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Starksboro denied exit from MAUSD

New Haven voters end withdrawal

By MARIN HOWELL
ADDISON COUNTY — Voters in the towns of New Haven, Bristol and Monkton were divided on Aug. 9 over whether to ratify the town of Starksboro's vote to leave the Mount Abraham Unified

School District (MAUSD), though ultimately a no vote from the town of New Haven thwarted Starksboro's hard-fought withdrawal effort.

Starksboro residents voted unanimously on May 10 to leave

MAUSD, as a means of preserving the town's control over the fate of Robinson Elementary School. To move forward with the withdrawal effort, Starksboro's vote needed to be ratified by all three of the remaining towns in the district.

Both Bristol and Monkton voted "yes" to ratify the vote, with

Bristol residents voting in favor 496-408 and Monkton following suit 361-211.

Despite these two towns voting in the affirmative to ratify, New Haven's vote in opposition (275 no to 248 yes) was enough to bring an end to Starksboro's withdrawal.

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Vekos wins primary for state's attorney

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Middlebury's Eva Vekos scored a decisive win over Montpelier resident (Lincoln native) Tim Lueders-Dumont, 2,823-2,388, in Tuesday's Democratic primary for

Addison County state's attorney.

Vekos, a 52-year-old lawyer affiliated with Middlebury's Marsh & Wagner P.C., will now face current Addison County Deputy State's Attorney Peter Bevere — a

(See Vekos, Page 13A)

Rep. Conlon retains his Addison-2 House seat

By WILLIAM REED
ADDISON COUNTY — Incumbent Rep. Peter Conlon has won the Democratic primary for the Addison-2 Vermont House district after ballots were counted on Tuesday.

The Addison-2 House district encompasses Cornwall, Goshen, Leicester, Ripton and Salisbury.

Voters in these towns voted 457 for Conlon to 393 for his opponent, Wendy Harlin of Ripton. A total of 893 ballots were counted at the polls on Aug. 9.

In an interview with the *Independent* the morning after ballots were counted, Conlon said he "was gratified to win and was impressed by the closeness of the vote."

Harlin, a first-time candidate for public office, remains

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By the way

The Cornwall Conservation Commission on Aug. 13 will sponsor a workshop on identifying and removing invasive plant species, geared to people who want to get rid of them on their own property. Vermont Fish & Wildlife Habitat Biologist Travis Hart will explain why invasives are harmful, show how to identify them and discuss the range of control methods available to landowners. Attendees will get a chance to try out special hand tools such as an "uprooter" and an "extractigator," which can be used to manually remove tough invasive species. Participants are invited to bring a chair if they would like to sit during the first part of

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All the fun of the fair

FIRST-DAY VISITORS FLY over the Addison County Fair Field Days grounds (above) on one of the midway rides on Tuesday. Not everyone appears to be happy though, as handlers (below) push and pull to get one reluctant calf into the judging barn. See a photo and story from Field Days below, plus more from the fair on Pages 8A, 9A and 10A. Field Days continues in New Haven through Saturday.

Independent photos/Steve James



Porcine prancers steal the show

'Snoop Hog,' 'Justin Bieberque' compete at Field Days

By SAM LIPIN

NEW HAVEN — Someone call the paparazzi, because there are major celebrity sightings right now at the Addison County Fair & Field Days. Snoop Hoggy Hog, Arnold Schwarzhogger and Justin Bieberque have been sighted racing as fast as their little legs can carry them.

Robinson's Racing Pigs are showcasing their pigs once again this year at the annual fair, three times a day, for a total of 15 races. In each race, pigs small and large run around a short track, vying

for the first place prize — an Oreo cookie.

This is just one of a panoply of exhibits, entertainments, sites, foods, hands-on experiences and live animals of all sorts on offer at the Addison County Fairgrounds between Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 13

Paul and Carlotta Robinson first raced their pigs almost 40 years ago at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. It immediately received warm receptions at fairs around the country, even resulting in appearances on "The Tonight

Show" with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno.

Since the Robinsons passing in the late '90s, Randy and Sharon Ross have taken over the attraction, bringing that same sense of passion and entertainment to fairs around the U.S. and Canada.

"Young and old, people love it," Randy said. "When we first started doing this 38 years ago, we thought it would be a fad, but here we are and people still love it."

Robinson's Racing Pigs also hopes to teach a thing or two to

(See Racing Pigs, Page 14A)



SOGGY BACON, TSUNAMI Salami and Spamu (all stage names) wade into the 24-foot-long swimming pool at the fairgrounds on Tuesday during their race for the coveted Oreo cookie. Racing pigs are just one wonder at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

Independent photo/Steve James

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New play festival explores the American dream

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury's Swift House Inn will become a temporary home to creative theater work next week when the Middlebury Acting Co.'s (MACo) presents its first-ever festival of new plays, a three-day event that will showcase three original works and offer workshops to aspiring playwrights.

American Dreaming: A New Play Festival, set for Aug. 18-20, invited playwrights throughout the country to submit scripts addressing a central question: What does the "American dream" mean today?

More than 100 scribes entered the competition, with three rising to the top based on a panel of MACo evaluators. The selected playwrights are:

- Angela J. Davis, whose play "Griswold" was inspired by the forgotten history behind the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that established a right to sexual privacy. It fuses "magic realism, docudrama, and comedic truth," while mining "the spirit and drive of the overlooked 65-year-old woman whose actions set the Griswold case in motion." (See preview on the cover of Arts + Leisure).

- Seth McNeill, whose play "Natchetoches" keys on a family discussion about a mass shooting in a small town in the Deep South. After it becomes clear that one of their own might be caught up in the momentous events in town, the family is confronted with questions of how well they know themselves and each other, what it means to be "one of us," and how to handle history that they'd prefer to be myth.

- Donna Hoke, whose play "American Deal" is about a man named Clive Jenkins who, 16 years ago, gunned down a stranger and still can't say why. Clive's most successful attempts to examine his life come when he puts pen to paper, pouring out his demons in stories. Now, he's got a chance at parole, and a six-figure book deal that might help him get it — if he

can prove he's a changed man." Davis hails from California; McNeill and Hoke reside in New York.

The festival will also include three workshops for playwrights where they can talk with others on how to refine their craft.

Members of MACo — established 21 years ago to produce plays locally; provide skilled actors, directors and designers with a chance to work; and engage, challenge and educate audiences — have high hopes for the festival and plan to make it an annual event. This inaugural version owes a big debt of gratitude to Gina Stevenson, a Burlington playwright and current president of the MACo board.

Stevenson was among a wave of urban dwellers who migrated north, to more rural surroundings, during the COVID-19 pandemic. She elected to make her home in Burlington in the fall of 2020, and it proved to be a good landing spot. She found a community of like-minded, creative people, an inspiring and resilient theater scene and plenty of natural splendor not far from her front door.

While Burlington is the state's preeminent arts hub, Stevenson found herself drawn to Middlebury. She discovered MACo's online performance series and checked out one of the shows. "I found it really exciting and learned there was a company like MACo that was trying to do plays that I felt were really relevant in trying to address the many inequalities that were coming out of the pandemic," she said.

She reached out to MACo Artistic Director Melissa Lourie and was invited to do some dramaturgy for a few of the plays in MACo's online series. Stevenson holds an MFA in playwrighting from Columbia University and has been a guest lecturer at Hunter College, NYU and the University of Arkansas.

Stevenson eventually accepted an invitation to join the MACo board.

"It's grown from there in a beautiful way," she said of her MACo involvement. "I've been so

excited to see the enthusiasm the company, and especially Melissa, in bringing new perspectives and new ideas to MACo."

One of those ideas was the New Play Festival, and Stevenson seemed like a good choice to helm the project.

"I noticed from talking to various theater people that there wasn't a lot of new play development happening here, but there were a lot of playwrights and theater people," she said. "So that's how this idea came about — to fill a potential gap, get a chance to bring exciting new works to our area and teach an audience a little more about the new play development process."

Festival organizers were thrilled with the response from submitting playwrights anxious to have their work seen and critiqued. Entrants were each asked to send script samples of up to 20 pages — an *amuse bouche*, if you will, leaving MACo evaluators to decide if they'd like to order the full meal. The evaluators ultimately solicited full scripts from 15 finalists, from which three winners were culled for staged readings by professional actors. These staged readings, along with scheduled workshops and moderated talkbacks with the playwrights, will provide the authors with invaluable feedback to further develop their plays.

BEYOND DEAD WHITE GUYS

Director/playwright Gaen Murphree will direct the stage reading of "Griswold" (see related story in A+L) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19. Murphree, who holds an MFA in Theatre Directing from the University of Washington School of Drama, has worked at such companies as the Seattle Repertory Theatre, the San Francisco Mime Troupe, Make a Circus and the American Conservatory Theatre. The Middlebury resident is currently working on a new play about PTSD, Francis of Assisi, human greed and our ecological crisis. She served as verse coach on MACo's "Macbeth."

Murphree quickly accepted Lourie's invitation last October to join MACo's panel of script readers for the New Play Festival. It was familiar territory for her, as her first job out of college was with the literary department at the Actors Theatre of Louisville — then the largest producer of plays in the country.



GAEN MURPHREE, LEFT, directs Margo Whitcomb and two other actors in the staged reading of "Griswold," a new play that will be staged under the tent at Middlebury's Swift House on Aug. 19.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

"Plays came in in giant mail bags by the thousands and the entire theatrical universe descended on Louisville for the Humana Festival of New American Plays," she recalled. "While there I wrote my own first play and saw it produced. When I taught theatre at the college level, I loved teaching playwrighting and getting students engaged in discovering their own voices. Sure, I love Shakespeare, I love the Greeks — those dead white guys — but new voices are the lifeblood of the theatre."

She and Stevenson were pleased with the general quality of scripts generated by MACo's inaugural New Play Festival.

"That we found three wonderful plays out of roughly 100, in a first-ever submissions process for a brand new festival, is sort of a miracle," Murphree said. "In that search process, that reading process, you're really looking for that needle — or maybe 'jewel' is a better word — in a haystack. A writer who can tell a story, write snappy dialogue, make you care about the characters,

and understands how the stage functions, how actors function, how theatre — not novels, not TV, not film, not a short story or a poem — tells a story. It's a tall order."

Stevenson noted the festival drew submissions from novice writers as well as more seasoned playwrights who had already authored several plays.

"The fact that they were submitting their plays and saying, 'Yes, I would want to be a part of this,' is definitely affirming to the idea we are onto something that playwrights are interested in," she said.

MACo is going to a lot of trouble making sure the festival is affordable. There was no entry fee for play submissions. Actors are being paid to conduct their readings. Playwriting workshop fees are \$20 (\$50 for all three). Play tickets are \$15 apiece, or \$40 for the series. MACo is also making it financially possible for all three of the winning playwrights to attend the entire weekend of performances and workshops.

"We're probably not going to make money off (the festival), but that's not the point," Stevenson said. "We want to keep the costs as low as we can so people will be willing to come out and enjoy an experience that maybe a higher ticket price would have (presented) a barrier."

Murphree said the value of seeing one's work celebrated and evaluated is priceless to a playwright.

"For the playwrights, you have to see and hear your work, you have to hear the actors read it, and you need to see it staged — and fully produced — to see what's really working or not working," she said. "Plays don't live on the page, right, they live on the stage. So a staged reading, humble and simple as it is, and an audience, gives a playwright really important information in their development of the play."

For more information about MACo's New Play Festival (including tickets and performance/workshop details), visit middleburyactors.org/2022-new-play-festival.

Gun violence workshop offered

ADDISON COUNTY — It's sad that they're needed, but the Vermont State Police will offer a series of SurviVermont sessions, part of a "community caretaking initiative" to educate and empower Vermonters with actions they can take to protect themselves and family members if they're ever confronted with an active shooter or violent threat situation.

SurviVermont combines three

easy-to-remember concepts from established federal public safety programs: See Something, Say Something; Run, Hide and Fight; and Stop the Bleed.

The VSP's New Haven barracks located at 2490 Route 7 will host a SurviVermont session on Monday, Aug. 22, from 6-7:30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend. To register for the session, log on to tinyurl.com/5xpe8b8.

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State board rejects Ripton's exit plan

By JOHN FLOWERS

RIPTON — A Vermont State Board of Education (SBE) subcommittee has found "there is overwhelming risk that the Ripton School District will not be prepared to assume full responsibility for the education of its students on July 1, 2023, as an independent school district in any supervisory union/supervisory district configuration."

The panel's preliminary conclusion is included in a draft report that the state board began reviewing and tweaking Wednesday afternoon, as the *Independent* went to press.

If the final draft of the report is endorsed by the full state board this Friday, Aug. 12, it would deal a major setback to Ripton's long, arduous effort to withdraw from the Addison Central School District as a means of preserving its elementary school — one of the smallest in the seven-town ACSD.

Look for a follow-up story in next week's *Independent*.

The information for this story was culled

from the subcommittee's draft report, recently posted on the SBE website.

The subcommittee's draft findings are based on its review of a status report from Ripton on the groundwork it has laid to transition from the ACSD to a Mountain Supervisory Union.

Ripton has sought to partner with Lincoln on a Mountain SU that would deliver pre-K-12 public education to students of the two neighboring towns. Lincoln has voted to exit the Mount Abraham Unified School District, also to protect its elementary school.

Among other things, the panel that reviewed Ripton's exit plan has tentatively found that the Ripton School

District "doesn't have the financial capacity and structure in place to prepare to transition to full operations on July 1," and that "even if RSD obtains transitional funding, the RSD

board has been largely unable to identify qualified persons with Vermont-specific experience in public education systems to inform and guide its transition planning."

If the SBE approves the final report on Friday, it would leave Ripton with a few options: Schedule a school board meeting to review its path for continuing with its withdrawal effort or warn a town vote on whether to rejoin the ACSD.

"There is overwhelming risk that the Ripton School District will not be prepared to assume full responsibility for the education of its students on July 1, 2023 as an independent school district in any supervisory union/supervisory district configuration."

— Vermont State Board of Education

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Roundtable explores next steps for reproductive care

By KATIE FUTTERMAN

WILLISTON — The overturning of Roe v. Wade does not threaten Vermonters' right to an abortion. But that does not mean Vermonters aren't working on increasing protection of this right, both near and far. Discussions around increased reproductive healthcare for those in Addison County, as well as from other states, are already in full swing.

Last Friday, Aug. 5, Vermont Congressman Peter Welch sat down with Planned Parenthood officials, doctors and medical students at Planned Parenthood's Williston offices to discuss the next steps, politically and medically, after the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization negated the federal protection of women's rights to abortion.

"When I talk to women in Vermont, they don't think reproductive freedom should be based on your zip code," said Welch.

Welch is hopeful Vermonters in the November General Election will approve Proposition 5, which would protect abortion in Vermont's constitution. Still, he said, there are already movements in other states to create laws to penalize people for traveling for abortion services.

"Congress can act, and the Vermont legislature can act," said Welch. He said that congressional work can overturn Dobbs, but the senate filibuster is currently preventing it.

In fact, though State Sen. Ruth Hardy was not involved in this event, she previously told the *Independent* that there is already research around whether Vermont can protect people from other states. Usually, states cooperate with each other, but this might call for something different, said Hardy. The research, however, is still in

the early stages, and the legislature won't be in session again until January.

Fear that people who come to Vermont for abortion services will be penalized when they return to their home states has been one of the most immediate effects of the Dobbs decision. At the roundtable, Lucy Leriche, vice president of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, discussed the influx of callers asking about long-lasting, reversible contraception, such as IUDs, as well as people from out of state. Leriche even shared one anecdote of a woman calling and asking if she could be penalized for an abortion she had had years ago (which, of course, she could not).

Tanya Serota-Winston, advanced practice registered nurse and director of clinical care at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, also spoke at the event. She said that just two weeks after the Senate Bill 8 decision in Texas, which deputizes private citizens to sue anyone who "aids or abets" the provision of an abortion, she provided care for a woman from Texas.

"It is already having an impact on our health centers. We're super proud to be here to see those patients and to show up for them.

"When I talk to women in Vermont, they don't think reproductive freedom should be based on your zip code."

— Rep. Peter Welch

It certainly calls on us to do even more than we have before," she said.

Serota-Winston added that she only expects out-of-state services to increase.

Thus, even if Vermont is not predicted to be a national "hub" for abortions, it should still expect to serve people from out of state.

Allie Stickney, the former CEO of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, provided "lessons learned" from her work back when abortion was illegal in Vermont. She predicted the return of services that would provide information on

where abortions could be obtained, as well as potential restrictions on contraceptives. Stickney worried that health care providers in Vermont and all over may preemptively restrict services that are not yet illegal, due to fear of political retaliation.

University of Vermont Medical students Sydney Cardozo and Brittney Palermo expressed their gratitude for formal education and exposure to pregnancy termination services in their education, but fear that may not be the case for medical students in other places.

There have already been moves towards protection in Addison County. Middlebury College sent an email on July 7 notifying its students, faculty and staff that the college will reimburse costs for travel for an individual and a support person to receive necessary reproductive health care in another state. It will clarify what exactly is covered in detail to employees and students later in the summer, according to Caitlin Goss, vice president for Human Resources and chief people officer.

Though unrelated to the Dobbs decision, Addison County has felt a loss in reproductive care with the closing of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Middlebury in June. Afterwards, Hardy got together a group of local healthcare providers and family advocates from the Open Door Clinic, Addison County Parent Child Center, Porter Hospital and Mountain Health Center to determine how best to fill the gaps. Representatives from the organizations meet regularly to determine what the needs are, who can meet them and how to pay for them.

The goal is to serve people who may fall through the cracks with the closure of Planned Parenthood, specifically those uninsured or underinsured.

"Essentially all of the services that Planned Parenthood here in Middlebury provided need to be absorbed by somebody."

— Sen. Ruth Hardy

"Essentially all of the services that Planned Parenthood here in Middlebury provided need to be absorbed by somebody, and I think the way that's taking shape is all of us communicating and working together to identify what services

they were providing, and who's gonna be able to, for lack of better terms, pick up that slack," said Savannah Solomon, a nurse at the Open Door Clinic.

The group looks at sharing protocols, more training to provide some of the care that Planned Parenthood provided, how to access some of the devices and medications that are cheaper at Planned Parenthood, and whether they can refer patients between each other.

"It's been really, really great collaborative work," Hardy said. "A lot of healthcare providers that hadn't directly worked together before are collaborating on making sure that we're able to cover the needs of the patients who had been seen at Planned Parenthood."

Planned Parenthood's size and funding made it easier for other providers to refer patients, and provide contraception as well as HIV and AIDS preventative medication. Those medications required a lot of coordination regarding lab work and visits. Thus far, the clinic has connected with Porter Women's Health physicians' office to transition patients there, which has, and continues to, provide abortion services. They help patients with the financial assistance program. As for surrounding Planned Parenthood locations, transportation still remains an issue.

Welch closed last Friday's event by thanking the healthcare providers for their hard work.

"What I so admire about you is that the work that needs to be done, they'll figure out a way to get the work done. It's the Vermont way."



88-YEAR-OLD David Benedict, a summer resident of Salisbury, emerges from his recent swim across the largest segment of Lake Dunmore.

Octogenarian swims across Lake Dunmore

By ANGELO LYNN

SALISBURY — It's not everyone who is fit enough to swim across the widest part of Lake Dunmore, but it's far more rare to be able to swim that distance in open water at age 88. David Benedict, a summer resident of Salisbury, did just that recently and credited a life-long love of fitness he developed as a high school and college athlete.

"It's such a joy to have this capacity at my age," Benedict wrote in an email exchange. "And you know, it's not just good genes. It's also possible because of all those years through high school and college that I played football."

Benedict started his swim across the popular local lake just above the dam outlet on the lake's west side to the far eastern end of Branbury beach — right across the wider north end of the lake. It took the 88-year-old athlete a full 88 minutes to complete the mile-plus swim.

To prepare for the swim, he did three laps around the outside of the four "swim area" buoys at Branbury

beach about twice a week, he said, adding that "over the past 17 years or so I've kept a record of the total miles swum in retirement and I'm at 2,600 — that's one good long swim across the country from ocean to ocean."

He swam the distance, he said, "with a combination of strokes — crawl, back, breast and what I call my unique 'Sky Hook' side stroke that I can do forever without losing my breath."

But Benedict's message isn't simply to celebrate his accomplishment, but to herald the coaches who instill the life-long love of athletics into their students' lives.

"I've got to recognize those coaches, like John Nucceder, training local football and lacrosse teams. You learn early on what physical conditioning and healthy eating are really about. And this experience lasts and carries throughout your life. Let's give a 'shoutout' for all coaches who introduce kids to healthy sports!"

Primary contests prompt Addison County candidates to raise more funds

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Addison-3 House hopeful Robert North and Tim Lueders-Dumont, a candidate for Addison County state's attorney, had raised the most campaign donations as of the Aug. 1 filing deadline for candidates vying for General Assembly and county posts this fall.

Records on file with the Vermont Secretary of State's Office reveal that Lueders-Dumont, a Montpelier Democrat and Lincoln native, had raised \$12,482 as of Aug. 1, of which he had spent \$4,933. Lueders-Dumont on Tuesday lost a hotly contested Democrat primary with Eva Vekos of Middlebury, who had raised \$4,811 and spent \$1,376 as of the filing deadline, according to state records.

Meanwhile, North — a Ferrisburgh Republican — had raised \$8,811, of which he had spent only \$203. It's understandable that North's spending would be modest thus far, as he wasn't involved in a primary. But he is facing a tough Nov. 8 showdown with incumbent Addison-3 Reps. Diane Lanpher

and Matt Birong, both Vergennes Democrats. Republican James McClay, a New Haven Republican, will also be on the Nov. 8 ballot in that race.

Here's a rundown of what Addison County candidates for county and Statehouse offices had raised, and spent, as of Aug. 1. It should be noted that candidates who don't raise or spend up to \$500 don't have to file a disclosure form, but are required to file a statement with the Secretary of State's Office:

• **Addison-1 House, covering most of Middlebury.** Incumbent Reps. Amy Sheldon and Robin Scheu, both Middlebury Democrats, face no major party competition on Nov. 8 and thus haven't been actively fundraising. Sheldon had raised \$300, along with a \$316 carryover from her 2020 campaign, while Scheu had raised \$500, with a \$225 carryover.

The incumbents will face some competition. Middlebury Republican Peter Caldwell earned enough write-in votes to get on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Addison-1 encompasses

Middlebury, except for a portion of the town — largely consisting of the Marble Works and Seymour Street neighborhoods — that was ceded to the neighboring Addison-5 district, as a consequence of restricting.

• **Addison-2 House, which includes Cornwall, Goshen, Leicester, Ripton and Salisbury.** Incumbent Rep. Peter Conlon, D-Cornwall, and Wendy Harlin of Ripton were involved in an Aug. 9 primary, so their financial totals reflect early fundraising and spending. Harlin had raised \$7,054 as of Aug. 1, of which she had spent \$2,760.

Conlon, who won the primary, had raised \$4,561, of which he had spent \$2,703.

• **Addison-3, which includes Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Addison, Panton and Waltham and a northwestern slice of New Haven.** The aforementioned Robert North was by far the most active in fundraising for one of Addison-3's two available seats. Incumbents Lanpher and Birong had raised \$1,375 and \$100, respectively, though Birong has a \$4,332

carryover from 2020. McClay offered no evidence of having raised or spent more than \$500.

• **Addison-4, encompassing Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro.** There's been little fundraising action among candidates for the two seats. Democratic incumbent Reps. Caleb Elder of Starksboro and Mari Cordes of Lincoln had both neither raised nor spent more than \$500. Monkton Republican Valerie Mullin falls in that same camp, while Bristol Republican Lynn Dike reported a \$2,002 campaign carryover and \$2,611 in new funds raised thus far.

• **Addison-5, which includes Bridport, Weybridge, most of New Haven and a slice of Middlebury described above.** Two Republicans — Jon Christiano of New Haven and Zachary Kent of Bridport — competed in Tuesday's primary for the right to advance to the Nov. 8 General Election to face Bridport Democrat Jubilee McGill. Christiano had raised \$1,010 and spent \$3,606 thus far. Kent submitted no report indicating

spending or raising \$500.

McGill reported a \$4,202 carryover from a prior Addison-5 race, with \$165 in new donations raised thus far. She reported expenditures totaling \$1,385.

• **Addison-Rutland House, which includes Orwell, Shoreham, Whiting, Hubbardton and Sudbury.** Orwell Democrat Joseph Andriano had raised \$2,952 and spent \$846 as of Aug. 1. He was the only candidate in the running, as of this writing. The district has been represented by independents for the past two decades, including most recently Terry Norris of Shoreham.

• **State Senate, encompassing Addison County, Rochester, Huntington and Buel's Gore.** Incumbent Democratic Sens. Ruth Hardy of Middlebury and Christopher Bray of Bristol haven't been aggressively raised funds at this point. Hardy reported a campaign carryover of \$1,136, with as fundraising total of \$3,976, of which she had spent \$227.

Bray had apparently not raised or spent the requisite \$500.

The two incumbent senators

will face competition on Nov. 8. Records show that Mason D. Wade III of Rochester has filed to run as an independent, and Kent gathered the requisite write-in signatures on Tuesday to get on the ballot as a Republican.

• **Addison County Sheriff.** Michael Elmore of Addison had raised \$2,952 and had spent \$846 as of Aug. 1, while his GOP primary opponent, Rom Holmes of Middlebury, had apparently not raised or spent \$500. And the race to succeed embattled incumbent Sheriff Peter Newton has attracted two independent candidates: Gerald Grant of Addison and Mark Stacey of Leicester.

• **State's Attorney.** The winner of Tuesday's Democrat primary — Eva Vekos — now goes on to face Addison County Deputy State's Attorney Peter Bever, a Middlebury independent, on Nov. 8. Bever ran for the job four years ago and came within 10 votes of beating his eventual boss, former State's Attorney Dennis Wymans, who resigned the post this past spring.

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Editorials

A primary night overview

Vermont Progressives took center stage in Vermont following Tuesday's primary with left-leaning candidates capturing seats for U.S. Congress, Lt. Governor, the state's Attorney General, and several down-ticket offices. It was testament to the strong campaign run by Becca Balint in her race against moderate Democrat Molly Gray for Vermont's lone congressional seat, and David Zuckerman's race against moderate Democrat Kitty Toll for lieutenant governor.

Popular U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders campaigned hard for both candidates, giving Balint, in particular, big boosts in the last two months of the campaign.

That support — along with a record-setting \$1.6 million in spending on mailers supporting Balint from various national LGBTQ Political Action Committees — made a huge difference in the last two months of the campaign as she rocketed to a 23-point lead, 59% to Gray's 36%.

In retrospect, what hurt Gray as much as anything was her inability to combat the notion that she lacked experience, along with the sense that she just hadn't paid enough political dues to waltz into a congressional seat with only two years in the lieutenant governor office.

Women also did well in the Democratic Primary with Balint, Zuckerman narrowly besting Kitty Toll, and Sarah Copeland Hanzas edging out Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters for the job by two percentage points in a three-way race, 35.7% to Winters's 33.9% and John Odum polling 13.6%.

The lieutenant governor's race was particularly interesting as Zuckerman won with 41.7% of the vote compared to 37.1% for Kitty Toll, 9.14% for Patricia Preston and 7.1% for Charlie Kimbell. Because Kimbell and Preston also ran as moderate Democrats, the number of moderate votes cast came in at about 54%, more than 12% higher than Zuckerman's tally.

In the Democratic primary for governor, liberal Democrat Brenda Siegel ran unopposed, garnering 57% of the vote with 56,000 voters, while 33,548 voters (or 34%) chose to leave the ballot empty. That's not a great sign for Siegel.

But this will be the race that Siegel, who has run in the past as a Progressive, gets Democratic Party support and the opportunity to let that much larger audience get to know her and the policies she stands for.

As a three-term incumbent going for a fourth two-year term, Republican Gov. Phil Scott certainly will be heavily favored, but with a large Progressive turnout for Balint and Zuckerman in the General Election, Siegel will likely benefit by a few percentage points if she can create a favorable impression among the more progressive side of the Democratic Party.

On the Republican side, the surprise was Gerald Malloy's upset of Republican establishment candidate Christina Nolan, 40% to 35%, for the open U.S. Senate seat. Nolan had been supported by national Republican leaders, as well as by Vermont Governor Phil Scott.

Malloy, 60, who has only lived in Vermont for two years, is a retired U.S. Army veteran. He says he is a conservative Republican and a Trump supporter, though he refused to participate in political debates or press interviews so his policy positions are vague with the exception of a few tidbits he let out in press releases. He uses the standard conservative GOP rhetoric of setting the U.S. "back on track" and "making it strong again." How? He doesn't get into the specifics.

He will be challenging Democrat Peter Welch for the seat long held by retiring Sen. Patrick Leahy.

In the Republican primary for lieutenant governor, moderate Sen. Joe Benning prevailed over more conservative Gregory Thayer, 48% to 40%, and will challenge Zuckerman for the state's number two job. Though an uphill battle in a very blue state, Benning shouldn't be counted out in this race as he is a fiscal moderate and socially liberal Republican who will be representing moderate policy positions compared to Zuckerman's progressive platform. To that end, expect Benning to appeal to a fair number of moderate Democrats.

In the Republican race for Congress, proclaimed Independent Liam Madden beat conservatives Erica Bundy Redic and Anya Tynio, who both were much further to the right. Madden has previously stated he would refuse the Republican mantle if he won, and would run for Congress as an Independent against Balint.

Madden is an unusual candidate in that he openly wants to change the two-party system, saying it is "broken" and that sane national policies won't be accomplished as long as the nation continues to re-elect representatives who are committed to maintaining the political status quo.

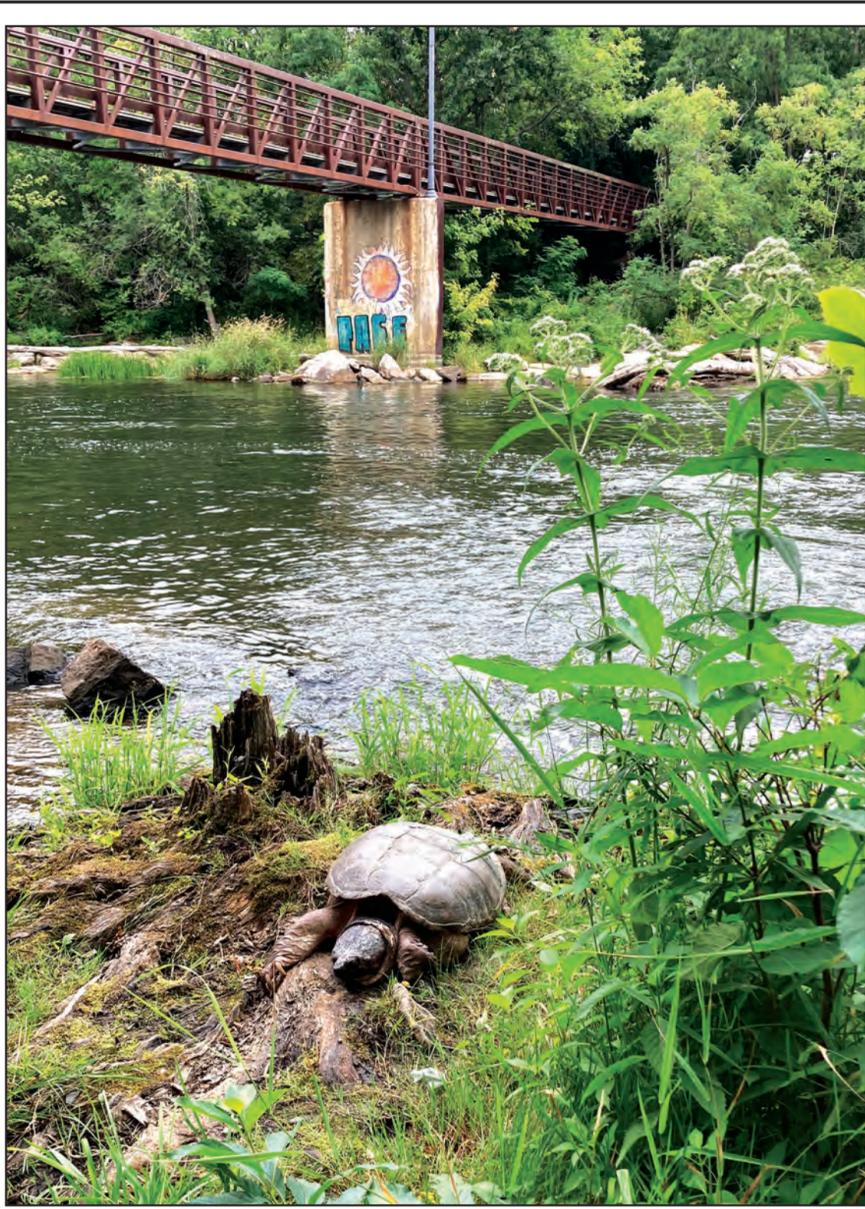
He is progressive on many social policies and claims to be an environmentalist in favor of quickly reducing the nation's carbon footprint. Madden, while articulate and philosophical, nonetheless will be waging a long-shot campaign — attractive to moderates and those more conservative — but up against huge funding from Balint's national political action committees, a Democratic Party that will rally behind her and many enthusiastic Vermonters.

