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Audience members can participate in a new play about a yoga instructor. See Arts + Leisure.



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## Winter fuel prices already a concern

### Low supply, world events are factors

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — The prospect of wildly fluctuating heating fuel prices and reduced federal assistance for low-income families (compared to last year) could make it far more challenging for many households to stay warm this winter.

That's the word from a sampling of fuel dealers, state officials and representatives of nonprofits that each year try to match people in need with heating fuel assistance.

While fans, air conditioners

and heat pumps are still working overtime in most area households right now, those who have experienced one or more Vermont winters are wisely lining up fuel reserves for the colder months ahead. And those fuel reserves are a lot more expensive right now, in large part due the oil spigot being turned off from Russia, a major fossil fuel producer targeted by international sanctions because of its invasion of Ukraine.

"I've been doing this for 18 (See Heating, Page 14A)

## Neighbors wary of state plans for Middlebury airport

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Vermont Agency of Transportation's (VTrans) vision for the Middlebury State Airport — a blueprint that includes the potential addition of nine new aircraft hangars, lighting, an improved aircraft taxi-lane and a new road — is raising concerns among neighbors who must

already contend with noise and the visual impacts of the airfield off Airport Road.

The airport upgrades are mapped out in two separate documents prepared by VTrans, in collaboration with its consultants and input from municipal officials and neighbors, some of whom have

(See Airport, Page 10A)



## And the teddy goes to...

MIDDLEBURY NATIVE JUDE Dry appears on the stage of Town Hall Theater Sunday evening with their mother, Cecelia, as Jude accepts the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival 8 Audience Award for her short narrative film "Monsieur le Butch." The film centers around a family trying to understand a transgender member. See more photos from the five-day-long film festival on Page 15A.

Independent photo/Steve James



ESTHER CHARLESTIN HAS started work as the first-ever dean of climate & culture at Middlebury Union Middle School. Independent photo/John Flowers

## MUMS hires first dean of students

### Charlestin to enhance culture, climate

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — For Esther Charlestin, 2022 is shaping up as a banner year of change.

A new address, new spouse and suddenly a life without service on the local selectboard (see story in this edition).

Oh, and also a new job — as the first-ever dean of climate & culture at Middlebury Union Middle School. Her responsibilities will include student discipline, being a student case manager, facilitating after-school extracurriculars (ranging

from sports to club meetings) and supporting students and teachers.

Charlestin, until recently a Middlebury selectboard member and Middlebury College employee, got her first intensive glimpse of Middlebury-area schools as a co-leader of the Addison Central School District's Advisory Committee for Equity, a panel that worked on diversity and equity recommendations that will help inform the ACSD's next strategic plan.

She enjoyed the experience and (See Charlestin, Page 13A)

## Brown scores another ringer with hall of fame

### Horseshoe pitching ace named inductee

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Bristol horseshoe pitcher Debra Brown has been throwing horseshoes for over 40 years, picking up a plethora of state, regional and world championship titles along the way. Earlier this summer, Brown's contributions to the sport were immortalized when she was inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame.

When she heard of her nomination, Brown said she was overwhelmed with emotion.

"I just immediately cried because it was a culmination of so much hard work," she said. "I was very happy and grateful."

Brown first got into horseshoe pitching in the fall of 1980. Her husband Mike's participation in the sport led her to try her hand at pitching, and she found herself quickly getting the hang of it.

Since then, Brown has been an active member of the Sodbuster Horseshoe Pitching Club, which (See Brown, Page 14A)



## By the way

Addison County's unemployment rate declined to 1.9% in July, with an estimated 373 local residents looking for jobs out of a total workforce of 19,303. Meanwhile, the statewide jobless rate for July was 2.1%, and the national rate was 3.5%. The July unemployment rates for Vermont's 17 labor market areas ranged from 1.7% in White River Junction and (See By the way, Page 11A)

## Mobile health center to set up at Mt. Abe

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Bristol's Mountain Health Center, the Body Online Lab at Middlebury College and the Mount Abraham Unified School District are joining forces this fall to launch a school-based health center for students in the 5-Town area. The fruits of this collaboration include the creation of a mobile health care unit at Mount Abraham Union High School that will offer students primary health care services one day a week starting later this month.

Kristin Bright is a professor of medical anthropology and public health at Middlebury College who leads the Body Online Lab. She helped organize this initiative, and, in doing so, hopes to address the rise in student absenteeism, which has continued to become more frequent during the pandemic.

"We were really quite concerned about the kids and making sure that overall, they could get health care on site, because there's a very strong link between absenteeism (See Health center, Page 10A)

## Cornwall teen leads online reproductive rights effort

By JOHN FLOWERS

CORNWALL — Coming up with great ideas to help others is valuable.

Coming up with such ideas and then following through is priceless.

Cornwall's Sarah Holmes fits into the latter category, and she's only getting started. It began for her at the age of nine, when she spearheaded an effort at the Bingham Memorial School to assemble and sell a homegrown cookbook to benefit starving children in Africa.

Now, at the still-tender age of 18, she's looking to assist individuals in a more ambitious way. She's founded a nonprofit that blends physical activity with fundraising to advance civil rights, equity and social justice causes. And the aptly named "Miles Together" organization's first (See Holmes, Page 13A)

## Mount Abe students return to school; work in progress

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — The first day of school looked a bit different for Mount Abraham Union High School students this year, as pupils started their classes on Wednesday amidst major renovations within the Bristol building.

