father Stanley rushed to the tomb with his snifter aloft to seek a promised first dram, a surviving goblin endeavored to grab him by the frock and sink its gnarled teeth into his head, causing quite a number of punctures and indeed managing to chew loose a hearty serving of earlobe.

Father Stanley's attempts to beat the goblin on the schnoz with his bejeweled rosary proved fruitless—and it was all I could do to fumble in my overcoat for my pistol and begin firing. Due to my recurring bouts of delirium tremens, unfortunately, my hands were a tad unsteady—and while I caused the affrighted goblin to head for the hills, I also unexpectedly shot Father Stanley. I cradled him in my arms as he expired from his wounds. Before taking his dying breath, he gazed sternly into my eyes and said "A savior will come soon to rescue you and Mr. Bhakta. No man knows the hour. However, such grace you do not deserve, Mr. Withey, as I know on good authority that you and the Griswold Librarian, Violet Montgomery, have been sharing a marital bed without the Lord's blessing of matrimony. Good-bye and good riddance, Phineas."

Just then did Mr. Bhakta exit the tomb, rolling before him a great many of the remarkably ancient brandy barrels which he would soon release under the BHAKTA label. "Phineas, my apprentice, will you kindly assist me with these spirits? We must roll them to Griswold and pour them in celebration for the townsfolk at once."

His eyes darted to the dead priest in my arms.

"You killed Father Stanley? Phineas, that is not good," said Mr. Bhakta. "It is not good at all." I apologized profusely, blamed my shaky hands, and humbly requested to cure my tremens with a taste of Mr. Bhakta's newly discovered 1888—but just then I sensed a rustling in the tall grass. From between the ghastly fronds appeared a pig with blood-soaked tusks, and then three further hogs, and then seven, and then too many of the creatures to count, each more menacing than the last. At once we were surrounded on all sides.

Foot by foot, hoof over hoof, the hogs closed in around us with a chorus of depraved growls. Just as all hope of escape seemed finally dashed, I noticed a splendid hot air balloon drifting in from the north. Dangling from its basket was the most enormous rosary I'd ever seen and from it hung a priest setting forth to parachute to our aid. I knew our savior at once: Father Steven, the only man holy and daring enough to undertake such a mission.

Mr. Bhakta kept the pigs at bay with his bare fisticuffs and boooth-eeel as Father Steven made a spectacular entrance, descending from the skies in a shaft of Christly light. He stopped to pay his respects to Father Stanley's corpse, say a few words, and pray for his understudy's eternal soul.

"Glad you could join us, Father," said the good H.O.G. "I see you really took your time."

"My hot air balloon flies high, but not as high as heaven," replied Father. "And any way, allow me to get to business exorcising these hogs so we can bring these brandy barrels back to my cathedral. You didn't think salvation came for free, did you?"

-PHINEAS WITHEY IV

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ART ON EXHIBIT

NEW EXHIBIT BY ROSE UMERLIK ON VIEW AT NODA

Northern Daughters is excited to announce "In Relation" a solo exhibit of new work from Rose Umerlik. Rose Umerlik's work is abstract with a focus on form and line. The exhibit is on view through July 31, with an opening reception on June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with an interview with the artist at 11:30 a.m.

"This past year, I was as close to being a hermit as I think I will ever be, and while I loved it," Umerlik said "I also learned how much I love humanity. There is a reason my work revolves around my love for others, my fascination with relationships, my yearning for closeness; I have so much love in my heart for our complex human existence."

Five large pieces make up this body of work, including two 72-inch diptychs, whose compositions seem to embody the experience of working towards connection across space. Rose has once again mesmerized us with this work, engaging the beauty of organic form with the precision of her application and process. Due to the way she works much of the forms and lines are not able to be reworked once the mark has been made. Because of this there is a sureness and an energy that seems to live in her composition.

"I'm always in awe of how Rose is able to use graceful forms and starkly contrasting color palettes to bring about a painting that is active, in motion and evolving before you while inviting you to rest in its open spaces." gallerist Sophie Pickens said.

SEE UMERLIK ON PAGE 15



"Meandering" by Rose Umerlik is a 48 x 72 diptych on display at Northern Daughters Fine Art Gallery in Vergennes. This piece is one in her new body of work called "In Relation." The exhibit will be on view through July 31, with an opening reception on June 26.

Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that won't turn to gold afterward. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Gemini. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has mended his or her ways since.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Cancer, when plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation. Higher-ups could get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Leo. You may not get many chances to prove your worth in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and say in social media groups, as it could come back to bite you.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more, Libra. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then jump on it.



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| <p>JUNE 23 — Frances McDormand, Actor (65)
 JUNE 24 — Lionel Messi, soccer player (35)
 JUNE 25 — Larry Kramer, playwright, activist (d)
 JUNE 26 — Sean Hayes, actor, producer (52)</p> | <p>JUNE 27 — Vera Wang, fashion designer (73)
 JUNE 28 — Muhammad Yunus, economist, Nobel laureate (d)
 JUNE 29 — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, novelist (d)</p> |
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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Let loose and have fun for a change, Scorpio. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes" to any and all opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning, Sagittarius. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Family matters come to the forefront this week, Capricorn. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story, so try to get all the facts first.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Just when you started to lose hope, that new horizon you were seeking comes into view, Aquarius. It is well-deserved and there will be smiles for the weeks ahead.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time?

CALENDAR

JUNE 23
-JULY 2
2022

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

QUILT EXHIBITION IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, June 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 260 Court St. The Quilters' Corner at Middlebury Sew-N-Vac hosts this show of works by local quilters. There will be demonstrations and voting for viewer's choice. Free.

BRETT HUGHES AND MATT FLINNER AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Thursday, June 23, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Come hear these diverse and accomplished musicians and enjoy pizza too. Bring a picnic blanket. Tickets \$35, includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Kids 5 and under are free. Bring a picnic blanket. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 24, Battell and Means Woods. This is an easy to moderate 3+ mile hike that meanders through Battell and Means Woods with an 800 ft. ascent up Chipman Hill. Wear appropriate clothing for hiking and bring water, a snack and hiking poles. (Info at maltvt.org.) Contact David Andrews for information or to register; vtrevda@yahoo.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

QUILT EXHIBITION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 260 Court St. See June 23 listing.

EXHIBIT RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 24, 5-7 p.m., Sheldon Museum, One Park Street. Come celebrate the Sheldon Museum's summer exhibits: Addison County Collects & Addison County Kids Collect; Archiving History: Stewart-Swift Research Center at 50; The Elephant in the Archives; and Sculptures of Perseverance: Ukraine-Inspired Carvings by Chuck Herrmann. Free and open to the public with music by Back Porch Jazz. More info at www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org or 802-388-2117.

BREAD AND BONES AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, June 24, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Bread and Bones is an award-winning Vermont-based acoustic trio performing original music that is steeped in tradition but of its own time. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN WAITSFIELD. Saturday, June 25, Mad River Glen. Hike 4 miles round trip to Stark's Nest. Steep walk up ski trails, 2,000 foot elevation gain. Beautiful views throughout. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Contact Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com or 802-734-0984 with questions or to

register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

VERMONT GRAN FONDO IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 25, Bristol Rec Park, 110 Airport Rd.

Challenge yourself in this non-competitive ride through Vermont's Green Mountains. Amazing views at the top of each gap. Packet pick-up and registration from 3-6 p.m. on Friday, July 24 at Frog Hollow Bikes in Middlebury. More info at vermontgranfondo.com.

QUILT EXHIBITION IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 260 Court St. See June 23 listing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

GREEN MOUNTAIN BICYCLE CLUB WAY TO WEYBRIDGE RIDE. Sunday, June 26, 8:45 a.m., meet at Shelburne Village Shopping Center. 64 mile (M) rolling hills from Shelburne through Vergennes and on to Weybridge. There are a number of food options in Vergennes for either the outgoing or return trip or both. More info contact leader Allan Kunigis at akunigis@gmail.com or co-leader Brian Howard at bjhowd@gmail.com.

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FIDDLERS IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., VFW Hall, 530 Exchange St. Refreshments, 50/50 raffle door prize, open mic.