On the national scene, those candidates supporting Donald Trump continued to do well in Republican primary races as several knocked off more moderate Republicans — setting up a General Election contest in several more states between election deniers and conspiracy theorists versus moderate Democrats.

The stakes are getting more grave by the day as Trump faces mounting legal problems from New York state on tax evasion from his family business, and election obstruction in Georgia, as well as the continuing Jan. 6 probe in the riot on the Capitol.

Those legal problems, ironically, may prompt Trump to declare a rerun for the presidency in the hopes that a win may be the only way he could get the GOP-slanted Supreme Court, and a favorable Congress, to excuse him for his criminal activities — and prove America to be the Banana Republic he pretends to reject. If he announces ahead of the November mid-terms, however, it would give Democrats a needed issue to divert attention away from inflation and other domestic problems — even though Biden's administration has passed many progressive initiatives — and back on Trump himself, a polarizing figure if there ever was one. And how that will end is anyone's guess.

Angelo Lynn



Modern dino

HARKENING BACK to the age of dinosaurs, a large snapping turtle emerges from Otter Creek below the footbridge in Middlebury recently. The photographer reported that the shell was at least 18 inches in diameter.

Independent photo/Christy Lynn

Climate initiatives need dedication

I just came in from picking my raspberries. This year's bumper crop is great, though a bit overwhelming. Sweat pouring down my brow is less pleasant. It's not from the effort required — rather the effect of the strong sun. We've been having a heat wave, but it's nothing we can't handle if we can avoid working in the direct sun and have a couple of fans to cool at bedtime.

This is less true for people living in much of our country and much of our world. We hear of airport runways melting in England, weeks of triple-digit temperatures in our own Southwest. People in countries whose names we barely recognize and whose locations we would be challenged to find on a map are facing ongoing droughts, rising sea levels, famine and displacement. Our ignorance of their plight or even of their existence makes them no less real as human beings.

Today I heard of a study in the U.K. linking air pollution and dementia. Meanwhile our former president cut environmental regulations and our current Supreme Court limited the powers of the EPA. How did we even get here — or, more to the point — how do we get out of here?

So much of this situation rides on money, apathy, and our resistance to change. Senator Manchin blocks climate change legislation while he grows rich on his coal interests and donations from the petroleum industry. If he actually cared about his constituency, he would support the legislation, making sure it contained good jobs for those transitioning from the

coal mines as well as environmental cleanup and health services. In Vermont, our Governor has vetoed climate legislation while both his business interests and car racing hobby rely on petroleum.

As consumers — and oh, have we not been trained to love consuming? — we often balk at anything that suggests we might be able to do with less in order to help the situation. When President Carter suggested turning down the thermostat and putting on a sweater, he was ridiculed. What if we had taken up more of those efforts 45 years ago?

We were told/sold a story of the American dream: That each generation would do better than the last. That has often been true for the children of immigrants. Their parents may have arrived with little but their willingness to work. With the benefit of free public education, the next generation has had many

more opportunities. It also was true following World War II, when the G.I. Bill enabled many (white) men to attend college and buy homes. Their enhanced living situation led to more educational and financial opportunities for their children.

We do need to enhance educational or other opportunities in order to preserve our environment, but our continuing consumerism is another story. How big a home do we need? How many? How large a car? How many motorized "toys"? How many pairs of cheap shoes, piles of plastic holiday decor, specialty gadgets?

I'm back outside picking more raspberries. I'm (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

Ways of Seeing

By Laurie Cox



Affordable housing ideas offered

This week's writer is Fred Baser of Bristol. The financial advisor and founder of Bristol Financial Services is a commissioner of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, former member of the Vermont House of Representatives and past member of the Habitat for Humanity of Addison County Board.

Despite recent efforts, in our state and nationally, to reduce the housing affordability crunch, it is quite likely we will be in the same discouraging housing situation 20 years from now as we are today unless we make substantial changes to the way we do business.

How did we get to where we are today? Here are some ideas. To start, "local control" plays a factor. Local control is supported by most people. Let's make sure the citizens decide or at least have a say in what goes on in their own communities. Yet, in the six or seven decades citizen-controlled planning commissions and zoning boards have taken root in communities around the nation, building housing — especially multi-family units — has become more difficult and costly, especially in desirable growth regions, like northwest Vermont. Why? Because people who own nice properties are commonly the ones most active on their local boards and commissions, have political connections and want to maintain their property values and vision of community. They are also

the people who dominate local meetings addressing controversial housing projects. The well-educated more affluent citizens control the local agenda. This circumstance does not favor the creation of affordable housing.

Our tax codes favor single-family home ownership. You get to write off interest on a home mortgage, for many, property taxes are a write off, and if you sell your home, the gain in value (with certain limits) is not taxable. There are fewer tax benefits for multi-household unit construction and ownership and as a result development suffers. This is important since most lower income households rent apartments or live in manufactured homes.

Then there are the state's rules and regs. They have been developed to protect the environment, historic buildings and increase energy efficiency etc., but these rules drive up building costs and thus hurt affordability.

Historic trends are not helping either. About 70% of Americans live in a single-family home. The baby boom generation, now reaching ages where they will pass on this asset, will do so to a portion of society that are already economically favored, increasing the gap between those that have and have not. Then, you have the fact that household size has been going down, meaning more housing is needed even though (See *Baser*, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Further PAC money musings

Re: your editorial about PAC money on August 4, perhaps the biggest problem caused by unlimited money is the fact that large corporate donors will probably expect something from candidates they support. Perhaps that is why today's politicians seem less likely to take serious action against some practices of megacorporations.

The massive flow of money into the political process is based on the Supreme Court decision Citizens United.

In its recent dismal ruling reversing *Roe v. Wade*, the Court seems to say that a constitutional right exists only if it is spelled out.

What would the Supreme Court, which now seems likely to reverse earlier rulings, say about Citizens United? In that case, an earlier Court was not only able to find rights under the guise of free speech, but by a very far stretch of imagination, concluded remarkably that the giving of unlimited sums of money constituted an exercise of free speech!

Shouldn't the same standards apply to both individuals and corporations when defining constitutional rights?

Robert Anderson
Bristol

Train service worth the effort

=Just picked up my loving, soon to be 80-year-old mother-in-law at our Middlebury train station. COVID-19 kept her apart from my wife too long, and in the prior years we drove to Albany, N.Y. or Rutland, Vt. in whatever weather conditions. The look on her face when we picked her up less than a mile from our home was pure elation. Really could not put a dollar amount on it, because some things that are just right you cannot. As a full-time Vermonter here in Middlebury, I, as well as my community, persevered through the construction process. No regrets, no rear-view mirror, and nothing personal, but I take very little advice about being "environmentally friendly" from the state of Ohio.

Rick Viens
Middlebury

Editorial wrong on PAC money

Written on August 5, in anticipation of a Becca Balint primary victory —

We strongly object to Angelo Lynn's August 4 editorial, which alleges that outside PAC money (from LGBTQ interests) is tipping the Democratic Party Congressional primary for Becca Balint.

It is nonsense to suggest that money from gay rights PACs is influencing the election, since any Vermont voter who cares already knows that Ms. Balint is married to another woman. (No doubt some will vote against Ms. Balint for this reason, though probably few will say so publicly.)

LGBTQ PAC interests are not comparable to those of big profit-making corporations, as Mr. Lynn implies. What is the LGBTQ "agenda" that he accuses them of advancing through Ms. Balint other than justice and equal rights for their constituency, now seriously endangered by SCOTUS and the possibility of a Republican-controlled Congress?

The biggest boost to the Balint campaign probably comes from Bernie Sanders's endorsement and solid support from Ms. Balint's own legislative colleagues, including virtually all the Addison County Democrats. She is also backed by some of the best current members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal and Jamie Raskin, with whom she will be working as Peter Welch's successor in Vermont's House seat.

As for a "tsunami" of outside advertising, promotions for Becca are a drop in the bucket (See *Olinick letter*, Page 5A)

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Letters to the Editor

DMV makes driver's license renewals more difficult

Warning. The State of Vermont has changed the process of renewing a vehicle driver's license. No longer can you go to a Real Person who can answer questions and help fill out the forms, like at the Courthouse in Middlebury. Now it is to be done by the taxpayer, at home, and on a computer.

If this is a problem, you can go to the DMV office in South Burlington or in Montpelier. No longer can you just go to local places like the Courthouse in Middlebury.

You should get a letter from the DMV (motor vehicle department), (with a number on it.) And it says that your time is almost up, so get on your computer, or use one at

a library. This number is to help the big computer at DMV (maybe near Montpelier) recognize who you are. But if you lose this paper with its number, it can still find you, so don't worry. When ready, type in the symbols given or make up something relative like "Renew Vermont driver's license."

It will ask for your name and address and in the right side you have a choice (my panic didn't allow me to see this word "choice" since I had lost the pin number. Clearing this fog, I read it as a choice of social security number (which it says not to use this number for identification) or the pin number or some other things. After entering the SS number and

credit number, *miracule dictu*, (too miraculous to talk about) it was over. It will send me the new license (it's been three days now).

Any questions, call their toll-free number, and agree to be put in line to be called back. Within two hours that day I got a return call from a DMV person who was very happy and cheerful to answer questions. Where did they find her? With questions about a new system, it would take more patience than Job had. Read about Job's patience in the Bible.

So, chin up. You too should be able to renew without going to Montpelier.

Peter Grant
Bristol

Time to weigh in on surging insurance premiums

Will you be able to afford double-digit rate increases of your health insurance in 2023? If not, please write to Governor Scott and your legislators!

As reported in the *VTDigger*, the Green Mountain Care Board voted Thursday for double-digit increases for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and MVP Health.

"Enrollees who get their insurance through their small

employer would face an average increase of 11.7%, or \$71 per month, on their Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont plans. Under MVP, the increase would be 18.3% on average, or \$106 per month.

People who buy insurance in the marketplace on their own would face similar increases. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont would raise its premiums by an average of

11.4%, or \$79 a month. MVP's rates would rise 19.3% on average, or \$130 a month."

As the Chair of the GMCB said in 2019, "These rates are not affordable. We acknowledge they are not affordable."

Let's make our voices heard! Write the Governor and Legislators!

Linda Andrews
on behalf of the
Bristol Democratic Committee

Reproductive rights Article 22 attacks the family

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans," to quote John Lennon. Some plan to go to college, some plan to marry, some plan careers, and many succeed in following their plans. Then, it happens, the unexpected, the interruption. The future is now depending on making choices.

The feeling of being overwhelmed, alone, or pressured into making a choice. What do you do next? Where do you go? Is there help available? The answer is yes, there is. Care Centers actually do care. Believe it! They really do. They provide comfort and support in so many areas for women and men who choose to have their babies. I say men because there are fathers out there who need counsel too and it is provided at a Care Center.

I will never understand why people who say they care about women would want to cause any form of destruction on any Care Center anywhere. Care Centers care about women! They provide care and support in multiple ways.

The group calling themselves "Jane's Revenge" has absolutely no justification for the damage they are causing. There never was a Jane Roe. That whole law was based on a lie admitted by Norma

McCorvey who was the plaintiff in Roe vs. Wade, 1973. After 24 years with pro-choice advocates, she became a pro-life advocate and joined the group in leadership called "Live Action". She would vote no on Article 22 (Proposal 5). Read her story in her book titled "Won by Love". Norma died at age 70 on Feb. 18, 2017.

Hard choices continue today for all, and that choice affects the whole family. Proposal 5, now referred to as Article 22, attacks the family — Democrats, Republicans, Progressives, and everyone else! This article, if enshrined in our state constitution, will take away your rights. You, under Vermont state law, have the right up to nine months to abort a full-term baby. Why change our constitution? There is no reason.

The vague definitions in this Article, if put into our constitution, will open many conflicts between the rights of your children, parents, and all who are codified as "reproductive rights of all persons." A law can be changed or regulated. New Hampshire turned down a proposal that had the same language as Article 22 (Proposal 5).

The choices are hard for everyone, but the political ploy, a Trojan horse, is not a good law,

and will cost Vermonters on many levels.

Quoting Nancy Reagan, Sept. 14, 1986, "Just Say No" campaign. The idea being when you don't know what to do, you don't know what to say, ... "Just say NO to drugs." This applies still today. Most do not have all the facts because the media will not let you know.

Quoting Robert P. George, Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University: "People on both sides of the debate over abortion know that 'reproductive autonomy' is referring to an unlimited abortion license, that is, elective abortion permitted through the entire nine months of gestation and up to and including the process of birth."

This article, if voted in, will open a range of lawsuits and costly litigation for years. It is morally and ethically wrong and just plain bad law.

The choices are hard, but the choices are there already. There is absolutely no need for Article 22 to be embedded in our constitution. Make the right choice and vote on Nov. 8, 2022 or absentee ballot earlier — "Just Say NO" to Article 22.

Respectfully,

Fay Leavitt
Lincoln

Olinick letter

(Continued from Page 4A) compared to the flood that will precede the November vote on the state constitutional amendment guaranteeing reproductive freedom. But annoying as the deluge will be, there is no denying that what Vermont decides (along

with other states) will affect the rest of the country.

Of course, Angelo Lynn may endorse whomever he wishes in the name of the *Addison Independent*. And the influence of PAC money and political party control of primaries are worthy subjects for

serious discussion. But raising them on the eve of the primary as a pretext for attacking a candidate Mr. Lynn clearly dislikes is irresponsible use of his journalistic monopoly.

Judy and Michael Olinick
Middlebury

Baser

(Continued from Page 4A) population increases are modest. Finally, government significantly underfunds its Section 8 Voucher program, which is rent support for low-income households.

What can we do to have more and smarter affordable housing development?

1. Modify the tax code in such a way to encourage multi-family housing development. Money talks. Big tax breaks for multi-family housing means more of it.

2. Challenge local control in building development. With incentives and or state guidance, revamp zoning rules and regulations to have more flexibility, and lower barriers for multi-family housing and manufactured housing

communities.

3. Modify and liberalize Act 250 regulations so that costly impediments like agricultural land mitigation, historic artifact discovery and historic building rules are non-issues for all housing projects. Sometimes we need to ask not only what the negative consequences to a project are, but what are the consequences of not allowing a project to go forward.

4. We can also open up office, commercial and industrial space to housing.

5. Government will continue to play a role in funding for affordable housing projects. Their programs need to fund diverse economic household units and support projects with sustainable financial

budgets.

6. My last thought is to make the Section 8 Housing Vouchers program an entitlement like Medicaid. Section 8 is used to help our poorest households pay for their rent (no more than 30% on their income, the rest is subsidized). It is my understanding that less than 25% of households that qualify for Section 8 receive funding. That is wrong.

The housing picture that has led to today's "crisis" has evolved over many decades. Fixing it will take courage. It is worth ruffling some feathers to make shelter available to all. If we don't, our grandchildren will be dealing with this very same problem.

Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) lucky. I have good land for them, and the original canes were given to me years ago by a neighbor. If I bought berries at the store I would pay several dollars a quart. Here they took some effort to plant, some annual pruning, but they're free for the picking. I pick all I need and freely share the rest. Within reason, raspberries like the heat.

If heat were my desire, I would probably not be living in Vermont. It amazes me the number of people who choose to live in parts of our country where going outside in the summer is both uncomfortable and dangerous. We talk about climate refugees moving to Vermont, and we certainly welcome them, but Vermont cannot take in the millions who eventually will need a place of refuge. Right now most Vermonters have access to ample good water, but that could change quickly with a population influx of magnitude. I can sit in my garden of Eden and feel smug, but for how long? We all get impacted by these changes, and that is not a choice.

We need to elect people at all levels of government who will address this issue as the serious one it is. Check out the candidate profiles and see what they have to say and who is supporting them. Vote in the so-called off-year elections, as well as the Presidential elections. Once our delegation's elected, we need to push and lobby for the necessary changes.

There will always be other issues to take our attention, but

Ukraine, border/immigration concerns, inflation, and just about everything else arise from the stresses of climate degradation and overpopulation on our world and our country. Just voting people into office is not enough. We need to be willing to make the lifestyle changes that any true climate legislation will require. Like

planting good berries, we will reap a good harvest, albeit with some sweat.

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

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Obituaries

George H. Sherman, 95, of Bristol

BRISTOL — George H. Sherman, 95, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury, surrounded by his family.

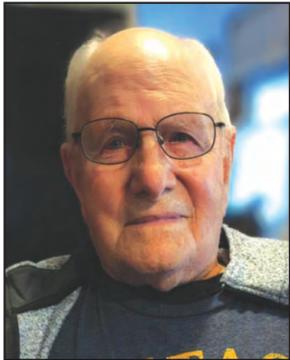
He was born in Ferrisburgh, Vt., on Good Friday, April 15, 1927, the son of Hollis W. and Helen Weisenbach Sherman.

He graduated from Bristol High School in 1945.

On Oct. 9, 1948, he married Bertha Butler from Middlebury, Vt. Together they owned and operated a dairy farm in South Bristol, Vt.

George was a member of the Bristol Valley Grange and was also a member of Bristol Masons.

George is survived by three children, Linda and Daniel Valentine, Carol and Keith Audy of New Haven, and Larry Sherman and Shari of Bristol; five



GEORGE H. SHERMAN

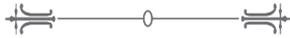
grandchildren, Tammy, Stephanie, Roxanne, Jeffrey and Jon; numerous great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife of 71 years, Bertha, his grandson Mark Sherman and his sister Ruth Lathrop.

Special thanks to all of the doctors and nurses at Porter Medical Center, Addison County Home Health & Hospice, and Bristol Rescue Squad.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8, at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Bristol.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Bristol Rescue Squad, PO Box 227, Bristol, VT 05443. To send online condolences to his family visit www.brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com.



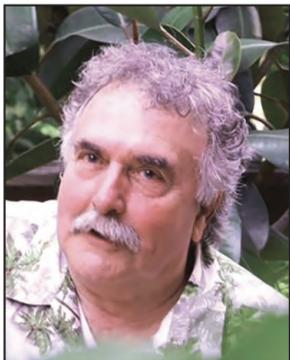
Michael A. Fernandez, 77, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Michael A. Fernandez, born in Syosset, N.Y., in 1945, passed away on July 23, 2022, after waging a short and intense battle against cancer. He is survived by his sons Michael Fernandez (Gamynne), Nathan Fernandez (Barbara), and grandchildren Sam and Jonathan; his life partner Helen Maciejewski and her daughter Kate Foley (Nick); his sister Susan Armstrong (Jeff); and beloved nieces and nephews. He is also survived by members of the Touchstone Community, his family of choice.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, Efezenio and Luisa (Quintana) Fernandez, his older sister Olivia (Libby) Pratt and her husband, Phil.

In 1967, Mike moved to Vermont from Miami, where he and other idealistic young newcomers to rural Vermont formed the Touchstone Commune. Touchstone members shared equipment, tools, and skills to build their homes and live off the land. They raised their families together and these relationships matured and endured as friends for life.

Mike was a creative and charismatic problem solver who



MICHAEL A. FERNANDEZ

loved working with a wide variety of people. He was trained as a counselor and mediator and loved working as a conflict resolution professional. He was in private practice as a counselor with the "Center for Change" in Burlington, Vt. Mike was proud to have worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in Guantanamo, Cuba, as a liaison between the military and Cuban 'Balseros,' who were detained on the island before being resettled in the U.S. He used this experience as inspiration to help develop the Community Support

Program for the Burlington Police Department and the program was replicated in several New England communities. He also co-facilitated educational groups for men convicted of domestic violence. Later, he worked for Howard Mental Health supporting young men in residential settings.

Mike balanced the demands of his work life with woodworking and home improvement projects. He also enjoyed fishing, playing golf, basketball and shooting pool. Mike was kind, funny and compassionate, quick to lend a hand whenever needed and he loved to enliven a conversation with a good story. He is loved very much by all his extended family and friends and will be deeply missed.

The family is planning a celebration of his life in the fall. We are grateful to the caregivers at the UVM Medical Center, especially the nurses in the ICU and on Baird 6. In lieu of flowers, please make a gift in memory of Mike to the UVM Medical Center at 111 Colchester Avenue, Courtyard Given North, 3rd Floor; Burlington, VT 05401. Donations will benefit nursing needs. ♦

Marlene Theresa Hoag, 83, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Marlene Theresa Hoag passed away surrounded by love and family on Aug. 7 after a long battle with Louie Body Dementia.

Marlene was born Oct. 11, 1938, in Hinesburg, the daughter of Fred and Marion (Curavoo) Alger.

She married Walter J. Hoag in Sept. 1957. She moved to the family farm in Monkton. Then in 1999, she moved to Essex, and in her final years she lived in Vergennes and Bristol.

She became a mother, housewife, farmer and film librarian at UVMCC, and she equally enjoyed each role in her life.

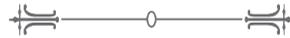
She is survived by her five children: Robin Steady (Tom Jerome), Penny Cyr, Jim and Betty Hoag, Christine Hoag, and Jason and Jennifer Lyman; 14 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; her brother Ron and (Mitch) Alger; her



MARLENE THERESA HOAG

sister Marsha Joe Blais; brothers and sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marlene was predeceased by her husband Walter and longtime companion Mark Lyman; sons-in-law James Cyr and Randy Steady;



Donna Marie Stearns, 66, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Donna Marie Stearns, age 66, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022, at her home in New Haven, Vt., surrounded by close family and friends who loved her dearly.

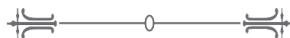
Donna was born in Burlington, Vt., on Dec. 8, 1955. She was the daughter of Andrew LaClair and Betty (maiden Baker) Shepard. In 1974, while living in Massachusetts, she began studying the Bible. One truth in particular that touched her heart was when she learned that God had a personal name, Jehovah. Donna was a diligent student of the Bible and loved teaching others about the Bible's promise of a future paradise here on earth. She was baptized Dec. 26, 1976, as one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Another highlight of Donna's life was when she married the love of her life, Gary Stearns, on April 13, 1991. Donna and Gary lived in New Haven, Vt., and loved spending time together outdoors on their property. Donna was well known



DONNA MARIE STEARNS

for her passionate love of flowers, which quickly became evident as you approached her home. As a visitor, it was rare not to receive a personal tour of her beautiful flower beds throughout the property. Donna and Gary were members of the Middlebury congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.



Larry N. Fleming, 61, of Addison

ADDISON — Larry Fleming, passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at home with his family by his side, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born April 30, 1961, in Middlebury, Vt., the son of Ned and Geraldine (Holmes) Fleming.

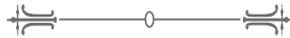
Larry grew up in Pantton and attended school in Vergennes, graduating from Vergennes Union High School. He was married in 1993 and raised two sons. He had a love of working on different types of equipment and could fix just about anything. He was a mentor to many and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a member of the Addison Fire Department and Vermont Tractor Puller's Association. He enjoyed working on pulling tractors and spent four years building his dream tractor,



LARRY N. FLEMING

Papa's Harvester. His proudest role was being a Papa, where his granddaughter was his little princess.

He is survived by his



Bonnie Browne Murray, 71, of Bridport

BRIDPORT — Bonnie Browne Murray, age 71, passed away at her home in Bridport on Aug. 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Bonnie was born Oct. 17, 1950, in Middlebury to parents Winston and Gaynor (Belski) Browne. She was a graduate of Middlebury Union High School. Bonnie married the love of her life, Ron Murray, in Bridport on March 15, 1969. Together they raised their beautiful daughter, Terri. Bonnie went to work for the Middlebury Police Department in 1971. She was the dispatcher for 50 years, retiring in 2021. Bonnie loved her job and the people with whom she worked and served.

Bonnie is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Ron; daughter Terri Keeler and son-in-law Michael; beloved granddaughter Rachel Keeler; brother Patrick Browne; brother Carroll Browne (Lori); sister-in-law Carol Thomas; and dear friend Dot Gelinias.

In lieu of flowers, Bonnie requested that donations be sent to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, PO Box 459, South Hero, VT 05486, for children who have/had cancer and their families. Also, per her request, there will be no service.

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

her brother Arland, and her parents.

Special thanks to Kasie (Bingham) and Tim O'Toole for opening their home to our family and taking great care of Marlene for the last two years. Also to Tammie Booska and Project Independence for helping me keep her in our home.

A graveside service for family will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Monkton Ridge Cemetery, with a family potluck to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bristol Rescue Squad, PO Box 227, Bristol, VT 05443; Vergennes Rescue Squad, PO Box 11, Vergennes, VT 05491; and Addison County Home Health & Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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

Donna is survived by her husband, Gary Stearns of New Haven, Vt.; a step-father, Gary Shepard and wife Danielle; a son, Robert LaPierre and wife Amaris and their two sons, Andrew and Kaden of Granville, N.Y.; a daughter, Chastity Taylor and husband Lance of Miami, Fla.; sister Deborah Walsh and husband Michael of Vergennes, Vt.; and a brother, Randy LaClair and wife Sandy of Essex Junction, Vt. She was predeceased by her father, Andrew LaClair of Winooski, Vt., and her mother, Betty Shepard of South Burlington, Vt.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m., (EST) over videoconference. Zoom login information will be provided by emailing: thetaylorjw@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to the worldwide Bible education and relief work to which Donna dedicated so much of her life at <http://www.donate.jw.org>.

wife, DeeDee; sons Nathan (Sophia) Fleming and Jordan (Ashlynn) Fleming; his beloved granddaughter, Kinley Ann; a brother, Lance (Penny) Fleming; two sisters, Lynn Finch and Lisa (Chris) Preston; several nieces and nephews; and longtime employer and brother/sister-in-law Todd (Dawn) Reed.

He was predeceased by his parents and a brother.

A casual celebration of life will take place on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m., at the Fleming Residence, 1679 Jersey Street South, Addison, VT 05491

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Addison Fire Department at 44 VT Rte 17W, Addison, VT 05491 or Vermont Tractor Puller's Association at PO Box 110 Middlebury, VT 05753. ♦



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Dyke W. Ackland, 69, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Dyke W. Ackland, 69, died July 13, 2022. He was born in Plainfield, N.J. Oct. 17, 1952, the son of Patricia and Robert Ackland.

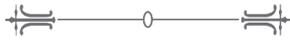
Dyke lived in Middlebury for more than 40 years. He married Nanci Ackland in 2001. He loved to travel the world and go to

concerts and festivals. His love and knowledge for music was very passionate. He enjoyed doing these things with the love of his life, Nanci Ackland. He lived a very fulfilled life.

He is survived by Nanci; her daughters, Kaitlyn and Laryssa; his brother, Robert and his wife Carrol

and their three daughters, Leigh, Gretchan and Paige, and their children. He was predeceased by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name can be made to the Turning Point Center in Middlebury or Homeward Bound, Addison County's Human Society. ♦



Charlotte Phillips celebration of life

CORNWALL — A celebration of the life of Charlotte Phillips will be held at the Cornwall Congregational Church, 2598 Route 30, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14. The Rev. Mary Woodman will officiate. Charlotte, a native of Cornwall, died on Dec. 6, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 90. She was graduated from Middlebury High School in 1949.

Interment with full military honors in Evergreen Cemetery on Route 74 will follow the service, after which an ice cream social reception will be held at the church.

Charlotte's long-time friend, Nelda Ruth Cade, who died Dec. 1, 2021, in San Antonio, will also be remembered at this service. Ruth's interment took place at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

A memorial walk will be organized by the Twin States Volkssporting Club, of which Charlotte was founder and president. Members and friends are asked to meet at the Middlebury Inn at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14, if they wish to participate. All are welcome. Club members will be there with directions and answers to any questions. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Middlebury airport plans are not based on reality

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the Master Plan currently under development for the Middlebury State airport. Let me preface this by saying that while I have been privy to some of the communications among the Middlebury Airport Neighborhood Association (MANA), they do not speak for me, nor I for them.

A little background: My husband and I bought a home at the corner of School House Hill and Burnham Drive in the spring of 2020. The runway is about 1,500 feet from our front door, so clearly anything that happens at the airport matters a great deal to us. We knew the airport was there when we moved in. In truth, it's fun to watch the little planes come and go. Helicopters rattling the night are less pleasant, but operating under the presumption that these are emergency services or military operations and being a soldier's daughter, I understand the value of preparedness and won't quibble over necessities. In short, we've had no real issues with the airport as it has been since we moved in.

Last winter, we were approached by neighbors who alerted us to new developments, including Act 250 permit applications that were filed and approved after we moved in but for which we received no notice, as well as the pending Master Plan. The neighbor gave us some background information and suggested we send our questions and comments to various agencies involved. The responses we got were unhelpful at best.

Since then, watching the master planning process unfold has given me grave concerns, both in the details and in the process itself. I went through the plan in some detail, comparing it to relevant Act 250 permits, early Master Plan documents, and FAA materials. The numbers just don't add up. I work from home where I can usually see and/or hear every single flight operation. Our home is closer than Ross Conrad's yurt, which he described at the June 30 meeting. His observation was correct that traffic at the airport is nothing like the numbers in

the current draft of the Master Plan. Indeed, the busiest summer days seldom reach anything close to what's suggested as a daily average.

As I understand it, the plan includes projections that derive from formulas that were based on estimates that have little basis in reality — past or future. There are no actual records of flight operations, based planes, parking fees, or hangar rentals, but they're convinced we need more? How about hiring an intern to count the planes? Otherwise it's just making stuff up.

Numbers in various parts of the plan never seem to agree with other sources either. When the models were questioned during the June 30 meeting — why pick this formula over that one? — one of the consultants called it a matter of "opinion." His analogy of "picking stocks" is a complete fallacy as most people would be looking for a return on their investment. The airport does not generate enough income to offset public cost, and there's no evidence that it ever will.

A fundamental change suggested in the Master Plan draft would facilitate nighttime operations. We're told the PAPI lights would only be visible to pilots, which seems dubious, and what about lights on the planes, themselves? What about the noise? Expanding the airport facilities to encourage nighttime operations is a pretty radical change, especially given the cost, the lack of documented demand, the potential impact on the neighborhood, and the fact that the airport is right next to a mountain where any visually impaired flight is fundamentally dangerous.

So who is all of this for? Why are so many public resources being poured into a facility that serves a very small number of people? Where's the cost benefit analysis? Why are taxpayers being expected to subsidize a facility that does not and probably never will cover the cost of its operation? We're told in one letter from VTrans that the airport provides dozens of jobs, and yet there are only 15 parking

spaces?

VTrans cited businesses that actually employ a small fraction of the numbers they mentioned. We're told the college and some of the local breweries "might" want to fly some dignitaries in for something, but none of those entities appear on the record as asking for any airport upgrades.

Indeed, cavalier stewardship of the aquifer would pose a very real threat to their continued operation here. In response to concerns about risk to the local water supply, we're repeatedly told, without any specifics, "that's not a problem," but when those reassurances come from the same people who used the phrase "tree trimming" to describe a clear cut that left not so much as a blade of grass standing while a one-time vernal pool at the southwest corner of Munson Rd and School House Hill is now a heap of wood chips, and who mistook underground fuel tanks for surface ones, it's a little hard to find them credible.

VTrans authorities also cited the Lemon Fair Insect Control District as an important user of the airport, yet by all reports, the Lemon Fair group ceased aerial spraying years ago. They don't even have a plane. Were they to recommence aerial spraying, it's unlikely they would ever do so at night. At best, we're looking at spending millions of tax dollars on the off chance that someday some unnamed person will, at some point, want to fly into town at night for what point and purpose no one can say. Seriously?

In a logical world, we would all recognize that, being next to a mountain, this was a poor location for an airport in the first place. It may have been fine for a few small cropdusters back in the day, but the unwarranted creeping scope of the airport is incompatible with the neighborhood that surrounds it. Given that hundreds of people live here and pay taxes to town, state, and federal governments, it seems clear that residential concerns should take precedence over a facility that costs too much and contributes very little.

Louise Prescott
Middlebury



Primary Lines

MIDDLEBURY VOTERS WAIT to cast their ballots in the Tuesday, Aug. 9 primary. Word on the street is that turn-out was good.

Independent photo/Steve James

Thanks to all those who keep roadsides mowed

I want to thank all the property owners who mow all the way to the road and especially to those who go around the corner and mow along the road. I also want to thank the road crew mowers who make the effort to mow as far into the

property as they can. The poison parsnip appears to be particularly bad this year and we are only going to beat it back by mowing it down before it goes to seed. I would also like to thank those large property owners and farmers who make

the effort to bush hog where the parsnip is growing.

Thank you again for your continued efforts.

Barbara Pelton
West Addison

The perils of grocery shopping test one's mettle

I read somewhere or perhaps someone shared this thought with me: "Shopping, for a man, is equivalent to a combat situation under hot fire!" This is why I should never go shopping. Yet, I find myself time and again, in a hot fire situation. It's not my fault that I am such a poor shopper; however, I am sure I am not the only one who, apparently, flunked Shopping 101!