During the next few weeks of school, students will encounter a few changes from the norm due to these renovations, such as using

a different entrance and outdoor bathrooms, but administrators don't expect the construction to dampen the start of the school year.

"We excitedly welcomed teachers back on Wednesday and can't wait to have our students return next Wednesday," Mount Abe Principal Shannon Warden told the Independent.

The renovations underway are (See Progress, Page 11A)



DEBRA BROWN THROWS horseshoes at the Sodbuster Horseshoe Pitching Club's Bristol courts. Brown has been a member of the club since 1980, and tossed countless horseshoes in practice, competitions and just for fun. Independent photo/Steve James

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JESSICA DEMERITT IS part of Monkton's Working with Wildlife committee, a group of volunteers raising funds to install beaver deceivers in the town's wetland areas — and educate Vermonters on nonlethal means of beaver management in the process.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

## Monkton group looking to save beavers

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — For the past three months, a group of Monkton volunteers has been working to save some of the town's furriest residents — beavers. The six-person committee, called Working with Wildlife, is raising funds to purchase devices that will offer the town a nonlethal means of handling the beavers and their dams in the Hollow Road area and other parts of Monkton.

The group's efforts started earlier this summer, when committee member Jessica Demeritt was recording notes at a selectboard meeting and the topic of the town's road conditions came up. Beavers pose a problem for the town's highway department, as the dams they create can plug culvert pipes and lead to flooding. In the past, Monkton's highway department has worked with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to trap these beavers.

"They were talking about road stuff and one of the guys says, 'Yeah, we're going to take care of the beavers on Hollow Road,'" said Demeritt. "So I reached out to my neighbors in the area and asked if they could write to the selectboard and let them know there's other ways of dealing with beavers, and that kind of got the ball rolling."

The town has previously used nonlethal methods to address beaver concerns, installing beaver deceivers on Monkton Pond (or Cedar Lake) in 2020. These devices, conceived and custom built by Vermont beaver-expert Skip Lisle, consist of fencing around a pipe system which allows beavers to continue building

without restricting water flow through the culvert. Once installed, these devices are built to last decades.

Demeritt and other Monkton residents wanted to see this nonlethal solution applied to other wetland areas in town, but doing so would require raising funds and collaborating with municipal officials. To get the job done, Demeritt joined forces with fellow Monkton resident Beverly Soychak, who helped get the beaver deceivers installed on Monkton Pond.

"We were all wondering why Skip, being a Vermonter and a world-renowned beaver expert, is not being utilized as a solution," said Soychak. "If our goal is to preserve and conserve our wildlife, why are we opting to kill it?"

The group is currently raising funds to purchase four of the devices, at around \$4,000 apiece, for wetlands in Monkton like Pond Brook on Church Road and near Hollow Road. Soychak said the group is also in the process of securing a grant from the Stowe-based Protect Our Wildlife (POW) advocacy group.

Committee members hope to raise enough money to install the deceivers by the winter, though Demeritt said the group's efforts will require collaboration with the town, particularly in order for the committee to secure grant money.

"In order for POW to give us money, they want us to have an agreement with the town that says they won't kill the beavers," she said. "They want people to be committed to the work."

At Tuesday's selectboard

meeting, Demeritt provided an update of the committee's work and proposed the idea of further collaboration. During this discussion, the selectboard expressed willingness to consider funding the installation of beaver deceivers if they could find the money and to coordinate with POW on a memorandum of understanding regarding beaver control.

Soychak is looking toward other Vermont towns that have adopted beaver control protocols to help navigate further collaboration with the selectboard. She credits Vermonters like Jamison Ervin, a selectwoman in the town of Duxbury, in guiding her own work, as that town's selectboard recently adopted a beaver control policy that prioritizes nonlethal management methods.

Ervin said in that instance, the town was able to offer a long-term solution to a lesser-known problem.

"Not many people in our town realized that our strategy for 'managing' beavers was pretty much shooting them every year. I certainly didn't until I joined the selectboard," she said in a recent email to the *Independent*. "We realized we needed a policy that put co-existence with beavers first and foremost. This week we just passed a policy that puts non-lethal measures first, and we are actively exploring different mechanisms to prevent human-beaver conflicts in the first place."

Soychak said she also hopes to eventually work with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, an agency with ample resources she believes can also be put toward the committee's efforts.

"We just need to get this done," she said. "We need to start working together and stop working against each other."

Aside from the initial goal of saving beavers, Soychak hopes the committee's efforts will help other Vermont towns and connect them with groups like Protect Our Wildlife that help implement these

(See Group, Page 3A)

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## Foundation next for New Haven depot

By MARIN HOWELL

NEW HAVEN — The next phase of creating a permanent home for the New Haven Train Depot is expected to begin later this month, when crews will start pouring a foundation for the historic structure.

The 19th-century building was moved from its previous location at the junction of Routes 7 and 17 earlier this year in order to allow for the resumption of passenger train traffic on the New Haven tracks this summer. The town of New Haven has worked hard to preserve the train depot, forming a committee that helped plan its elaborate journey to its current and final resting place just north of the New Haven Town Hall parking lot at 78 North St.