HISTORIC HIKE IN HUBBARDTON. Sunday,

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091

MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION:
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MCTV Channel 1071
Friday, June 24
Through the Night — Public Affairs
5:12 a.m. Chittenden GOP
Congressional Candidates
7:30 a.m. Congregational Church
10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. Energy Week
6:30 p.m. News, Public Affairs
9:30 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
Saturday, June 25
Through the Night — Public Affairs
8 a.m. Candidates for Public Office
10 a.m. Selectboard, Gov. Scott
Weekly Update
3 p.m. Energy Week
4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service
5:30 p.m. Eckankar
7 p.m. Catholic Mass
7:30 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
Sunday, June 26
5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
9 a.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m. Energy Week
11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service
4 p.m. Congregational Service

6:30 p.m. Eckankar
7 p.m. Catholic Mass
7:30 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
Monday, June 27
4:30 a.m. Candidates for Public Office
9 a.m. Energy Week
10 a.m. Select Board, Press
Conferences, News
5 p.m. Dr. John Campbell
8:30 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
Tuesday, June 28
4 a.m. Energy Week
5 a.m. Candidates for Public Office
9:30 a.m. Eckankar
10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
4 p.m. Congregational Service
6 p.m. Energy Week
7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
10 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
Wednesday, June 29
6:30 a.m. Energy Week
7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service
9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
5 p.m. Energy Week
7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
11 p.m. Candidates for Public Office

Thursday, June 30
Through the Night — Public Affairs
5 a.m. Selectboard
8 a.m. Congregational Service
12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs
8 p.m. Energy Week
9 p.m. Eckankar
10 p.m. Candidates for Public Office
MCTV Channel 1091
Friday, June 24
5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ
6:37 a.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds
Saving
10:30 a.m. Camp Meade - GUAGUA
12 p.m. School Board Meetings
5:30 p.m. The Real Dirt on Truffles
6:37 p.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds
Saving
1 p.m. All Things LGBTQ
Saturday, June 25
5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ
6 a.m. Camp Meade - GUAGUA
7:30 a.m. Yoga
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5 p.m. Music from Around Vermont
10 p.m. The Real Dirt of Truffles
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Please see the MCTV website, www.middleburycommunitytv.org, for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.

5 p.m. Saving	1 p.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds
5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	2 p.m. Saving
7 p.m. Paul Cezanne (GMALL Lecture)	2 p.m. Managing Old Forest Characteristics
7:30 p.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds	3:13 p.m. Supporting Native Pollinators
Saving	5 p.m. Music from Around Vermont
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5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ	Wednesday, June 29
6 a.m. Camp Meade - GUAGUA	5 a.m. Music from Around Vermont
7:30 a.m. Yoga	7 a.m. Yoga
8:30 a.m. School Board Meetings	8:30 a.m. Managing Old Forest Characteristics, followed by "Bears Bears Bears"
2:30 p.m. The Real Dirt on Truffles	12 p.m. School Board Meetings
3:37 p.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds	6 p.m. Music from Around Vermont
Saving	9 p.m. All Things LGBTQ
5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ	10 p.m. State Board of Education
6 p.m. Paul Cezanne	Thursday, June 30
7:30 p.m. Demystifying Seeds & Seeds	5:30 a.m. The Artful World - Music from Around Vermont
Saving	6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ
5:30 a.m. Paul Cezanne	7 a.m. Yoga
7 a.m. All Things LGBTQ	8 a.m. State Board of Education
8 a.m. School Board Meetings	5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ
5 p.m. Music from Around Vermont	6:30 p.m. Yoga Rest & Restore
10 p.m. The Real Dirt of Truffles	7 p.m. Festival On the Green (from our Archive)

June 26, 1-4 p.m. Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site. A vigorous guided hike on part of the Hubbardton section of the 1776 military road that led to Mount Independence in Orwell. Jim Rowe, the historian for the Crown Point Road Association, and board member Tom Hughes are the knowledgeable guides. Wear your boots, dress for the weather, and bring water. Meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield visitor center then drive to the starting point for the hike. \$4 for adults and free for children under 15.

FOODAROO! in Middlebury. Sunday, June 26, 4-8 p.m., the Marble Works. Join us for Foodaroo 7. More than 15 food and beverage vendors representing a diversity of cuisines, adult beverage tasting tent, King Arthur Flour baking competition for kids and adults, music, drums and dancing, the Flying Hawaiian and more. Tickets \$5, Kids under 12 Free.

SCARLET ANNIE AND THE INDIVIDUALS IN

CORNWALL. Sunday, June 26, 5-7 p.m., 14 Audet Rd. West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series continues. WCBCS offers a family friendly atmosphere and a fantastic lawn for picnicking. Weather permitting, with rain dates worked into schedule. No admission fee, but we do appreciate any and all donations.

MONDAY, JUNE 27

TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS IN MIDDLEBURY.

Monday, June 27, Addison Central Teens. ACT invites teens aged 12-18 to its photography class. We know the school year has been challenging, and we want to provide a space for you if your teen would like to learn a fun way to express themselves. More info and location email Justice Elijah at justice@middteens.org. Runs through June 30.

MUSIC MONDAY IN BRISTOL. Monday, June 27, 5 p.m., on the green. Head to the town green for al fresco dining and bar from 3 Squares Cafe, Lulu Ice Cream, Crooked Ladle Catering, Pavlov's Dogs and South Mountain Crepes. Stay for the live music from 6-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN HANCOCK.

Thursday, June 30, Worth Mountain. Strenuous, about 2 miles each way to Worth Mountain from the Middlebury Gap. Contact Morris Earle at morrisearle@gmail.com with questions or to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

MOVIES IN THE PARK AFTER DARK IN BRISTOL.

Thursday, June 30, dusk, town green. "The Lorax." Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

CHAMBER MUSIC IN SALISBURY. Friday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meetinghouse, 853 Maple St. Point Counterpoint Chamber Players will

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QUILT EXHIBITION

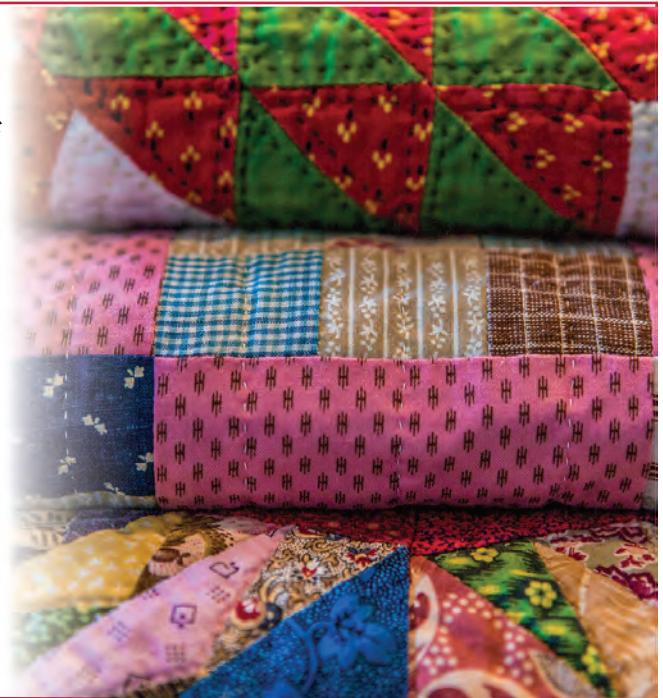
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perform music by Rachmaninov, Shostakovich and Brahms as part of Salisbury's 42nd Summer Performance Series. Masks requested if not fully vaccinated. Free-will donation.

SARAH KING AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, July 1, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. NEMA's 2021 Songwriter of the Year Sarah King inhabits the dark side of Americana, creating "high-powered blues-Americana-rock" (Burlington Free Press) anchored by her atmospheric voice and rhythmic blues guitar. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

ART OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, July 1, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row. An opening reception for photographer Jim Westphalen's solo exhibition "Land and Tide: Scenes from New England."

CARILLON CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, July 1, 6 p.m., Middlebury Chapel lawn, Old Chapel Rd. The hallmark sounds of summer on Middlebury College's campus return with an opening concert by George Matthew, Jr. Free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

HIGH SUMMER IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, July 1, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. High Summer performs a mix of original compositions and well-curated covers

that highlight the group's dynamic musical exploration over a deep-pocket rhythmic foundation, born from years of collaboration in some of Vermont's finest bands. Tickets \$5/kids 15 and under free. Food from Creed's Food Truck available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m.

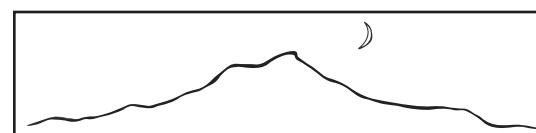
SATURDAY, JULY 2

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN

BRANDON. Saturday, July 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Brandon Town Hall and locations around town. Help Brandon celebrate Independence Day with a parade, sales and other activities. Cold drinks and snacks will be available at the upstairs concession area at Brandon Town Hall and the bathrooms will be available while the hall is open.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB "HIDDEN" SNAKE MOUNTAIN HIKE IN BRIDPORT.