There have been occasions in which exiting my car to enter Hannaford's is problematic! Opened my car door right into the cart caddy, Sacre Bleu! (Damn it!). Yes, you are right; if I parked close enough to bang my door on the cart caddy, I probably need to reposition my car in order to get out without injuring myself or causing any more stress on my car. I think some of you know exactly what I am experiencing.

For myself, there are all sorts of speed bumps associated with shopping, and I don't mean the kind of speed bumps placed in the parking lot by store management. I mean those inconveniences located inside the store that slow the shopping process and, there you go: caught in the cross hair of another "hot fire" situation!

I managed to exit my car

after repositioning it under the judgmental eyes of casual observers, and now the adventure begins. I am aware that there are all kinds of land mines just waiting for me, and you, too, for that matter.

Once I was able to wrestle a shopping cart from one of the patrons, I was on my way! The produce area was first on my list. Speaking of a list, I encountered my second speed bump: I lost the list. No way am I going to remember what's on it.

Suddenly, I realize I don't know where anything is, except the items I already listed. I'm beginning to feel dizzy. What else was on the list? Sacre bleu! I know, as a student of history that the troops prayed in the trenches. Should I be praying in Aisle 6? I am feeling a bit claustrophobic, which way to turn with people whizzing by on the left and on the right?

I ask a clerk where I would find (and my mind goes blank) the milk? He smiles then points to the dairy section immediately to my left. Oh, thank you, I sheepishly respond. Then, wheeling the shopping cart in the recommended direction the front right wheel decides to freeze; and I almost ram another cart!

That's it, I'm going home!

There are people everywhere who narrowly escaped my errant cart on my way to checkout. The checkout line was crowded and people were buying more than peanuts and beer, lots more! This is when another man got into my lane and he lamented my own thoughts: "Why am I here the day before the Fourth of July?"

The lady ahead of me was just about finished checking out when disaster struck! Her jar of pickles broke! It was as if someone called 911, as crew members from all over the store converged on the scene to take care of broken glass and scoop up pickles on the loose and the flood of pickle juice! Then, out of nowhere this young associate spoke to me saying, "Follow me and I will check you out at Customer Service."

Leaving Customer Service and navigating my way out of a very busy parking lot, I headed to Rosie's Restaurant for a much needed coffee to calm the nerves in some relative peace and quiet. Reaching for my wallet to pay the bill for my coffee, I found my shopping list! I'm not going back, Sacre bleu!

Tom Pinsonneault
Orwell

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Amalia Herren-Lage of Shoreham was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2022. This

is a distinction earned by students whose grade point average is 3.92 or higher.

Herren-Lage, the daughter of David D. Herren and Ana M. Martinez-Lage, is a 2017 graduate of Middlebury Union High School. She is a senior at Bates majoring in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Ali Seaton of Weybridge has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at St. Olaf's College in Northfield, Minn. Seaton, who is majoring in Psychology, is the daughter of Michael Seaton and Elizabeth McCracken.

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Middlebury Regional EMS is offering you the opportunity to come to an open house to see our facilities and trucks and meet representatives from your local EMS agencies available to answer questions. This event is on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30am-11:30am.

August 27-28, 2022 - Vermont Emergency First Responder Course

If you have been searching for your opportunity to become certified, sign up for one or both of our EMS classes this year! A 2-day Vermont Emergency First Responder Course is being offered on August 27th and 28th to certify participants in CPR, First-Aid, and AED practices. Upon successful completion of this introduction to EMS class, participants will be able to volunteer with their local agencies to provide basic level EMS services in their community. Email Kirk at kgallipo@middleburyems.com to sign up for the class by August 22nd.

October 20, 2022 - EMT Course

An EMT Course will be offered on October 20th at Middlebury Regional EMS. The deadline to sign up for the EMT Course is October 10th, email fallentclass@middleburyems.com with questions or for an application.

If you are unable to attend the open house or classes but are interested in becoming involved in your community please contact your local EMS agency below. Limited tuition

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PETE LOSSMAN HAS been a member of the Vermont Trappers' Association for 35 years, and he is currently the secretary. He brought some furs of Vermont wild game to Addison County Fair and Field Days to educate Addison County residents.

Independent photo/Katie Futterman

Vermont Trappers' Association

The furriest table at the fair

By KATIE FUTTERMAN

VERGENNES — The Vermont Trappers' Association brought its finest furs to the county fair this week. Though some were for sale, the main goal was education, according to Pete Lossman, secretary of the association.

"We have so many people who are removed from nature, basically, and they come through here and they have no idea what this stuff is. Or they come through and they say, 'oh, I saw something run across the road,' and by process of elimination we can show them what it probably was," he said.

The table displayed a wide-range of fur-bearers, all of which were native to Vermont. The eyes of such animals poked out on the ends, seemingly making eye contact with everyone who walked by.

Lossman, who resides in Bristol, has been a member of the association for 35 years. The group describes itself as a "sports

group," and is one of the strongest in the state when it comes to numbers, with more than 600 members.

Of course, not everyone is a fan of trapping. But Lossman is adamant about its benefits.

"The benefits of trapping are kind of far-reaching. There's population control, there's damage control," he said.

The association's website also publishes information about the perceived benefits of trapping.

"Traps are simply needed in North America to protect, maintain and restore appropriate balances between the needs of wildlife and man," reads their website.

There is also helpful regulation, such as the licensing of trappers, establishing harvest seasons and rules on the use of trap varieties and trapping methods. This regulated trapping helps create a balanced and healthy environment, advocates said. Without it, threatened and endangered species protected from

excessive predation by trapping programs would become extinct, all according to the website.

Then, of course, there is the edible component.

"If you like roast beef, you're gonna love beaver," he promised.

People can also eat raccoons, and bobcats have an "amazing, sweet flavor," according to Lossman.

Thus, nothing is wasted in the production of a wild fur garment, whereas synthetic materials exhaust non-renewable resources, according to the association's website.

The fur market at the moment is a bit depressed, Lossman said, but in general, people can sell furs — which, of course, is how trapping first started with beavers, many moons ago.

Whether you need a new fur coat for Vermont's cold winter or a food idea, the Vermont Trappers' Association's table is a potential stop at the fair.



OLIVIA WOLFORD, FROM Kansas, is a senior at UVM studying studio art and computer science. She does face painting for children's birthday parties, at fairs and for private events upon request.

Face painter shows skills at the fair

By WILLIAM REED

VERGENNES — Olivia Welford, also known as The Face Paint Girl, brought her paints, brushes and mid-western charm to the Addison County Fair and Field Days.

For low prices and not too long of a time, Welford offers both simple and elaborate face painting, transforming faces from their natural form to fairies, animals, or abstract designs for any and all ages.

"I really got into face painting when I was 11 years old," Welford said. "There was a farmers' market across the street from my home. I decided to go and give it a try, just for fun."

That was 12 years ago, almost to the day.

Since then, Welford has delved deeper into the art of face painting, and has loved it every step of the way, even enough to create a business out of it.

Welford is originally from

southern rural Kansas and has since made her way to the east coast, bringing her paints and ideas with her.

"I used to live in Kansas where I'd do lots of carnivals, craft fairs and birthday parties there at home," she said.

Welford paints the faces of people aged 4 through 90. No matter the age, Welford is ready to take on a challenge.

Face painting is no easy feat. The blending of the colors accompanied by intricate detail and image craft makes children and adult paintees walking masterpieces. Welford works from a very basic kit, she has more than enough supplies to generate embellished faces for hours out of a kit she can carry and set up swiftly.

Since the medium for face painting is, well, a face, painting faces can be more of a challenge—especially when the face in question is a wiggly 5-year-old.

Welford is a rising senior at UVM, double majoring in studio art and computer science. Her interest in hand art is everlasting, and she "does lots of art on the side" both at UVM and outside of school.

"I do birthday parties; I like doing private events. I'm always looking for more stuff to do," Welford said. "Usually parents ask me, when they see me at events, if they can get my card or my phone number. That's the simplest way I put myself out there."

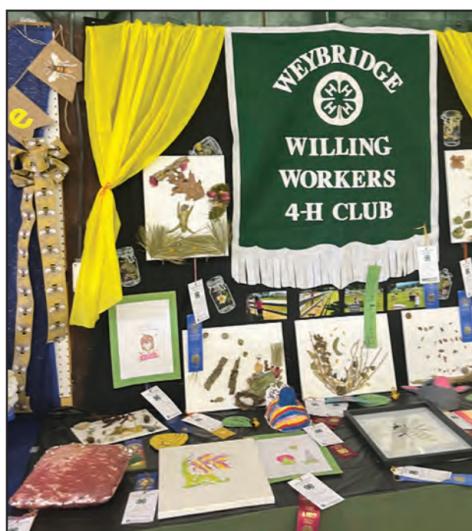
Welford will be painting faces at the Addison County Fair every day and will be at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland from Aug. 16 - 20 painting faces there.

To contact Welford for face painting or view some of her art, you can email her at drwelford134@gmail.com, or view her website <https://drwelford134.wixsite.com/dorothywelfordartist/home>.



WHILE SHOWING LIVESTOCK is a high-profile activity for 4-H kids at Addison County Fair and Field Days, members of the various Addison County clubs present all kinds of projects including a poster about making homemade pasta (left) and a display on plants and seeds.

Independent photos/Katie Futterman



4-H kids display art and more at fair

By KATIE FUTTERMAN

VERGENNES — The 4-H clubs of Addison County exhibited their projects of the past year at the Youth Hall at the County Fair this week, and they are impressive to behold.

Among the exhibiting clubs is the oldest one in the county, the Weybridge Willing Workers 4-H Club, chartered in 1920. Louise Bowdish, a co-organization leader of the club, also serves as superintendent of the building in which the 4-H clubs displayed their work.

The work, just like the 4-H clubs, explored a wide range of realms. Of course, much of it was animal focused. There was a poster on the world of foxes, how a chick hatches, bee education, sheep shearing and paintings of cows. As viewers walked through plants growing from every direction, they

could also see other sights, such as a homemade pasta poster and miniature farm replicas.

"Whatever a child is interested in, we will fit it into a project," said Bowdish.

Bowdish was in charge of finding willing volunteers to judge such crafts on a blue, red and yellow ribbon basis, a process that can take up to four hours. Although the "clover buds," ages five to seven, participate in the activities, they aren't judged as harshly and are awarded only a rainbow participation ribbon. However, the older kids have the opportunity to move on to the regional and even national level, where they can

be awarded trips, according to Bowdish.

The 4-H clubs are run through the UVM extension networks as summer programs or school-led and full-year programs. Children run the meetings and elect their own leaders, according to Bowdish. Many parents help and volunteer.

Bowdish listed almost every activity one can think of. 4-H clubs cover everything from engineering and other STEM programs to gardening, foods, crafts, sewing, textiles, computerized programming, robotics, photography and more.

Look out for their excellent work at the fair!



THE 4-H PROGRAMS in Addison County include crafts as well as farming education. The project below combines the two in the form of a farm replica that was displayed at the youth hall at the fair this week.

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Field Days

FROM 4-H EVENTS to midway rides, fun was had by local youths at this year's Addison County Fair and Field Days. Pictured clockwise from above are Abby Reen at a 4-H confirmation class event; Camille Sears of Monkton on Stilts; fairgoers flying over the fairgrounds on The Cobra; Sarah Hill of Bristol leading her show cow out of the show ring; Sophia Rouleau and her calf; New Haven sisters Karissa (left) and Brailey Livingston; Connelly Leggett of Monkton (front) and Sears meet a donkey; and Bridport's Sophia Stocker (left) and Desiree Plouffe found some balloons. The fair continues through Saturday.



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Tarry Ho's mini horses bring big smiles to Field Days

By MARIN HOWELL
 ADDISON COUNTY — If you stop by the Sara McCarty Children's Barn at Addison County Fair and Field Days, you're guaranteed to run into Jim and Barbra Amblo, as well as their team of miniature horses named after Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The couple, who owns Tarry Ho Miniature Horses in Charlotte, have become familiar faces at the Children's Barn, a part of the fair which Barbra's sister, in honor of whom the Children's Barn is named, advocated for in the 1980s.

"She fought and fought and fought for this building, and eventually they decided to build it," Jim said. "She made me promise that I would do what I could to keep this thing running."

Since then, Barbra and Jim have been an intrinsic part of the Children's Barn. They used to bring chickens to show at Field Days, though Jim said they ultimately moved into the horse driving business they're known for now.

"We did the chickens for a while, and then one time we were down watching the draft horse show," Jim said. "The class came out of eight-horse hitches, I mean it was really something to see."

The winner of that class got \$500, and with that number in mind the couple decided to switch from showing chickens to driving a hitch of miniature horses.

Barbra started out driving a pair, which quickly expanded to a hitch of four horses. Jim then came across the Budweiser Hitch, a bright red Studebaker wagon with ten horses, and the former builder was so inspired that he built the couple's bright red Mini Budweiser Hitch Wagon. Unlike the Budweiser



JIM AND BARBRA Amblo's miniature horses are a familiar part of the Sara McCarty Children's Barn at Addison County Fair and Field Days. Each year, the couple brings their hitch of miniature horses to Field Days to educate and entertain the kids that wander into the barn.

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Hitch, the couple's hitch consists of eight miniature horses.

Jim and Barbra, 87 and 84-years-old respectively, have been running the operation largely by themselves since they got into horse driving. Jim said the couple had no idea the

venture would turn into what it did.

"This is a hobby that started has a hobby and turned into more than we ever dreamed it would," Jim said.

Now each year, Jim and Barbra bring their horses out to Addison

County Fair and Field Days and the Champlain Valley Fair. They've become a familiar part of the Children's Barn at Field Days, sitting in the barn each day to educate anyone interested about their work with the horses and to

chat with the new and familiar faces that wander into the barn. They also give a miniature horse team hitching demonstration each evening in the children's barnyard. For them, the best part of all their work with the fair is educating and

entertaining the kids and they're happy to get the chance to do that each year.

"The best part is the children," Jim said. "If a child goes out of that door crying, we've not done our job."



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City police look into cases of human trafficking

VERGENNES — Vergennes police dealt with a couple of cases over the past two weeks that demonstrated that human trafficking touches even places as remote as Addison County, Vt.

In the first incident, on July 28 Vergennes police were asked to assist state officials in finding a missing woman. She was from outside the county but state authorities had reason to think she may have gone through the Little City. Police ultimately tracked her down in Connecticut and suspect hers was a case of human trafficking.

Then on Aug. 6 city police helped out Vermont State Police with an incident in Ferrisburgh where two women were flagging down cars on Route 7 and calling for help. Apparently they were on their way back from Philadelphia to Burlington when they were kicked out of the car they were riding in. Authorities were concerned that human trafficking and drug use could be involved in the incident. Police called the rescue squad to help care for the women.

"Human trafficking is a real thing, and people don't realize it is happening, it's going right through our towns in Vermont," said Vergennes Police Chief George Merkel.

Vergennes Police Log

Also between July 25 and Aug. 7, Vergennes police conducted 11 directed patrols and three foot patrols as well as made 13 traffic stops. Twice during the fortnight Chief Merkel spoke with a state committee that is developing a regionalized dispatching plan.

During the period, Vergennes officers:

- On July 25 looked into a report in the Booth Woods area that someone kept turning off a game camera and a suspected bullet hole was found in a shed. With lack of any solid evidence of a trespasser, police said they would keep an eye on the area.
- On July 26 logged a report that a car had run into a parked vehicle on School Street and caused minor damage.
- On July 27 responded to a report at Valley Vista rehabilitation center on Alden Place that a new client there was banging windows and threatening staff. The person agreed to be taken to Porter Hospital for evaluation.
- On July 27 checked out an alarm at the credit union and found

the building secure.

- On July 27 checked the welfare of a local resident. An emergency care provider who was directed to the residence told police that they found the car belonging to the person in the driveway but no one would answer the door. Police contacted the person who was sought and was told that they just hadn't heard the knock on the door; they were fine.
- On July 29 intervened in a dispute between two New Haven Road neighbors over their property line. Police issued no trespass orders to both parties.
- On July 29 investigated a dispute between two Main Street residents. Police spoke with both sides about their grievances about the other and said the case is still under investigation.
- On Aug. 1 dealt with a two-car collision on South Water Street that resulted in minor damage to the cars and no injuries.
- On Aug. 1 heard a report from Thomas Circle that a man was suspected to have tried to break into a car; police are following up with the suspect.
- On Aug. 1 received a report of a sexual assault at Northlands Job Corps; the incident is under investigation.
- On Aug. 1 fielded a complaint from a Church Street resident that

a man was stalking them; this too is under investigation.

- On Aug. 1 responded to a report that an elderly man was not feeling well and not able to drive; police had Vergennes Area Rescue Squad take him to Porter Hospital.
- On Aug. 2 on behalf of Vermont State Police looked into report that two men in a truck were fighting and doing drugs. When Vergennes police arrived they found no signs of either a fight or drug use.
- On Aug. 2 attempted to contact the owner of a debit card found on Main Street but were unable to locate him. Police said they would continue to look for the card owner.
- On Aug. 5 assisted VARS with an older man who passed out at a Main Street business. It appeared to be a case of low blood sugar, the man ate some food and, after police assured themselves that he was OK, the man drove away under his own power.
- On Aug. 5 looked into a complaint of a suspicious person on South Maple Street but couldn't find them.
- On Aug. 1 assisted state police locate a vehicle that had been involved in a crash. Vergennes police found the vehicle, took photos of the damage to the vehicle and forwarded the images to the trooper.
- On Aug. 6 were told by a Thomas Circle resident that they had been threatened over Facebook Messenger. The threat came after the resident had posted a report on Facebook about a specifically named person attempting to enter his car — that person allegedly levied the threat. Police said they had no proof and issued no trespass orders.
- On Aug. 6 logged a report that a dog was locked in car on Main Street in 85-degree weather at 9 p.m. The officer told the driver of the car to take the dog out of the vehicle.
- On Aug. 7 investigated a report that a woman from Valley Vista was walking topless on Maple Street in the middle of the afternoon. The officer offered to give her a ride back to the rehab center but she declined and walked back on her own, with the officer making sure she returned there directly.

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Open Farm Week marks eighth year

MONTPELIER — For the eighth consecutive year, farmers across Vermont opened their barn doors and garden gates to welcome the public for a behind-the-scenes look at Vermont’s vibrant working landscapes. Vermont Open Farm Week 2022 takes place from Sunday, Aug. 7, through Sunday, Aug. 14, and features over 105 events at over 53 farms across the state. Events are live and sorted by day and location on DigInVT.com.

Open Farm Week is a celebration of Vermont farms offering visitors a backstage pass to learn more about local food origins, authentic agritourism experiences, and the chance to build relationships with local farmers. Farm visitors experienced maple and honey

tastings, kids yoga on the farm, ice cream socials, behind-the-scenes tours, on-farm dinners, 5k races, pie contests and much more.

Each Open Farm Week event is created by a farmer and focused on highlighting the unique character of the host farm.

Addison County farms participating this year included:

- Ice Cream Social at Bread Loaf View Farm in Cornwall: Sunday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Farm Tour at Champlain Valley Hops in Starksboro, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2-3 p.m.
- Garlic Braiding Workshop at Last Resort Farm in Monkton, Thursday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m.-noon.

For those willing to go a bit further afield, DigInVT.com has a

list of events for the remainder of the week.

“Open Farm week is Vermont at its finest. Visitors get an authentic experience while touring and talking with farmers and producers,” said Vermont Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts. “These visits highlight how our food is produced and how farmers care for their animals and land.”

Open Farm Week events are now live online. Many events are free and some require pre-registration. Not all farms are open every day, so be sure to visit DigInVT.com to explore the diverse event schedule and plan a visit. Everyone is invited to join the Open Farm Week conversation on social media using the hashtag #VTOpenFarm.

State seeks water monitoring volunteers

MONTPELIER — This summer, the Vermont Lakes and Ponds Program is seeking volunteers to help monitor and collect information about lakes and ponds in the state. With over 800 lakes and ponds, volunteers are key to the success of the program’s lake monitoring efforts. Volunteers can be found statewide greeting lake visitors, inspecting boats, collecting water samples, tracking algal or cyanobacteria blooms, reporting aquatic invasive species, and more.

“State scientists use the information volunteers collect to understand the health of Vermont’s lakes and ponds,” said Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner John Beling. “Thanks to our dedicated and hardworking volunteers, we can better protect the many benefits of these special places.”

The Lakes and Pond Program hosts a few programs for volunteers to get involved with:

- **Lay Monitoring Program** (bit.ly/VT-Lay-Monitoring) — Volunteers use boats to collect water samples every week in the summer. Information collected has helped state scientists track water quality

trends since 1979. Volunteers also teach lakeshore homeowners and visitors about healthy lakes and how to help. To learn more or volunteer, contact Mark Mitchell at 802-490-6126 or Mark.Mitchell@partner.vermont.gov.

- **Vermont Invasive Patrollers Program** and **Vermont Invasive Patrollers for Animals Program** (bit.ly/VT-VIP-Program) and (bit.ly/VT-VIPA-Program) — Volunteers learn how to identify aquatic invasive species, such as zebra mussels and water chestnut, and then choose a lake to monitor each year for aquatic invasive species. Tracking aquatic invasive species is key because these organisms can harm the environment, economy, and even human health. To learn more, volunteer, or host a workshop, contact Carly Alpert at Carly.Alpert@partner.vermont.gov or Kimberly Jensen at 802-490-6120 or Kimberly.Jensen@vermont.gov.
- **Public Access Greeter Program** (bit.ly/VT-Public-Access-Greeter) — Volunteers help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species by offering to inspect boats and watercraft at no cost. Volunteers

have educated lake visitors about aquatic invasive species at public boat launches since 2002. To start a greeter program, host a workshop, or learn more, contact Kim Jensen at Kimberly.Jensen@vermont.gov or 802-490-6120.

- **Cyanobacteria Monitoring Program** (bit.ly/VT-Cyanobacteria-Monitor) — Volunteers are trained to assess lake conditions and monitor for harmful algal or cyanobacteria blooms. • **Cyanobacteria** (bit.ly/VT-Cyanobacteria), also known as blue-green algae, are naturally found in fresh water in the U.S. and throughout Vermont. Under the right conditions, cyanobacteria can quickly multiply to create dense surface scums, mats, or layers known as blooms, especially in warm weather. To learn more or volunteer, contact Peter Isles at Peter.Isles@vermont.gov or 802-490-6130.

For general information, interested parties are welcome to visit the volunteer webpage (bit.ly/Lakes-Volunteers). If Peter Isles is not available, contact Mark Mitchell at 802-490-6126 or Mark.Mitchell@partner.vermont.gov.

ADDISON COUNTY School Briefs

Five local students completed their studies at Champlain College in Burlington this spring. They include: **Gillianne Ross**, Bristol, B.S., Professional Writing; **Jamie Goulding**, Middlebury, B.S., Computer Information

Systems; **Christina Brooker**, Panton, M.B.A.; **Ronald Bragg**, Vergennes, B.S., Business Management; and **Jennifer Gernander**, Vergennes, M.Ed., Early Childhood Education. Congratulations to all.

Blueberries: Summer Treasures

By Meghan McCarthy McPhaul
Among summer’s many sweet offerings are wild berries. And among these, blueberries are my favorite. Years ago, I took to carrying large, empty yogurt containers in my car — and smaller vessels in my backpack — so I would have something to fill should I pass a good berry patch. My children became used to my meandering travels along back roads and woods trails as I foraged opportunistically.

Ruffed grouse also consume flower buds during the winter. The berries I find in my forays — in roadside fields and along mountain hiking trails — are likely *Vaccinium augustifolium* or *Vaccinium myrtilloides*, both lowbush blueberry varieties common in New Hampshire. Regardless of species, the appeal of these berries lies mainly in their sweetness — typically sweeter than the cultivated, store-bought varieties. That is due to the foraged berries’ smaller size — from one-tenth to four-tenths of an inch in diameter — which affects both sugar concentration and the level of health-boosting antioxidants in these wild treasures.

of *V. augustifolium* by the U.S. Forest Service, robins and bears, especially, effectively disperse blueberry seeds over long distances in New England, and smaller mammals disperse seeds more locally.

The plants may also spread by rhizomes. These underground stems can expand into mats stretching many feet in size, and this growth characteristic allows lowbush blueberries to thrive in shallow soils. Wild blueberries prefer open, sunny areas and grow in a variety of habitat types, including mixed conifer and hardwood forests, upland bogs, sandy areas, and exposed rocky outcrops.

The Outside Story

During one picking spree, the kids and I heard rustling just downhill from where we were bent over the bushes, plucking berries and dropping them, a-la the children’s book “Blueberries for Sal” — kaplink, kaplank, kaplunk — into our buckets. I looked up to see the rump of a black bear not 30 yards away. That was a bit too reminiscent of Little Sal and her mother encountering mama bear and her cub in Robert McCloskey’s 1948 classic! We quickly retreated to the car, leaving the berry-munching bruin to that particular patch.

According to Arthur Haines, senior research biologist for the Native Plant Trust, 10 species of wild blueberries grow in New England. All but three of these are low-bush varieties, with the bushes typically growing somewhere between a few inches and a couple of feet in height. Of course, it’s not only humans and bears that eat wild blueberries; they provide food for a variety of wildlife throughout the year.

I am always happy to find them — whether in clumps of bushes along rocky paths near mountain summits, hidden amid the unruly growth of our fields, or in the roadside patches I’ve discovered over the years and return to each summer. There, I crouch down in the sun and pluck small, indigo-hued orbs from low-growing plants — some to eat now, some to store away for winter. Kaplink, kaplank, kaplunk. Into the bucket they go.

Those antioxidants include polyphenols, flavanols, and hydroxycinnamic acids, according to an entry in the first volume of Haines’ book series, “Ancestral Plants.” As outlined by Haines, the health benefits of eating wild blueberries range from helping to prevent heart disease, stroke, and age-related mental decline to fighting cancerous tumors and promoting improved night vision.

It seems unlikely that wildlife consider these benefits as they nosh in summer fields, but the animals that consume the berries help to propagate them. Despite their diminutive size, wild blueberries contain roughly 60 seeds per berry. According to a species overview

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Primary vote

THE RECREATION CENTER gym in Middlebury sees a brisk business of voters on Tuesday as a large number of residents come in to cast ballots in the Republican, Progressive and Democratic primaries. Andrew L'Roe, right, brought his 1-year-old son, Simon, to experience the democratic process. Below is a chart of how each Addison County town voted in some of the most high-profile statewide elections.

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	U. S. House (Dem.)			U. S. Semate (GOP)			Lt. Governor (Dem.)			
	Beca Balint	Molly Gray	Louis Myers	Gerald Malloy	Myers Mermel	Christina Nolan	Charlie Kimball	Patricia Preston	Kitty Toll	David Zuckerman
Addison	77	98	3	54	19	61	9	20	77	74
Bridport	86	76	3	70	25	45	9	19	70	63
Bristol	474	225	14	81	27	79	29	47	306	332
Cornwall	230	126	2	28	5	16	36	34	109	169
Ferrisburgh	313	220	8	58	33	82	33	52	218	232
Goshen	34	12	2	10	5	6	4	2	15	29
Granville	26	27	0	1	1	0	0	5	16	29
Hancock	32	15	0	2	3	13	1	4	17	25
Leicester	50	65	2	22	9	23	6	8	46	57
Lincoln	248	115	5	21	7	30	33	17	130	172
Middlebury	940	537	18	93	42	103	142	114	614	648
Monkton	272	169	5	56	31	46	22	30	170	214
New Haven	216	146	1	66	29	65	0	24	138	154
Orwell	100	72	2	51	23	29	13	7	77	71
Panton	65	42	2	21	7	27	0	4	48	49
Ripton	118	68	2	10	2	4	0	16	59	90
Salisbury	79	75	0	17	8	12	12	10	56	70
Shoreham	78	107	3	26	18	19	8	20	67	90
Starksboro	198	111	6	49	18	47	9	16	119	168
Vergennes	287	144	5	42	55	21	10	27	202	189
Waltham	56	35	0	4	22	6	10	8	34	40
Weybridge	180	81	0	12	7	17	6	25	90	127
Whiting	23	30	0	12	7	13	3	7	26	20
Total	4182	2596	83	806	403	764	395	516	2704	3112

Police respond to a three-car accident

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police dealt with a three-car crash on Route 7 that sent two people to the hospital, but resulted in only one minor injury on Aug. 3.

At around 5 p.m. that day troopers from the New Haven barracks responded to the crash on Route 7 north of its intersection with Middlebrook Road in Ferrisburgh. Police report a 2010 Subaru Legacy driven by a 16-year-old was stopped in the southbound lane, and a 2003 VW Golf was stopped behind the Subaru. A southbound 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Patricia Jannene, 66, of Cornwall came up behind the Golf and was unable to stop in time, police said. The Jeep struck the Golf, which then struck the Subaru.

Jannene was taken to Porter Hospital for treatment of suspected minor injuries; the driver of the Golf was also taken to the hospital as a precaution. The Jeep sustained front-end damage; the other two cars were judged to be total losses. Police said they would issue Jannene a traffic ticket for following too closely.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by members of the Ferrisburgh Fire Department and Vergennes Area Rescue Squad.

In other recent activity, Vermont State Police:

- On Aug. 1, responded to a different crash involving three cars, though only one of them was being driven at the time. State police report that at around 9:35 p.m., Margaret Roddy, 54, of Waltham, was driving a 2016 Subaru Forrester northbound on Route 7 when she suffered a medical event. Roddy's car left the road and struck a Subaru Impreza and Chevy pickup parked in the driveway of a home at the

Vt. State Police Log

intersection of Route 7 and Lime Kiln Road. Roddy's car then struck the home owned by Jacob Davis.

No injuries were reported as a result of the crash, but Roddy was taken to Porter Medical Center as a precaution, according to police.

- On Aug. 2, reported that a car stolen from Bristol had been located. The green Toyota Highlander had been reported stolen from the pull-off at Bartlett Falls in Bristol. On Aug. 1 at around 9:30 p.m., Burlington police found the SUV abandoned on Drew Street in Burlington. Police continue to investigate the theft and ask anyone with information on the crime to contact the New Haven barracks at 802-399-4919.

- On Aug. 2 at 7:23 p.m., got a report of a family disturbance on Lake Dunmore Road in Salisbury. Police said their investigation indicated Kim Schroeder, 61, of Salisbury had caused bodily injury to a family member. Police cited Schroeder for domestic assault.

- On Aug. 3 at around 11:30 p.m., stopped a vehicle on Cross Street in Middlebury for an alleged traffic infraction. Police cited Andrew Cousino, 39, of Bristol for driving under the influence.

- On Aug. 4, issued a citation as a result of investigation of an incident this past winter. On Feb. 28, Vermont State Police were notified of a suspected cruelty case involving a juvenile. Troopers initiated an investigation and cited Carrie Putnam, 37, of Ferrisburgh for cruelty to a child and furnishing or enabling consumption of alcohol by a minor.

ADDISON COUNTY

Business News

Langrock named ABA treasurer

CHICAGO — Frank H. "Fritz" Langrock, a partner at Langrock Sperry & Wool LLP in Middlebury, on Aug. 9 became treasurer-elect of the American Bar Association at the conclusion of the 2022 ABA Annual Meeting.

Following his one-year term as treasurer-elect, Langrock will become ABA treasurer in August 2023, serving a three-year term as one of five officers on the ABA's national Board of Governors.

A lawyer for more than 30 years, Langrock's practice focuses on litigation and mediation. He has a substantial history of service to the ABA for the past 15 years, serving as Vermont's state delegate to the ABA House of Delegates from 2008-2016, including a term as chair of the House Technology and Communications Committee.



FRITZ LANGROCK

He served on the ABA Board of Governors from 2017-2020 as the representative from District 1, comprising Vermont, Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. He also served on the Board Finance Committee for three years and chaired the Subcommittee on Investments for two years.

Langrock has also served on the Council for the ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division, and is currently chair of the ABA Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, which focuses on access to legal services for those of modest means. He is a life fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and the current Vermont Fellows chair.

Outside of the ABA, Langrock is a member of the Vermont Bar Foundation, currently serving as co-chair of its Access to Justice campaign.

A Ferrisburgh resident, Langrock received his J.D. from UCLA School of Law in 1988 and his B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1985.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Emily E. Rooney and Zeke J. Palmer, both of Vergennes, have been named to the spring 2022 dean's list at Clark University.

Palmer was named to second honors. Rooney was named to first honors.

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Elmore

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 law enforcement activities following his June 28 arraignment in Vermont Superior Court on felony sexual assault charges. Newton has pleaded not guilty to those charges and had previously announced he wouldn't seek a second, four-year term as sheriff. Elmore, 27, was pleased with Tuesday's results. He topped Holmes — a former ACSD deputy who spent more than two decades with the department — in 19 of Addison County's 23 towns. Holmes won by narrow margins in Goshen, Granville, Hancock and Leicester.

"It's super exciting... and I'm looking forward to November, when I'm hoping to get similar results," he said Wednesday morning.

Elmore was born and raised in Middlebury and is a 2014 graduate of Middlebury Union High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Bob Jones University in South Carolina and began working for the ACSD in 2017. He established himself as Newton's top assistant.