Now that the train depot has found its home, the work of making it a permanent site will soon begin. The initial work has been split into two tasks:

- Task 1 — Site excavation, footing and slab preparation, erosion control, drainage, backfilling and final grading.
- Task 2 — Foundation footings, cast-in-place concrete foundation

wall, masonry foundation work, foundation damp-proofing and waterproofing, and slab on grade.

The selectboard voted at its Aug. 23 meeting to accept a bid from Case Street Redi-Mix Inc. in Middlebury to complete those tasks.

But before that work can begin, the Messier Moving Company, which moved the train depot earlier this year, has to shift the building slightly to allow space for crews to work on the foundation. New Haven Selectman Steve Dupoise said this process should start by the third week of this month and will last through the fall.

"It'll be a complete fall project before the Messier's can come back and move the building (onto the new foundation)," he said.

Case Street Redi Mix's bid estimated these two tasks at \$104,700, to be covered by a \$350,000 grant the town of New Haven received from the Northern Border Regional Commission last year.

Dupoise said getting to this point in the process has taken longer than expected, and he's thankful for the grant that has allowed the town to get this far.

"Just an appreciation of what Gov. Scott did to grant us the award, the people at Northern Borders and support locally and regionally to help to get this grant and go through all the steps it took. It was a challenging time," he said.

Following completion of these tasks, the train depot will be moved back onto the new foundation, framed

and stabilized.

"From there, we will be trying to procure funds to start interior renovations, which probably won't start until the spring," Dupoise said.

He noted specific renovations will depend on the tenant the town lines up for the train depot.

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## Bristol Rescue Squad needs more volunteers

BRISTOL — Officials from the Bristol Rescue Squad are reaching out to the community to assure them that the organization is looking for volunteers to help provide a vital service to Bristol and the 5-Town area.

Chief of Service Mark Rickner said the nonprofit could use people to fill shifts and that there are jobs where no experience is necessary, just an interest in serving the community.

The call for volunteers isn't prompted by any dire situation, Rickner said, but in response to a story in the *Addison Independent*

last week that reported difficulties at the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad. He noted that BRS had not abandoned its role as a volunteer agency. A few people at Bristol Rescue do get paid, including the chief and deputy chief, as well as a few EMTs who get a per diem payment. But the agency has 15-20 active volunteers and would welcome a few more.

Rickner noted that Bristol Rescue pays the \$1,200 it costs to get EMT training.

To volunteer or learn more head online to [bristolrescuevt.org](http://bristolrescuevt.org).

## Group

(Continued from Page 2A) alternative management methods.

"We're trying to get towns together and work together to set an example for other towns. All you have to do is call us and we'll help you, people need to know these groups are out there," she said.

Demeritt agreed, adding it helps road crews to have another method to handle beaver problems.

The group also plans to go beyond saving the town's beavers, as Soychak said the committee will continue to work together after this project to protect more of the town's wildlife.

"We're looking at Monkton wildlife as a whole. Once this project's over we're not going to

disband," she said. "Any problem that comes up, we're going to have the knowledge and the expertise to help solve."



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# Editorial

## Middlebury Airport: How big is too big? Are there options?

As East Middlebury residents, and particularly those who live closest to the Middlebury State Airport, attend meetings to adopt a new Master Plan for the airport it's natural for those residents to resist growth that could further disrupt the neighborhood's relative tranquility. And they are right to assume that more growth of hanger capacity, commercial buildings and other measures will increase flight activity.

That reality, however, has been evident for the past 60 or so years and should be expected by area homeowners. While questioning details of the state's proposed Master Plan update, the first since it was last done in 2003, the real question by members of the Middlebury Airport Neighborhood Association (MANA) is how big should the airport grow at this location?

To answer that question, a brief history of the airport and an understanding of the role state airport's play in the region's economic development establishes a helpful context.

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The airport was first built by the Quesnel family in the 1950s to support that family's commercial operation for area farms and other interests. As that operation wound down, the town purchased the facility in 1966. A few years later the state purchased it in 1970 to make it part of the state's airport system. What's noteworthy about this history is that the location of the airport was not born from careful planning, but rather out of economic convenience; or to put it more bluntly, it was probably a relatively cheap way for the town to establish an airport, and for the state to expand its airport system.

Nonetheless, for the past 52 years, the airport has been tied to a statewide economic development plan and air transportation system.

A glance at the business plan of the Middlebury State Airport, as explained in the current Master Plan, lays out the basic objectives:

"The purpose of this business plan for Middlebury State Airport (6B0) is to recommend potential means of improving the Airport's financial performance, identifying means to enhance regional economic development due to the Airport's presence, and to examine methodologies for increasing operational efficiency."

According to the airport's operator, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), its mission statement complements the business plan with the following statements:

"Vermont's airport system will be accessible, safe and secure, meeting the needs of its business and recreational users, including implementing new technologies to support the future system... Vermont's airports will be operated as business-oriented facilities focusing on creating opportunities for a return on the investment and will provide intermodal linkages to national transportation systems."