Saturday, July 2, 9 a.m., Mountain Road Ext. lot with the falling down sign. Hike 5-6 miles of hidden Snake Mountain far from the madding crowd. Elev. gain/loss about 700 feet. Pace and terrain moderate. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Mandatory registration, limited to 10 participants, including the leader. Intermediate hikers and fully vaccinated participants welcome. Meet at the Mountain Rd Ext. lot with the falling down sign. Rain or shine. More info contract Deborah Lewis by text at 203-856-6187 or deborahlewis@optonline.net. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.



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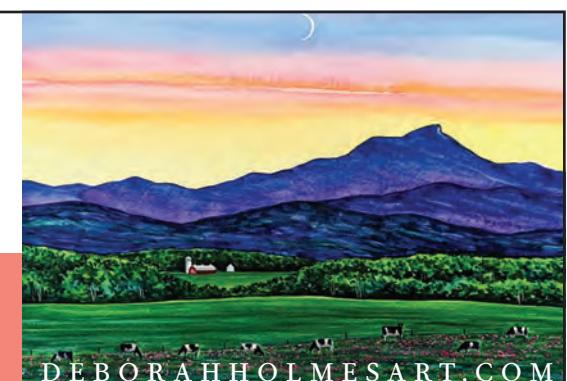
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ART ON EXHIBIT

'VARIED AND ALIVE' OUTDOOR EXHIBIT OPENS WITH LIVE MUSIC, WALKING TOUR AND FOOD TRUCKS

Coming up on the first Friday of July (that's July 1) there will be a walking tour with artist Nancy Winship Milliken and collaborators, festive with music, lawn games and food trucks, and admission is free.

Come enjoy and explore the new exhibit "Varied and Alive" with the artist herself at 5 p.m. Live music begins at 6 p.m. with the Ray Vega Latin Jazz Sextet — playing a program of jazz with fiery Latin and funk overtones.

Winship Milliken's work is an outdoor exhibit of four, nature-centric, monumental sculptures

located in the Pollinator Meadow at Shelburne Museum.

The four post-and-beam structures feature different natural materials intrinsic to the land, all of which explore themes related to sustainability: horsehair, wool, beeswax, and driftwood. Activated by the wind and sun, each sculpture uniquely moves, changes, and adapts to the environment, inspiring community conversations surrounding our roles within and relationships to nature.

SEE SHELBURNE ON PAGE 16



MOVIE REVIEW

THE ORIGINS OF BUZZ LIGHTYEAR

The Buzz Lightyear action figure Andy Davis got for his birthday in the first installment of "Toy Story" was based on the titular character of his favorite film. Finally, after 27 years, you can see that film for yourself and discover the origins of the legendary explorer that inspired the legendary toy! The direct-to-video film "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins" and the Buzz Lightyear of Star Command show may already explain who Buzz Lightyear is and what he does, but "Lightyear" answers further questions about him.

Shipwrecked on an alien planet called T'Kani Prime, a crew of Star Command's Space Rangers establish a colony where they can repair their vessel. Pilot Buzz Lightyear (Chris Evans) is trying out hyperspace fuel formulas for their voyage. Alas, at the relativistic speeds he reaches, a minute of his test flights is a year on T'Kani Prime. By the time his robotic cat Sox (Peter Sohn) calculates a stable fuel formula to exceed light speed, his friend Commander Alisha Hawthorne, (Uzo Aduba) has lived out her days and been succeeded by Commander Burnside (Isiah Whitlock Jr.).

Reviewed by
OWEN WILLIAMS

Against Burnside's orders, Lightyear tests out Sox's fuel formula. The formula proves successful, but the time warp only intensifies. He discovers not only that he's missed another 22 years, but also that the mysterious Emperor Zurg (James Brolin) has been besieging the colony with a battalion of robots. He meets members of T'Kani Prime's colonial militia, among them, Commander Hawthorne's granddaughter Izzy (Keke Palmer). They band together to defeat Zurg and his robots.

I've never seen "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure Begins" or the Buzz Lightyear of Star Command series, but the new "Lightyear" film is out of this world. It has a neat little tie-in to "Toy Story," of which I've only seen the first three installments, but it can be regarded as its own thing as well. Newcomers may even use it to familiarize themselves with the eponymous space ranger. To infinity and beyond, indeed!

Owen Williams is an Addison Independent intern, Mansfield Hall and University of Vermont student, and aspiring screenwriter. Look for his reviews through June.



MOVIE REVIEW SUPPORTED BY



Foodaroo returns for its 7th summer celebration

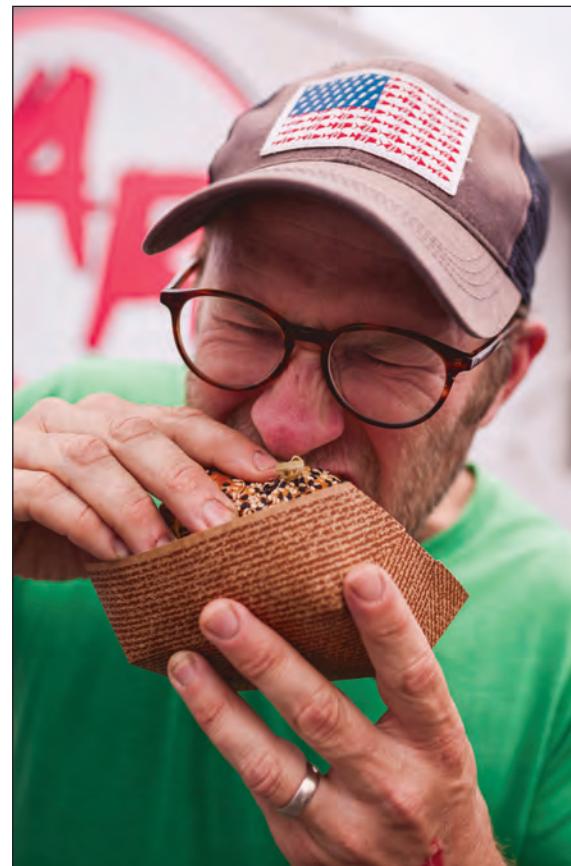
On Sunday, June 26, the seventh-annual Foodaroo festival comes to Middlebury's Historic Marble Works District overlooking the falls. Presented by Middlebury Underground (MUD), Foodaroo is a family-friendly festival that celebrates Vermont's culinary artisans and beverage makers, with an emphasis on Addison and Chittenden County vendors and farms. From food trucks to brick-and-mortar operations, this event is dedicated to showcasing creative, farm-fresh cuisine. Attendees taste their way through the festival while enjoying leading local bands, street performers, kids' activities, baking competitions and much more. Cover \$5 (cash). Kids 12 and under free. Food and beverages available to purchase. Foodaroo is proud to donate a portion of proceeds to the United Way of Addison County, which funds and supports more than 30 crucial, life-changing programs in Addison County.

TASTE VERMONT

Foodaroo 2022 will feature all-time festival favorites, as well as newcomers, providing a delicious taste of the farm-to-table lifestyle that is a hallmark of our state. Food and beverage vendors include: American Flatbread; Bobcat Café/Crooked Ladle Catering; Creed's Food Truck; Evolution Kitchen; Mexico in Vermont; Rollin' Rooster; Taco Truck Allstars; Thai at Home; Lulu Ice Cream; Pavlov's Dogs; Taste of Abyssinia (Ethiopian!); Southern Smoke Foods; The Giving Fridge; Maudette Poutine; Luiza's Homemade with Love (Pierogi!); Royal Oak Coffee; Juice Amour; Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream; Limavady Whisky; Shacksbury; Aqua ViTea Kombucha; Golden Rule Mead and more. Beer, wine, hard cider, and summer cocktails will be offered at three American Flatbread bars, plus sampling from other alcoholic and nonalcoholic vendors.

A FEAST FOR ALL SENSES

Foodaroo is about food and performance that exhilarates and engages all ages. This year's festival is proud to welcome celebrated street performer The Flyin' Hawaiian, featuring hula-hoop acrobatics, contortion, interactive comedy and improvisation culminating in a finale upon a 15-foot high coconut tree. Live music kicks off with Burlington-based surf-rock band Barbacoa, and later stars Craig Mitchell of Belizbeha fame, in his band Purple, which won *Seven Day's* Best Band Award for its riff on Prince, as well as playing funk, David Bowie, Radiohead and more. The evening concludes with West African drumming and dance. All emceed by WVTK's Bruce Zeman



Enjoy a burger from Arts Riot. FEATHERWIND PHOTOGRAPHY



Poutine and trout crostini were enjoyed at last year's Foodaroo celebration.



Sara Kunz will perform her hula act "Flyin' Hawaiian."