The ACSD contracts with a variety of local, state and federal agencies to provide services that include fingerprinting, traffic enforcement for 14 Addison

County towns, illegal dumping investigations for the Addison County Solid Waste Management District, security for the Frank Mahady Courthouse, providing a safety presence at construction sites and escorting oversized vehicles along local roads.

During his campaign, Elmore has emphasized restoring public confidence in the ACSD through good job performance and returning the department to its core services: Keeping the community and its roads safe. His boss, Newton, had sought to expand the ACSD's functions to include such things as mental health counseling, court diversion and 24/7 coverage by deputies.

Elmore believes his message and performance registered with voters.

"I've been working in the community a few years now and I think people recognize I want to help and that I'm already a leader with the department," he said.

This was Holmes's second bid for sheriff. He competed for the job in 2018, ultimately losing to Newton, 2,948-1,423, in a Democratic primary.

He told the *Independent* in a previous interview that he made his decision to run again even before Newton found himself embroiled



MIKE ELMORE

in his current legal problems. He said voices encouraging him to take another shot at the office got louder after Newton was arraigned.

Like Elmore, he campaigned this year on a platform of rededicating the ACSD to its core law enforcement services, but also voiced support for reopening the county jail that once operated in the sheriff's department headquarters off Court Street.

Holmes, 67, now works as a full-time security officer with the University of Vermont Medical Center.

John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

	Addison County State's Attorney		Addison County Sheriff	
	Tim Lueders-Dumont	Eva Vekos	Michael Elmore	Ron Holmes
Addison	58	66	93	17
Bridport	34	75	94	31
Bristol	402	277	109	71
Cornwall	93	153	29	24
Ferrisburgh	149	199	90	54
Goshen	9	19	6	14
Granville	5	30	1	3
Hancock	14	24	7	10
Leicester	26	42	16	32
Lincoln	271	47	46	16
Middlebury	385	813	169	90
Monkton	164	127	87	32
New Haven	132	158	92	51
Orwell	36	70	58	38
Panton	40	36	32	16
Ripton	55	77	10	8
Salisbury	43	68	20	18
Shoreham	64	84	41	20
Starksboro	141	83	67	30
Vergennes	157	161	67	41
Waltham	36	36	17	10
Weybridge	58	158	30	6
Whiting	16	20	18	14
Total	2388	2823	1199	646

Vekos

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 Middlebury independent — in the Nov. 8 General Election.

The county's top prosecutor job has remained vacant since May, when incumbent State's Attorney Dennis Wygmans stepped down to take a different job.

It was a primary election that saw Vekos campaign on her considerable prior experience as a trial attorney, public defender and ad hoc appellate counsel in various jobs in the New York and Massachusetts court systems. She moved to Vermont in 2015.

Vekos prevailed on Tuesday in 17 of Addison County's 23 towns, only losing to Lueders-Dumont in Waltham, Panton and in the Mount Abraham Unified School District communities of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro, where he and his family (his parents are also both lawyers) continue to be well-known.

"I'm really astounded and grateful for all the hard work people did to help me get the message out," Vekos said of her win.

She added she was pleased to have performed well in spite of having been substantially outspent by Lueders-Dumont invested in his campaign (see related story in this edition). She's saved resources and will have a chance to gather more donations leading up to Nov. 8.

"We operated this campaign on a very low budget — another thing I'm really proud of, to be able to do it in a way that was a little more eco-friendly and more friendly toward people who are strapped for money these days," she said.

Vekos plans to emphasize the same campaign priorities in the next phase of campaigning as she did for primary contest: Her experience as a litigator and defender, and her willingness to look outside of the box in her prosecution and crime-prevention strategies.

During an earlier interview with the *Independent*, she stressed such priorities as creating a driving



EVA VEKOS

under the influence diversion program and trimming the state's attorney's office's large caseload by triaging the less severe criminal cases to court diversion in order to more effectively prosecute the more serious cases.

"I'm going to really push that my policy would be a little more even-handed, a little more level-headed, in terms of introducing things that I know as a defense attorney that a typical prosecutor doesn't know or have in his toolbox," she said.

Lueders-Dumont, a 31-year-old Washington County deputy state's attorney, congratulated his opponent on her win and said he takes solace in the fact that he, using a sports metaphor, "left it all out there." In addition to spending ample resources in getting his message out, Lueders-Dumont conducted door-to-door visits with many constituents.

He was particularly pleased with his election performance in Bristol's 5-Town area, but acknowledged he wasn't strong enough in other parts

of the county. Asked if he believed he might have lost some votes due to his current Montpelier address, Lueders-Dumont wouldn't use it as an excuse, saying he hoped that in 2022, it shouldn't matter to voters where a candidate was born, lives, or works, as long as they can do the job well.

On the other hand, according to Lueders-Dumont, state's attorney candidates this year had a tougher row to hoe due to their contest being on the backside of the Aug. 9 Democratic primary ballot. As a result, the race drew more blanks than others as a result of voters simply failing to check the flip-side of their paper ballot.

Lueders-Dumont will return to his job as a Washington County prosecutor knowing he gave his best shot at becoming Addison County's top prosecutor.

"What I'm proud of is that I brought up issues that weren't being discussed in the county where I was born and raised," he said.

Conlon

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 optimistic about Conlon and the result of the election.

"I'm so thankful that we could run a positive, clean race between two good people trying to accomplish basically the same things with a slightly different path," she said. "I'm also really buoyed by all of the support I received this summer from so many people, I'm really grateful for that."

Since there are no other declared candidates in the running, Conlon is pretty much guaranteed to win the seat in the Nov. 8 General Election. So far, no Republicans, Independents or minor party candidates have surfaced to run in the General Election.

Conlon, a Cornwall resident first elected to this seat in 2016, has experienced a lot during his six years representing Addison-2.

"I certainly look forward to representing all of the residents

of the Addison-2 district moving forward and will hopefully return for another two years in the legislature," he said.

As an incumbent with six years seniority, Conlon is in a great position to be named chair of the House Education Committee upon his re-election, a committee that has been a primary focus as of late. The current chair of that panel — Rep. Kate Webb, D-Shelburne — is stepping down this year, and Conlon is a potential replacement.

Conlon said in a recent interview with the *Independent* that his work on H.727 — a bill that updates how union school districts are formed and how communities can withdraw from

them — proves his support of local control by communities pursuing educational independence.

Looking at state policy as a whole, Conlon said the Legislature needs to make more progress on climate change solutions, improve the state's childcare system, and create more affordable housing opportunities.

"It's hard to say whether or not the General Election is a clear picture yet," Conlon said. "But I think it's fair to say that I continue to be out there listening and want to continue to hear from folks as to the issues that are most pressing to them as we move towards November, and hopefully at the start of the next session in 2023."

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— Peter Conlon

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SHARON ROSS AND Randy, known on their business cards as “Pig Mama” and “Boss Hog,” love their work running Robinson’s Racing Pigs at fairs around the country. Proprietors of the business for nearly four decades, they are a staple at Addison County Fair and Field Days. Independent photo/Steve James

Racing pigs

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kids and other fairgoers who come to the shows.
“Most people when they think of pigs, they think of fat, lazy animals that just lay around and don’t want to do anything,” said Randy, who along with his wife puts each pig through a two-week training program to prepare them to race. “Pigs are intelligent; they want to

learn.”
While the Rosses have continued the legacy and traditions of the Robinsons before them, they’ve also added a new kind of race to the show: The Paddling Porker Show.
Pigs compete four at a time per usual but must swim a 24-foot-long swimming pool before emerging and continuing on their way to the

Oreo. Contestants include Belly Flop, Soggy Bacon, Spam and Tsunami Salami.
Randy and Sharon do this year-round, taking their pigs to around 30 events annually, with approximately six weeks off for vacation. Regardless, they have no plans to stop anytime soon.
“I don’t want to do anything else,” Randy said. “Everybody asks

me when I’ll retire and I tell them, ‘When I can’t do it anymore.’”
Robinson’s Racing Pigs can be seen daily at noon, 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the dairy area adjacent to the games and rides. Randy and Sharon will be giving out ribbons to the lucky kids who pick the winning pig, spreading the victory to more than just the hasty hogs.



LIKE ANY HAIRY animals, Robison’s Racing Pigs will shake off the water when they emerge from the swim portion of their races. But it usually is only a momentary break in the competition. Independent photo/Steve James

Starksboro

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Susan Klaiber, a member of the Starksboro Save Our Schools (SSOS) group that spearheaded the town’s withdrawal efforts, said that although the ratification vote failed, the group is thankful for the community members that supported their efforts.
“The Starksboro Save Our Schools Committee would like to thank everyone in all five towns for their interest in our work to preserve the right of a town to vote on school closure,” Klaiber wrote in an email to the *Independent*

following the vote.
“While we were not successful in achieving ratification of Starksboro’s effort to withdraw from MAUSD, we appreciate all those who helped the cause. The many supporters who posted on Front Porch Forum, had “Vote YES” signs in their yards, wrote letters to the editor and asked important questions in a variety of forums, made the work of the SSOS Committee more effective than we could have been without such support,” she said.

By the way

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the workshop. The workshop is slated for from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Bingham Memorial School playground tent. For more information, contact mdodge@middlebury.edu.

The Middlebury Area Land Trust is looking for new board members. MALT is an established non-profit conservation organization that has spawned a variety of wonderful public amenities, including Otter View Park and the wildly popular Trail Around Middlebury. The organization is specifically seeking board candidates who live in Addison County, have politically and economically diverse experience and perspective, have knowledge of Vermont’s traditional relationships with the land, have time to give, (around three to eight hours per month) and have special expertise in fundraising, environmental education and/or trail management. Interested? Please email MALT Board Treasurer Chris Anderson at canderson@acsdvt.org by Aug. 12.

Bristol’s Three-Day Stampede Toward the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis was lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are still ways you can support the wonderful charity while also supporting two Middlebury resale shops. Round Robin and Junebug have very generously offered to take clothing donations from the Stampede faithful during the month of August and will donate 50% of the sales to the Stampede and keep 50% for their own charities, according to Stampede co-founder Bonita Bedard. Round Robin accepts clean, saleable, women’s and men’s clothing, as well as jewelry & accessories, collectibles, novels, cookbooks and children’s books. You can drop items off at Round Robin (at 211 Maple St., Suite 28) Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please be sure to mention that you are donating for the Stampede. Junebug

accepts clean, current clothing & accessories for babies, children, teens and moms-to-be. They also accept baby carriers & diaper bags, but no gear. They accept clothes and shoes for sports and dance, but not gear. Junebug requires donors to make an appointment (802-388-1055), and the store hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Junebug is located just around the corner at 211 Maple St.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have fallen 6.1 cents per gallon during the last week, averaging \$4.42 per gallon right now, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 626 stations in the Green Mountain State. Prices in Vermont are 35.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.35 per gallon higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Vermont was priced at \$4.13 per gallon earlier this week, while the most expensive was \$4.74 per gallon. Meanwhile, the national average price of gasoline has fallen 15.8 cents per gallon during the last week, averaging \$4.01 per gallon on Wednesday. The national average is down 68.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 83.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Starksboro has been awarded \$521,300 to spend for the benefit of our community through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Information on ARPA can be found at vlct.org/arpa. The town’s ARPA advisory committee has been charged with collecting proposals from community members for projects that benefit Starksboro. The committee wants to hear what the people of Starksboro value. If you’re a resident of the town, please take an ARPA community survey at forms.gle/JcMFTmNbNQX9fdoN6.

Addison-5

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months ago that he wouldn’t seek re-election.

Christiano bested Kent in Middlebury, New Haven and Weybridge, while Kent won his hometown of Bridport.

Christiano retired from IBM in 1993. He and his wife, Jane Ross, run a small farm and raise pigs and chickens and sell eggs. He ran his campaign on the idea of “common sense” and emphasized economic development, which he believes should be done by attracting small manufacturing enterprises to Vermont.

He has served as New Haven lister since 2015 and spent four years leading the Addison County Republican Committee. Christiano ran unsuccessfully for the state Senate in 2020 and his town’s selectboard in 2017.

His opponent, Kent, had only recently entered politics, inspired by the 2016 election, he said.

The two Republican candidates had agreed on less government interference and regulation of the economy, particularly for farmers.

Christiano couldn’t be reached for comment for this article.

Kent said he will continue to support Christiano.

“I like Jon. He’s a good candidate. I’ll keep supporting him going forward,” he said.



JON CHRISTIANO

McGill lives in Bridport with her husband and three children, where she works as a property manager for the Addison County Community Trust, a nonprofit affordable housing organization. She ran for the House seat in 2020 and lost to Smith in the General Election. McGill puts responsible climate action at the forefront of her campaign and supports the Green New Deal.

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Bristol Beat

Bristol selectboard moves to lower village speed limit

By MARIN HOWELL
BRISTOL — The Bristol selectboard on Monday discussed whether to lower the speed limit in the village to 25 mph, set the town's tax rate for fiscal year 2023 and gave the Bristol Hub Teen Center the greenlight to apply for a grant through the Vermont Health Department.

VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT
A portion of the meeting was spent discussing whether to lower the village's speed limit to 25 mph and the process for doing so. The current speed limit throughout the village is 30 mph, though discourse at previous selectboard meetings has shown a support from both board members and citizens to lower it. On Monday similar sentiments were expressed.

"There are a lot of places where the speed limit is 25 and it doesn't make any sense at all, and it makes perfect sense through our community," Selectman John "Pecker" Heffernan said. The other selectboard members present agreed, but the decision could not be made solely with an affirmative vote from the board. Instead, the board voted to begin the process of lowering the speed limit. This process will require amending the town speed limit ordinance, which was written by the former village's Board of Trustees in 1957.

The selectboard will invite public comment on the topic at future meetings. Any amendments to the traffic ordinance that are passed at those meetings will then be posted in the area newspaper and around town for 60 days.

If after those 60 days there are no calls from Bristol residents to vote on the amendments at a special town meeting, the amended ordinance will take effect. However even then, the ordinance will not be enforceable for five years as the move to lower the speed limit is not backed by a recent traffic or engineering study.

Despite the lengthy timeline, selectboard members were excited to begin the work ahead.

"I've been wanting to tackle that for a while, so I think this is great to be able to start that process," Selectboard Chair Ian Albinson said.

TAX RATE

Selectboard members also set Bristol's municipal tax rate for fiscal year 2023 at 71.73 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, down just over a penny from last year's rate. Board members also set the tax rate for the Bristol Police District at 29.53 cents. The overall residential tax rate (including the education tax) for those living within the one square-mile police district fell 7.22 cents to \$2.7172, while the non-residential tax rate decreased by 8.28 cents to \$2.6899.

For Bristol residents living outside the police district, the overall residential tax rate was set

at \$2.4219, a 7.14 cent decrease from last year. The non-residential tax rate also dropped, decreasing by 8.2 cents to sit at \$2.3946 for FY23.

"So, if you didn't add to your property value, your taxes may go down just a smidgen," Heffernan noted.

GRANT APPROVAL

Members of the selectboard also voted to authorize the Bristol Hub Teen Center to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Vermont Health Department. The grant, offered through the Youth Vaping Prevention and Treatment FY2023 Enhancement Funding Program, would support the Hub's work to prevent vaping of nicotine or cannabis by Bristol area youth.

The authorization request said grant funds would support the development of new activities for local youth and existing programs such as the Bristol Recreation Department's 5Town Riders youth cycling program. The request also detailed that funds would support the creation of a new class at the Hub, teaching Bristol area youth about the effects "of cannabis and tobacco on the body and brain, the economic impacts of vaping and teach the youth other life skills and introduce them to hobbies." This class would potentially be organized like the Hub's previous Personal Responsibility Education Program, which offered a stipend of \$100 for teens that attended the two-day course.

In other business at the Aug. 8 meeting, the selectboard:

- Approved Jackman's Fuel Inc. pre-buy offer of fuel for town operations for Sept. 1 through April 30, 2023, at a rate of \$2.45 per gallon, a 25-cent increase from last year. Following Jackman's recommendations, the town will purchase 6,250 gallons of heating fuel for a price of \$15,312.50, approximately \$2,000 more than last year.

- Appointed Freddie Cannon as town recreation coordinator. This position has been reorganized since it was held by Alex Mihavic to encompass Mihavic's work checking on the town's parks once a week and attending Bristol Conservation Committee meetings once a month.

- Approved the Bristol Recreation Department and Addison County Chamber of Commerce's proposal for the town's Harvest Festival to take place on Sept. 24 on the town green. The Harvest Festival will feature 70 vendors and no COVID-19 restrictions, bringing the event back to its pre-pandemic form after two years of cancellations and limitations.



ELEVEN BRISTOL ELEMENTARY School students had their artwork chosen for the 2022 Annual Vermont Division of Fire Safety's Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar Project. Shown here left to right are: bottom, Thomas Placencia, Kellan Booska, and Leo West; middle, Myra Haselton, Oliver Levy, Hazel Hill and Desta Deas; top, Kira Grassano, Joshua Rule and Madison Cousino; and inset, Gavin Tanych, whose picture is being held by Placencia.

Photo courtesy of Deb Mager Rickner

BES students art chosen for calendar

BRISTOL — Eleven Bristol Elementary School students were selected as winners for the 2022 Annual Vermont Division of Fire Safety's Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar Project. Seven schools participated this year, with hundreds of entries. BES students' submissions were chosen for all but two of the winning images.

The Calendar Contest is open to every third-grade student in the state, and is designed to teach children and others safety around fire and electricity. BES

has participated in this contest for many years.

This year's BES winners are: Madison Cousino, whose artwork graces the cover of the calendar; Thomas Placencia, January; Gavin Tanych, February; Desta Deas, March; Kira Grassano, April; Oliver Levy, May; Myra Haselton, June; Hazel Hill, July; Kellan Booska, September; Joshua Rule, October; and Leo West, November.

Because of COVID, the celebration of the winners was not

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held in Montpelier in November, as it typically is, so BES celebrated its winners May 20 on the lawn in front of the school, in the presence of the rest of the school, a Bristol

Fire Truck and retired longtime BES principal Terrance Everts, who just happened to show up at the right moment.

Bristol Fire Department Chief Brett LaRose and Deputy Chief Eric Forand assisted BES visual arts teacher Deb Mager Rickner in handing out a certificate, tote bags, a teddy bear and a calendar to each winner.

Everyone at BES is proud of its eleven winners, as well as all the other third-grade artists who submitted artwork for the contest.

Monkton

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NEWS

MONKTON — The Monkton Museum and Historical Society and selectboard chair Stephen Pilcher will host a pizza brainstorming party for preserving the 1859 Old Town Hall on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the 1859 Old Town Hall. We will share our progress with grant applications and awards, as well as our vision of having a museum housed in the space.

We are eager to hear from the community about their vision that could enable the building to stay preserved as a heritage spot on the National Register of Historical Buildings. How can we make the 1859 Old Town Hall a viable and integral part of our town life? Please

come with ideas for co-occupancy and perhaps an interest in managing the space. We invite the community to come see the building and discuss possible ideas for how to use it.

We had positive support when we conducted a survey of interest in the preservation of the 1859 Old Town Hall. In a follow-up petition solicited to delay the private sale of the 1859 Old Town Hall, we received close to 80 signatures from residents. On the Town Meeting Article to delay the sale in order to give us more time to research grants, there was a resounding yes vote. Recently, we received our first of what we hope will be many grants. We were awarded a matching grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont to

have the building assessed. This is a necessary first step to receive future grants from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and potential grants from other organizations.

While we visit inside the 1859 space for a pizza dinner, we hope ideas flow, and ideally we find someone who could act as an

operator/manager.

We look forward to meeting with you at the 1859 Old Town Hall on Thursday, Aug. 18, between 5 and 7 p.m. to discuss your ideas for preservation.

If you have further questions, email monktonmhs@gmail.com.

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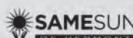
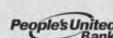
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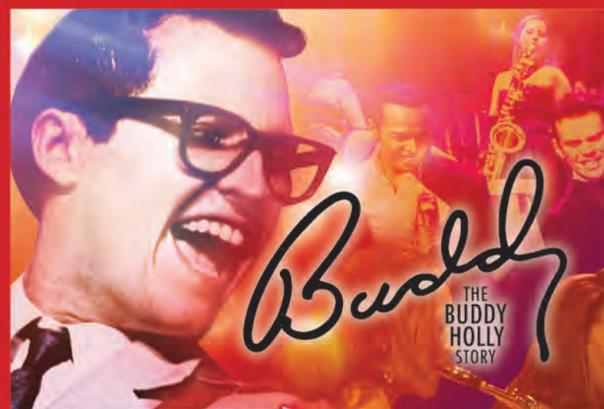
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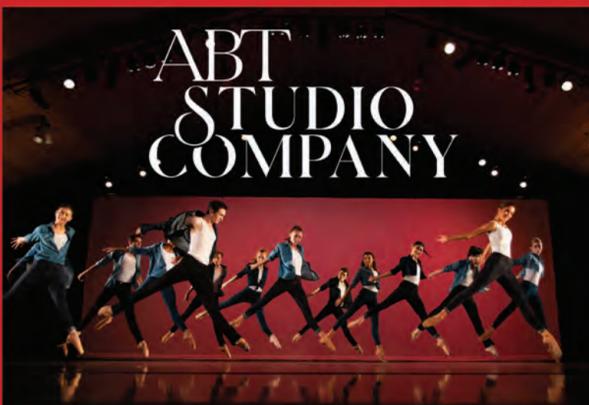
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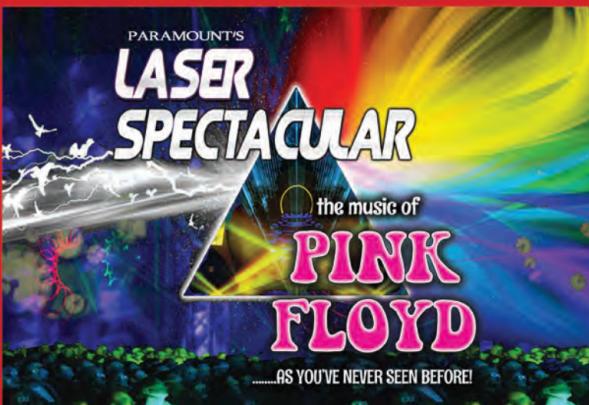
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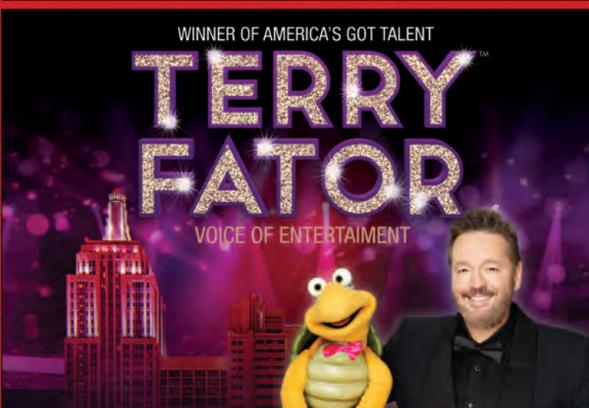
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CODY CURTIS

Drivers: Start your engines and crash your cars!

Demolition Derby features flames, tears, joy and an incredibly humane story

By SHAIYQ SHAH
NEW HAVEN
— The piloting prowess at display by drivers in the G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby at the

Addison County Fair and Field Days on Tuesday night sent the crowd into electrifying cries as they cheered on the brave men and women navigating their rigs around the tractor pad. However, simmering under the mechanical and soulless clangor from Derby cars crashing into each other, there was an incredibly authentic and humane story hidden

from the countless spectators.

This is the story of Cody Curtis, a Vergennes resident who said he was diagnosed with brain cancer last year. Curtis's participation in this Tuesday's Derby was his first ever appearance in the competition.

The Demo Derby was held both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. On Tuesday, the Derby had cars cranking metal in four different

categories: four-cylinder, six-cylinder, eight-cylinder and the mini-vans.

The mini-vans and eight-cylinders were feature events whereas the four-cylinder event had three primary heats, out of which 15 cars qualified for the four-cylinder feature event. Similarly, the six-cylinder event had two heats out of which 12 cars

qualified for the feature event in the same category.

Cody Curtis was driving in his "Monster Car," number 43C, on Tuesday when he partook in the first heat on the four-cylinder roster. This was his opportunity to earn himself a place in the final event of the night — the four-cylinder feature — and Curtis did (See Demo Derby, Page 3B)



CAR 570 TAKES a bite out of the back end of a competitor in Tuesday night's Demolition Derby.



GRANDMA AND GRANDPA would be proud of the hit that car 3C put on the back end of 43C, but neither of them was knocked out yet.



CODY CURTIS IN his car 43C can be seen crashing into other cars. The driving prowess on display at the G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby electrified the crowd at Field Days on Tuesday night. The crowd's cheers were sometimes audible over the noise of the cars crashing against each other.

Independent photos/Steve James

Area swim teams glide to a successful season finale

By SAM LIPIN

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION — Both the Vergennes and Middlebury swim teams saw standout performers shine on their way to second-place finishes in their respective divisions at this past weekend's annual Vermont Swim Association Championships at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction.

The Division I Vergennes Swim Team (VST) finished with 2,376 points, behind the Burlington Tennis Club (BTC) Barracudas' 3,219. BTC also competed with 17 more swimmers — 74 to VST's 57.

VST's Foley siblings, Aurora and Paul, continued to dominate. Aurora, 11, celebrated six podium finishes, including first-place finishes in the 100 IM and the 200 free, as well as helping her relay

teams finish first in the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay.

Her age group dominated the state meet, with other multi-podium finishes by Vergennes teammates Sophia James and Lauren Husk.

Paul Foley, 8, set new state records for his age group in the 25 free and 50 free, taking home five first-place finishes in the process.

VST's 13/14 boys also dominated their races, sweeping 200 relays. The 200 medley champion quartet — Will Clark, Clark Crary, Noah Smits and Cohen Howell — missed the state record by 0.24 second with still another year of eligibility in their age group. Every member of this foursome enjoyed other individual first-place finishes, with Will Clark and Smits leading the way with four and three wins, respectively.

The Division IV Middlebury Swim Team (Midd) also finished second in their division, falling just short of Connecticut River Valley (CRV) Sting's 615 points; Midd scored 583 points.

Aidan Chance, 17, had a successful meet for Midd, ending the day with four podium finishes, including a victory in the 50 free. Chance was the lone Addison County representative in the 17/18 age group competing in individual events.

Cassandra Bellmann, 8, also swam well for Midd, securing three podium finishes including a first-place finish in the 100 IM.

Veteran Holly Staats, 18, saw success in her last VSA State Championship meet, with three podium finishes in the 50 breast, 50 fly and 100 IM.

All swimmers contributing to their teams' point totals were:

- GIRLS' RESULTS:**
- U-6 25 Free: 1. Savannah Wallace (V), 20.38; 11. Margaret Smits (V), 32.70.
 - U-6 25 Back: 1. Smits (V), 24.93; 2. Wallace (V), 25.70.
 - 7/8 25 Free: 2. Lydia Bearor (V), 17.90; 3. Scarlett Giroux (V), 18.15.
 - 7/8 25 Back: 2. Giroux (V), 22.00.
 - U-8 50 Free: 4. Cassandra Bellmann (M), 44.08; 5. Bearor (V), 44.18.
 - U-8 25 Breast: 1. S Giroux (V), 24.03; 2. C Bellmann (M), 24.09; 12. Wallace (V), 24.03.
 - U-8 25 Fly: 3. C Bellmann (M), 21.35; 9. Bearor (V), 26.09.
 - U-8 100 IM: 1. C Bellmann (M), 1:49.85; 4. Bearor (V), 2:26.75.
 - U-8 100 Free Relay: 3. Vergennes (A): Giroux, Wallace, Kendall Matton, Bearor, 1:29.79.

(See Swim, Page 4B)



YOUNGER SWIMMERS ON the Middlebury Swim Team on Monday show off the awards they won at the Vermont Swim Association Championship meet over the weekend. Pictured from left are Daniel Power, Cassandra Bellman, Nicola Power, Constantin Bellman and Henry Cadoret.

Photo courtesy of Lindsey Hescocq



THE ADDISON COUNTY age 9-11 Little League team, consisting of kids from Bristol, Monkton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Middlebury, were all smiles after defeating the New Hampshire State Champs at the East Regional Tournament of Champions in Massachusetts last week. They are the first Vermont team to win at this level. The players are Luke and Jake Wing, Brady Duguay, Oakley Hunt, Thatcher Leggett, Rhys Del Giacco, Colby Phelps, Timmy Wright, Grayson Conrad, Ezra Bliven, Tucker Sheldrick and Grady Coleman; and Trevor Wright was their team mascot. The coaches were Jesse Wing, Todd Duguay and Dustin Hunt.

Local Little Leaguers split in Mass.

Addison County team is first from Vt. to win at 'Champions' level

BEVERLEY, Mass. — The Addison County age 9-11 Little League baseball team won one game and lost one at the East Regional Tournament of Champions in Beverly, Mass., last week. Unfortunately that was not enough for the team to advance to the next round.

But the team — made up of players from Middlebury, Shoreham, Salisbury, Monkton and Bristol — still left proud knowing they accomplished something; no other Vermont team had ever won a game at this level.

For the Vermont state champs, the tournament started on Monday, Aug. 1, when they played a tough back-and-forth game with Capital City of the District of Columbia. D.C. jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning, but Addison fought back with seven runs of their own in the bottom half of the third. They led until the top of the fifth, when D.C. scored five runs to make it a 10-7 game. In the end, Capital City

downed Addison, 12-9.

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, the Vermont State Champions from Addison County became the first Vermont team to ever win a game at the Tournament of Champions with a 4-3 win over the New Hampshire State Champions from Goffstown. Addison jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the third, but New Hampshire quickly responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the third to tie things up. The game remained tied until the top of the fifth, when Addison scored three times to go up 4-1. New Hampshire really put the pressure on as they scored twice in the bottom of the sixth but they left the tying run on base as Addison County made two stellar defensive plays to secure the first win for the state of Vermont.

Because of the loss to D.C., Addison failed to advance out of their pool but still left proud knowing they had performed better than any Vermont team had. The boys celebrated like

crazy after the final out and head coach Jesse Wing remarked after the game that he felt like they had just won the championship.

The coaches would like to thank all the parents for an amazing journey that took us from winning District 1 at Schifilliti Park in North Burlington, back-to-back weekends in Brattleboro to win the state championship and ultimately to Beverly, Mass., for the Tournament of Champions.

"Without their commitment this dream season would have never been possible!" the coaches said.

The players on the team are Luke and Jake Wing, Brady Duguay, Oakley Hunt, Thatcher Leggett, Rhys Del Giacco, Colby Phelps, Timmy Wright, Grayson Conrad, Ezra Bliven, Tucker Sheldrick and Grady Coleman. Trevor Wright, also known as Milky, served as the team mascot in Massachusetts.

The Addison County team was coached by Jesse Wing, Todd Duguay and Dustin Hunt.

Matty and Me: A story of baseball and writing

For me, it was as if in a dream. Before last Thursday night's game between the Vermont Lake Monsters and the Worcester Bravehearts, three players from the Lake Monsters who attend Ivy League schools (Harvard, Yale, and Princeton) climbed on ladders and unfurled a large (8-foot-by-8-foot) banner affixed to the outside wall of historic Centennial Field, right there just inside the entrance to the park, where it will remain for the remainder of this season (the playoffs are this week) — and for the foreseeable future.

The banner celebrates William Clarence Matthews and reads in part: "Matthews was arguably the best college baseball player in the country in 1905, a brilliant hitter, fielder (shortstop), and base runner for Harvard University, a powerhouse team at that time. . . . (He) was rumored that July to be signing with the major league Boston Nationals, 41 years before (Jackie) Robinson."

Matthews was "Harvard's Famous Colored Shortstop" and played his one professional season in the Northern League of Vermont, a fast "outlaw" league that operated outside the organized National Agreement leagues that barred Black players. In addition to the text on the banner are six images of Matthews including a stunning watercolor representation by Ripton artist Molly Hawley.



Sports (Mostly) **KARL LINDHOLM**

The banner was unfurled at a press conference before the game. The Matthews celebration was supported by the University of Vermont, the Lake Monsters, and the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation and was carried out by a number of individuals, not the least Bruce Bosley, the personification of baseball (and sports generally) in Vermont.

I was there because Matthews and I are very close, though he was born in Selma, Alabama, in 1877 and died in Washington, D.C., in 1928. My home is festooned with pictures of Matty, I have a vast collection of Matthewsiana, eBay treasures, displayed throughout my office

amid photos of my loved ones. My family understands and tolerates my attachment.

Any pretensions I have as an academic, a scholar, a baseball scholar, I owe to Matthews.

Here in a nutshell is the story of Matty and me:

I grew up a baseball-obsessed kid in Maine, a Red Sox fan in the 1950s. I was thrilled by Jackie Robinson and the Dodgers and wished the Red Sox could find a Black player good enough to play for them. I knew a lot about baseball, but little about racism.

The cultural context of my teens and twenties was the Civil Rights Movement of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Vietnam War protests. In the early '70s, I came across the book "Only the Ball was White: A History of Legendary Black Players and All-Black

Professional Teams" by Robert Peterson — and the scales were lifted from my eyes, and I was reborn.