The statement goes on to outline several goals, among them are to:

- Preserve and enhance Vermont's existing airport system's infrastructure investment through maintenance and rehabilitation to meet future growth and demand as well as providing new infrastructure to meet future needs in support of the national air transportation system when needed.
- Plan for future airport development and protect public investment in airports through promotion of compatible land use in the vicinity of airports.
- Make timely, sound infrastructure investments derived from airport master plans and based on priorities that are determined through coordination with Vermont's aviation stakeholders, including use of the Vermont Airport Capital Facilities Program.
- Strive to generate appropriate revenues from the operation of the State-owned airports in support of their continued operation and expansion utilizing a business-oriented approach.

It's also important to note that while the airport in Middlebury is classified as a Local Service Airport, is also included in the National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) as a general aviation facility. That means the airport can qualify for federal funding for various improvements and/or upgrades and is expected to operate in that capacity.

In short, a big part of the Middlebury State Airport's mission — in addition to its recreational use by private pilots — is to be part of the state and federal government's air travel system as well as serve as an economic engine for the greater-Middlebury region.

It is for that reason that the proposed 2022 Master Plan for the Middlebury State Airport includes modest growth over the next two decades. In fact, state officials are forecasting annual operations to grow from the current 6,350 (take-offs and landings) in 2020 to 7,569 by 2041 — that's 19% over 20 years, or a growth rate of about 2% a year.

In exchange for any such potential growth, Middlebury area residents could expect an increase in good-paying jobs (as evidenced by the current aviation-oriented businesses operating at the airport); benefits to area businesses, corporations and institutions who rely on the airport for private jet or small plane usage; occasional use by the Vermont National Guard; and as a recreational opportunity for pilots of small planes.

None of the airport's inherent focus on economic development should minimize the concerns that airport neighbors expressed at a recent Middlebury selectboard meeting vis-à-vis noise or aesthetics, but it should help all Middlebury residents put the neighbors' concerns in perspective.

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As a town-wide concern, the redrafting of the airport's Master Plan is an opportunity for policy makers to consider whether the airport's prospective growth is too great for its existing location, and whether another location (perhaps closer to the northern-most end of the town's industrial park) would better serve the town's long-term commercial interests, including an increase in the use of commercial drones and other advances that we have yet to imagine.

Such a significant change in planning may be too late for this current Master Plan update, but if this is a legitimate concern and a valid option, local leaders and planners could shorten the timeframe on the current update to five years and spend that time considering creative options.

What the town and state should want to avoid is building more infrastructure at a site that 20 years from now might be maxed out, more of a headache to airport neighbors, and even more costly to relocate. Contrary to how the current airport site was chosen, it just might be the right time to thoughtfully choose a new site that would serve Middlebury well for the next 50-plus years.

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### Moving music

**THE ACCORDION PLAYER in the Mariachi Estrellas De Boston quartet enjoys watching the crowd dance at the Viva el Sabor Fiesta in the Marble Works this past Sunday evening. The band came from south of the border — in Eastern Massachusetts — to entertain the big crowd.**

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## Harm prevention part of healing

The philosophical framework of yoga is a text known as The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. These are 196 aphorisms that were chanted, memorized, and passed down orally for hundreds of years, before being written down, translated from Sanskrit, and shared via printing press. Although many Westerners think of yoga as physical exercise, breathing, and stretching, learning yoga philosophy is a key part of the practice. These ancient teachings can help us navigate many difficult aspects of being human.

One of my favorite sutras is Heyam Dukham Anagatam. Translated to English, it means "The pain which is yet to come is to be avoided." A piece of related folk wisdom is "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This sutra guides my life in a number of ways. On a personal, physical level, it encourages me to eat well, get enough sleep, and get the right amount of exercise. Interpersonally, this sutra shows me how to treat others, how to guide my students to use their practice to nourish, and not harm, their bodies. In the wider community, this sutra asks me to work against misogyny and white supremacy, which unfortunately are alive and well, even here in charming central Vermont.

The formal Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Vivek Murthy, is a powerful example of someone who is using his platform to prevent future suffering. Urging us to understand the Loneliness Epidemic that is impacting much of the Western world, he names loneliness as a thread that connects addiction, violence, anxiety, and depression. He also says suffering from

loneliness is as dangerous to one's health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day!

Dr. Murthy's book, "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World," delves into the biological purpose of loneliness. He encourages us to think of loneliness the way we think of hunger and thirst. These are natural signals our body gives us so that we can survive! Unfortunately, our highly individualistic culture places the highest value on money and fame, while human connection is so devalued that some of the most "successful" people are some of the most ruthless and uncaring.

This shows up in every aspect of life in the United States, from the way the caring professions are undervalued and criminally underpaid, to the way our predatory capitalist economic system turns every single basic human need into a commodity to be bought and sold, and if you can't pay for your healthcare, education, food, or housing? Oh well, you must not deserve it.

The heroes in communities across the country who are addressing the addiction crisis with harm-reduction practices are a beautiful example of Heyam Dukham Anagatam in action. They are meeting people where they are, and whether someone struggling with addiction, is in need of a meal, a shower, or a listening ear, these community care workers provide loving support. Safe injection sites, where people can access life-saving clean syringes and medical supervision, share the message, "You Matter," a powerful antidote to feelings of shame and hopelessness.

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### Ways of Seeing

By Joanna Colwell



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## Road trip ends stay-at-home streak

Monday morning, I texted a coworker: "Did it rain this weekend? I wouldn't know, because we were away."

While paying for groceries Monday afternoon, I said to the clerk, "I'm afraid I missed the sale on Raisin Bran this weekend, because we were away."