Foodaroo is back with a celebration of Vermont food, beverages, bakers and music (like drumming music by Ismael Bangoura, Seny Daffe and Boka Bangoura) on Sunday, June 26, from 4-8 p.m., at Middlebury's Historic Marble Works, River Front Park.

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of Bruce and Hobbes.

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Foodaroo will also host a King Arthur Flour baking contest — joining the ranks of about 180 fairs and festivals nationwide that offer

these competitions. This year's theme is "classic pies with a creative twist" and invites bakers of all ages to submit their very best sweet pie that riffs on a classic. Anne Haynie Collins, author of "Vintage Pies" will lead the judging table, along with other special guests. For contest rules, prizes and to enter visit mddunderground.org/kingarthur.

PUZZLES

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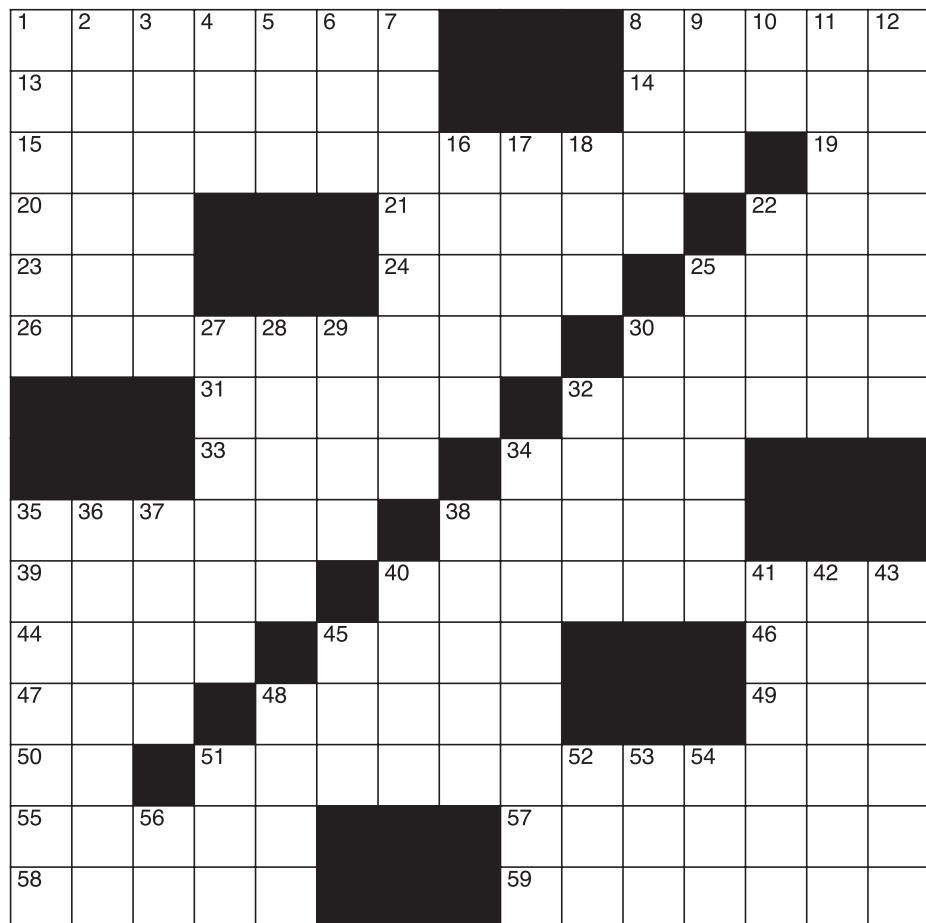
1. Half-conscious states
 8. Unnatural
 13. Deep regret
 14. Rogue
 15. Took without permission
 19. An alternative
 20. After B
 21. Partner to "flowed"
 22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
 23. Helps you hear
 24. Egyptian river
 25. Lake ___, one of the Great
 26. Make free from bacteria
 30. Indigenous
- peoples of central Canada
 Sanctuaries in Greek temples
 Most unclothed
 NJ senator Booker
 Tibetan lake
 Desecrate something sacred
 John ___, English educator l467-l5lg
 Obtains in return for labor
 Views
 Rugged cliff
 Not quiet
 Body part
 Newt
 German city
 A way to save

money

50. NBC's Roker
51. Dire Straits frontman
55. Actress Lathan
57. Most meager
58. Poems
59. Companions

DOWN

1. Draws over
2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
5. Certified Radio Operator (abbr.)
6. Power of perception
7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty



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

	7		5		4			
5	3		2	1				
1	8		6		2			
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8		3			1			
			4		3	7		
	2	1			7	4		
4	5							
9						8		

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 15.

9. The last section or part of anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
12. Most unnatural
16. Spanish island
17. The skill to do something
18. Where golf games begin
22. Untethered
25. Print errors
27. The sport of engaging in contests
- of speed
28. Ones to look up to
29. Stringed instrument
30. Gives whippings
32. Type of tie
34. Make more concentrated
35. Die
36. Part of a winter hat
37. Young men's club
38. Bathrooms need it
40. U.S. president
41. American novelist
42. Take into custody
43. Hurts
45. Type of gibbon
48. American actor Lukas
51. Partner to cheese
52. Some are covert
53. Political action committee
54. To and __
56. Atomic #28



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Adopted pets get new gear

Starting last week, all dogs, cats and small animals adopted from Homeward Bound Addison County's

Humane Society will be provided with "Going Home" gear courtesy of IPJ Real Estate. Because they agree that, "there is no place like home."

"Each year, we adopt out over 500 cats/kittens, 150 dog/puppies and 60 other small animals (bunnies, guinea pigs, etc.)" explained Hannah Manley, Director of Development at Homeward Bound. "We traditionally ask adopters to bring a carrier for cats and a collar/leash for dogs. What we find is that many historically fail to do so and we end up loaning out supplies that never return."

An idea hatched.

"We desired to provide each adopted animal with the appropriate 'going home' gear to set them up for success (and safety) as well as get the Homeward Bound brand out in the community," Manley continued. "IPJ had been sponsoring our transport program for the past several years, which slowed down dramatically during COVID. Because they already had a passion for what we do and we know they truly care about the animals and people we serve, we decided to approach them with the idea of sponsoring this 'going home' gear first and they didn't hesitate!"

Dogs will receive a brand new collar and leash; cats and small animals will receive a cardboard carrier. Adopters will receive a recycled grocery bag to use for adoption paperwork,

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI



their pet's belongings, or whatever they wish (maybe even groceries?)

"We love what Homeward Bound provides for this

community," said Amey Ryan, Broker/Owner of IPJ Real Estate. "As animal lovers we are thrilled to be able to provide this support so that every animal goes home comfortably and safely."

Both IPJ Real Estate and Homeward Bound hope that the "going home" gear partnership will last for many years to come.

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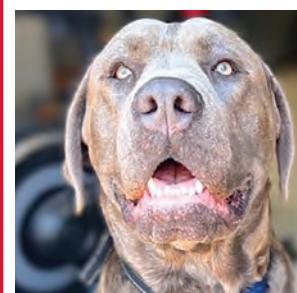
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Aster is a 3-year-old, 52-pound terrier mix. She is high-energy and would make a fantastic hiking/walking buddy! Exercise is key for her. She is human affectionate and dog friendly, but she reacts negatively to cats. Older kids would be fine. Aster walks well on the leash and absolutely loves snuggle time. She is often paired with another dog at the shelter, Irish, for outside play dates at the shelter and their goofiness is fun to watch.



Atreyu is a 16-month Cane Corso weighing 120 pounds. He has been with his current human family of two adults and two boys since he was 9 weeks old. He also lives with 3 other dogs (2 females and 1 male). His favorite things are rope toys, belly rubs, chew toys, Nyla bones, treats, cuddles and food! Atreyu had been living his best life until recently when he and his older dog brother stopped getting along. This is why his family needs to find a new home for him where he can be safe and happy. Atreyu and his dog sisters do great together. Atreyu is part of Homeward Bound's 3rd party adoption program and is not at the shelter. For any questions about Atreyu or to make an appointment to meet him, call Molly at 210-392-3787.

Clawhauser is an 8-year-old guy with a heart as big as his chubby tom cheeks. While he was in foster care he was determined to become friends with everyone in the house including their dog! He loves affection even though his grumpy look would have you believe otherwise. Clawhauser is FIV+ and has to be an indoor-only cat. He could live with dogs, kids, as well as another FIV+ cat.



Rocko is the sweetest 14-year-old gentleman with the softest fur. He is very relaxed and doesn't have an interest in toys, but he loves affection. Rocko was surrendered because he did not use his litter box, but he has had no problem here in the shelter. In fact, he spends most of his time laying in the box instead of in a bed. He gets along well with other cats.