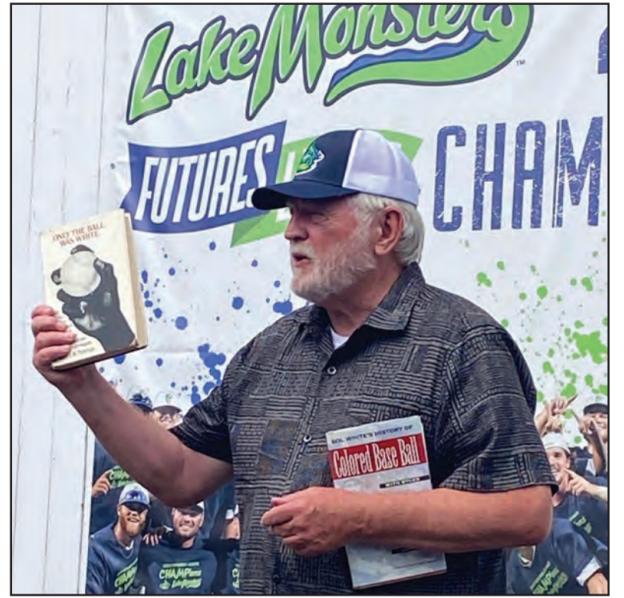
Well, that's a little melodramatic, but my life and viewpoint were certainly changed.

Peterson's book was a seminal text, and not just for me, I have discovered over the years. It ignited a strong current of interest in the Negro Leagues and Black baseball in general.

Peterson wrote in "Only the Ball was White," that a "National League manager . . . hoped to sign William Clarence Matthews, a Negro who had left Harvard University that spring to play with Burlington in the Vermont league. . . ." Peterson speculated that it was likely John McGraw of the New York Giants, whose opposition to the color line was well-known. In 1995, my wife and I enjoyed



VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS players #4 Tommy Martin (Yale), #35 Jordan Kelly (Princeton), and #28 Sean Matson (Harvard) unfurl a banner honoring William Clarence Matthews, "Harvard's Famous Colored Shortstop," who played his one season of professional baseball in Burlington of the Northern League in 1905. The Ivy League Championship trophy is the William Clarence Matthews Award. Photo courtesy of Karl Lindholm



ADDISON INDEPENDENT COLUMNIST Karl Lindholm has written widely on Matthews. At the festivities honoring Matthews at Centennial Field last Thursday, Aug. 4, Lindholm held forth about Matthews at the press conference before the game. Photo courtesy of Karl Lindholm

a sabbatical year residing in Ogunquit Beach, Maine, beautiful in the quiet off-season. One of my main projects was to find out just which National League manager had the audacity to consider signing a Black player in this time of Jim Crow brutality and fixed segregation in professional baseball.

My strategy was to attack the microfilm room of the Boston Public Library and read the Boston newspapers from the summer of 1905. As it turns out, there were 12 daily papers in Boston in 1905, and nine had a circulation of over 75,000 readers. I started with those prominent papers and got a sore arm hand-cranking those old microfilm readers.

I was a number of days, weeks even, into this effort, driving from Ogunquit to Boston, when I had my

"Eureka!" moment. There, on July 15, 1905, in the *Boston Traveler* was this headline: "Matthews May Play Ball With Tenny's Team."

"Tenny" was Fred Tenny, player-manager of the Boston Nationals (later, the Braves), mired that summer in ninth place in the National League with an atrocious middle infield. He certainly knew of Harvard's great shortstop and may have cast a wistful eye across the Charles, despite knowing full well the impossibility of a Black player in the Major Leagues just eight years after the Plessy v Ferguson Supreme Court decision legalized segregation.

I wrote up my discovery of Tenny's rumored interest in Harvard's great shortstop in *The Baseball Research Journal*, a SABR publication (Society of American Baseball Research). One thing led to another, and I secured a contract from the University of Nebraska Press to write a biography of Matthews, whose baseball career was so notable but whose life outside baseball was likewise absorbing.

As a result of an article about Matthews in the *Harvard Magazine* in 2005, the leadership of Ivy League athletics took interest in his extraordinary career at Harvard and named its baseball championship trophy "The Williams Clarence Matthews Award." It was there on display at Centennial last Thursday.

Now, enter Anthony Castrovince; Anthony writes for MLB.com. He had read something of mine, no doubt in an obscure baseball journal, and became interested in Matthews. We exchanged emails and calls, I sent him some good stuff, and he produced a terrific piece for MLB.com (generously acknowledging my relationship to Matthews) in April 2021.

With this article and its 150,000 views, in a stroke, the awareness of Matthews in the baseball world grew enormously. In many ways, Matty was launched.

And now there's this public acknowledgment of Matthews here in my home state. The organizers of the Centennial Field event are hoping to expand the effort to include a longer video than the two-minute version shown to fans at the game, as part of an educational package on Matthews to be taken to schools in the state.

About that Matthews biography: it sits now, as it has for a number of years, in my desk drawer (or more accurately, in my computer), 80,000 words in all, but unfinished, a casualty of complacency, trepidation, pusillanimity, and perhaps satisfaction that I had mined it sufficiently for dozens of articles and presentations.

At my advanced age and decrepitude, do I have sufficient energy and remaining brain cells to . . . Hmmm.

To read the Castrovince article and other related stories, follow the links in this column as it is posted on addisonindependent.com.

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2022 Garden Game

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- Beet (circumference)
- Broccoli (diameter) - Ed Blechner, 12"
- Cabbage (circumference)
- Cantaloupe (circumference)
- Carrot (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 17.5" x 5"
- Cauliflower (diameter) - Ted Foster, 13.5"
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference)
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 19.75" x 9"
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference)
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length)
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference)
- Onion (circumference) - Ted Foster, 10"
- Parsnip (circumference)
- Pepper (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 12" x 14.5"
- Potato (length x circumference)
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference)
- Radish (circumference) - George & Patrick Martin, 12.25"
- Rhubarb (length)
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 13" x 16"
- Sunflower (diameter)
- Tomato (circumference) - Gary Miller, 13.5"
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 17.25" x 12.75"

The days are heating up and so is this year's Garden Game! We had **EIGHT** new entries this week.

Jill Rainville kicked things off with a respectable ruby red rhubarb (say that 10 times fast!) that clocked in at 11" L.

Next up was **Gary Miller** with two plump tomatoes and a horseradish leaf that was nearly as big as its namesake (well, maybe a small pony). Gary's biggest tomato was 13.5" in circumference. His nearly-as-big-as-a-small-pony horseradish leaf was 19.75" L x 9" W. As always, Gary is having a ball watching his garden grow. So are we!

Lastly, we had a huge haul from GG vet **Ted Foster**. With 5 entries, Ted has certainly been busy! Ted brought in a 13" L x 16" D summer squash, a 13.5" D cauliflower, a 17.25" L x 12.75" D zucchini, a 10" C onion, and last but not least, a 19" L rhubarb. He swept each category and is now in the lead for each one.

What a week! We can't wait to see what our Addison County gardeners bring in next.

Play the Garden Game!

Do you have veggies to share in our pages? We welcome entries from any of the listed categories (right). Bring your entry into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday and we'll measure it and snap a photo. Each week we'll publish new entries and update our frontrunners for each category in the contest. At the end of the season, each category winner* will be eligible to receive a gift certificate from our Garden Game sponsor, Middlebury Agway.

*Please note: Each individual is eligible to win one gift certificate, even if they win multiple categories.

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OV boys golf team holes out on a heck of a season

By MAT CLOUSER

PINEHURST, N.C. — The Otter Valley Union High School boys' golf team has wrapped up what was arguably the greatest golfing season in the school's history last month with the NHSGA High School Golf National Invitational Tournament at the famed Pinehurst Golf Course in Pinehurst, N.C.

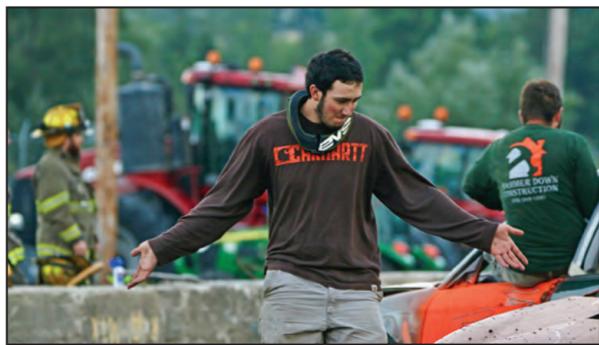
The boys snagged OV immortality last fall and qualified for the 53-team national tournament by absolutely crushing the Vermont Division II state tournament — winning their first title since 1969 by 22 strokes over second place Stowe — a victory that the ever-swaggy swingin' Otters had predicted before the season even began.

Ace golfer and team leader Lucas Politano — last seen winning the New England Junior PGA Championship in June — shot a +17 for the July 11-13 tournament, finishing 27 strokes back of the tourney's winner, Virginia's red-hot Jake Albert (-10). That was good enough for Politano to tie for 83rd place out of more than 330 competitors from all over the country.

Joining Politano, a rising sophomore, on the historic Otter team were his older brother Thomas Politano (a rising senior, T294th, +67), rising senior Matthew Bryant (T294th, +67), rising senior Jordan Beayon (312th, +84), and 2022 OV graduate Hayden Bernhardt (327th, +116). The team finished in 47th place overall.

Though they may have liked to place higher in the national tournament, the future is bright for the Otters as Bernhardt is the only member of the team not due back next season to defend its title.

After the team competition in North Carolina, Politano traveled to suburban Chicago to compete in the Junior PGA Championship at the Cog Hill Golf Course and Country Club on Aug. 2-5. Competing against the best in the nation, Politano 18 over par in the first two rounds of play and failed to make the cut for the third round. The eventual winner, Max Herendeen of Bellevue, Wash., shot an amazing 10 under par in the first two rounds and finished four rounds at 16 under to win by five strokes.



DEMO DRIVER ZACHARY Stearns wonders what in the world happened to his car on Tuesday night.



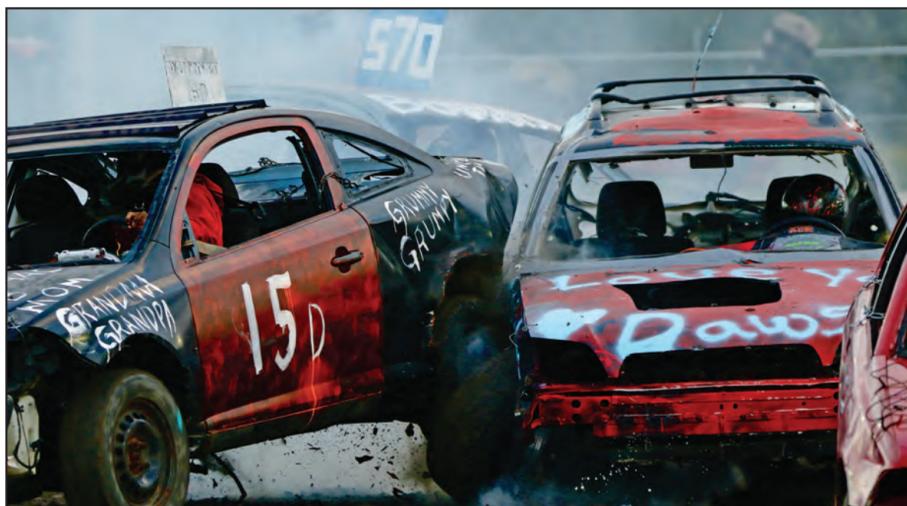
DRIVERS IN THE Demolition Derby tend to paint their cars with gaudy colors — or they go for all black.



VERGENNES FIREFIGHTERS STAND ready to douse flames and rescue stuck drivers during Tuesday's contests.



A DRIVER LOOKS nervously (?) at the competition before Tuesday's four-cylinder competition commences at Field Days.



THE DIRT FLIES and the smoke thickens during the heat of competition at the G. Stone Motors Demolition Derby at Field Days on Tuesday. As usual, not many cars at the tractor pad left the field unscathed.

Independent photos/Steve James

Demo Derby

(Continued from Page 1B)

exactly that. "They were hammering me in there," he said. "I got the first hit, and it was a BAM. But I didn't stop going and I kept hammering them back."

Curtis's resilience earned him a trophy as one of five winners of the first heat and secured qualification for the feature event. This trophy came as an early birthday present for Curtis who celebrated his 32nd birthday the next day.

However, the mettle and resolve shown by Curtis in his fight against brain cancer and inside the Derby arena could not be matched by the metal in his Car 43C. The damage taken by the car in the first heat was too severe for the car to be able to compete in the final.

Curtis, distraught, had to pull out from the final. That didn't hamper the spirits of his family members by any stretch.

"We are so proud of him and so happy for him," said Cody's dad, Roger.

Driving into the Derby arena takes courage, however, sitting in the crowd and seeing a loved one getting crashed into by Derby cars takes even more courage.

Tricia Foster, a Field Days director since 2017, cheered on her nephew from the stands.

"As I get older, the more people I know that are driving, the more nervous I get," Foster said.

The dangers associated with the sport were made evident in an extremely grand and scary fashion during the minivan feature event. Driver Brent Warren, driving in

his car "Kid Dynamite," hurriedly escaped from his minivan as it caught on flames during the feature event.

Firefighters from the Vergennes Fire Department rushed to the minivan engulfed by flames and put out the fire. The commentator, rather nonchalantly, said, "Ooooh, Kid Dynamite has got hot pants."

The calmness in his voice pointed to the fact that this would not be an uncommon occurrence in the Derby. Surely enough, that would be proven in an even more decisive moment in the same feature event when Tim Whitney in minivan 47w was engaged in a last duel with Ethan Gevry driving in "Hog Wild."

Whitney and Gevry were the last two drivers left in their minivans. After an intense battle, Whitney in car 47w was forced to stop by the firefighters on scene as his minivan caught on fire. This gave Ethan Gevry in "Hog Wild" the win with Tim Whitney a close second. Maddie Martell driving in car 831 secured third position.

The eight-cylinder feature event went to Devin Parker driving in "Numb Skull" while the second and third positions were taken by Boomer Lafountain in car 96 and Morgan Huestis driving in car 77.

THE LAST HIT

The six-cylinder event gave the crowd a 32-minute thriller with an epic final battle between Jeffery Grant and Timothy Whitney Jr. Grant, driving in car 24, and Whitney Jr., driving 13T, were engaged in a heroic and bombastic last duel with both vying to get the

last hit.

With both their cars nearing malfunction, according to the rules of the Derby, the car with the last hit would be declared the winner if both cars are unable to continue. A five-minute time limit was introduced and the car with the last hit at the end of that time would be the winner.

However, after two minutes, Whitney Jr.'s 13T received one blow too many and was finally inoperative. Grant was declared the winner after this momentous battle with Timothy Whitney Jr. a very proud second. Chuck Havens, driving in car 10, secured third position.

Finally, the four-cylinder event saw 13 cars battling it out in Tuesday evening's final event. Two out of the qualified 15 cars had dropped out with Cody Curtis's 43C being one of them.

The Derby finished with three cars battling it out at the end with Greg Whitney being "timed out" for not having moved in a minute or having hit a live car with his car 22G and secured third place.

Soon after, the two-horse race saw another horse drop out as Gary Grant was also timed out in his car 22 giving Landon Lathrop the win in his car 98.

This culminated an exciting night at the Field Days tractor pad that had seen joy, tears, flames an incredibly humane story and plenty of good old-fashioned demolition.

Editor's note: Look for a full list of winners from both nights of Demo Derby in next week's Addison Independent.

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Police looking for person who hung a hateful sign on bridge

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police on Aug. 5 removed an antisemitic sign discovered hanging from the Cross Street Bridge. Police said the sign bore the words “Henry Ford was right,” along with a red, “bleeding” Star of David.

Anyone with information on this hate crime is urged to call Middlebury police at 388-3191.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Investigated a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Court Street on Aug. 1.
- Responded to a shoplifting complaint at Hannaford Supermarket on Aug. 1.
- On Aug. 1, helped some injured drivers get from Porter Hospital to where they were being lodged.
- Helped a cyclist who had sustained a broken arm after falling off his bike on Route 7 South on Aug. 1.
- Received a report about an unhusbed woman sleeping in bushes near the Mary Johnson Children’s Center off Water Street on Aug. 1. Police said the woman was gone upon their arrival.
- Responded

Aug. 3 to a physically disabled person who was found on Route 7 North walking home to Bristol in the dark.

- Spoke with some unhusbed people who were cooking under the Cross Street Bridge on Aug. 4.
- Investigated a theft that police said was related to “financial transactions” at Porter Medical Center on Aug. 4.
- Responded to a bribery allegation at the Residence at Otter Creek on Aug. 4.
- Euthanized an injured deer off Exchange Street on Aug. 4.
- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS with a man believed to be having a mental health crisis at the Charter House Emergency Shelter on Aug. 5.
- Investigated a reported dispute between two men about a shopping cart almost hitting a vehicle parked in The Centre shopping plaza on Aug. 5.
- Received a report on Aug. 5 about vehicles being driven

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erratically and too fast on Airport Road.

- Offered help and a bottle of water to a woman who was walking barefoot along East Main Street on Aug. 5. Police said the accepted she water but declined assistance.

- Stood by while officials at an Exchange Street business fired a worker on Aug. 5.

- Checked on a report of gunshots in the Munson Road area on Aug. 6. Police said they found no signs of concern.

- Investigated a trespassing complaint in the Court Street area on Aug. 6.

- Interviewed a woman who said she’d been assaulted in the John Graham Court neighborhood on Aug. 6.

- Responded to an Aug. 6 report of a motorcyclist crashing into a tree off Munson Road and sustaining serious injuries. Police said the man driving the motorcycle — 29-year-old Cory Thibodeau — was airlifted to University of Vermont Medical Center.

- Assisted a Three Mile Bridge Road resident who was concerned about a possible online scam on Aug. 6.

- Responded to a report of a woman pushing a shopping cart on Route 125, between East Middlebury and Ripton, on Aug. 6. Police said the woman had left the area before they got there.

- Received a report about a former guest of the Charter House Emergency Shelter allegedly threatening to harm herself on Aug. 6.

- Received a report about a Porter Hospital patient allegedly becoming disruptive while waiting to be discharged on Aug. 6.

- Helped two Route 7 South neighbors resolve a conflict on Aug. 7.

- Assisted a woman found sleeping on the lawn of a South Street Extension residence on Aug. 7.

- Provided traffic control on Aug. 7 for a portion of Route 116 that had been blocked by a fallen tree branch.

- Responded to a noise complaint on South Pleasant Street on Aug. 7.

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THE WINNING 12-and-under medley relay teams from the Vergennes Swim Team display their State Championship blue ribbons at the meet in White River Junction this past weekend. Members of the teams are: girls, Ellie Brooks, Sophia James, Lauren Husk, Aurora Foley; and boys; Khanlen Ouimette, Sebastian Giroux, Flint Cray and Rowan Neffinger.

Photo courtesy of Jess James

Swim

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- U-8 100 Medley Relay: 3. Vergennes (A): Smits, Giroux, Bearor, Wallace, 1:52.55.
- 9/10 25 Free: 13. Nicola Power (M), 17.75; 18. Reese Matton (V), 18.15.
- 9/10 25 Back: 5. Isabella De La Cruz (V), 19.72.
- 9/10 50 Back: 8. Juliette Angier (V), 45.09.
- 9/10 25 Breast: 2. I De La Cruz (V), 20.51; 4. Cecilia Neffinger (V), 22.52; 10. Nicola Power (M), 24.51; 11. Gretchen Hill (V), 24.84; 13. Kendall Kittredge (V), 25.26.
- 9/10 50 Breast: 2. Neffinger (V), 48.62.
- 9/10 25 Fly: 13. Power (M), 21.50.
- 9/10 50 Fly: 4. Vivian Romond (V), 1:04.65.
- U-10 100 IM: 9. Angier (V), 1:47.50.
- U-10 100 Free Relay: 4. Vergennes (A): Matton, Kittredge, Angier, De La Cruz, 1:17.02; 8. Vergennes (B): V Romond, Neffinger, Dorothy Coburn, Hill, 1:24.88.
- U-10 100 Medley Relay: 4. Vergennes (A): K Kittredge, De La Cruz, Angier, Hill, 1:25.50; 10. Vergennes (B): G. Kittredge, Cecilia Neffinger, V Romond, Reese Matton, 1:32.30.
- 11/12 50 Free: 3. Sadie Chance (M), 29.08; 5. Lauren Husk (V), 30.38; 6. Ella Bearor (V), 30.84.
- 11/12 100 Free: 2. Aurora Foley (V), 1:01.94; 6. L Husk (V), 1:07.67; 11. Abigail Hamilton (M), 1:15.03.
- 11/12 50 Back: 2. L Husk (V), 35.35; 4. Ellie Brooks (V), 36.07; 13. A Hamilton (M), 39.61; 18. Annika Smits (V), 41.92.
- 11/12 50 Breast: t-2. Sophia James (V), 37.00; t-2. S Chance (M), 37.00; 8. E Brooks (V), 42.10; 9. Mitsi Poduschnick (M), 42.40; 14. Ayla Kittredge (V), 43.15.
- 11/12 50 Fly: 2. S James (V), 32.77; 4. S Chance (M), 33.17; 5. E Bearor (V), 34.50; 8. M Poduschnick (M), 36.18; 13. A Smits (V), 39.80.
- 11/12 100 IM: 1. A Foley (V), 1:12.88; 4. S James (V), 1:14.35; 5. L Husk (V), 1:18.67; 11. M Poduschnick (M), 1:26.00.
- U-12 200 Free: 1. A Foley (V), 2:19.92; 4. E Bearor (V), 2:40.72.
- U-12 100 Back: 2. A Foley (V), 1:10.71; 3. E Brooks (V), 1:18.64.
- U-12 100 Breast: 2. S James (V), 1:20.50; 7. E Brooks (V), 1:34.42; 9. A Kittredge (V), 1:37.44; 10. Jordan Hutchins (V), 1:37.66.
- U-12 100 Fly: 3. S Chance (M), 1:18.60; 4. E Bearor (V), 1:25.10.
- U-12 200 Free Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): S James, E Bearor, Lauren Husk, A Foley, 2:00.04; 4. Vergennes (B), Jordan

- Hutchins, A Kittredge, 2:21.69.
- U-12 200 Medley Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): E Brooks, S James, Lauren Husk, A Foley, 2:15.61; 5. Vergennes (B): A Smits, A Kittredge, E Bearor, Ella Maneen, 2:40.33.
- 13/14 50 Free: 10. Isabella Romond (V), 28.57.
- 13/14 100 Free: 12. I Romond (V), 1:05.80.
- 13/14 50 Back: 9. I Romond (V), 34.25.
- 13/14 50 Breast: t-6. Ellie Eckels (V), 37.60.
- U-14 200 Free Relay: 8. Vergennes (A): E Eckels, E Brooks, A Smits, I Romond, 2:06.81.
- U-14 200 Medley Relay: 9. Vergennes (A): I Romond, E Eckels, Jordan Hutchins, Casey Clark, 2:32.16.
- 15/16 50 Free: 2. Bee Eckels (V), 26.90; 8. Acadia Clark (V), 28.37; 9. Madelyn Giroux (V), 28.41.
- 15/16 100 Free: 3. B Eckels (V), 58.50; 8. Giroux (V), 1:03.72.
- 15/16 200 Free: 4. B Eckels (V), 2:15.09.
- 15/16 50 Back: 9. B Eckels (V), 36.07.
- 15/16 100 Back: 7. Siobhan Potter (V), 1:25.67.
- 15/16 50 Breast: 10. S Potter (V), 42.70.
- 15/16 50 Fly: 5. Acadia Clark (V), 29.76; 8. Giroux (V), 30.36.
- 15/16 100 Fly: 4. Acadia Clark (V), 1:11.60; 5. Giroux (V), 1:14.00.
- 17/18 50 Free: 6. Natalie Rockwell (M), 27.37.
- 17/18 100 Free: 4. N Rockwell (M), 1:00.91.
- 17/18 100 Back: 8. N Rockwell (M), 33.11.
- 17/18 50 Breast: 1. Carly Rapoport (V), 32.50; 3. Holly Staats (M), 33.80.
- 17/18 100 Breast: 3. C Rapoport (V), 1:14.15; 4. Staats (M), 1:14.78.
- 17/18 50 Fly: 2. Staats (M), 28.09; 7. N Rockwell (M), 31.60.
- 17/18 100 IM: 2. Staats (M), 1:07.39; 3. C Rapoport (V), 1:07.39.
- 17/18 200 IM: 3. C Rapoport (V), 2:33.49.
- U-18 200 Free Relay: 6. Vergennes (A): Acadia Clark, Madelyn Giroux, C Rapoport, B Eckels, 1:50.24.
- U-18 200 Medley Relay: 4. Vergennes (A): M Giroux, C Rapoport, Acadia Clark, B Eckels, 2:03.41.

BOYS' RESULTS:

- U-6 25 Free: 1. Riker Cooley (V), 21.38; 3. Rhett Cooke (V), 29.69.
- U-6 25 Back: 1. Riker Cooley (V), 28.16; 3. Evan Angier (V), 31.25.
- 7/8 25 Free: 1. Paul Foley (V), 14.00;

- 3. Felix Poduschnick (M), 17.92; 13. Martin Gee (V), 21.65.
- 7/8 25 Back: 3. Brantley Cooke (V), 22.50.
- U-8 50 Free: 1. P Foley (V), 31.13; 3. F Poduschnick (M), 41.31; 9. B Cooke (V), 49.06.
- U-8 25 Fly: 1. P Foley (V), 17.25; 4. F Poduschnick (M), 21.15.
- U-8 100 IM: 1. P Foley (V), 1:31.30.
- 9/10 25 Free: 1. Connor Husk (V), 14.38; 4. Weston Kittredge (V), 15.82; 5. Henry Cadoret (M), 16.03; 17. Tobin Howell (V), 18.02.
- 9/10 50 Free: 1. C Husk (V), 32.00; 5. H Cadoret (M), 35.98; 10. T Howell (V), 37.81; 15. Elke Yarbrough (V), 41.37.
- 9/10 25 Back: 8. E Yarbrough (V), 21.31; 15. Beowulf Yarbrough (V), 22.65.
- 9/10 50 Back: 7. E Yarbrough (V), 54.72.
- 9/10 25 Breast: 4. W Kittredge (V), 22.01; 8. Skylar James (V), 23.96; 13. Enli Parrillo (V), 25.90.
- 9/10 50 Breast: 5. S James (V), 55.84.
- 9/10 25 Fly: 1. C Husk (V), 14.83; 6. T Howell (V), 20.40; 14. H Cadoret (M), 22.65.
- 9/10 50 Fly: 3. T Howell (V), 53.40.
- 9/10 100 IM: 1. C Husk (V), 1:23.40; 9. S James (V), 1:51.00.
- U-10 100 Free Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): C Husk, T Howell, S James, P Foley, 1:05.90; 5. Vergennes (B): E Yarbrough, Keegan Cooley, E Parrillo, B Yarbrough, 1:18.59.
- U-10 100 Medley Relay: 3. Vergennes (A): T Howell, S James, C Husk, W Kittredge, 1:21.35; 7. Vergennes (B): B Yarbrough, E Parrillo, K Cooley, E Yarbrough, 1:38.45.
- 11/12 50 Free: 4. Flint Cray (V), 29.67; 5. Khanlen Ouimette (V), 30.11; 14. Sebastian Giroux (V), 32.67; 18. Daniel Power (M), 33.75.
- 11/12 100 Free: 10. Rowan Neffinger (V), 1:19.15.
- 11/12 50 Back: 2. K Ouimette (V), 34.53; 12. D Power (M), 41.79.
- 11/12 50 Breast: 2. S Giroux (V), 37.20; t-10. Constantin Bellmann (M), 43.80.
- 11/12 50 Fly: 1. K Ouimette (V), 32.56; 7. C Bellman (M), 38.50; 12. D Power (M), 41.49; 13. Jorgen Pirrung (M), 41.92.
- 11/12 100 IM: 5. F Cray (V), 1:23.21.
- U-12 200 Free: 4. J Pirrung (M), 2:39.95.
- U-12 100 Back: 4. K Ouimette (V), 1:17.21.
- U-12 100 Breast: 2. S Giroux (V), 1:23.86; 5. C Bellman (M), 1:34.46.

- U-12 100 Fly: 5. C Bellman (M), 1:39.90.
- U-12 200 Free Relay: 4. Middlebury (A): C Bellman, H Cadoret, D Power, J Pirrung, 2:19.03.
- U-12 200 Medley Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): K Ouimette, S Giroux, F Cray, R Neffinger, 2:22.15; 6. Middlebury (A): H Cadoret, C Bellman, D Power, F Poduschnick.
- 13/14 50 Free: 1. Will Clark (V), 23.28; 2. Cohen Howell (V), 25.21; 6. Clark Cray (V), 29.95; 12. Joey Maneen (V), 29.95.
- 13/14 100 Free: 1. W Clark (V), 52.78; 4. C Howell (V), 58.18; 14. J Maneen (V), 1:09.50.
- 13/14 200 Free: 1. C Howell (V), 2:18.51.
- 13/14 50 Back: 1. W Clark (V), 28.02; 12. J Maneen (V), 39.74.
- 13/14 100 Back: 1. W Clark (V), 1:00.83.
- 13/14 50 Breast: t-1. C Cray (V), 31.80; t-1. Noah Smits (V), 31.80; 6. Cohen Howell (V), 36.30.
- 13/14 100 Breast: 1. N Smits (V), 1:14.01.
- 13/14 50 Fly: 1. N Smits (V), 28.49.
- 13/14 100 IM: 4. N Smits (V), 1:06.96.
- U-14 200 Free Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): Cohen Howell, N Smits, J Maneen, W Clark, 1:46.21.
- U-14 200 Medley Relay: 1. Vergennes (A): W Clark, C Cray, N Smits, C Howell, 1:52.54.
- 15/16 50 Free: 5. Luke Davis (V), 24.22; 11. Calder Rakowski (V), 25.73.
- 15/16 100 Free: 4. L Davis (V), 51.69.
- 15/16 50 Back: 4. C Rakowski (V), 31.36.
- 15/16 100 Back: 3. C Rakowski (V), 1:08.96.
- 15/16 50 Fly: 6. L Davis (V), 26.40; 9. C Rakowski (V), 29.09.
- 15/16 100 Fly: 6. L Davis (V), 58.60.
- 17/18 50 Free: 1. Aidan Chance (M), 23.76.
- 17/18 50 Back: 3. A Chance (M), 27.60.
- 17/18 100 Back: 2. A Chance (M), 1:00.13.
- 17/18 100 IM: 3. A Chance (M), 1:00.15.
- U-18 200 Free Relay: 7. Vergennes (A): C Rakowski, S Giroux, K Ouimette, L Davis, 1:56.05.
- U-18 200 Medley Relay: 8. Vergennes (A): C Rakowski, J Maneen, L Davis, Greyson VanderWey, 2:20.32.

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aug 11 THURSDAY
74th Addison County Fair & Field Days in New Haven. Thursday, Aug. 11, 8 a.m.-late. Fairground, Route 17. Come to the area's best county fair, which showcases agricultural, craft and culinary artistry. Ferris wheel and other midway rides.

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, Aug. 11, 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. Chicken and biscuits, red mashed potatoes, diced carrots with dill, strawberries over pound cake and milk. Advanced reservations only by Sunday, Aug. 7. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

Book Bike Storytime in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 11, 12:15-1:15 p.m. outside the Memorial Sports Center, 296 Buttolph Drive. Miss Tricia arrives by bike, carting free books to give away. Then she reads stories on the grass.

Taste of Spain in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. Join Town Hall Theater outdoors under the big tent for a Taste of Spain, featuring five Spanish wines and tapas. Guests greeted with a glass of Cava, and gradually progress through a flight of wines, two whites and two reds. David Herren will provide a brief overview of each wine, discussing how it showcases a particular Spanish region. Tickets \$50, available at townhalltheater.org. Proceeds benefit Town Hall Theater.



Got garden thugs?

ORIENTAL BITTERSWEET IS an aggressive, invasive beast in the garden, and can choke out other woody plants that are beneficial to the ecosystem. In "Invasive Plants: Find 'Em & Do 'Em In!" — a talk in Cornwall on Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Travis Hart of Vermont Fish & Wildlife will identify invasive plants like bittersweet, buckthorn and honeysuckle and explain why their removal is important. See listing for more details. Photo/Wikimedia commons

aug 12 FRIDAY
74th Addison County Fair & Field Days in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 12, 8:30 a.m.-late. Fairground, Route 17. Come to the area's best county fair, which showcases agricultural, craft and culinary artistry. Amusements on the midway.

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Aug. 12, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Chicken and biscuits, red mashed potatoes, diced carrots with dill, strawberries over pound cake and milk. Advanced reservations only by Sunday, Aug. 7. Call Michelle at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

Ghost Stories at Dead Creek Visitor's Center in Addison. Friday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., 966 Route 17. Come hear spooky stories at the nature center at Dead Creek. This is part of the "On the Road with Bixby Storytime" series.

aug 13 SATURDAY
Wildlife walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 13, 7-9 a.m., Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Meet at Otter View Park parking area. Shorter and longer routes possible. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. Please bring a mask. For information call 802-388-1007 or 802-388-6019.