By now, you've probably figured it out: I stink at small talk. Also: We were away.

It seems like a minor piece of news until you understand that we have not spent a night away from home since fall 2019. Three years. The streak is now broken.

You can blame it on COVID, but it's not only that. Everyone knows I generally avoid people and have hermitlike tendencies. I just call myself a "homebody" so it sounds folksy instead of pathological.

On the rare occasions when I am dragged from the house, I tend to enjoy myself. But I fight it. This time, it took a family wedding in the Berkshires to get us to pack our bags.

With the planning I put into this 48-hour jaunt, you might have thought we were embarking on a climbing expedition to the summit of Mount Everest. (Mark made me cancel the Sherpa, but I insisted on keeping the oxygen tanks. We had room in the back seat, and you just never know.)

I made a lot of lists: things to pack, chores to do

before we left, items to buy for the trip, directions for the house sitter and all the things that could go wrong. I'm kidding about that last part — I didn't actually write down any potential catastrophes; instead, I cycled through them over and over in my head Thursday night, in lieu of sleeping.

Normally, I'm not this intense about either packing or fretting. But my going-away skills were rusty.

As soon as we hit the road, though, my mood shifted from anxious to carefree. We were taking a vacation, however brief, during which I would not need to do barn chores or cook any meals. Not having to let the dog in or out every 15 minutes in itself made me feel like a just-released inmate taking that first breath of freedom after years in the slammer.

Mark and I got to hang out during the car ride. When you're married to someone for a lot of years and you're busy, you don't always have time to really talk. So being trapped together in a small space for a while can be a good opportunity.

Pro tip: If three hours of uninterrupted couple time is more than you feel is warranted or advisable, drink a lot of coffee on the way out of town so you have to stop at least once. Even a five-minute escape

(See Jessie, Page 5A)

## Letters to the Editor

### Chief's decision understandable

I was momentarily stunned to read that George Merkel has given his notice, but I totally understand why he has. Ever since he took over as chief of police in Vergennes, he has been harassed by its local citizens who had the nerve to try and pull together a citizens' advisory group.

Talk about being crapped on and feeling totally untrusted!

I have known George Merkel for many years. I met him first when he was a Middlebury cop, and he's about the fairest, most straight-arrow cop that I've ever dealt with. I taught at Job Corps for several years, and he was always there for us. He was always great with the kids — perhaps a little intimidating, but they needed to know that law enforcement can be fair, but strict, as many of them were from poverty-stricken neighborhoods where crime ran rampant — and he was always good with them.

Best of luck to you, Chief Merkel! You've been a great cop! Thanks for your service!

Carolyn Van Vleck  
Brandon

### ELP program a true treasure

I was so happy to read the article in the August 25 issue of the *Addison Independent* on the Extended Learning Program in the MAUSD. This truly is a treasure of one of the many programs in our area that support our school-age students.

I had the privilege of being at ELP four times during the summer. I was visiting a child I mentor. The first time I went, her group was in the outdoor classroom. I felt like I was entering the realm of an outdoor summer camp experience. Kids were dirty, happy, engaged and totally immersed in the experience at hand with play and curiosity abounding. The group was collecting "things from nature" to build an item that would resemble a radio. So, they needed squarish things, round things for the knobs and stringy things for the wires.

Each member of the group had things they were to collect. When they finished their collecting, they found a friend to help. There was no question that was the next step. Individuals did not sit down because they were finished, they joined in the community effort to build the radio. That was the very first thing that I noticed: the community was highly valued.

We then went to get ready for lunch, but there was a wait, so the leaders gathered the group in a circle and asked what game do you want to play and offered three choices. The group decided by voting. A collective decision.

Another time I visited was towards the end of the summer and there was a celebration to be had. The group that I was visiting were called the Grapes. Again, a group decision made at the beginning of the summer. The leaders were preparing snacks that were all grape themed.

They had also created a song about their group. Rhyming, rhythm, lyrics that expressed feelings the students had about their experience. Again, collective group decision-making. They sang it for me and were to sing it at the talent show the next day. So I returned the next day for the talent show.

That was something that I will never forget. Staff members opened with their own number and showed so much joy and love for each other and most importantly modeled just being themselves.

The staff is made up of a diverse group of high school students, college students and other assorted adults, with a nice balance of male and female. They are all clearly committed to the ELP community and spreading joy. The adults modeled, by their presence on the stage, their own joy in sharing something special to them and doing it with their friends: community.

(See Barash letter, Page 5A)

# Library seen as a ‘third space’

In 1991, urban sociologist Ray Oldenburg coined the term “third space” to describe the neutral, public places in our lives that are not home (first space) or work/school (second space). Oldenburg argued that these third spaces, such as cafés, main streets, pubs etc., are essential to the social vitality of a community, supporting democracy and promoting equality. Public libraries are the definition of a third space, and community members use Ilsley Library as a third space in myriad ways. In this installment of Building the Library of the Future, I’ll discuss the way tweens and teens use the library as a third space.



**Building the Library of the Future**  
By Dana Hart, Ilsley Public Library Director

and high school students are too young for a driver’s license (or, if they do have one, don’t have their own car), so transportation is one issue. Many students are too young to work (or, if they do have a job, they work few hours at minimum wage), so frequenting third spaces that require money, such as restaurants, cafés etc., is difficult. Add in the long Vermont winter, which takes outdoor hangouts off the table for much of the year, and you’re looking at a limited landscape of places to go between home and school.