This little dude is **Azreal**. He is a 4-year-old ferret who is blind in his right eye and has some hearing loss. He is super active, likes to play with balls and paper tubes, tunnels under his blankets, and even uses his litter pan! Ferrets can live up to 7 to 8 years. Azreal would prefer a fish or chicken diet and requires a yearly vet check for his rabies vaccination. This friendly little ferret would love a forever home where he can give you all the kisses he wants. That's right, he's a kisser!



Ginny and **Hazel** are a bonded pair of guinea girls! Ginny is the orange fluff who is the dominant one of the pair. She's smart, loves food and will accept it by hand. Hazel looks like a little brown squirrel and is still skittish, but learning how to accept love. Hazel is very animated and goofy while playing with her sister. She loves to forage for her veggies. Both are just under a year old and are fully vetted. They have been around cats and do okay, but have had little time with them so they would need proper introductions to other pets.

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What to know about floor-to-ceiling windows

Modern homes showcase many dazzling features, but perhaps none draw as much as instant attention as floor-to-ceiling windows. Often seen in high-rise apartments that boast panoramic city views, floor-to-ceiling windows also are right at home in single-family dwellings.

Homeowners considering floor-to-ceiling windows may have lots of questions. The following rundown can provide some basic information that can help homeowners decide if floor-to-ceiling windows are right for their homes.

COST

Cost is often the primary consideration when mulling a home renovation, and that's even more significant as the world confronts the rising costs associated with inflation. The cost of installing floor-to-ceiling windows depends on a host of variables, including how many windows will be needed and where homeowners live. A floor-to-ceiling window wall can cost somewhere between \$700 to \$1,600 per linear foot. Framing and glazing will add to those costs. Homeowners considering floor-to-ceiling windows are urged to receive several estimates for the project prior to choosing a contractor.

LIGHTING & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

One of the more appealing aspects of floor-to-ceiling windows is all the natural light they allow in. Of course, all that light also can drive up energy costs on sunny summer days. One way around that is to install energy efficient windows. Such windows include extra insulation to prevent cool air from escaping the home on summer days, which can reduce the need to lower the thermostat on your air conditioning. A wall of glass also can provide less insulation against the cold. The extra insulation in energy efficient windows also helps keep warm air from escaping a home in the winter. Energy efficient windows may cost more than less efficient alternatives. However, over the long haul, a wall of less efficient floor-to-ceiling windows will likely cost more due to excess energy consumption.

PRIVACY AND FADING

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the view floor-to-ceiling windows provide, especially in homes surrounded by serene natural settings like woods or properties that abut waterways. But that view outward also provides a view in, potentially compromising privacy. All that extra exposure to sunlight also can cause fabrics to fade over time. Floor-to-ceiling blinds and shades can

protect homeowners' privacy and reduce fading on furniture, but this extra feature will add to the final cost of the project. Smart window tinting is another way to improve privacy and reduce fading, but this feature also will drive up the cost.

Floor-to-ceiling windows can be awe-inspiring. Homeowners considering such windows for their homes are urged to do their homework to ensure their homes are well-suited to this unique feature.

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363 Lower Notch Rd., Bristol

Well maintained 1870s Farmhouse in a quiet country setting just minutes to Bristol Village. This property exudes the feeling of home with a calm country style that begins as soon as you enter. Grounded by wide pine floors, which combined with exposed timbers and tall ceilings create a cozy yet airy feel throughout the home. Outside, the large yard includes an established garden and two sizable outbuildings suitable for storage or hobbies. This home has undergone many improvements and is ready for the new owners to move in and make their own!

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This contemporary home offers beautiful views to the west, and while sitting up on the ledges you'll take in nature from a variety of vantage points. The main floor has a gracious entry that leads into the open concept living and dining room with a field stone fireplace and hardwood floors. The custom kitchen has a generous island with informal seating, Sub Zero refrigerator and granite countertops. Graced with an abundance of windows, the entire home is flooded with natural light. From the dining area step out onto the back deck where you can enjoy the view, the wildlife, and an outdoor shower. The primary bedroom has a cathedral ceiling, two closets, and a large bath with separate tub and shower. A ladder style stair takes you up to the cupola office space. A two car garage was added in 2012, with storage above and a spacious mudroom including additional storage, laundry and closet space. The large, unfinished basement could become a rec room, fitness space or additional living space. Privacy, proximity to town and views are all waiting for you at this handsome property!



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"In Relation" a solo exhibit of new work from Rose Umerlik. Five large pieces make up this body of work, including two 72-inch diptychs, whose compositions seem to embody the experience of working towards connection across space. An opening reception will be held at the gallery on June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with a special interview with the artist at 11:30 a.m. On view through July 31.

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

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"Warren Kimble: Artful Assemblages" features three-dimensional constructions combining vintage found objects such as old furniture and architectural parts, was engendered by Kimble's early years as an antiques dealer with deep knowledge of his own collected artifacts. On view through July 9.

EDGEWATER GALLERY ON THE GREEN

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"Town and Country," a two-person exhibition featuring Susan Abbott and Molly Doe Wensberg, on view April 30-June 26. "Town and Country" brings together two painters who present the landscape of rural New England from two very different perspectives.

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"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.

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"It Runs With The Territory: A Prindle Wissler

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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.

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"**Nebizun: Water is Life**" will be featured during the Abenaki Heritage Weekend June 18-19 in the Schoolhouse Gallery. Work by Abenaki artists together with photographs and commentaries illustrate the dynamic relationship between the People and water in the Abenaki homeland, past and present. Water is essential for life and Nebizun (or Nebizon) is the Abenaki word for medicine. Meet the curator, Vera Longtoe Sheehan, for a gallery talk and conversation. This exhibit will be on view through mid-October.

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"**Contemporary to Classical: Highlights from the New Collection Handbook**," featuring more than 40 works from the museum's new permanent collection handbook. On view Jan. 28-Aug. 7.

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UMERLIK

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"I also became a mother this past year," Umerlik explained. "My

daughter arrived uneventfully (thankfully) and brimming over with energy. She is a beautiful force in my life that balances my passion for painting with my passion for her. I now have two rockets, two moons, two hearts to fill my soul. My new paintings have absorbed this energy and I'm producing work that speaks so strongly to me, each painting feels so powerful."

We quite agree.

Among other awards and residencies, Umerlik has received a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to participate in the Takt Kunstprojektraum Residency in Berlin, Germany; a fellowship to participate in the Sam and Adele Golden Foundation Residency. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing arts. Her work has been reviewed in Art New England and Artscope. She has also published two books, "Intimacy of Forms" and "Histories." Umerlik lives in Jeffersonville, where she maintains a full-time studio practice.

ARTIST STATEMENT

My art practice is inextricably tied to my personal history. Stories of family, relationships, and self-awareness generate forces of emotion—fear, hope, loss, pain, and love that drive me through the creation of each painting.

From the beginning of each piece, I lay down shapes, lines and bodies of color. As I manipulate these elements, I intuitively recognize how the correlation of these elements mirrors my interpersonal relationships. At different times these lines and forms vary in the way they relate to one another....

This complexity of formal elements and process is present throughout my work. My aim is not only to mirror the intricacies of my personal story, but also to connect with the viewer, to echo the personal, emotional struggles that resonate with each of us, and that are present in the collective human mind and heart.

The exhibition is on view at the gallery's 221 Main St. location in Vergennes from June 17-July 31 with an opening reception on June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For further information contact info@northerndaughters.com or 802-877-2173.



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"For me, if I was to describe this space of 'Varied and Alive,' I might call it, 'The Place Where the bees sing,' or 'The Place Where the wind dances,'" Winship Milliken said. "It is my hope that 'Varied and Alive' becomes a place where everyone can gather, experience, and share."



Nancy Winship Milliken Studio is an environmental art studio located in Shelburne that is committed to building community through collaborative expressions of reverence for the land, humans and animals. See her new exhibit "Alive and Varied" at Shelburne Museum now through Oct. 16.

Winship Milliken collaborated with Eliot Hays Lothrop of Building Heritage, and Mike and Tawnya Kiernan of Bee The Change; and John Higgins of Artisan Engineering, helped engineer the show.

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What an MUHS graduate has to say

Fairley Olson talks about learning from the pandemic and plans for the future

By SHAYIQ SHAH

High school can be a transformative experience, especially when those years were marked by a global pandemic. In conversation with Fairley Olson, a 2022 graduate from Middlebury Union High School, we dive deeper into her scholastic experience and what she believes the future holds for her.

After graduation she enjoyed a well-deserved vacation, but made time to talk with the *Independent*.