74th Addison County Field Days in New Haven. Saturday, Aug. 13, 8:30 a.m.-late. Fairground, Route 17. Come to the area's best county fair, which showcases agricultural, craft and culinary artistry. Animals, rides, fireworks.

Dead Creek pollinator search in Addison. Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m.-noon, West Branch parking lot, Brileya Rd. Join zoologist Mark Ferguson for a walk through a 2-acre patch of dense nesting cover and pollinator habitat to hunt for any and all pollinators that can be caught with a bug net. Learn about the diversity of insects that feed on and pollinate our plants, beyond bees and butterflies. Come prepared to walk on flat management roads and through tall vegetation and/or brush. Mosquitoes and ticks likely. Limited supply of nets. Bring your own if you have them. Hand lenses also recommended. Rain date Aug. 20. Open to 20 people of any age.

"Invasive Plants: Find 'Em & Do 'Em In!" in Cornwall. Saturday, Aug. 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bingham Memorial School Playground Tent, 112 School Rd. Travis Hart of Vermont Fish & Wildlife will identify invasive plants like buckthorn and honeysuckle and explain why their removal is important. Try out manual tools like the "The Uprooter" and the "Extractigator." If you want, bring tools to share during the workshop and a chair. Free. Rain or shine. More info at mdodge@middlebury.edu.

Middlebury Community Music School concert in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., Reference Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. IPL is partnering with MCMC for free concerts in the library. Musician will be either teachers or students from MCMC.

"The Search for Vermont Samplers" in Addison. Saturday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., John Strong Mansion, 6656 Route 17. Michele Pagan and Ellen Thompson talk about the nationwide hunt for made-in-America samplers — needlework made by American school girls. Free and open to the public. Tours, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2-4 p.m., free that day.

Takeout turkey and salad supper in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 13, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Turkey, potato salad, broccoli salad, roll and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. on Aug. 11, at 802-877-3150.

Moon Hollow in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 13, 6-8 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, Quarry Rd. Come hear free music in the orchard. Bring a chair and your own picnic. Not a dog-friendly event.

aug 14 SUNDAY
Vermont Sun Triathlon events in Salisbury. Sunday, Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m., Branbury State Park, Route 53. The Vermont Sun Triathlon, a 600-yard swim/14-mile bike/3.1-mile run. More info and registration at vermontsuntriathlonseries.com. Registration/bib pick-up online or 6:25-7:45 a.m. at Branbury State Park on race morning.

Vermont Moms Outdoors Farm Day in South Starksboro. Sunday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Flatlander Farm, 2148 Route 17. Come check out Keith and Lisa's beautiful farm and animals. They raise chickens, ducks, geese, and goats on pasture in the hills of South Starksboro. All visitors to the farm are welcome to visit the animals and play in the sand box, swing, and fully enjoy the gardens and gorgeous mountain views.

Pie and Ice Cream Social in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Aug. 14, 1-4 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Celebrate summer with Rokeby's Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social. As in previous years, there will be yards and yards of homemade pies along with ice cream. Live music, raffle prizes, croquet, and badminton on the back lawns. The Museum is open for free during the Social.

aug 15 MONDAY
Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bristol. Monday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Macaroni and cheese with Canadian bacon, beets, broccoli florets, roll, raisin and date cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Aug. 11, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

American Red Cross blood donation in Brandon. Monday, Aug. 15, 12:30-5 p.m., American Legion, 550 Franklin St. Make an appointment to help save lives. Platelet donors are especially needed now. All who donate through Aug. 31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. Donors in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Schedule an appointment using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

City Band performance in Vergennes. Monday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., on the green. Free.

aug 16 TUESDAY
Age Well in-person meal in Vergennes. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m., meal served at 11:45 a.m. of chicken tenders, sweet potatoes, baked beans, wheat bread, sliced apples with cinnamon and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Please bring your own place setting. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Aug. 11, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice. Masks encouraged unless seated and eating. Please stay home if you don't feel well.

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bridport. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 11 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Macaroni and cheese with Canadian bacon, beets, broccoli florets, roll, raisin and date cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Aug. 11, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Outdoor story time in Ferrisburgh. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 3:30 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. The Bixby Library and Rokeby Museum presents the final of three free story times and sing-alongs outside on the Rokeby lawn. The theme is Farming and Feasting. Admission to Rokeby on Tuesdays after 1 p.m. is pay what you can. Come early and explore the exhibits, trails and Storywalk.

Bees Besieged presentation in Salisbury. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. William Mares will be speaking at on "Bees Besieged: A History of Beekeeping."

aug 17 WEDNESDAY
Age Well grab-and-go meal in Monkton. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. Drive up, check-in, pick-up. Macaroni and cheese with Canadian bacon, beets, broccoli florets, roll, raisin and date cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Aug. 14, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Macaroni and cheese with Canadian bacon, beets, broccoli florets, roll, raisin and date cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Aug. 14, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

American Red Cross blood donation in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., MREMS, 55 Collins Dr. Make an appointment to help save lives. Platelet donors are especially needed now. All who donate through Aug. 31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. Donors in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Schedule an appointment using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

aug 18 THURSDAY
Bixby on-the-road storytime in Ferrisburgh. Friday, Aug. 18, 10:30-11 a.m., Ferrisburgh Town Beach, Kingsland Bay. Join the group for stories, songs, and a take-home activity. This program is designed for preschool-aged children and their caregivers. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Hack the painting in Vergennes. Thursday, Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m., Bixby Library, 258 Main St. Bixby will provide a premade painting and various art supplies. Cut apart magazines, draw your own spaceship, get creative and make the painting your own. You do not need to stay for the full two hours, just come and work on your painting as long as you like. For grades 9 and up. Registration required, please call 802-877-2211 or email laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org.

Old Monkton Town Hall brainstorming and pizza party in Monkton. Thursday, Aug. 18, 5-7 p.m., 1859 Old Town Hall, Ridge Rd. The Monkton Museum and Historical Society and selectboard chair Stephen Pilcher host this party for preserving the 1859 Old Town Hall. Participants will share progress with grant applications and awards, as well as their vision of having a museum housed in the space. More info at monktonmhs@gmail.com.

Parenting workshop for moms in Vergennes. Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30-8 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. This free workshop is all about empowering you as a mom. Learn the reasons your kids don't behave the way you'd like them to, three keys to unlocking their cooperation, how to create the conditions for your kids to actually want to cooperate, and how to show up with more curiosity, compassion, and creativity. More info at bixbylibrary.org/event/parentingworkshopkrista.

Movies in the Park After Dark in Bristol. Thursday, Aug. 18, dusk, town green. "Clifford the Big Red Dog." Free and open to the public.

aug 19 FRIDAY
Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Aug. 19, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Macaroni and cheese with Canadian bacon, beets, broccoli florets, roll, raisin and date cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Aug. 14, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Fish Fry in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 19, 5-7 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Tickets \$1. All proceeds benefit Veterans' programs.

Mal Maiz in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 19, 6-7:30 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maiz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra are a festive band, blending traditional cumbia, montuno, son corrido, puya, and afro-Caribbean sounds — all while sharing heritage and culture. Bring your moves to this World + Wine series finale, sure to become an explosive dance party. Tickets \$15 advance/\$18 door/kids 12 and under free, available www.townhalltheater.org, by calling 802-382-9222, or at the door.

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NEWS

LINCOLN — The library will be hosting another children's open art studio on Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. They will have supplies for painting, drawing and coloring along with one special prepared project. Light snacks will be provided. Tom Verner brings magic to the library on Friday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m. Verner is the founder of Magicians Without Borders, a 501C(3) organization that performs magic shows for children in refugee camps, orphanages and hospitals around the world — often in war torn places where love, laughter and magic are desperately needed. Stop by the library for this fun, family friendly event.

FROM LCS

The Kindergarten is creating a building station for outdoor play time. They're looking for the following tools: little hammers, vices and older hand drills with chargers. The school is also looking for durable toys for the

sandbox such as trucks, shovels and buckets. Old metal pots, spoons, and muffin tins are also really fun for creative play! If you'd like to donate any of these items to the school, please leave them under the pavilion (right off the lower parking lot when you pull into the school). Thank you so much!

SAVE THE DATE

The second annual Taco Tuesday fundraiser for Burnham Hall is on! This taco fest will be held on Sept. 6.

REMINDER

The Exploring Lincoln Questers Celebration Party will be held at the library on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 3 p.m.

Until next time ... Not All Storms Come To Disrupt Your Life, Some Come To Clear Your Path. A Comfort Zone Is A Beautiful Place, But Nothing Ever Grows There. If You Want To Fly, Give Up Everything That Weighs You Down.



THE BRICK ADDITION on the back of the main stone mansion at Shard Villa houses up to 17 elderly residents who are cared for in a home-like environment.

Independent photo/William Reed

Shard Villa gets a facelift

By WILLIAM REED

SALISBURY — Rural Vermont's back roads are dotted by homes, imposing silos and iconic red barns. When driving, walking or biking down such roads, rarely does one stumble upon a sophisticated, castle-like mansion of Second Empire-era architecture.

But in the fields of Salisbury, Shard Villa stands tall amid Vermont's trees and cleared farmland, showcasing the grandeur of one of Addison County's architectural gems.

Shard Villa, located on Shard Villa Road off Three Mile Hill Road in Western Salisbury, is undergoing an extensive exterior paint job, headed by Glenn Stearns of Stearns Painting of West Rutland.

The *Independent* paid a visit to the illustrious building last week. Lee Ann Goodrich, the Villa's executive administrator and director, and Davis Brakeley, who sits on the Shard Villa Board of Trustees, provided a tour around the estate, including a peak at the current paint job.

"You're not going to find a better set of painters to work on a building," Brakeley said. "It is a big project. It is not the stone we're redoing, it's the trim." Painter Glenn Stearns was on site, but not on the ground. He was elevated in a large lift, painting the trims of higher ridges of the mansion that cannot be reached from the ground.

"A lot of the work is done on the lift," Brakeley said. "It's 70 feet to the top of the tower. When you're that high in the air, it's no small feat."

"There have been some rough



STEARNS PAINTING SPENT around eight weeks painting the intricately sculpted trim on the Shard Villa mansion and elder care home in Salisbury.

Photo courtesy of Maureen Conrad

patches, it's a very intricate building," Stearns said from up in the air. "It's been interesting, but we're moving along."

Brakeley and Stearns projected that the paint job would be finished by the end of the week. The project lasted nearly eight weeks, and the tireless efforts of the painting crew were not overlooked.

"These guys have done an A-one job," Brakeley continued. "At one point, they had all three of their lifts here for six days, and they were crawling all over the building. They draped it right down to the original paint, the black paint that was the cast iron trim originally. All of the hoods over the windows are actually cast iron, not wood."

The last time Shard Villa was painted was around 16 years ago and Brakeley said it has deteriorated ever since.

"We originally had planned to do some painting with a two-year phase in, for financial reasons, before COVID hit," he said. "It's been languishing for two years since we went out and rebid it."

Not only is the villa's paint job a large undertaking, but the history of the home itself is fascinating.

Shard Villa was originally developed as a country home in 1872 (and was completed in 1874) by local lawyer and Middlebury College alum Columbus Smith. At the time, Smith was an international and estate lawyer who named the grand mansion after a significant and famous case: pursuing and recovering the estate of Frances Mary Shard.

Smith, his wife Harriet, their son William and daughter Mary, lived in Shard Villa, and work on the estate continued into the 1880s when Smith brought Italian artist Silvio Pezzoli to live at the mansion and paint the ornate murals that decorate the interior of the residence, covering the walls and ceilings with cascades of color.

In 1922, the property was adapted for use as an elder care residence, which it still is today. The Villa has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1988.



SHARD VILLA RESIDENTS, from left, Carmen Desforges, Joanne Perron and Nancy Mandigo, enjoy the summer sun and get prime seats to view the painting job at their Salisbury home last month.

Photo courtesy of Maureen Conrad

Goodrich has a long and intimate history with the estate.

"In the '70s, my great aunt and uncle were the directors here. When I was 17 years old, my family moved here when my uncle was living and working here because they needed extra help," Goodrich said. "So, my dad did the groundwork and my mom helped inside. We lived here for a period inside the mansion."

Shard Villa currently employs 17 people.

There are 11 elderly residents, but it can house up to 17. Dealing with the demands of 17 residences was more doable pre-pandemic.

"We're always short staffed, but we manage. COVID really has put a damper on things," Goodrich said.

On July 10, a resident at the Villa tested positive for COVID-19, ending the elderly care facility's 2-and-a-half-year streak of being COVID-free.

At the end of the tour, Brakeley spoke highly of Shard Villa's perseverance and appearance, over the years.

"Amazingly, the building is pretty much the way it was when Smith passed away," Brakeley said. "I'd compare Shard Villa to the Gilded Age mansions of the Astors and the Vanderbilts, when they'd get these massive murals that make them look like the Sistine Chapel."

To get involved with the mansion's upkeep or learn about Shard Villa, go to their website at shardvilla.org.



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AL-ANON OFFERS HELP and hope to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's drinking. Middlebury hosts an online meeting Sunday night 7:15pm and a face to face one Wednesday at 1:30pm at CVUUS (2 Duane Court Middlebury near the high school) that you can also access by Zoom. Visit vermontalananonlateen.org for links and list of other meetings in the region. If you'd like to speak to an Al-Anon member, call our answering service (866-972-5266) and an Al-Anon member will call you back.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in person meetings are available. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aaavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-388-9284.

VERGENNES FREE THINKERS Founded in 1935 on the principle of one alcoholic helping another to achieve sobriety, A.A. is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives. A.A. has always been committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help with an alcohol problem. The Vergennes Free Thinkers meeting was created in January of this year to maintain a tradition of free expression, conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any beliefs, doubts or disbelief they may have, to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, and/or their rejection of it, without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own. Meetings are held with a high regard for compassion and inclusion without judgment or exception. If you think we can help, please join us on Thursdays at 6pm by contacting vergennefree thinkers@gmail.com for Zoom and in-person meeting information.

Public Meetings

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is temporarily closed. Due to COVID-19 we are now holding our meetings online. For up-to-date information on how to access recovery services remotely please visit <https://turningpointaddisonvt.org/covid-19-page-2/>.

VERMONT SUPPORT LINE Are you struggling with a challenging situation? Do you have feelings of sadness, loneliness, isolation, anger, or depression? You don't have to face it alone. Talk with a caring person who understands what you're going through today by calling or texting the free and confidential Pathways Vermont Support Line available 24/7 at (833) VT - TALKS.

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BRIDPORT TOWN-WIDE Yard Sales. August 20 & 21. 9am-4pm. Maps available at sales and Pratt's Store.

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Opportunities

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

Public Meetings

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Help Wanted

Help Wanted



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Some experience is helpful.
\$18-\$25/hour depending on experience.
Contact Christiana Hodges at (802) 989-0694 if interested.

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• Program is targeted to individuals who are interested in beginning level skilled positions in healthcare and immediate employment.
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CSAC Bocce Tournament Volunteers

Counseling Services of Addison County is looking for volunteers to assist during their bocce tournament on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th. Volunteers are needed for set-up, registration, refereeing, and more.



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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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Lawn and Garden

FOR SALE: HONDA Self-propelled gas lawn mower in Middlebury village. Two years old. \$600 new. Asking \$350. Call 802-989-5773, please leave message.

Vacation Rentals

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

For Rent

DRY, WINTER/SUMMER STORAGE SPACE in Addison. Available storage space in my barn for summer/winter storage. The barn is structurally sound and weather-tight with electricity. No heat or running water. The barn is also available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

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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.

This is a full time position (Mon-Fri 7-3:30) with paid vacation time, paid holidays, 401k with employer match, and more!

Please send cover letter and resume to nichole@vermontsoap.com.

Help Wanted

TOWN OF WEYBRIDGE Road Crew Position

The ideal candidate should have a current Class B CDL, clean driving record, and ability to work a flexible schedule with overtime in the winter. Must live within a reasonable distance of Weybridge. Capable of driving dump trucks, snow plowing, equipment maintenance, roadside mowing, culvert work & operating small equipment. Good benefits, paid holidays, retirement, sick days, and insurance. Pay based on experience. Applications are located on the Town Website.

Mail to: **Town of Weybridge**
1727 Quaker Village Rd., Weybridge, VT 05753
or email to: clerk@townofweybridge.org
802-545-2450

Help Wanted



MAPLE BROADBAND IS a Communications Union District organization with a mission to build fiber-optic high-speed internet service throughout Addison County. Description: Develop and carry out strategies for delivering universal access to high-speed internet in Addison County. Oversee operations to ensure efficiency, quality service, and cost-effective management of resources. Knowledge of regulatory and fund-raising principles, experience communicating with a Governing Board, and demonstrated ability to remain calm under pressure are vital. Salary commensurate with experience. Full description at <https://www.maplebroadband.net/execute-director-position-summary/> Deadline for submission, August 22, 2022. Please send resumes to magna@maplebroadband.net

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For Sale

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Lift chairs, hospital beds, walkers, commodes, and much more. Call 802-771-7053 or come to yard sale on 7/30 and 7/31.

FOR SALE: HONDA Self-propelled gas lawn mower in Middlebury village. Two years old. \$600 new. Asking \$350. Call 802-989-5773, please leave message.

TOWN OF CORNWALL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Cornwall is seeking qualified applicants for a full time Highway Maintenance position. This position involves the performance of road maintenance operations year-round. This person must be available to work, with a reasonable commute time, nights, weekends, and holidays through the winter or for any emergency situation. A clean driving record and the ability to pass pre-hire and random drug tests is required. A Class B CDL with air brake endorsement is required. A Class A CDL and/or tank endorsement is a plus. Experience with municipal snowplow trucks and equipment, road grader, loader and other road maintenance equipment is preferred. A High School diploma or equivalent as well as basic computer skills (email, word processing and spreadsheets) is a plus. The Town of Cornwall offers competitive wages and benefits.

Applications and the job description are available at the Cornwall Town Office or on the Cornwall website. Submit a cover letter and resume which includes past work history with the application to the Town Clerk at townofcornwall1761@gmail.com.

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MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES
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Sales for 8/4 & 8/12, 2022

BEEF	LBS.	COST /LB \$	\$
Correia Family	1425	1.06	\$1510.50
Nop Bros & Sons	1735	.90	\$1561.50
Barnes Bros.	1735	.85	\$1474.75
Westminster Farms	1680	.85	\$1428.00
Woodnotch Farm	1400	.815	\$1141.50
Monument Farms	1635	.80	\$1308.00
Defreest Farm	1605	.80	\$1284.00

CALVES	LBS./LB \$	COST	\$
J. Allen	101	3.05	\$308.05
Barnes Bros.	101	3.00	\$303.00
Riverhill Farm	91	3.00	\$273.00
Savello Farm	89	2.80	\$249.20
Champlainside Farm	102	2.50	\$255.00

Total # Beef: 136 Total # Calves: 373
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DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-03641
IN RE ESTATE OF: RALPH CARLYLE PORTER, III
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To the Creditors of: Ralph Carlyle Porter, III, late of Shoreham, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this ancillary estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.
Dated: 08/2/22
Executor/Administrator:
William H Porter
c/o Langrock Sperry & Wool, LLP
PO Drawer 351
Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-6356
frbarlow@langrock.com
Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 08/11/22
Address of Probate Court:
Addison Unit, Probate Court
7 Mahady Court
Middlebury, VT 05753

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802-388-1966
addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union School District Board (Owner) is seeking competitive bids to provide a modular learning unit, for Neshobe Elementary School, 17 Neshobe Circle, Brandon, VT 05733. The unit size should be 28x52 and consisting of two classroom spaces, two private office spaces, and an ADA-accessible bathroom. All bidders shall submit an itemized costs estimate that includes a new unit and if available a used modular portable classroom of good and usable quality. Bids shall also include the cost of a five-year lease as well as the purchase cost of the unit.
Bids are due Monday, August 15, 2022 at 1:00pm
All units utilized and work shall be code compliant. Delivery and Substantial Completion shall be achieved as soon as possible. Please specify delivery and substantial completion date in your proposal. Note that related utilities, utility connections and supporting concrete base pad, or piers, are not part of this project and will be addressed separately and completed this summer or fall. The selected vendor needs to provide concrete specifics no later than September 1st for site work to be completed.
Bid Packages are available upon request by contacting Ms. Brenda L. Fleming, Director of Business and Finance, Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union, by email at bfleming@resu.org.

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THEO WELLS-SPACKMAN, RIGHT, and Casey Calzini rehearse a scene from "The Winter's Tale," by William Shakespeare, which will be performed on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 18 and 19, at Town Hall Theater.
Photo courtesy of Town Hall Theater

THT presents 'The Winter's Tale'

MIDDLEBURY — Summer 2022 has been Town Hall Theater's biggest yet for education, with over 100 youth ages 6-22 filling the theater.

According to Education Director, Lindsay Pontius "We have been bursting at the seams, kids taking up every room of the building. In June, during Rock-It-Science, led by Clint Bierman and members of The Grift, I would walk from the stage to the lobby to the studio and hear three different genres of music as each room contained a four- to five-piece band of incredibly talented young musicians and the "Oliver!" musical cast had 27 kids dancing and singing on stage."

Part of the reason there has been so much action is through partnerships with Middlebury Community Music Center (MCMC) and the Middlebury Studio School (MSS). Pontius explained: "We collaboratively offered two week-long camps, one in Musical Arts which gave kids 7-12 years old a chance to perform on stage under the lights in our first 'very young company' musical. Also, the Adventure into the Arts offering had campers traveling around town creating masks at MSS in the Marble Works, learning stage combat at THT off Merchant's Row and composing songs at MCMC, right on Main Street."

The final Young Company production at THT is Shakespeare's

"The Winter's Tale" with performances Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. This touching and humorous play features live music composed by Rock-It-Science alums, an ensemble of young actors (age 13-22) that having been training together for three weeks in voicing Shakespeare and physical theater as well as the dramatic solution to one of Shakespeare's more ponderous stage directions: "Exit pursued by a bear."

The cast of actor/musicians includes: Viggo Holzhammer, Phin Holzhammer, Casey Calzini, Avery Hohenschau, Willow Heywood, Cierra Miller, Megan Bowers, Owen Flanagan and college students Theo Spackman-Wells, Benjamin Adam Weiss and Zack Maluccio.

It is directed by Lindsay Pontius and Kendra Gratton, and assisted by Amanda Kearns with Clint Bierman

as Music Consultant.

Tickets, \$15 adults, \$5 children under 12, are available at townhalltheater.org or by calling 802-382-9222 weekdays noon to 5 p.m.

Michael Christian wins sugarmaker award

RICHFORD — The board of the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association (VMSMA) has bestowed an important award to an Orwell sugarmaker.

At the organization's annual meeting last month the VMSMA presented the Sumner Williams Lifetime Achievement Award to Michael Christian of Village Mapleworks in Orwell. Directors also gave out two other awards: The Vermont Maple Person of the Year went to the Purinton Family of Huntington, and Roy Corse of Whitingham was tapped for the Outstanding Sugar Maker Award.

For many years, Mike Christian has played an important role in promoting Vermont maple to the greater New England region through the VMSMA booth at the Eastern States Exposition ("The Big E") in West Springfield, Mass., the board noted. The VMSMA Big E booth relies on numerous volunteers and runs over 17 days each fall. Starting in the late winter, Christian undertakes countless hours of work to ensure that everything is in place to share Vermont Maple products with hundreds of thousands of Big E guests. The maple industry has benefited from Mike's expertise and dedication from his many years of service in the fast-paced and

demanding environment of the Big E. Vermont is clearly a leader in promoting maple and Mike has been an integral part of that work.

The award given to Christian, previously called the "President's Award" was renamed in January 2000 in memory of Sumner Williams, then assistant director of the UVM Proctor Maple Research Center. Sumner was a sugarmaker, a researcher, an educator and a true friend to the maple industry. The Sumner Hill Williams Memorial Cup is presented each year to honor an individual for outstanding service and dedication to the maple industry.

Peter and Carla Purinton of Huntington and their children (and their children's families) tap over 17,000 trees on 350 acres of farmland. They promote Vermont maple and regularly increase brand awareness, as well as offer direct assistance to the Association and other sugarmakers when the need is there. This year in particular, Peter and his son Austin worked creatively and tirelessly with VMSMA to ensure Vermont's maple producers had a timely and adequate supply of retail containers in which to sell their syrup. VMSMA is extremely grateful to the Purintons for their willingness to quite literally carry the load for the association while

it managed the container supply transition. Ensuring container availability for dealers and members is extremely important not only for the Vermont Maple brand, but also the many maple businesses that rely on VMSMA's containers.

In deciding who wins the Outstanding Sugar Maker Award, the VMSMA Board selects a Vermont sugarmaker, individual or family who sets a good example for other sugarmakers to follow in cleanliness, food safety and production practices. In addition, nominees for this award help the maple industry by participating in county and statewide fairs to promote and educate future sugarmakers and the general public on the benefits of pure Vermont maple syrup.

Roy Corse was born into sugaring on the family farm where maple syrup has been produced since 1868. In the sugar house, production records are posted and date back to 1918! Together with his wife and helpers they have over 12,000 taps. They are a dealer for Lapierre, H20 and Leader. In year's past, Corse has worked on promoting Vermont maple with Windham County's Maplerama event and he currently serves as an alternate to the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association Board.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Middlebury is considering making application to the State of Vermont for an Implementation Grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at 7:15 PM on August 23, 2022 at the Middlebury Town Office's Large Conference Room, in person or virtually at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87165602161>, Dial in: +1 646 558 8656, Webinar ID: 871 6560 2161 to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the amount of funds available and the range of community development activities that may be undertaken under this program, the impact to any historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed project, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine the proposed statement of projected use of these funds.

The proposal is to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in VCDP Funds which will be used to accomplish the following activities: Expanding and renovating Otter Creek Child Center, 150 Weybridge Street, to provide up to 77 new child care spaces and up to 22 new jobs. Copies of the proposed application are available from cgrant@townofmiddlebury.org at the Middlebury Town Offices and may be viewed during the hours of 9:00 - 3:00 on Monday to Thursday. Should you require any special accommodations, please contact Crystal Grant at cgrant@townofmiddlebury.org to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) # 1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of Middlebury

TOWN OF STARKSBORO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

William & Juliet Heffernan have applied (22-400) for a minor subdivision of property located at 25 Gore Rd (parcel D5417W) in the Town of Starksboro. The proposed project will divide the property into 2 lots. The final plat hearing will be reviewed per Sec. 426 of the Starksboro Land Use & Development Regulations (SLUDR).

Deborah "Naef" Robinson has applied (22-401) for a minor subdivision of property located at 425 Mountainside Ln (parcel C5133W) in the Town of Starksboro. The proposed project will divide the property into 2 lots (Lot 1 = 99.5± acres, Lot 2 = 41.3±). The final plat hearing will be reviewed per Sec. 426 of SLUDR.

The Starksboro DRB will hold a hearing on both applications on **Aug 25 at 7 pm** at the Starksboro Town Offices and via Zoom. A copy of the applications and additional information may be obtained at Starksboro Town office.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Zoning Administrator
Town of Starksboro, Vermont

Public Notices

can be found on **Pages 10B & 11B.**

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE PUBLIC NOTICE

The State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources, Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management & Prevention Division, has issued Hazardous Waste Emergency Permit No. DEC-HW-EP-22-02 to Middlebury College, located in Middlebury, VT. The Emergency Permits are issued for the purpose of allowing on-site treatment of:

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Chemcept Inc. will conduct the treatment of these wastes under an approved work plan. After treatment, the containers shall be packaged and transported to a permitted off-site hazardous waste facility for disposal.

The Emergency Permit is effective as of August 1, 2022 and will expire on August 30, 2022. Any questions or requests for further information may be directed to William Sisson of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management & Prevention Division, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620-3704; (802) 461-6603; william.sisson@vermont.gov.

WARNING SPECIAL MEETING of the LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT August 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Burnham Hall, 52 East River Road, Lincoln, Vermont

The legal voters of the School District of Lincoln, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at Burnham Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss and transact the following business.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a school district meeting moderator for the ensuing year until the next annual meeting. [16 V.S.A. § 493]

ARTICLE 2. Shall the school district of Lincoln hold its annual meeting on the first day preceding the first Tuesday in March, at 6:00 p.m.? [16 V.S.A. § 422(b)]

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District vote to add two additional School Directors? The terms of these additional members will be for two years, except in the first year one shall expire on the date of the next annual meeting and the other shall expire on the second annual meeting day following their election. [16 V.S.A. § 423(b)]

ARTICLE 4. To elect a Lincoln School Director for a term to expire on the date of the next annual meeting. [16 V.S.A. § 423(b)]

ARTICLE 5. To elect a Lincoln School Director for a term to expire on the date of the second annual meeting following this election. [16 V.S.A. § 423(b)]

Swearing in of officers.

ARTICLE 6. Will the voters of the Lincoln School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, by issuing bonds or notes? [16 V.S.A. § 562(9)]

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Lincoln School District approve the amount of \$50,000, to cover expenses from May 18, 2022 to December 31, 2022, for the purpose of establishing a fully functioning school district by July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 8. To establish salaries for the Town School District Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other legal and proper business coming before said meeting.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022
Lincoln Board of School Directors
/S/Jennifer Oldham
/S/Abby Reynolds
/S/Paul Forlenza

E-Waste drop-off in Middlebury

ADDISON COUNTY — Officials at the Addison County Solid Waste Management District note that advancing technology is spawning new electronic gadgets that invariably make their way into the county's transfer station off Route 7 South in Middlebury.

They want to remind residents that some electronic waste is accepted year-round at the transfer station, though some of it isn't allowed in trash bins, including computers, computer peripherals, computer monitors, printers, CRTs, TVs, PDAs, MP3 players, personal e-devices, electronic game consoles, fax machines, wireless phones, telephones, answering machines, VCRs, DVD players, digital converter boxes, stereo equipment, universal or uninterruptible power supplies, e-device power cords & chargers, and copiers.

But don't worry, there's a special recycling program for electronics at the transfer station. If you're a consumer, a charity, a school district, a business with 10 or fewer employees, or have seven or fewer covered items, you are an entity that is covered by the Vermont E-Waste Law. This means special recycling of covered devices is free.

Items covered by the E-Waste Law are computers, monitors, computer peripherals, printers, and TVs.

If you or your item aren't covered by Vermont's E-Waste Law, there are the rates you have to pay — 23 cents per pound for large items or large quantities; computer systems, \$11 each; computers by piece, \$6 per piece; TVs (regular), \$7 each; TVs (console size), \$15 each; desktop photocopier, \$11 per piece; small electronics (such as CD/DVD player/fax/stereo/telephones), \$2.50 per piece; mixed bag of goods (adapters, cameras, chips, cords, game controllers, phones, remotes, etc.—size of a grocery bag), \$5 per bag.

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COXSRAIN EMILY WEBER snapped this shot of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's rowing crew as they competed in The Blackburn Challenge — on Saturday, July 23, in Gloucester, Mass. The team came in 60th out of 100 competitors.

Photo/Emily Weber



LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME Museum's rowing team tested their mettle on July 23 at The Blackburn Challenge, a 20-mile, human-powered, boat race in Gloucester, Mass. Members of the team included: coxswain Emily Weber, Andrew Rainville, Keith Mintz, David Brynn, Tim Hodson, Michelle Conlon, and Sandra Murphy.

Photo/Andrew Rainville

Local rowers compete in The Blackburn Challenge in Mass.

GLOUCESTER, Mass. — A team of rowers from Ferrisburgh's Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (LCMM) traveled south for a near-marathon of open water rowing — The Blackburn Challenge — on Saturday, July 23. This annual race starts and ends in Gloucester,

MA, circumnavigating Cape Ann — a distance of 20 miles. In its 35th year, the competition draws inspiration from Howard Blackburn, a Gloucester-based fisherman who was lost at sea in 1883, losing most of his fingers and toes to frostbite while rowing his way to land. The

novel *Lone Voyager* tells the story of Blackburn's harrowing experience.

Fortunately for the LCMM team, conditions in Gloucester were favorable as the team launched one of LCMM's newest six-oared Cornish pilot gigs and rowed to the start. The safety orange boat, named Frank Beckett, was built in 2018 by Addison County high school students using local wood and expertise. The crew of seven included coxswain Emily Weber, Andrew Rainville, Keith Mintz, David Brynn, Tim Hodson, Michelle Conlon, and Sandra Murphy. Notably, Weber and Rainville are alumni of the local high school rowing community, formerly competing for the Vergennes and Mt. Abraham teams, respectively.

At 7:45am, the start horn sounded for the second wave and Frank Beckett, together with two other

pilot gigs from Belfast, ME and Gloucester, MA, began its journey joining a selection of other rowed boats. The first three miles of the course wound north through the Annisquam River before letting out into Ipswich Bay. From there, the path was to simply follow the shoreline clockwise until arriving at Gloucester Harbor on the south end of the cape. For the middle half of the race, the rowers managed occasional swells and boat wakes on the port side from the broad Atlantic Ocean. Once inside the harbor, it was a 1.75-mile push to the finish.