In Middlebury, Ilsley Public Library is one essential answer to this problem. Our downtown location means that we are within walking distance from both the Middlebury Union High School and Middlebury Union Middle School. Many students come to the library for the period between when school ends and their parents get out of work (more teens than you might realize are on their

own after school, for any number of reasons). They read, do homework, and socialize with friends. They use the computers and play board games. They attend programs that the library organizes with partner institutions, like MCTV’s Youth Media Lab, and the Teen Center’s Dungeons and Dragons Club. Young people need organized activities and a safe space they can go after school, and the public library meets a crucial community need by being that third space.

As a free, neutral institution, Ilsley welcomes all youth, providing an opportunity for them to learn, play, socialize and above all, to just be themselves. As important a service as this is for youth, the benefits are not limited to one age group. During a series of focus groups I conducted in 2018, many Middlebury residents expressed a desire for more opportunities for intergenerational gathering. By providing a safe and welcoming space for teens, the library invites them to be a part of our wider community. In turn, the library becomes a vibrant community center, one of the few spaces in town where people of all ages truly mix and mingle.

If you are past your teenage years, cast your mind back and you might recall a tremendous desire for independence. But for young people, that desire for autonomy is often thwarted. Most middle

# Student: ‘Library is my second home’

By CONSTANTIN BELLMANN

I met my best friends at the library, but I didn’t know it then. I don’t really remember the music or yoga classes that much, but I do remember watching plays and listening to the librarians read stories every summer. And the friends who sat beside me then are still my best friends now. I always say Ms. Tricia was my first teacher.

I am 11 years old now, and I still get excited to pick up my reading log every summer because I get recommendations for great new books to read. This summer we had our own teen book club discussion on banned books. The teen book discussions introduced me to books I never would have picked on my own. The Golden Dome Challenge during the school year made it easy for me

to pick the next book off the shelf because I was determined to read every single one — all 25!

The library is my second home; when I walk in, I know who will be waiting for me, waiting to tell me about the next book club or new book or program for the week. I know I will run into at least one friend or someone I know. It’s easy and fun to be at the library. That’s why this year I decided to get more involved. I worked on my Boy Scout Reading Merit Badge at the library and learned things about the library I would never have known. (Did you know there is an unseen path through the library? If you start at one end, it’s infant books and there is a very deliberate flow that you follow chronologically until you get to the young adult books!) It’s the one place where you know you’ll have something to do whether

you’re 2 or 12.

This summer I got to help Ms. Tricia with the summer book bike project and it wasn’t until preparing to read myself that I understood how much effort she had been putting into these storytimes for years. No wonder she finally needed helpers! Preparing, dressing up and reading with one of my good buddies made the whole thing even more fun. I know we will look back at the pictures of us in chef hats or fish pinned to our shirts and remember the laughs we had this summer.

In movies the librarians are always shushing the kids who are chatting instead of studying; not at the Ilsley! There, laughing and meeting friends is the best part. So no, books are not my best friends, people are, but the people I still go to the library with love books as much as I do.

# Barash letter

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The ELP students then began their own expressions of their own self-selected talent. They had a time limit and had to have signed up beforehand. There were individual and group numbers. For each act the crowd roared, no roar for any one performance louder than another; supporting each other. There were no tryouts, no one was excluded. A tenet of the program: inclusion. They shared their joy, their joy of being themselves and doing it with their friends.

In the article in the *Independent* Mandy Chesley-Park is quoted as saying the program supports “opportunities for joy” and “encouraging play and curiosity in their students.” In my brief visits I experienced that from the

moment I entered the woods on the first day.

I asked Mandy how does she accumulate such an amazing staff? Her response was that they embody a sense of community. The staff feels that. Each staff member is valued for their gifts, their ideas and their contributions. This then is passed from the staff to the students. The students feel that, as evidenced by the making of the radio on my first visit. No item was rejected. Each was noticed and complimented by the leader.

Summer can be a very challenging time for families, when parents are working long hours away from home and away from their kids. Parents could go to wherever they needed to go with the confidence that their

children were not only well cared for but so very happily engaged. What I heard over and over from parents was that their kids came home happy, tired and ready for the next day.

What a gift to be able to give to families and reduce the stress of the long summer and long hours away from home. Their kids get to do summer things all summer: be in the woods, swim, visit natural places, ride their bikes, create, explore, be with friends, make new friends and so much more.

Thanks, ELP for the peek into your extraordinary program. Truly a treasure in our community. I can’t wait to see what ELP has in store for the school year!

Phoebe Barash  
Bristol

# Jessie

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from the car can do wonders to reset the conversation and get your partner to quit griping about the Sherpa deposit. (What part of “nonrefundable” does he not understand?)

We arrived at our destination in convivial spirits, thanks to an abundance of coffee, which provided both a chatty caffeine high and several conversation-resetting pit stops.

And we got to spend the weekend as houseguests. That’s where you stay in someone’s home and they are obligated to keep

you entertained while pretending they don’t have anything better to do. Your stay even comes with complimentary meals, and there’s no bill at the end. What a treat.