Olson represents the bold new generation that is hardened by the adversity of the pandemic and is ready to face all challenges life plans to throw at them.

What are your immediate plans after school, and have you thought

about a field of study that interests you?

Fairley Olson: My immediate plans are taking a gap year. I have enrolled in a volunteer and organized travel program for 10 weeks through which I will be traveling to New Zealand and Australia in the fall.

After that, I am going to attend Colgate University starting in 2023. I am leaning towards studying Political Science at college, but I intend to explore a diverse bunch of classes for the first two years of college to figure out what I am interested in.

If you were to describe the last two years of your high school using a few words, what words would they be?

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2022 Middlebury Union High School graduate Fairley Olson is excited to take on the challenges of her next phase of life.



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Fairley Olson: Unpredictable, overwhelming, and bonding with classmates. It was overwhelming at times, but I felt like I had an opportunity to make deeper connections with my classmates and friends as we were all helping each other face the struggles of the pandemic together.

What would you say are some skills that the adversity of the last two years has taught that might help in coping with life after school?

Fairley Olson: Adaptability is a major skill that I have developed. I think I am a lot better now with just going with the flow. I am more comfortable with changes on the

fly and dealing with uncertainty. Earlier, not knowing about things used to freak me out, but I am much more relaxed going into things when I do not know anything about them. Another skill I have developed is compassion for people. Observing people's struggles and how they handled or dealt with the pandemic in such diverse ways made me compassionate for people and for how they handle situations differently.

Have there been any factors that have worried you lately like going away from home, cost of college, social relationships, or anything else?

Fairley Olson: I work at

summer camp, and I have been attending camp since a very young age, so I know what it is like to be away from home. The cost of college does worry me a little bit, even though my parents are covering my college fee, thinking about graduate school and how expensive it is worries me at times. I am a little nervous about leaving my friends that I have had for years. Making new friends after a long time can be a little scary, but I am excited and looking forward to it with some good nervous energy.

What are some things that you're going to miss most and least about school?

Fairley Olson: I am going to miss the people the most. The

people make the place as good as it is. I am going to miss all my friends and teachers who I have formed a special bond with. I am certainly not going to miss the academic rigor of the (International Baccalaureate) program, it was a bit much at times and I am glad I am done with it.

What is one thing you are most excited about your life after high school?

Fairley Olson: I am extremely excited about doing things that are unique to me and to make my own experiences. I am excited to branch out of my small school social circle and make new friends and I am confident that I will find the right group for me.

MUHS grad speakers chosen by peers

MIDDLEBURY — Sophie Larocque and Holly Staats, both members of the Class of 2022, addressed their classmates at the Middlebury Union High School graduation on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Memorial Sports Center. Sophie is a resident of Shoreham and Holly resides in Middlebury. Both Sophie and Holly were chosen by their peers to speak at this year's commencement ceremony.

In 2020-21 MUHS adopted the Latin Honors system to reflect the accomplishments of each student. Under this system, students who achieve a cumulative GPA equal to or above a 4.00 receive the designation of Summa Cum Laude. The Latin system allows MUHS to honor a greater number of students who have dedicated time and talent in the classroom and laboratories to achieve academic success. Sophie and Holly will each graduate with the Summa Cum Laude designation. Both girls are members of the school's National Honor Society and have contributed to MUHS in a myriad of ways, including serving as Peer



SOPHIE LAROCQUE



HOLLY STAATS

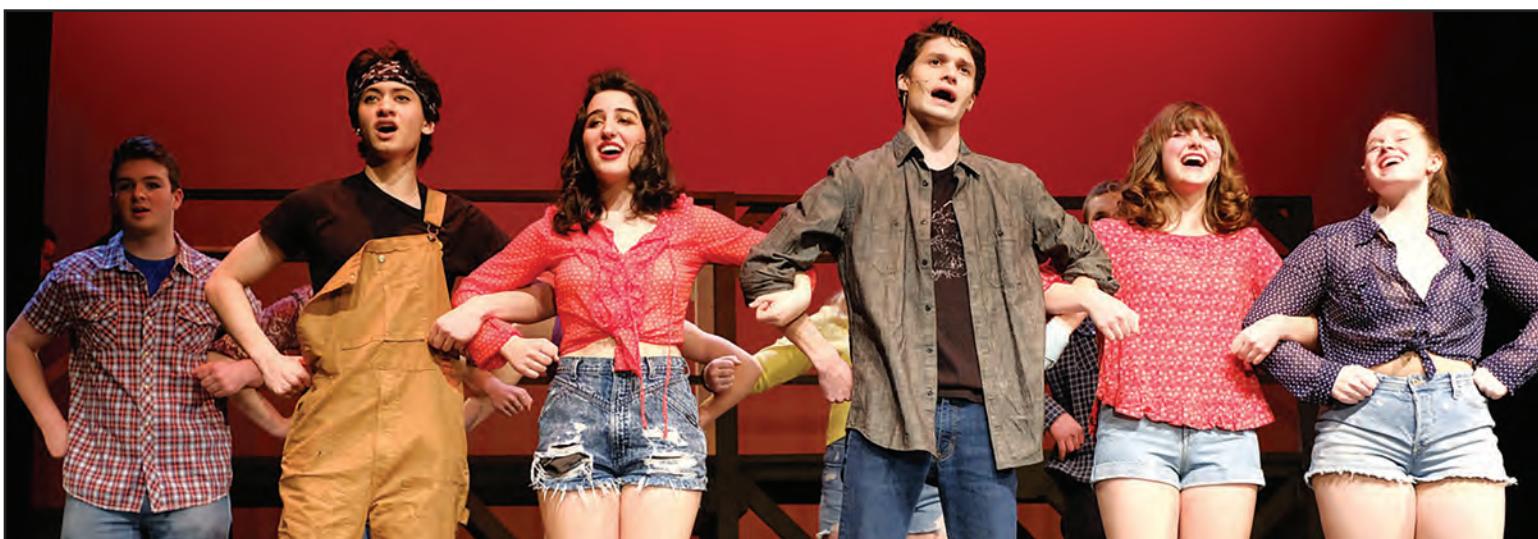
Leaders — students who have mentored newly-enrolling 8th graders as they transitioned from middle to high school last fall.

Sophie is a three-sport varsity athlete (soccer, basketball, and lacrosse), is a member of the human rights club, SCHOR, and participates in Young Life. Holly is

an avid rider and swims year-round and has been active with both the Middlebury Aquatic Club and The Edge (in South Burlington). Sophie has been employed at the local Middlebury A&W and Holly worked at Otter Creek Bakery.

Holly will enroll at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.,

and Sophie will attend Middlebury College. They are part of an extended group of talented Tigers who are planning to attend higher education, trade school, participate in an apprenticeship and pursue employment opportunities after they graduate.



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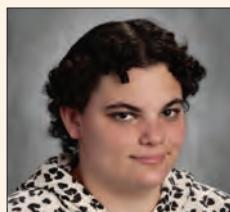
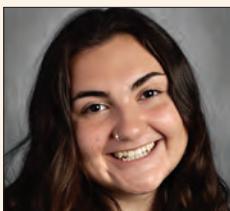
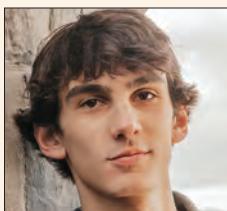
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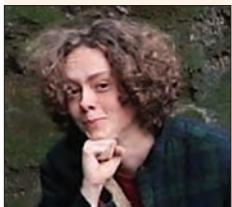