The crew maintained a consistent pace throughout, taking 30-32 strokes per minute, ultimately finishing the course with an average per-mile time of 11 minutes and 8 seconds. Their finish time of 3 hours, 42 minutes, 48 seconds was good

enough for second place among the pilot gigs with Belfast finishing 11 minutes earlier and Gloucester finishing 13 minutes behind. In the field of 100 human-powered vessels featuring everything from stand-up paddle boards to six-person outrigger canoes, the LCMM crew finished in a respectable 60th place.

This was the second time that an LCMM crew has completed the Blackburn Challenge. In 2018, a different set of rowers accomplished the course in 4 hours, 4 minutes, and 10 seconds. Rainville was the only member of the 2022 crew who also rowed in 2018. Speaking about the race, he acknowledged, "Four years ago, I had a stretch goal to get under four hours and we just barely missed it. I couldn't miss an opportunity to make it happen!" He continued, "we faced some substantial bumps in the

road, but we managed to overcome all of them and put up a time that was better than I could have imagined." Will the team be back next year for a third try? Rainville wouldn't commit but noted that several rowers who have not yet rowed the race are already interested, suggesting that the LCMM team could make a return in the near future.

Looking ahead, the Blackburn rowers will rejoin the rest of their team for LCMM's Challenge Race on August 27th. That race, held on Lake Champlain, is also open to any human-powered vessel but covers a much shorter distance - a comparatively modest 3.5 miles. More information about the race and the LCMM community rowing program can be found at www.lcmm.org.

Reader Comments

Here's what one reader has to say about us!

A subscriber from N. Ferrisburgh writes:

"Thank heavens for local news."

Quotes are taken from reader comments submitted with subscription renewals.



ADDISON COUNTY
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Champlain College names 2022 spring honors list

BURLINGTON — The following students have been named to the Champlain College honors list for the spring 2022 semester. The honors include:

- Dean's list - achieving a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher for the spring semester.
- President's list - achieving a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher for the spring semester.
- Trustees' list - achieving a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher for two consecutive

semesters.

DEAN'S LIST

Addison: Olivia Hutchins.

Bristol: Ezekiel Berry-Savage, Wisdom Edwards, David Legnosky and Michael St. Louis.

Lincoln: Bradley Ploof.

Middlebury: Brenna Cook, Hannah Hoopagh and Jaskaran Singh.

Monkton: Claire Holloway.

New Haven: Ethan Martin.

North Ferrisburgh: Brianna Billings.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Bristol: Michael Bedard.

Bristol: Cole Kouwenhoven, Stephanie Menotti, Kristen Miceli and Gillianne Ross.

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ARTS LEISURE

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In the new play "Griswold," veteran actor Margo Whitcomb plays a Planned Parenthood clinic head who fights a Connecticut law banning birth control all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Her case in the 1960s paved the way for the Roe v. Wade decision, but Griswold herself is not well known.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO/JOHN S. McCRIGHT

New play tells story of reproductive rights pioneer

A few hours at the theater can help us escape momentarily from the wrenching problems of the real world. But sometimes a play does an even more important job by revealing and dramatizing the kind of person who might help bring us back from the brink, and how it might be done. Estelle Griswold, a little-known American hero of reproductive liberty, is the focus of "Griswold," a powerful new work by California playwright Angela J. Davis.

BY **DAVID WEINSTOCK**

The play, one of only three selected from over 100 submissions, will be performed as a "staged reading" as part of Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival. "Griswold" will be staged under the tent at Swift House in Middlebury on Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m.

In 1961, Estelle Griswold was the director of the Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven, Connecticut. She was feisty, determined and "did not suffer fools gladly," says Davis. "And there are so many fools!"

The clinic was hamstrung by a 19th century state law — introduced, oddly enough, by circus showman P.T. Barnum when he served in the Connecticut legislature — that prohibited giving women birth control devices, medicine or even correct information. For years, the clinic tried unsuccessfully to change the law, while in the meantime spending its limited resources to ferry patients to doctors in less-regulated jurisdictions like New York and Rhode Island.

Angela Davis, an attorney as well as a playwright, says, "It really was not my motivation to write a political play. I started my research and writing long before the current news cycle." She admired Griswold and wanted to correct history's neglect of

her story. "She does not have a biographer and the record on her was difficult to find. I tracked down newspaper and magazine articles from the period."

One day, Griswold had had enough and decided to fight back. She and the clinic doctor let themselves be arrested and fined, then appealed their case all the way to the top. In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court used the idea of privacy rights to overturn the law, at the same time taking down similar laws in many other states. From that day forward, universal birth control access was the law of the land.

Actor Margo Whitcomb, cast in the title role, says, "I am honored to play Estelle, but like many, I had never even heard of the case or the woman. Angela Davis's play is highly inventive, theatrical and polished. I was breathless reading it for the first time. It has profound depth, is hilarious and has

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GRISWOLD

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unequaled relevancy to this moment in America."

That moment, of course, came abruptly just two months ago, with the overturning of Roe v. Wade, made worse by Justice Clarence Thomas's threat to destroy Griswold, as well as cases allowing gay sex and same-sex marriage, using the same difficult logic that gutted Roe.

Will today's conservative court undo Griswold's accomplishments? "I don't have a crystal ball, so I just don't know," says Davis. "But I had to tell the story. She takes this new job and very serendipitously ends up doing something that changes the course of history."

In the play, Griswold speaks both as a character and narrator, and interacts with two more actors, each of whom in turn plays 11 different roles. In director Gaen Murphree's spare but powerful staging, the characters use quick changes of costume and voice to represent everyone from birth control pioneers Katharine McCormick and Hilda Standish, to P.T. Barnum himself, to a buffoonish French official, a female patient, and the two police officers who carry out the arrest.

Gaen Murphree is thrilled to be directing Griswold. "In my experience with new plays, I don't ever think I've come across a play that is so timely. I think this is the most important new American play of 2022."

Although the topic is serious, Davis uses humor to make her points. "Some humor can earn the audience's trust — you're romancing the audience. You have very little time to get their attention, to get them seduced into another world. A little bit of humor can pull them in. There's such a thing as comedic truth."

Will Griswold's legacy endure? "I hope so," says Ripton resident Ash Hickey, a young activist who carries on the Griswold tradition. She works as a telehealth specialist / clinical health care associate for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, and she canvasses tirelessly for signatures in support of Vermont's upcoming Reproductive Liberty Amendment, Prop 5 on the upcoming November election ballot.



PLAYWRIGHT ANGELA J. DAVIS

"When I'm campaigning for the amendment, people say, 'Aren't we fine here in Vermont? Aren't we going to be OK?'" Hickey says. "But I don't think we're that safe. These services are important. I worry about our communities here in Vermont. I would hate for us to get too comfortable to what we have, and to have that taken away."

"Griswold" is the first of three productions in Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival. See it at Swift House in Middlebury on Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. The other plays in the series are "Natchetochez" by Seth McNeill on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m., and "American Deal" by Donna Hoke" the same day at 7 p.m. Buy tickets — \$15 for one play or \$40 for all three online at townhalltheater.org or just walk up to the Swift House tent.



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Ciderstock brings Bleachers and MisterWives

Bleachers, known as one of the best live acts in the world, will headline when Ciderstock makes its return to Middlebury on Aug. 20. What started back in 2014 as a celebration of the grand opening of Woodchuck's cidery quickly grew to become one of the most sought-after events of the year for cider enthusiasts and concertgoers alike.

On July 30, 2021, Bleachers released their highly anticipated third album

"Take the Sadness Out of Saturday Night" on RCA Records. Kicking off 2022, Bleachers made their debut performance on NBC's Saturday Night Live, performing two songs, including their new single "How Dare You Want More" to mark the show's first episode of the year.

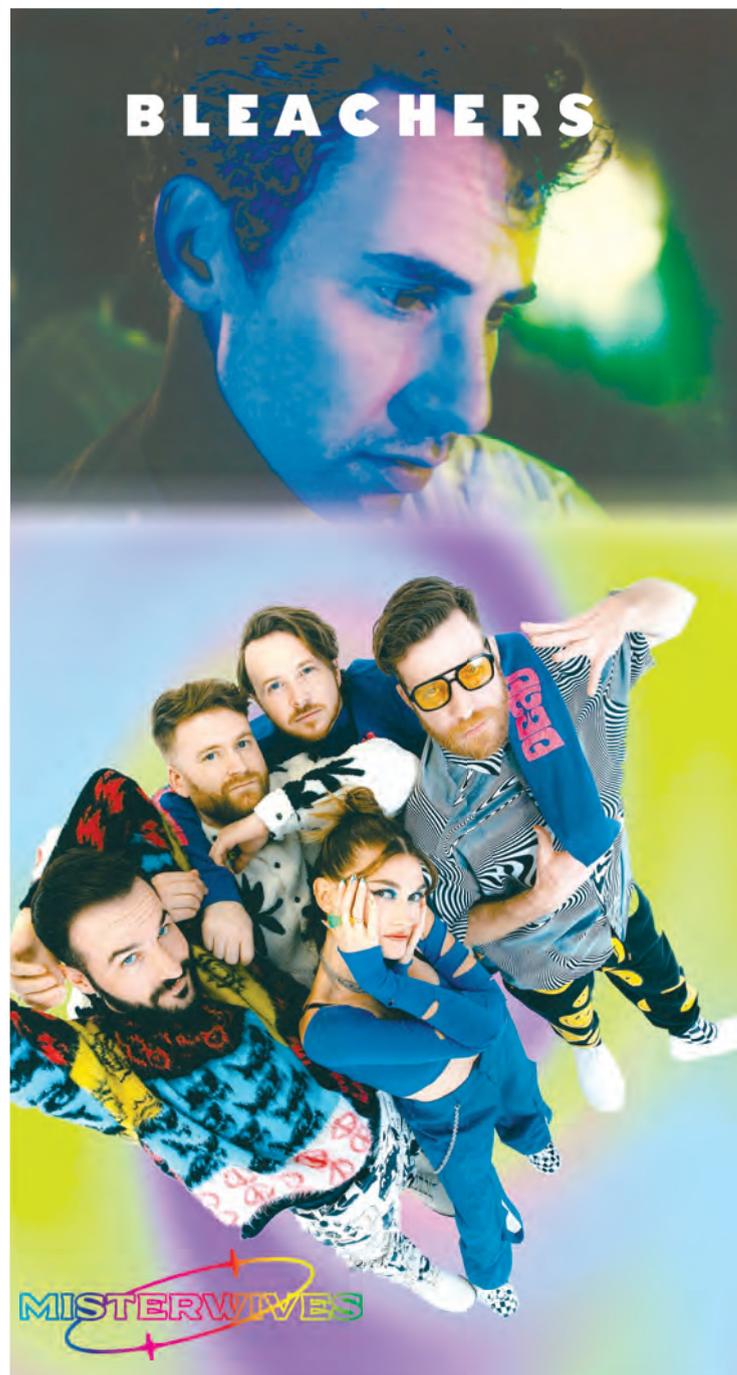
Opening for Bleachers is the band MisterWives, whose latest album, "Superbloom," marks a moment of major transformation for front woman Mandy Lee and her bandmates: Etienne Bowler (drums), William Hehir (bass), Marc Campbell (guitar), and Mike Murphy (saxophone)

Be sure to follow Woodchuck's social media channels to secure your tickets and stay up to date with the latest information on the event.

"We know many of you are already beyond excited for the return of Ciderstock and we could not be happier to bring back an event that has meant so much to us and our fans since its inception,"

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UPCOMING MUSIC

Local piano prodigy plays in Salisbury Aug. 19

On Friday, Aug. 19, at 7:30, the Salisbury Summer Performance Series is delighted to host a concert by talented Middlebury pianist Zachariah Burrows. Zachariah (18), who has been playing the piano for 13 years, enjoys a multitude of genres and often blends classical, jazz, and improv, as witnessed by the fact that he will be playing music by Schubert, Beethoven, Gershwin and the Beatles.

In addition to solo piano and ensemble experiences, Burrows accompanies musicals, auditions and concerts for local high school students, and occasionally plays for church services. When not occupied with concerts and auditions, Burrows participates in several informal Middlebury-based youth ensembles, including a jazz trio and a rock band. In addition to the piano, Burrows plays the flute, piccolo, and saxophone and composes original music for these (and other) instruments. He is also a virtuosic whistler!



ZACHARIAH BURROWS

He has earned a number of awards and honors for piano performance and composition in recent years, including for the Vermont All State Music Festival: Jazz Pianist (2020, 2021, 2022), Piano Scholarship (2020, 2021, 2022), and Composition Scholarship (2021). In 2022, Burrows was honored to be chosen among top musicians from the New England region to perform as piano soloist at the All New England Music Festival where he played the "Preludes" by George Gershwin. He graduated from Middlebury Union High

carillon concerts

George Matthew Jr., will play Middlebury College's Carillon on Friday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m. (please note earlier time, in conjunction with Language Schools Commencement). This concert is free and open to the public, and can be enjoyed on the steps of the Chapel or on the surrounding lawns. Audiences are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Performances will continue each Friday through Aug. 19.

School in June of this year and will be attending Oberlin College and Conservatory in the fall. This is an opportunity to witness this talented young musician before he departs to pursue the next stage in his musical career.

Because of the need to utilize the piano, these concerts will occur indoors. Guests are asked to wear a mask unless fully vaccinated, and welcome those who prefer to remain masked even though they are fully inoculated.

This will be the seventh of eight concerts in Salisbury's 42nd Summer Performance Series, which will run through Aug. 25 at the historic, but handicapped accessible, 1838 meetinghouse in Salisbury Village. There is no admission charge; a free-will donation in support of the series will be appreciated.

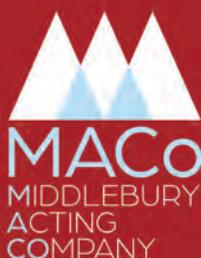


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GRISWOLD

BY ANGELA J. DAVIS
STAGED READING ON FRIDAY, AUG. 19 AT 7PM

A fast-paced, fun, and inspiring romp through the forgotten history behind the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that established the right to sexual privacy, "Griswold" mines the spirit and drive of Estelle Griswold, the extraordinary 65-year-old woman who changed history.

NATCHETOCHAZ

BY SETH MCNEILL
STAGED READING ON SATURDAY, AUG. 20 AT 2PM

Preparing to share Easter dinner, the Turpin family discusses the day's mass shooting in nearby Natchetochaz, a small town in the Deep South. After it becomes clear that one of their own might be caught up in the momentous events in town, the family is confronted with questions of how well they know themselves and each other.

AMERICAN DEAL

BY DONNA HOKE
STAGED READING ON SATURDAY, AUG. 20 AT 7PM

Clive Jenkins. A husband. A father. A writer with an MFA. An addict. A man who, sixteen years ago, gunned down a stranger, and still can't say why. Clive's most successful attempts to examine his life come when he puts pen to paper, pouring out his demons in stories. Now, he's got a chance at parole, and a six-figure book deal that might help him get it—if he can prove he's a changed man.

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"Vermont: On the Road," the third in a series of three Vermont-centric shows. An all-member and all-media display, this show shares each artist's favorite spots across Vermont, from crowd-favorite occasions to secret hideaways to even the road that gets you there. On view July 15-Sept. 5.

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"About Town" featuring Betsy Silverman and Rachel Wilcox, is on view Aug. 1-Sept. 30. Both artists capture the essence of the urban landscape; its pace, energy, and diversity. These city scenes show us the intersection of people's lives and their stories, and the compositional complexity and excitement where architecture, vehicles, and streetlife meet. An opening reception will be held Friday, Aug. 19, from 5-6:30 p.m.

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"Inspired by Nature: A Mother and Daughter's View." Paintings by Bristol artist Brenda Myrick and Barbara Lane, a 92-year-old retired surgical nurse from Whiting, will be on view July 8-Aug. 13. The Jackson Gallery is located in the lower level of Town Hall Theater, and is open Monday through Friday 12-5 p.m., and an hour before any public events in the building.

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ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, now could be a good time to map out your financial future. You're riding a professional wave and your finances will benefit significantly from your hard work.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, you can be a strong and formidable advocate for any cause you choose to support. Figure out what ideas you want to align with this week and voice your support.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. This week you may start out feeling like the life of the party. But you may run out of steam as the week winds down. Plan light activities for the weekend, Gemini.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Cancer, if you are feeling frustrated at work, you may want to address your feelings with friends this week. They may be able to provide a fresh perspective on the situation.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. Don't take anything for granted this week, Leo. Even seemingly mundane events can have a significant impact on both your present and your future.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Explore creative outlets, Virgo. They may be just what you need right now to calm your mind and work through some of the problems that have been tough to solve lately.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, it is important to define boundaries between work and home life this week, especially as you explore remote working opportunities or a promotion.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Scorpio, your close relationships could benefit from some increased conversation this week. Small talk is a start, but dig into topics that are meaningful to you and your partner.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Concerns about finances could have you holding back on all spending, including important purchases, Sagittarius. A professional can help you establish a budget.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Capricorn, life may be challenging this week, and attempts to get ahead could be thwarted. You may just have to hunker down a little longer and work harder.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Set up your living space to ensure you feel peaceful and calm at all times, Aquarius. This can improve your overall mood and benefit your long-term health.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March

20. Frustrations with finances may have you feeling poorly at the moment, Pisces. Some news at work could provide the relief you need.

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AUG. 11 — Viola Davis, actor (57)

AUG. 12 — Erwin Schrödinger, Physicist (d)

AUG. 13 — Samuel de Champlain, explorer (d)

AUG. 14 — Halle Berry, actor (56)

AUG. 15 — Julia Child, chef (d)

AUG. 16 — Taika Waititi, filmmaker, actor, comedian, book author (47)

AUG. 17 — Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox second baseman (39)

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THURSDAY, AUG.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN CHARLOTTE.

Thursday, Aug. 11, Mt. Philo. Full moon hike up trail and down road with picnic — easy. Contact Ken Corey at kac4964@gmail.com for information or to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

FRIDAY AUG. 12

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN MONKTON.

Friday, Aug. 12, Raven Ridge Loop. Raven Ridge Natural Area is a Nature Conservancy property. This moderate hike features valley views and geological formations. The 2.2-mile loop starts at a boardwalk, follows a woody loop trail that ascends to a viewpoint on a west-facing ridge. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, snack and hiking poles if desired. Limited to 10 participants. Contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116 to register and for meeting time and possible carpooling from the Middlebury area. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

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ENSEMBLE IN SALISBURY. Friday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. Salisbury Meetinghouse, 853 Maple St. Music by Schumann and Leo Blanco (USA Premier) as part of Salisbury's 42nd Summer Performance Series. Masks requested if not fully vaccinated. Free-will donation.

"WELCOME TO PARADISE" DEBUT IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 61 S. Pleasant St. Come to this workshoping production of Doug Anderson's new musical based on a true story and written for six women facing a crisis. A seasoned cast and a 7-piece orchestra take on this study of resilience and new beginnings, with a dynamic score and humor. Tickets \$20, available at townhalltheater.org, or at the door, if available.

BIG APPLE COMICS IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 12, 8:30-9:30 p.m., American Flatbread Pavilion, Marble Works. New York City-based standup comedian Tina Friml returns to her hometown, with her favorite fellow NYC comics in tow, to bring the laughs in this three-part summer comedy series under American Flatbread's new pavilion. Free. Limited seating. More info and registration at townhalltheater.org.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

KEVIN KARECKAS IN BRANDON. Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park. Downtown Brandon Alliance brings you live solo performers every second and fourth Saturdays through September.

EMILY SUNDERMAN IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., Reference Room, Ilsey Public Library, 75 Main St. Free music in the reference room. Emily Sunderman will perform on the violin. Don't forget to come early or plan to stay after the performance and visit the food truck serving free snacks and beverages to everyone.

"THE SEARCH FOR VERMONT SAMPLERS" IN

ADDISON. Saturday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., John Strong Mansion, 6656 Route 17. Michele Pagán and Ellen Thompson talk about the nationwide hunt for made-in-America samplers — needlework made by American school girls. Free and open to the public. Tours, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2-4 p.m., free that day.

"BLOOD AND SAND" SILENT FILM IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Starring Rudolph Valentino in his first starring role, as a sexy bullfighter in this romantic thriller. Live music for each silent film program performed by Jeff Rapsis, a performer and composer who specializes in scoring and presenting silent films. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

THE MILES DONAHUE QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 and 8:45 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Lane. For one night only The Miles Donahue Quarter will perform under the Swift House Inn tent. Tickets \$15, available at townhalltheater.org or cash only at the door.

"WELCOME TO PARADISE" MUSICAL IN

MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 61 S. Pleasant St. See Aug. 12 listing.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

"WELCOME TO PARADISE" MUSICAL IN

MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Aug. 14, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 61 S. Pleasant St. See Aug. 12 listing.

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MONDAY, AUG. 15

MAGIC SHOW WITH TOM VERNER IN SALISBURY.

Monday, Aug. 15, 5 p.m., 918 Maple St. Join the Salisbury Public Library for an enchanting show by local magician and founder of traveling non-profit Magicians Without Borders, Tom Verner. He most recently traveled to Eastern Poland to entertain and inspire Ukrainian refugees.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

BLOOD ROOT GAP IN BRANDON. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Bluegrass music to charm the soul. Bring a chair or a blanket for listenin' or nappin' and your fingers and toes for snappin' and tappin'. Free.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

HACK THE PAINTING IN VERGENNES. Thursday, Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m., Bixby Library, 258 Main St. Bixby will provide a premade painting and various art supplies. Cut apart magazines, draw your own spaceship, get creative and make the painting your own. You do not need to stay for the full 2 hours, just come and work on your painting as long as you like. For grades 9 and up. Registration required, please call 802-877-2211 or email laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org.

"REVISION: TAKING THE NEXT STEPS" WORKSHOP IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m., under the tent, Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Lane. Karina Jutzi leads this workshop as part of Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival. Good re-writing is the key to good writing. This workshop will look at a few different scripts and how they have changed through the editing process, and provide tips and tricks for tackling your own work. Limit 20 participants. Tickets \$20 per workshop or \$50 for all three, available at www.middleburyactors.org.

MOVIES IN THE PARK AFTER DARK IN BRISTOL. Thursday, Aug. 18, dusk, town green. "Clifford the Big Red Dog." Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19

CARILLON CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 3 p.m., Middlebury Chapel lawn, Old Chapel Rd. George Matthew Jr. will perform the final concert of the summer in conjunction with the Language Schools Commencement. Free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM WITH DADDYLONGLEGS IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 4-7 p.m. Sheldon Museum, One Park St. The Sheldon will be open free to the public from 4-7 p.m. with music by DaddyLongLegs in the Museum Garden beginning at 5 p.m. DaddyLongLegs is the confluence of three well known Vermont musicians — Rick Ceballos,

David Gusakov and Matt Witten — whose talents merge to form a dynamic and highly original traditional folk trio.

"THE PLAYWRIGHT'S WORKOUT" WORKSHOP IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 4-6 p.m., under the tent, Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. As part of Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival. Eugenie Carabatsos leads this generative playwriting workshop. A series of short writing exercises designed to aid all stages of the writing process. Limit 20 participants. Tickets \$20 per workshop or \$50 for all three, available at www.middleburyactors.org.

ART OPENING RECEPTIONS IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, from 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row. There will be receptions for "Land & Tide: Scenes from New England," a show of photographs by Jim Westphalen, and for "Be Still," a solo exhibition featuring the work of painter Rory Jackson. The exhibit runs through September and coincides with Edgewater's Plein Air festival.

ART OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill St. A reception for "About Town," featuring Betsy Silverman and Rachel Wilcox. More info at edgewatergallery.com, 802-458-0098 or info@edgewatergallery-vt.com. Part of Edgewater's Plein Air 2022.

"GRISWOLD" STAGED READING IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn, 256 Stewart Lane. Part of Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival, "Griswold," by Angela J. Davis is inspired by the forgotten history behind the

landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that established a right to sexual privacy. Fusing magic realism, docudrama and comedic truth, "Griswold" mines the spirit and drive of the overlooked 65-year-old woman whose actions set the Griswold case in motion. Outdoors under the tent. See story on Page 1 of Arts + Leisure.

ZACHARIAH BURROWS PLAYS PIANO IN SALISBURY. Friday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meetinghouse, 853 Maple St. Music by Schubert, Beethoven, Gershwin and the Beatles. Part of Salisbury's 42nd Summer Performance Series. Masks requested if not fully vaccinated. Free-will donation.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 20, locations around town. Keep an eye out for artists working outside as part of Edgewater Gallery's Plein Air weekend. A cocktail reception and wet paint sale on the upper deck at Edgewater at the Falls, will wrap up the weekend.

"PLAYWRITING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE" WORKSHOP IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, under the tent, Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. What does it mean to write a socially conscious play? How do you begin? What can help you along the way? Through a combination of group discussion and writing exercises, Gina Steverson explores the practical tools for creating meaningful new work at the intersection of theater and social change. Part of Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming: A New Play Festival. Limit 20 participants. Tickets \$20 per workshop or \$50 for all three., available at www.middleburyactors.org.

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The 8th year: Middlebury New Filmmakers Fest is back

MNFF ANNOUNCES FILM PROGRAM, FESTIVAL SCHEDULE, HONOREES AND SPECIAL GUESTS AUG 24-28

The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival (MNFF) has announced details of its expansive 2022 film program, five-day film schedule, acclaimed honorees and special guests for its 8th annual fest, set for Aug. 24-28. The festival will screen more than 140 films, a mix of features, shorts, dramas, documentaries and honoree tribute films on six screens over the five full days.

Surrounding the film screenings will be multiple special events and presentations, plus daily happy hours and evening parties for festival pass

holders. According to MNFF's organizers, the 8th Annual fest will be the largest to date.

After a day of morning and afternoon screenings, the festival's opening night film on Aug. 24 will be "The Automat," the recent documentary from director Lisa Hurwitz, that explores the colorful and storied history of the Horn and Hardart Automat restaurants in New York and Philadelphia. Ms. Hurwitz will attend and participate in an extended on-stage conversation with MNFF Artistic Director, Jay Craven.

Among the many outstanding films being shown over its five days, the festival will screen the documentaries "Charm Circle," directed by Nira Burstein (attending); "Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest," from director Nancy Svendsen

(attending); "The High Rock," from director Ellen Moore (attending); "The American Dream and Other Fairy Tales," from directors Abigail Disney and Kathy Hughes (attending); "Bad Axe," directed by David Siev; and "The Pez Outlaw," from directors Amy Bandlien Storkel and Bryan Storkel.

In the narrative drama/comedy category, MNFF will offer, among many choices, "Clouds of Chernobyl," from Romanian director Ligia Ciornei (attending); "Medusa," from French director Sophie Levy; "Olga," directed by Elie Grappe; "The Unknown Country," from MNFF alum Morrisa Maltz (attending); "Marcel the Shell with Shoes On," directed by Dean Fleischer-Camp; "Wake Up, Leonard," from director Kat Mills Martin (attending); and, just added, the new drama from director Sarah T. Schwab, "A Stage of

Twilight," starring Karen Allen, an MNFF returning honoree, who will attend the screening along with Ms. Schwab.

MNFF8 will also welcome a significant number of honorees to its stages, including two-time Academy Award-nominated actor and filmmaker Maggie Gyllenhaal, who will present her multiple Oscar-nominated drama "The Lost Daughter," her feature directing debut. Gyllenhaal will appear for the post-screening Q&A and will also appear following the screening of her iconic comedic drama "Secretary," where she co-stars with James Spader.

Other honorees include:

Marc Levin, prolific director/writer/producer of nearly fifty films, will be at Middlebury to present a 25th-Anniversary screening of his Sundance-winning drama "Slam" and his recent documentary, "I Promise," produced in collaboration with LeBron James.

Lindsay Crouse, Senior Editor of *The New York Times* and Co-Executive Producer of the paper's Op-Docs series, will show a series of short films focusing on women in sports. Crouse has produced more than 350 short films, winning an Academy Award (with four additional nominations), four Emmys (16 nominations) and two Peabody awards.

Tyler Davidson, prominent drama producer, presenting his latest film, "Emily the Criminal," starring Aubrey Plaza and his Cannes Film Festival award winner, the acclaimed "Take Shelter," starring Michael Shannon and Jessica

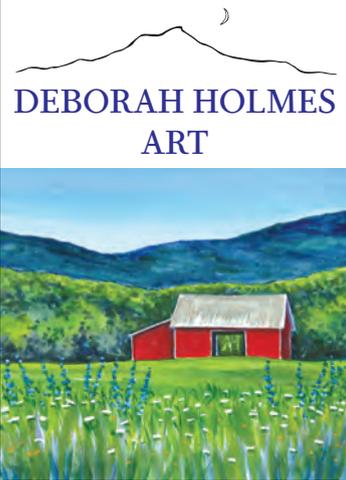
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Veteran Vermont filmmaker Nora Jacobson, will screen and discuss her new documentary "Ruth Stone's Vast Library of the Female Mind."

Other featured festival programs include a workshop on film music and scoring by Judy Hyman and Jeff Claus, Emmy Award-winning film score composers. Also of note, Katie McCullough and Ian Bignell, founders of Festival Formula, will discuss how they build targeted strategies for filmmakers looking to spend their submission dollars wisely and effectively. And actor Karen Allen ("Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Starman," "Shoot the Moon") will join MNFF Artistic Director Jay Craven for an informal conversation about working with new filmmakers on their independent features.

For a second consecutive year, the festival will present a special cross-cultural exchange of filmmakers, created and supported by the American Indonesian Cultural and Educational Foundation (AICEF). On Festival Friday, at Town Hall Theater, American filmmaker Nancy Svendsen will screen her AICEF Prize-winning documentary film, "Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest," followed by a showing of "Preman," the new narrative drama by Randolph Zaini, the AICEF Prize winner as awarded by Indonesia's Bali International Film Festival. Coming to Middlebury from Jakarta, Mr. Zaini will attend the screening of his film and then participate in an extended Q&A. In the spring of 2023, to complete

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Get your baby to eat

Transition is exciting, messy and confusing

By KATIE FUTTERMAN

Wooosh. Airplane coming in for a landing. It's time to feed your baby solid food.

But when?
How?

Whether you're a first-time parent or it's not your first rodeo, fears about allergies, stress and the mess it will create are common and normal. But it's important not to get lost in stress. The process can actually be very rewarding.

"The transition to solid foods is an exciting time. It's messy, fun and an important benchmark in a baby's development. They will let you know when they are ready," said Marlee Malone, public health nutritionist at the Middlebury office of the Vermont Department of Health, told the *Independent*.

Babies typically begin to transition to foods other than formula or breast milk around six months, according to Malone. They do not need to have teeth to begin the process.

Jackie Prime, mother and caretaker at Mary Johnson Children's Center, recently transitioned her fourth child, Amelia, to solid food.

"It's wonderful to watch the process," she said. "My daughter really, really enjoys raspberries, and she's a very vocal eater, so she's like 'mmmmm' the whole time she's eating. And so finding those foods, and seeing that develop for children, of their strong likes and dislike, it's a really fun interactive time feeding children."

Prime marveled at the development from her spoon-feeding every bite to simpler mealtimes, and even times when her daughter tries new foods off of her mom's plate.

But reducing stress isn't just advised. In fact, it may be essential to the process.

Prime encourages caregivers to be very mindful of what emotional state they are bringing to mealtime.

"If you're stressed or worried and all those things, children feel all that. Coming to mealtime with an open-mind and introducing it in a positive way is really important," she said.

Prime herself is a rather picky eater, but she makes a conscious effort to present foods that she may dislike with a positive attitude. Still, every child is different. Although she was consistent in presenting all four kids with a diverse array of foods when they were learning to eat solid foods, two still grew to be rather selective, while the others were a bit more adventurous.

READY TO GROW

There are some key signs that a baby is ready to transition to solid foods. For instance, they will often trace with their eyes each and every bite their parents or caregivers take, according to Malone. Other signs include the ability to sit up alone or with support; control their head and neck; open the mouth when food is offered; swallow food rather than pushing it back out onto the chin;

bringing objects to the mouth; trying to grasp small objects, such as toys or food and transferring food from the front to the back of the tongue to swallow, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC.

However, even after such signs, sometimes the baby is not ready, as all babies are different. A sign of this could be the baby pushing food off the spoon with their tongue. But fear not. You do not have to make these high-stress situations with lots of tears.

"Introduction to foods should be an exciting and calm experience so that the baby is interested and eager to learn," Malone said.

It is important to follow the baby's lead. In these cases, Malone recommends waiting and trying again at a later date. The CDC refers to the foods and drinks as "complementary foods," as they complement the breast milk or formula that a parent should continue to feed their child.

"Babies during this stage are still getting many of their nutrients from human milk or formula so it is OK if they aren't in the mood for

"If you're stressed or worried and all those things, children feel all that. Coming to mealtime with an open-mind and introducing it in a positive way is really important."

— Jackie Prime



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other foods,” said Malone.

To begin the process, Prime started by introducing breast milk and cereal at about five to six months. She also chose to provide homemade baby food. Over the course of three months, Prime transitioned from “super purees” to thicker, more consistent food and eventually table food.