Seeing loved ones after such a long time made me forget about the worries I’d had about leaving home. What was “home,” anyway? Did we live somewhere? I tried to picture the house. Oh well, we’d find it with the GPS on Sunday.

At the wedding, we joined a crowd of well over a hundred people, eating and drinking and laughing and talking, and I

wondered if any of them could tell that I hadn’t left home in literal years.

If not, I’m sure they figured it out as soon as we were introduced. Apropos of nothing, I kept telling people how having a dog is a lot like being in prison. They’d pause, tilt their heads and give me a concerned squint that clearly said, “You need to get out more.”

Possibly. But now that I’m safely cocooned back in my house, “getting out more” sounds like a terrible idea. I think I’ll just work on my small talk instead.

# Home & Garden Field Days Results

NEW HAVEN — Results have come in for the Home and Garden judging at the 2022 Addison County Fair and Field Days, held in early August.

## PHOTO AWARDS

**Kinney Drug Photo Challenge:** Sharon Macedo.

**Best Photo Adult:** Heather Morse.

**Abi Sessions Award Best Photo, Youth 4-12:** Tommy Armell.

**Best Photo, Youth 13-18:** Lily Gordon.

**People’s Choice Photo:** Ben Munkres.

**Judge’s Choice, Youth:** Ben Munkres.

**Judge’s Choice, Adult:** Madeline Sturtevant.

## ART AWARDS

**Main Street Stationary Best entry in Art:** Courtney Allenson.

**Middlebury Frame Shop Best Color Rendering, Adult:** Ellyn Mack.

**Recycled Reading Best Color Rendering, 4-12:** Saebyrn Carter.

**Sparrow Art Best Color Rendering, 13-18:** Katherine Moran.

**Otter Creek Frame Shop Best B&W Rendering, Adult:** Courtney Allenson.

**Recycled Reading Best B&W Rendering, 13-18:** Katherine Moran.

**Vermont Book Shop Best Entry in Folk Art, Adult:** Britney Aube.

**Judith Larson Award for Youth in Folk Art:** Tommy Armell.

**Middlebury Studio School Superintendents Award:** Hadley Brown.

**Sparrow Art Superintendents Award:** Rhylee Macedo.

**People’s Choice Art:** Saebyrn Carter.

## FOODS AWARDS

**King Arthur Award, Adult:** 1. Rosemary Zewinski; 2. Heather Morse; 3. Cheryl Cesario.

**King Arthur Award, Youth:** 1. Charlies Flynn; 2. Grace Tolles.

**Middlebury Bagel and Deli Baking Prize, Adult:** Melanie Paquette.

**Middlebury Bagel and Deli Best Muffins:** Ella Apuzzo-Kidder.

**Monument Farms Dairy Prize, Youth:** Mesa Reynolds.

**Middlebury Natural Foods Best Decorated Cake, Adult:** Heather Morse.

**Best Decorated Cake, Youth:**

Normandie Cesario.

**Maple Meadows Farm Best Cake:** Heather Morse.

**Honey Baked Goods:** Perry Lessing.

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**Middlebury Natural Foods Coop Canning Award:** Louise Bowdish.

**Lillian Humphrey’s Canning Award:** Margaret Hough.

**Lillian Humphrey’s Canning Award:** Mike Denis.

**Wanda Goodyear Memorial Baked Bean Contest:** 1. Cindy Peet; 2. Regina Bird; 3. Fred Peet; 4. Susan Bird; 5. January Stearns.