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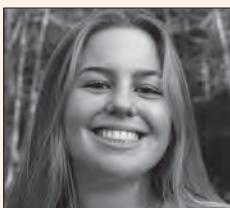
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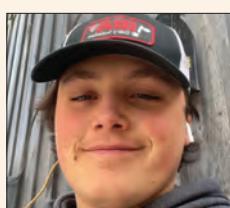
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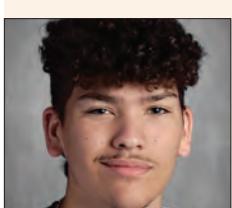
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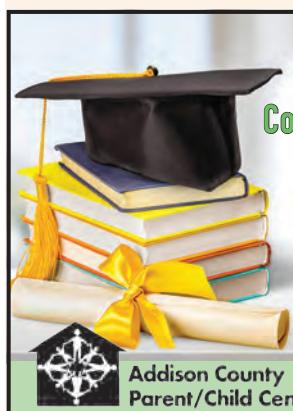
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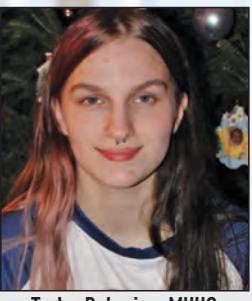
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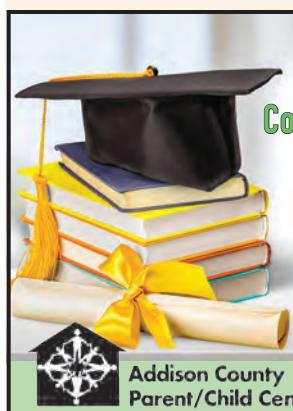
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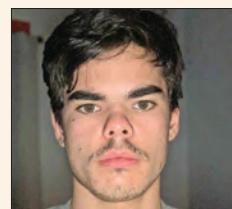
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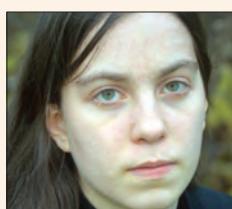
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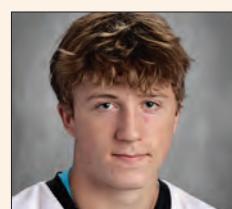
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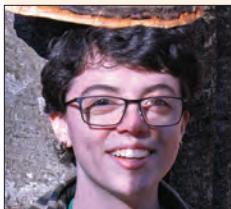
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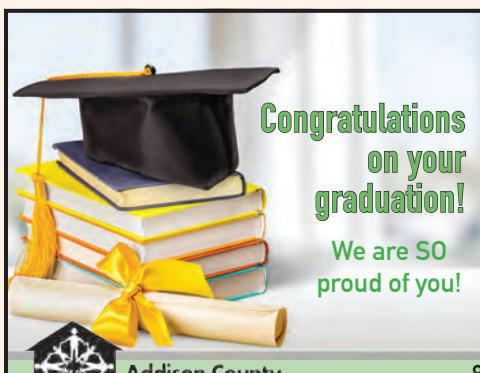
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VUHS class 'Queen' makes a statement

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — As class president, Ian Henderson is the official leader of the Vergennes Union High School Class of '22. In that role he read his fellow seniors' names as they received diplomas at the June 10 commencement ceremony.

But Henderson wasn't the only student dignitary to speak to the audience that Friday evening. According to senior Rhode Miguel in her turn at the podium, the class also has royalty.

Miguel took to the stage with a shiny silver crown perched on her mortarboard to read a poem written by her sister, freshman Tryphene Miguel.

"My name is Rhode Miguel. The queen," she said.

Before reading the poem, which her sister wrote for the school's May 4 Social Justice Festival,

Miguel, the only Black member of the senior class, had a message for her mother.

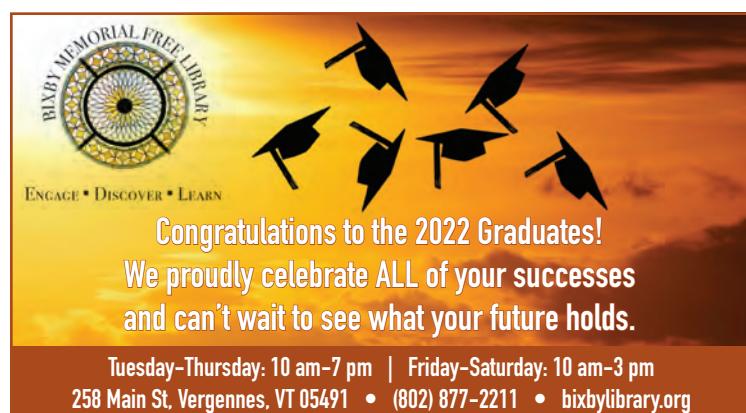
"I want to thank you, Mom, for teaching me to be a confident Black woman," Miguel said to cheers and applause. "My mom taught me my skin tone is beautiful. My skin tone is amazing. This is why I am (telling) the crowd, to make her happy, and to show her, yes, I am the queen."

Taking a leadership role was not unusual for Miguel, who immigrated from Africa with her family.

She joined with several other VUHS students, including Tryphene, in the group Full Send, which this spring successfully petitioned Addison Northwest School District administrators for permission to organize and stage a

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RHODE MIGUEL IS the self-professed "queen" of the Vergennes Union High School Class of 2022.
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school-wide Social Justice Festival at the school.

Full Send described it as an "event to spotlight and raise voices that have been historically silenced," and said it hopes "to educate and humanize all of our students" because "all injustices are rooted in misinformation, limited education and lack of

awareness."

At the graduation ceremony last week, technical difficulties interfered with the reading of the poem, "Human Minority," which Tryphene Miguel said was inspired by Abdullah Shoaib's poem "Pretty Ugly." It reads:



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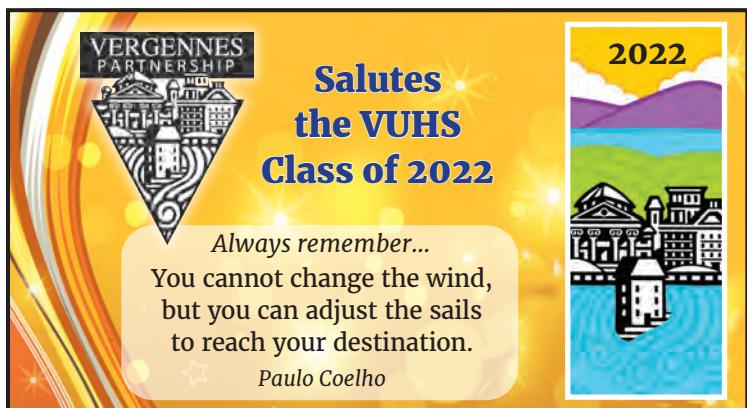
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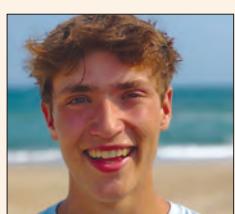
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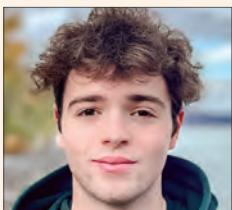
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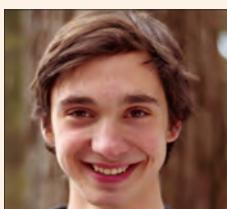
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Mount Abe students place at logging competition

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Looking back on a competition he took part in late last month, Mount Abraham Union High School senior Ian Goodyear said his nerves had more to do with the crowd watching him compete than the noisy and powerful chainsaw in his hands.

"The students at that school were sitting up on the driveway watching us. That was pretty nerve racking, my first competition with an audience," Goodyear said.

Goodyear represented the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center, along with fellow Mount Abe students Lucas Allen (a junior) and senior Owen Bromley, at this year's Northeast Woodland Training Game of Logging Competition. Allen won the contest, with Goodyear third, and Bromley coming in fourth, though Goodyear said Bromley nearly ousted the third place finisher.

Allen and Goodyear are both enrolled in the career center's Natural Resource Management program. The program offers students hands-on experiences and curriculum that teaches them how to safely operate conservation equipment and provides instruction on wildlife management and forest science. Through the program, students

learn how to manage Vermont's natural resources for future generations, with a focus on the steps it takes to achieve sustainability in the management of these resources.

Both students said the alternative approach to learning offered at the career center has given them a way to enjoy school subjects that they hadn't in a traditional school environment.

"Math has never been my preferred study, but with learning to use the heavy equipment we did a lot of surveying work and I enjoy it now, that kind of practical math that we got to learn," Goodyear said. "These are skills I thought I'd never learn and now I've learned and, in some ways, mastered them."

Allen echoed this sentiment.

"I'd say the same about science and making syrup," said Allen, whose family leases part of their land to the career center for the Natural Resource Management program's unit on sugaring. "We talked about carbon emissions, thermodynamic efficiencies of different evaporators, and just talking about science-related things that I'd never heard of before."

Aaron Townshend, an instructor in the local Career Center's Natural Resource Management



IAN GOODYEAR (far left) stands with Northeast Woodland Training instructors and fellow top finishers at this year's Game of Logging Competition. Goodyear and fellow Mount Abe student Lucas Allen placed second and first at the competition. (Left to right: Ian Goodyear, Game of Logging instructor Kyle Brennan, Lucas Allen, third place finisher Peter Armata of Essex and Game of Logging instructor David Birdsall).

Photo courtesy of Aaron Townshend

program, said Allen and Goodyear quickly proved themselves as strong students in the program, and when it came time at the end of the year to choose the students that would represent the career center at the Northeast Woodland Training's Game of Logging Competition, Allen and Goodyear were easy choices.

"These are kids who clearly have exceptional character, tremendous work ethic, are well grounded in agriculture and were willing to step out of their comfort zone. In this course, students are pushed physically and emotionally outside of their comfort zone, and they were

willing to do that," Townshend said.