Babies show readiness cues for finger foods through a developmental landmark known as the pincer grasp, according to Malone. At this point, the baby can pick up food between their pointer finger and thumb and bring it to their mouth.

“There are many muscles involved with chewing and swallowing that develop as part of eating readiness. Starting with soft foods in small bites is recommended,” said Malone.

For solid food, there is no particular order, according to The American Academy of Pediatrics. By the time the child is seven or eight months old, they can eat a variety of foods from different food groups, including infant cereals, meat or other proteins, fruits, vegetables, grains, yogurts and cheeses.

Some foods are potential choking hazards, so it is important to feed foods that are the right texture for the child’s development, advises the CDC. In order to prevent choking, the CDC

recommends preparing foods that can be easily dissolved with saliva and do not require chewing, feeding small portions and encouraging your baby to eat slowly and always watching the child while eating.

There is no way to avoid baby making a mess, as babies’ willingness to touch food is a key aspect of their development, Malone said. Moreover, children might take time to adjust to new food textures, and cough, gag or spit up, according to the CDC. Caregivers should be prepared for this mess. Malone recommends having a mat, towel or shower curtain spread out below very young children while they are learning to eat.

It is also normal to notice changes in bowels during this introduction phase, according to Malone.

Allergies can be scary. Prime herself has an allergy, and there are significant allergies on her husbands’ side. She contacted doctors around concerns about allergies, and recommendations have evolved over time. When Prime’s daughter Jocelyn, now 18, was a baby, the message was to withhold peanut

butter, for instance, though now parents are recommended to give children a little bit.

Experts recommend introducing one single-ingredient food at a time, waiting three to five days between each new food, in order to see if your child has any problems with that food, such as allergies. If a child has severe eczema and/or an egg allergy, caregivers should talk with the doctor about when and how to safely introduce foods with peanuts. Other potentially allergenic foods, such as fish, shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, soy and sesame can be introduced at the same time as other foods.

Drinking cow’s milk or fortified soy beverages is not recommended until the child is older than 12 months, but other cows’ milk products can be introduced sooner.

It is also important that childcare facilities help with the process. Prime, who also works at Mary Hogan School, commends the work that they do. They have an option to provide food, and take pictures of kids while they’re eating and foster an overall positive environment.

“Every family has so many different values and customs and cultures that come into food,” she said. “I feel fortunate that I have my children in a place that respects my family values around food. I think that can be kind of tricky to navigate as well.”

Linda January, executive director of Otter Creek Child Center, has open lines of communication, and checks in regularly with families about what they are trying at home and what they want Otter Creek to try.

“It is really individualized for each child and family as this transition looks different for everyone,” she said.

There is also a difference in whether the parent breastfeeds or provides formula, mainly in the parent’s milk supply. Moreover, recent formula shortages have left some parents feeling that they need to introduce alternative feeding practices sooner than recommended due to the inability to find formula, according to Malone.

To find help with the process, local health offices have a special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, also known as WIC, and other staff who can provide assistance, services and recommendations. Contact Marlee Malone in the Middlebury Department of Health office at 802-388-4644 or by email at ahs.vdholmiddlebury@vermont.gov.

“Babies during this stage are still getting many of their nutrients from human milk or formula so it is OK if they aren’t in the mood for other foods.”

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Breastfeeding good for Vermont business

MIDDLEBURY — With the current infant formula shortages, more parents are exclusively breastfeeding their babies longer. For many new families, breastfeeding and returning to work can be hard.

Fortunately, The Vermont Department of Health is letting families know that its breastfeeding programs offer support for workers and their employers to help make breastfeeding the easy choice.

For parents, Vermont laws provide protection for people who breastfeed in public and support for when they return to work. Federal healthcare reform includes break time requirements so parents can express breast milk at work.

For businesses, especially those struggling to fill vacancies, Department of Health officials say that becoming a breastfeeding friendly employer is a great way to support new and current employees — with tangible benefits for all. Data shows that policies supporting new parents in the workplace benefit employers through decreased turnover, reduced absenteeism and, critical to both employer and employee bottom lines,

lower health care costs.

World Breastfeeding Week was last week (Aug. 1-7), which prompted officials to suggest that local companies join the 24 businesses in Addison County that have already been certified by the Department of Health as breastfeeding friendly employers. All that's involved is instituting several fairly simple practices:

1. Establish a policy stating your company's support of a parent's choice to breastfeed, allowing the use of flexible time and breaks for expressing breast milk.

2. Make a clean, private space (not a bathroom) available for expressing breast milk.

3. Provide lactation education through flyers or other resources.

The Vermont Department of Health supports and encourages breastfeeding because of its important health benefits for both the person who is lactating and the baby. For adults, breastfeeding reduces the risk of breast and ovarian cancers and postpartum depression.

In addition to the important nutrition and growth benefits, babies who breastfeed have improved cognitive development

Data shows that 91.5% of babies in Vermont receive human milk shortly after birth, but by age six months, the rate of babies who are exclusively breastfed drops to 36.8%.



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birth, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, by the age of six months, the rate of babies who are exclusively breastfed drops to 36.8%. This coincides with the time many parents return to the workforce, which Department of Health officials said shows just how important employer support for breastfeeding friendly policies in the workplace is to people being able to make this healthy choice for their babies.

"Supportive work policies allow people the time and space to continue pumping and providing human milk to their babies," said Deb Kitzmiller, a public health nurse with the department's Brattleboro Local Health Office. "In addition to the significant health aspects, becoming a Breastfeeding Friendly Employer provides tangible benefits for businesses as well."

Data shows policies that support new parents in the workplace can benefit employers through decreased turnover, greater productivity, reduced absenteeism, higher morale and staff loyalty, as well as through lower health care costs (average annual savings is \$400 per breastfed baby).

For more information, help and resources, visit healthvermont.gov/breastfeeding-friendly-employers, or contact Marlee Malone in the Middlebury office of Local Health at 802-388-4644 or by email AHS.VDHOLHMiddlebury@vermont.gov.

and a reduced risk for chronic diseases. Breastfed babies also have a reduced risk of severe lower respiratory disease, ear infections and Sudden Unexpected Infant Death syndrome, known as SUID. Breastfeeding also offers important bonding opportunities for both.

Vermont is a leader in breastfeeding initiation, with 91.5% of babies in the state receiving human milk shortly after

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Vicki is a board certified registered lactation consultant that offers home, phone, or telemedicine visits for mothers who are facing a variety of breastfeeding challenges in Addison and Rutland counties, and some areas in New York State. She also has a prenatal monthly breastfeeding class available on Zoom. Mothers can feel overwhelmed when trying to balance milk production, latching issues, nipple soreness, engorgement, pumping and returning to work, and much more. Vicki is available to help mothers during this transitional period — you are not alone.

Vicki is a provider for BCBS, and Vermont Medicaid for home consultations and personal use breast pumps. She also sells Medela and Spectra breast pumps and products.

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Fitness tips for new parents

Being a parent requires an ability to adapt to change. Newborns require around-the-clock care that often translates into little free time for their parents. When parents get opportunities to step away, exercise may be the furthest thing from their minds. But it could be in new mothers' and fathers' best interests to consider exercise even when their schedules are hectic.

Health experts at the Mayo Clinic advise exercise helps to tame stress, keep the mind sharp and boost the immune system. Staying fit and healthy with a new baby in the house may be easier when parents embrace certain strategies.

- Flexibility is key. New parents strive to maintain schedules, but newborns and infants don't always comply. Therefore, committing to a workout at a specific time each day or even a specific duration can be foolish. It's better to take what you can get when you can get it. Don't get hung up on following a specific regimen right now.

- Exercise in bursts. Rather than devoting a set amount of time to a workout, fit in exercise when you have a minute. Run up and down the stairs while the baby is napping. Or do some bicep curls while preparing a bottle.

- Take a "baby-and-me" class. Gyms and fitness organizations often offer classes for new parents that build workouts around movements that can be done with baby in hand or in tow. Another option is Stroller Strong Moms,

a workout group that incorporates kids and strollers. Seek out these programs for innovative ways to get exercise and spend time with your child and other parents.

- Ask for time off. Spouses can divide baby duties so that each gets equal time away to devote to personal needs. Factor exercise into some of the plan, even if you can carve out only a few minutes. Another tip is to multitask. Consider buying a stationary bicycle to use while watching a favorite television show.

- Go swimming. Swimming works many muscles of the body, and the buoyancy of the water relieves pressure on joints and other areas of the body. When baby is old enough, you can even enjoy time in the pool together.

- Prioritize sleep. Do not compromise sleep for exercise, which can adversely affect your overall health. Sleep is essential for human development, says The Sleep Foundation. During sleep, the brain experiences intense activity, building the foundations for how people learn and grow — including the development of our behavior, emotions and immune systems. Adequate sleep is vital for new parents to maintain their health and the health of their babies.

As infants grow, parents will find they have more time to devote to exercise. Until then, new parents can be flexible and make time for exercise when their schedule allows.

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Mother's walk

MARIAH NORTH OF Middlebury, who knows a thing or two about babies, pushes a stroller with two little kid-size bikes piled on to it one morning last week. North said her two-and-a-half-year-old, Chascha, loves to start out the morning riding her bike to daycare but after half a mile tuckers out and travels the rest of the way in the stroller. Big brother Ansel could ride his bike forever, his mother says, but she still ends up having to tote it back home after morning drop off.

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Make your home safe for babies

New parents face a host of new and unique challenges when they bring their babies home for the first time. Lack of sleep and dirty diapers are two well-known challenges parents must confront when caring for newborns. While those hurdles must be cleared after babies are born, other potential issues can be dealt with while parents are awaiting the arrival of their children.

Prior to getting pregnant, parents expecting for the first time may not have given much thought to how safe their home is for children. But with a baby on the way, safety must be the utmost priority at home. Home injuries pose a bigger threat than expecting parents may realize, as Stanford Children's Health reports that many children are seriously injured each year at home.

Thankfully, many home injuries can be prevented. Expecting parents can get a head-start on being moms and dads by taking various steps to make their homes safer before their babies are born.

- Conceal cables and cords. Cables and cords pique kids' curiosity. Pulling on cables and cords can put young children in the path of falling objects or increase their risk for injuries involving electrical wires and outlets. Cable and cord concealers are inexpensive and easily installed. Often used to cover cords hanging down from mounted televisions, concealers also can be used to hide cords coming from computers, lamps and other items that can pose a threat to young children.

- Avoid hand-me-down kids' furniture. When furnishing a children's nursery, it's best for parents to avoid hand-me-down furniture. The older a piece of furniture is, the less likely it is that the item will meet current safety guidelines. Some parents may be tempted to let their children sleep in the same crib they slept in as kids decades ago, but it's safer to eschew nostalgia in favor of products that meet the latest safety standards.

- Get rid of potential choking hazards. The National Safety Council (NSC) and the National Center for Injury Prevention indicate that airway obstruction injuries are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among infants less than 12 months old. Prior to bringing their babies home, expecting parents can remove all small trinkets and other items that curious children may want to put in their mouths. When buying toys for kids, read the packaging to make sure each item is safe for babies and avoid buying or accepting any gifts with small pieces.

- Store all medicines on high shelves behind cabinet doors. Vitamins and medicines should be stored on high shelves behind cabinet doors. If kids can see them, they'll likely try to grab them. In fact, the NSC reports that children ages 19 and under account for roughly 8,000 fall-related emergency room visits every day. Hiding medicines on high shelves behind closed cabinet doors reduces the risk that kids will be poisoned and suffer a fall-related injury.

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A job well done

FOURTEEN-MONTH-OLD AVERY GOODRICH of Salisbury pats down the sand in her bucket before adding another scoop in the sandbox at the Mary Johnson Children's Center in Middlebury.

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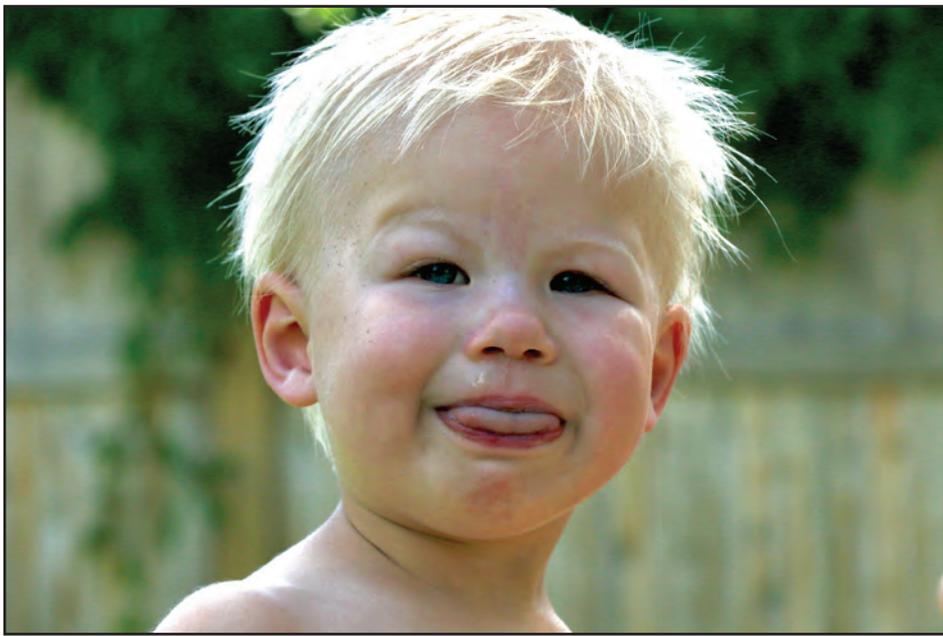
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Fun in the shade

SOME VERY LITTLE children enjoy the summer weather last week in the comfort of the shaded play area at Middlebury's Mary Johnson Children's Center. Pictured, clockwise from left, are 19-month-old Emlyn Turo of Middlebury, Hudson Otis (also 19 months) of Middlebury and teacher Courtney Otis snuggling in the sandbox with Emlyn Turo and 14-month-old Amelia Prime of Bridport.

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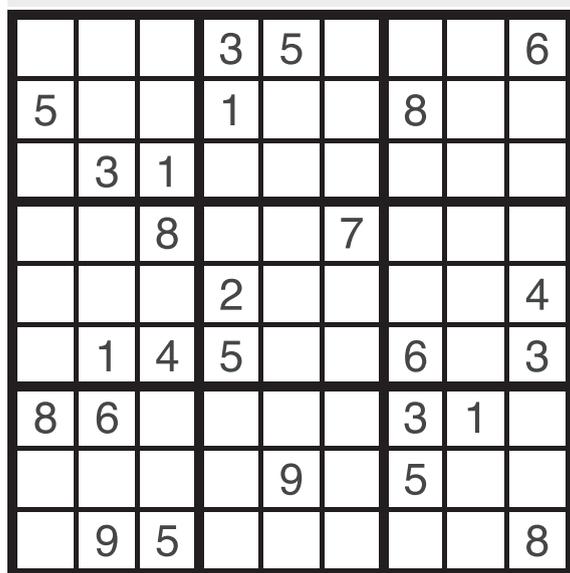
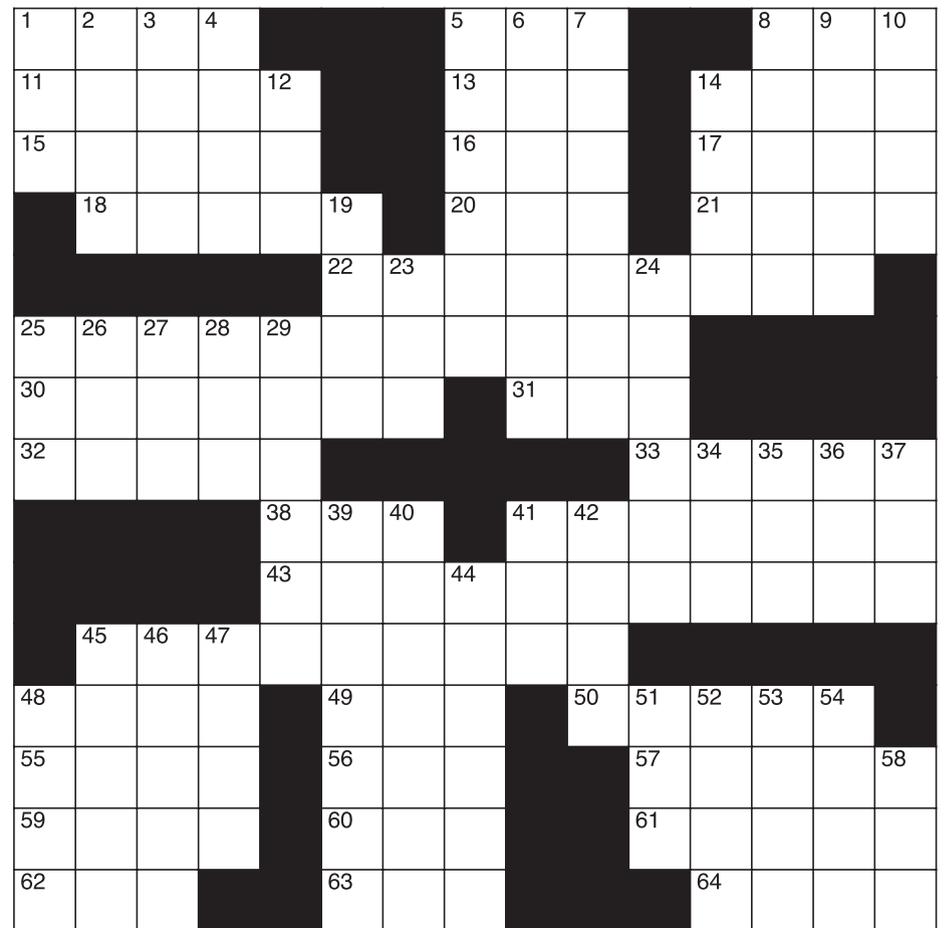
- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Pigeon's murmur
- 11. Moves aside in fright
- 13. Partner to "ahh"
- 14. Taxis
- 15. Monetary units of Turkey
- 16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 17. Prolific Italian opera composer
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. One's grandmother
- 21. Ancient Greek City
- 22. Italian mountain ranges
- 25. Data
- 30. Acted in an obedient way

- 31. Autonomic nervous system
- 32. Not on the up-and-up
- 33. Mock lightly
- 38. Mimic
- 41. Built
- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. __-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret

- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune



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

- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation

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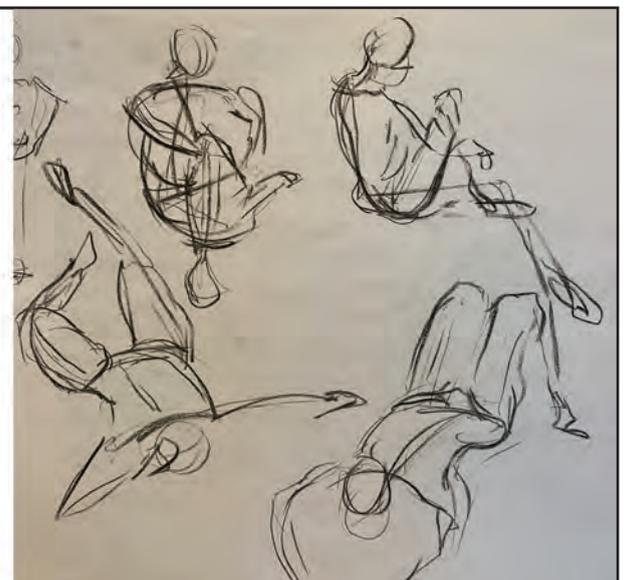
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This show welcomes Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maiz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra. The festive band blends traditional cumbia, montuno, son corrido, puya, and afro-Caribbean sounds — all while sharing heritage and culture. Bring your moves to this World + Wine performance sure to become an explosive dance party.

World Music + Wine invites patrons to enjoy local wine from partner Lincoln Peak and international flavors from A Taste of Abyssinia by Alganesh Michael, who will be selling an array of Ethiopian cuisine. Patrons are also welcomed to pack a picnic, but please no outside alcohol.

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Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maiz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra will perform during the next World Music + Wine series, outdoors at Lincoln Peak Vineyard on Friday, Aug. 19.

or at the door. \$15/advance; \$18/door; kids 12 and under free only with purchase of an adult ticket. Bring picnics, blankets or chairs. Thanks to sponsors, IPJ Real Estate, the

George & Sue Cady Fund, and the Vermont Arts Council. Also, check out the last World + Wine show of the season in September at townhalltheater.org.

ART ON EXHIBIT

Whiting Artist featured in SculptureNow Exhibition

Whiting artist Micajah Bienvenu, who moved to Vermont from the Pacific Northwest, is being featured in SculptureNow's Exhibition 2022 at The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home in Lenox, Mass. Bienvenu's sculpture, "Flying Mountain" was chosen for this year's presentation of art in nature. The piece is over 10 feet tall and 14 feet wide, conceived in a 3D modeling program and fabricated of stainless steel in the artist's studio. The sculpture's size, shape, and setting invite the visitor to interact.

Bienvenu's art is inspired by Nature, Science, Math, and Astrophysics. The curve of a vine, the graceful tracing of a barn swallow's flight path, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its area and the spirals of solar systems making up galaxies; all excite

the artist's imagination. The curves of his sculptures celebrate interconnectivity and personal connections. Bienvenu enjoys engaging the community through public art and strives to promote the importance of social support and comradeship among all peoples. From Bienvenu's perspective, art is one of the best ways to celebrate the fact that we are all in this together and more alike than different.

SculptureNow was founded in 1998 to promote the experience and knowledge of sculpture through exhibitions and educational outreach, and to offer artists venues for showing their work. This is the 23rd year that SculptureNow has presented its large-scale, juried, outdoor sculpture exhibition, and its 10th year at The Mount.



"Flying Mountain" by artist Micajah Bienvenu of Whiting is installed at SculptureNow Exhibition 2022 in Lenox, Mass.

PHOTO BY DAVID RICCI.

The annual event is appreciated by art collectors as well as art, design, history, and outdoor enthusiasts from near and far. This year's SculptureNow runs through Oct. 19 at 2 Plunkett Street, Lenox, Mass. Grounds are free and open to the public from dawn to dusk. Free map with self-guided audio tour available. Artist guided tours available for a fee, reservation required. For more information see www.sculpturennow.org/visit

Bread & Puppet comes to the Snow Bowl in Hancock

A The circus is coming! The circus is coming! Bread and Puppet Theatre's "Our Domestic Resurrection Circus," that is.

For the first time ever, Town Hall Theater presents Bread + Puppet at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl in Hancock. The Aug. 18 show, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature a mountainous backdrop and the iconic Bread + Puppet hand-painted bus.

"Our Domestic Resurrection Circus" is a spectacle of protest and celebration that addresses the urgent themes of the moment using paper maché, dance, and a live brass band.

Circus is perhaps the most iconic of the many performance genres for which Bread & Puppet is known. A Bread & Puppet Circus is a large-scale political puppet show which borrows from traditional Circus tropes and is performed in-the-round. Made up of a bright, raucous melee of short acts using diverse puppetry styles, it spans many moods, from slapstick to the sublime.

"This year's circus' central theme is Homosapiens reform," says director Peter Schumann. "Insidious Homosapiens, representative of the Accumulated Evil of the Whole, will be arrested, taken to court, and condemned to a rehabilitation facility where he has to take classes in totally new behavior: how to be an earthling instead of an engineer of the humanity machine, how to cry like a bird and speak like a thunderstorm and then graduate with a Dr. degree to cure the



species from its life-threatening diseases like war, capitalism, fossil fuel addiction, weapons obsession, etc."

After the show, Bread + Puppet will serve its famous sourdough rye bread with aioli, and Bread and Puppet's "Cheap Art" — books, posters, postcards, pamphlets and banners from the Bread and Puppet Press — will be for sale.

Bring chairs, picnics, and a sense of humor.

All ticket proceeds benefit Bread and Puppet Theater and Town Hall Theater. Tickets are required and available for purchase at townhalltheater.org. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. If you need assistance with the price of the ticket, please contact tickets@townhalltheater.org.

Bread and Puppet will perform through a light rain, pause a performance and play band tunes to keep spirits up if heavy rain comes, and end a show prematurely if heavy rain persists. If consistent heavy rain is forecasted for the scheduled time of a performance, there may be a cancellation. In such a case, THT will notify all ticket holders by 12 p.m. the day of the show and all ticket holders will be invited to transfer their ticket to another upcoming show, availability allowing, or request a refund.

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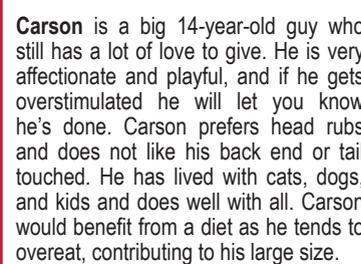


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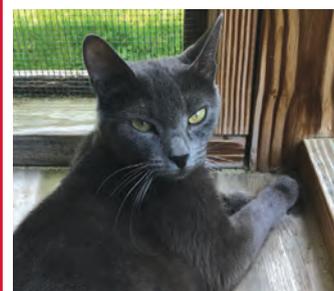
Amber is a sweet and loving 47-pound 5-year-old who likes to snuggle up on your lap! She came in as a stray and it has taken her some time to get used to shelter life. She's on the right path to becoming more trusting and relaxed. Amber needs a family that has dog-ownership experience. She's working on leash training and how to stay calm when passing other dogs. Amber loves playtime in our training room and hanging out in the backyard. She's curious about cats, but should be the only pet in a home for now. Amber should be in a home without young children.



Fresca is a 2-year-old super sweet pit bull who is still working on her confidence. She is a bit timid at first but warms up quickly when food is involved. Fresca loves being out for walks and enjoys outdoor playtime. A fenced-in yard would be perfect for her to work off some energy. Fresca is still working on good manners and would be best suited for a home without young children. Fresca has previously done well living with other dogs but is selective as to what dogs she will accept to spend time with. Proper introductions are key for her to have a good experience.



Carson is a big 14-year-old guy who still has a lot of love to give. He is very affectionate and playful, and if he gets overstimulated he will let you know he's done. Carson prefers head rubs and does not like his back end or tail touched. He has lived with cats, dogs, and kids and does well with all. Carson would benefit from a diet as he tends to overeat, contributing to his large size.



Rupert is a handsome and very lovable 2-year-old with an enormous tail that resembles a feather duster. He loves to head butt your hands and will follow them around until he gets pets. He came in as a stray and will most likely want to be an indoor/outdoor kitty. Rupert still needs some training on how to be an indoor cat as he doesn't play with toys or scratch on cat trees. He also needs to work on his litter box usage. Rupert is overwhelmed when confronted with too many cats but seems to do well with cats in general. He isn't quite sure what to think about dogs yet!

Froyo was brought to the shelter with her 4 kittens who were carried in an ice cream tub (hence her name). Froyo devotedly raised her kittens and she is now ready for a home of her own. She is 2 years old and very lovable. Froyo can be playful at times but prefers to lounge in a cat bed or on the screened porch in the sun. She prefers some personal space from other cats but does get along well with them otherwise.



Jitterbug is a very curious, eager, and playful bunny! She's a sweetie that likes to follow people around, waiting to be pet and get forehead kisses. She is litterbox trained and comes when you call her name. Jitterbug loves her treats and toys! She enjoys company and gets along great with bunny-savvy kids and adults alike. She does not like to be picked up but, with patience, she could get used to it. She is not interested in having bunny friends but could enjoy the company of other mellow pets in the home.

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Learn about the Bug Art collection at the Fairbanks Museum

Virtual Talk...The Henry Sheldon Museum welcomes Beau Harris, Collections Manager at the Fairbanks Museum for a virtual talk, "Bug Art at the Fairbanks Museum," on Friday, Aug. 12, at noon. Harris will provide an overview of the fascinating collection of bug art at the Fairbanks Museum. One prominent topic will be "bug artist" John Hampson — Harris will explore Hampson's interest in insects and how he created his "bug" images. Harris will also discuss other insect collections housed at the Fairbanks Museum, including some living specimens, and he will explain how the Museum cares for these special, fragile pieces.

Beau Harris has a background in History and Museum Studies with a focus on collections management and exhibits. He has worked in a variety of museums, including the Maine Historical Society, American Precision Museum, and Billings Farm & Museum. Harris is currently the Collections Manager at the Fairbanks Museum, caring for the collections and assisting with exhibitions. Harris also teaches in the Johns Hopkins University Museum Studies program.

The webinar is free, but advance registration is required at www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events/bugart. After registering, attendees will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The Sheldon Museum thanks Table 21 for supporting the Summer Fridays Series. For more information, call 802-388-2117.

The Henry Sheldon Museum offers a diverse, in-depth look at the history and art of the mid-Lake Champlain region of Vermont. The Museum is located at One Park Street in downtown Middlebury across from the Ilsley Library.



John Hampson insect art illustrating some of the intricacies of his work

MNFF

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the AICEF exchange, Ms. Svendsen will travel to Bali to present her film.

MNFF will also present "An Afternoon at the Movies," an extraordinary collaboration with its longstanding festival partner, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, on Friday late afternoon at the Mahaney Arts Center on the Middlebury College campus. This megaevent will feature the screening of seven short films, including five previous winners of the VSO Award for Best Integration of Music into Film, whose arranged scores will be played live and simultaneously by a 22-piece VSO chamber orchestra. Capping this special occasion will be

the announcement of the latest VSO Award winner.

The festival will continue its commitment to Vermont teen filmmakers with a Sunday showcase of their work as compiled from the Freedom & Unity TV contest, the White River Independent Film Emerging Filmmakers contest and the collective endeavors of the Conversations from the Open Road program.

In addition, the new teen-centric, Vermont-made feature film musical drama "Listen Up," directed by acclaimed Vermont filmmaker Bess O'Brien, and based on the popular stage musical of the same name, will have a special showcase screening on that Sunday, as well.

In recognition of the strong work received from around the world, MNFF will also present a pair of Global Shorts Showcases, one

on Festival Wednesday and one on Festival Sunday, each containing five powerful short films representing a wide swath of countries and filmmaking styles.

MNFF8 will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 28, with its Closing Ceremonies featuring the presentation of the VTeddy Awards and a screening of "The Real Charlie Chaplin," a new and insightful BBC documentary that explores Chaplin's private life through never before heard recordings, home movies and newly restored films, which reveal a side of this iconic and celebrated figure that the world never got to see.

"This year's festival will overflow with riches, fresh films, fabulous guests and engaged audiences," said MNFF Artistic Director, Jay Craven. "We work throughout the year, often at a frenzied pace, to put

these elements in place. Then comes the festival and its glow of excellence — and fun — experienced in the relaxed setting of our venues — and downtown Middlebury. All of this is made possible by our staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors, filmmakers and the support of our gracious public."

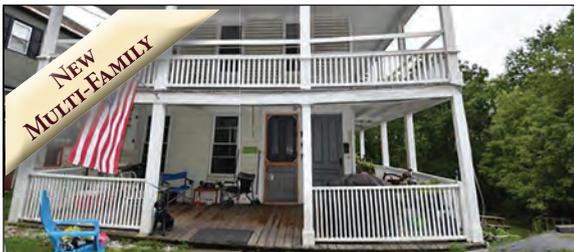
"MNFF8 continues and even expands the festival's singular focus on first- and second-time filmmakers from around the world with this sparkling program" noted Lloyd Komesar, MNFF Producer. "After receiving a record 500 submissions, culling them down to the very best films and adding in a curated collection of dynamic new films, plus presenting a superb roster of honorees and special guests, what emerges is a vibrant, diverse, intimate and engaging five-day event that we hope will connect

deeply with our attending audiences and visiting filmmakers."

The 8th Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival will require that all attendees show proof of COVID vaccination when they pick up their passes at Town Hall Theater, show up at films with an advance purchase ticket, or buy one at the door. At that time, attendees will be given a customized MNFF wristband that can be worn throughout the festival and subsequently avoid any further need to display vaccination proof.

At a minimum, vaccination proof must be a record of two prior vaccine shots. All MNFF venues have announced a mask-optional policy as of this time, but MNFF encourages the wearing of masks to promote a safer environment.

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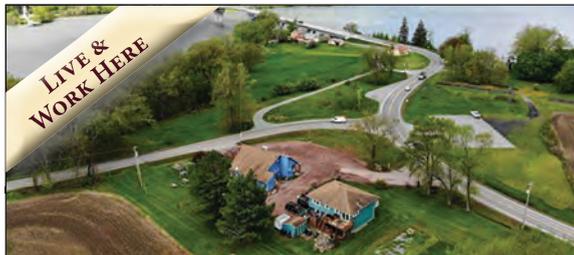


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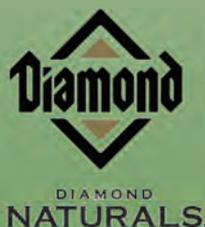


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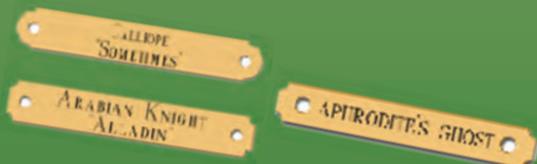
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