Each year, students from 11 career centers around Vermont represent their schools at the Northeast Woodland Training's Game of Logging Competition. This year's competition hosted by the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center in Hyde Park and was open exclusively to Vermont career center students.

Game of Logging is a training curriculum that was developed by Swedish logger Soren Eriksson in the 1960s. The program is divided into four days, each of which focuses on a different

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aspect of chainsaw use. The training teaches participants how to use a chainsaw safely but adds a competitive element by scoring participants on the strategies they use to work with trees. The culmination of the competition asks finalists to develop a plan for how to accurately fall a red pine tree, measuring their precision by how accurately they can drop the tree to land on a soda can.

At this year's competition, Allen and Goodyear outscored 20 other participants from around the state. Allen said the start of the competition was intimidating, but it felt rewarding to finish strong with his fellow competitors.

"I was extremely nervous," Allen said. "After the competition, that was a cool feeling. We've been at least top-two teamwise in all of the competitions we've been in."

Allen, a rising senior at Mount Abe, will head back to the career center next year to study construction technology. He also hopes to assist Townshend in instructing next year's class of Natural Resource Management students, pending approval from the career center's administration.

Goodyear, now graduated from Mount Abe, has already pivoted to working full-time in Hinesburg as a stone mason for Tyler Armstrong Masonry.

Abigail Reen receives Tari Shattuck scholarship

LINCOLN — Abigail Reen, a graduating Mount Abraham Union High School senior from Lincoln, has been awarded a scholarship by the Tari Shattuck Education Foundation, which gives scholarships to students planning to pursue a degree in Education.

In the Fall, Reen will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH, with plans of becoming an agricultural educator by earning degrees in Animal Science and Education.

For the past eight years, Reen has been active in 4-H, becoming passionate about working with and showing dairy cattle. In doing so, she has also mentored younger 4-H members in how to raise, train, and show their animals. "My favorite part of 4-H is sharing my passion for dairy cows and watching new passions grow within the younger kids."

While in high school, Reen became very active in the Middlebury FFA, as well as serving as the President of Vermont FFA this past year. She says, "I love watching FFA kids get excited about FFA and helping them with the next steps in their



ABIGAIL REEN

FFA journey."

Taking Sustainable Agriculture for two years at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center deeply motivated Reen. Because of its impact on her, she says "I want the opportunity to inspire the next generation of agriculturalists, just

like my teacher did every day. I want to spark new passions."

Since 1995, the Tari Shattuck Educational Foundation has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to Mt. Abraham Seniors planning on becoming educators.



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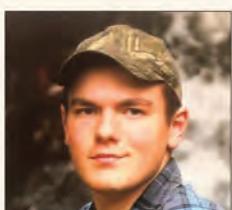
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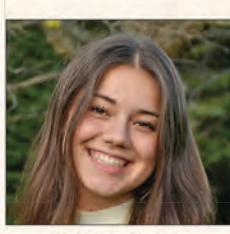
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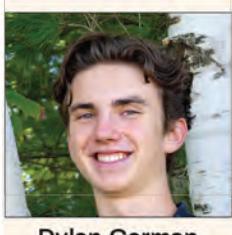
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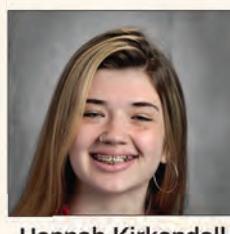
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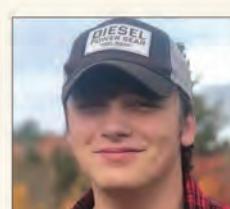
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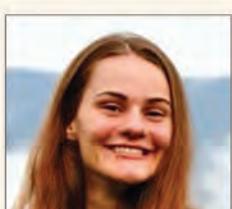
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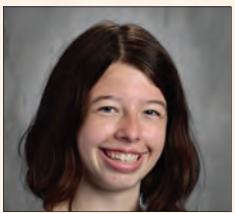
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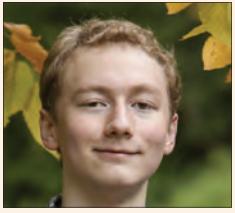
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OV names 2 top students

BRANDON — Otter Valley Union High School has named the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2022. Olivia Depatie of Brandon, daughter of Thomas and Donna Depatie, is this year's Valedictorian. Kieran Williams of Pittsford, son of Suzanne and Richard Williams, is the Salutatorian.

Olivia Depatie was a member of the National Honor Society and enrolled at Castleton University as an early college student for her senior year. She was named to the Castleton President's List several times. Depatie excelled in all aspects of her academics and has played the French horn at the college level since middle school. This year Depatie has risen to the level of first chair for the All New England Band.

No slouch in the classroom, Depatie was awarded the OV Four-Year Department Award for Science as a senior and earned the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award through the College Board. As a junior Depatie was recognized for The Johns Hopkins Book Award, the Bausch & Lomb Science Award, the Society

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IN ADDITION TO being an excellent student in the classroom, Otter Valley Valedictorian Olivia Depatie is a wonderful French horn player and performs at the college level.

OVUHS

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of Women Engineers Award for highest honor, the Rensselaer Medal Award and the Patrick Gilmore Band Award.

Depatie plays in numerous bands including: The Rutland City Band, The Castleton University Wind Ensemble, The All State Concert Band, District Symphonic Band, District Jazz Band, New England Symphonic Band, OV Pit Orchestra, OV Jazz Band and the Brandon Town Band. She has also worked for the past two years at the Pittsford Police Academy.

In the fall, Olivia Depatie will attend the University of Hartford.

Kieran Williams was a member of the National Honor

Society and is enrolled at OV in multiple AP courses. He is dedicated to helping others and improving the overall well-being of the community.

Williams was selected in October to mentor an eighth-grade advisory class. He received hands-on leadership and essential-skills training while implementing over 10 sessions with his eighth-graders throughout the course of his senior year.

In his studies Williams completed Pre-Calculus and Calculus as a junior, enrolling in a college level Calculus course as a senior. Williams earned the OV Four-Year Department Award for Mathematics this spring. As a junior he earned the St. Michael's Book Award, Excellence in Physics and Excellence in Advanced

American Studies. Williams also wrote and directed his own play for OV's Walking Stick Theater after dedicating years to the theater program. Similarly, Williams participated in OV's Jazz Band. When Williams was not working on his performance art, he was found playing on

the OV varsity soccer team as well as OV's lacrosse team. He was recently named Honorable Mention, Vermont All-State Lacrosse player for Division III.

In the fall, Kieran Williams will attend the Univ. of Connecticut to study Kinesiology & Athletic Training.



KIERAN WILLIAMS, AN excellent student and a performer in Walking Stick Theater, spent many hours mentoring eighth-graders at Otter Valley this year.

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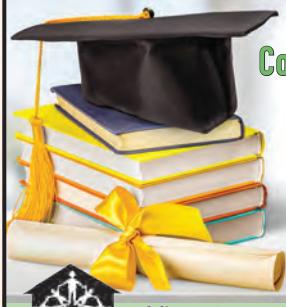


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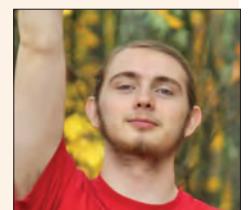
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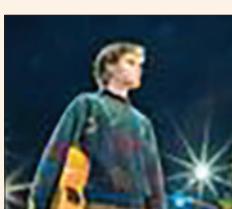
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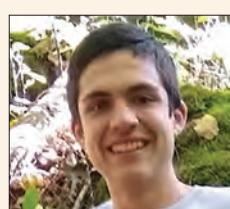
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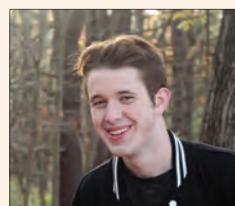
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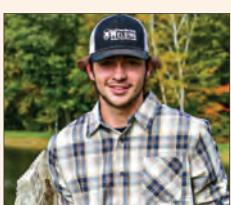
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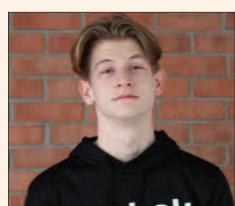
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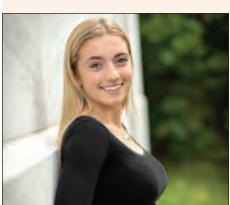
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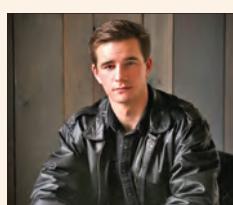
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