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT AWARDS

**Outstanding Youth Gardener:** Maisie Peet.

**Premier Gardener:** Carol Krawczyk.

## FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

**Fred Peet Award, Most Outstanding Youth 9-18:** Ella Apuzzo Kidder.

**Middlebury Agway, Most Outstanding Exhibitor:** Lynne Rapoport.

**Coles Flowers Award, Most Unique Entry:** June Moncrief.

**Shallow Rock Greenhouse, Most Outstanding Plant:** Katie Jackson.

**January Stearns Award Best Youth Entry, 4-8:** Normandie Cesario.

**Heather Morse Award Most Outstanding Adult entry:** Cynthia Witscher.

## HANDICRAFTS AWARDS

**Ervin Henecke Award for best natural fiber item:** Courtney Allenson.

**Patricia Henecke Award for outstanding socks:** Sarah Johnson.

**Deb Kinder McClay Award for most creative baby item:** Keri Streeter.

**Hermity Thrush Fiber Company Award for best knitting by youth:** Payden Garthaffner.

**Twist ‘O Wool Award for best handspun item:** Alice Smolinsky.

**Twist ‘O Wool Award for best felted item:** Sharron Bigelow.

**Eleanor Boucher Memorial Award for best woven item:** Hazel Rakowski.

**Quilters Corner Award for best sewn garment:** Alice Munson.

**Quilters Corner Award for best sewn item by youth:** David Larocque.

**Quilters Corner Award for most outstanding quilt:** Christine Pouliot.

**Quilters Corner Award for best commercially quilted quilt:** Virginia Deering.

**Quilters Corner Award for best quilted item:** Phyllis Bowdish.

**Bethany Barry Award for outstanding embroidery:** Deborah Kirby.

**Rae Dwight Award for outstanding embroidery by youth:** Payden Garthaffner.

**Rose Ann Farese Award for innovative modern stitchery:** Judy Baker.

**The Oxford Company Award for most outstanding hooking:** Diane Neuse.

**Jack Brown Award for outstanding woodwork:** Edward Malzac and Mike Denis.

**Jack Brown Award for outstanding woodwork by youth:** Isaac Haskell.

**Bethany Barry Award for creative shopping bag:** Courtney Allenson.

**Bethany Barry Award for outstanding creative crochet:** Nicolee Torrey.

**Golden Years Award:** Alice Munson.

**Jerry and Cheryl Connor Award for best youth handicrafts:** Payden Garthaffner.

**Grand Prize in Handicrafts:** Judy Baker.

**Leona Thompson Award Winner:** Mike Denis.

**Frances Monroe Youth Award:** Normandie Cesario.

# Ways

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Other community heroes who are showing a way out of shame, loneliness and isolation are Amazon workers determined to unionize, teachers and nurses standing up for better pay, and the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led campaign to force our elected leaders to face climate change head-on.

What does all this activism have in common? The understanding that we all deserve dignity and safety, at work and at home. The knowledge that we are in this together, our precious Earth deserves to survive, and we can create far better systems to take care of each other. Preventing future suffering is work we do together, and working together weaves us into a strong cloth, a fabric to protect and nurture one another.

Joanna Colwell is a life-long feminist who has served on the board of WomenSafe for many years. She invites you to join her in helping people have access to lifesaving healthcare by becoming a member of the National Network of Abortion Funds.

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# Obituaries

## Kim G. Coates, 65, of Hinesburg

HINESBURG — Kim Gerriane Coates died of injuries sustained in a tragic fall the morning of Aug. 22, 2022. Our hearts are broken.

Kim was the daughter of Blanche (Perry) Coates and Beryl Coates. She was born on Oct. 7, 1956, in Burlington. She is survived by a brother, Gill Coates; a sister and brother-in-law, Elly Coates and her husband, Rob Farley; a niece Sage Coates-Farley; nephew, Graham Coates-Farley; her aunt, Clem Leblond, and many cousins.

Kim was educated in Hinesburg schools and graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School. She was self-employed, cleaning the houses of many clients over the years. She considered each and every one of them a true friend. If you were one of her "people," as she called many of her clients, you know you were cared for, thought of, and loved.

She was a generous, loving, and caring person. She was always willing to help anyone in any way she could. Everyone who met Kim knew that she was all heart. She was so much more than a sister, aunt, or friend; she was a



KIM G. COATES

confidante, a cheerleader, a rescuer, and a shining light. Her loss leaves a huge hole in the lives of everyone who knew her.

At one point, she raised and sold Dachshund puppies. Her own Doxies were Huckleberry, Sally, Susie, Molly, and the beloved Tootsie. She also loved reading and traveling. Whether it was sister weekends in New England or exploring the rest of the U.S. with her brother, her travels brought her great joy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider

a donation for repairs to the drive in the Hinesburg Village Cemetery. To donate please address checks payable to The Town of Hinesburg with "Memory of Kim Coates" in the For/Memo line of the check. Mail to The Town of Hinesburg, 10632 Route 116, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

To honor Kim's love of animals, donations may also be sent to: Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403 or Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. Donations can also be made online on the applicable societies' websites.

There will be no memorial service. Visiting hours will be held at the Ready Funeral & Cremation Service South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Rd, Burlington from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, August 29, 2022.

The burial will be private at the convenience of the family. To send online condolences to her family please visit [www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com).

## Janice Albert, 86, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Janice Albert, 86, passed away on Aug. 22, 2022, in Middlebury, Vt. Janice was born and raised in Ferrisburgh, Vt., on a family farm.

She owned a restaurant in Vergennes, Vt., called Jan's Restaurant. When she sold her restaurant, she worked at Tim's IGA and SuperValu grocery stores. She moved to Florida to take care of her mother, Ruby Fuller, when she became ill and ended up staying for several years. She also had several children who also lived in Florida.

Janice decided she wanted to go back to Vermont — as she put it, she wanted to go home. When she returned to Ferrisburgh Janice lived with her daughter Karen Larrow and son-in-law Bill Larrow. She loved her children and grandchildren and they loved her



JANICE ALBERT

back. She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.

Janice is preceded in death by her sons Gary Albert and David

Bourassa, her parents Earl and Ruby Fuller, her brother Raymond Fuller her sister Barbara Fuller, her granddaughter Dawn Wilbur and great-grandson Ryan Whalen.

Janice is survived by her children, Karen (Bill) Larrow of Ferrisburgh; Bill Bourassa of Florida; Holly (Rick) Swindle of Alabama; Dale (Marshall) Goodman of Florida; Annette (Bob) Berry of Florida; Diana Bourassa of Florida; her sister Marcia Dabney of Belleview, Fla.; and brother Gerald (Corkey) Fuller of Middlebury, Vt.; 24 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Gage Cemetery in Ferrisburgh. To send online condolences to her family please visit [www.brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com)

## Bernard Galipeau celebration of life

BRIDPORT — Please join us for a celebration of life for Bernie Galipeau, who died June 28, 2022,

on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 5235 Lake St., Bridport, Vt. There will be a short Marine Salute starting at

4 p.m. with a BYOB BBQ after. Please come and share your stories and memories.

## Douglas A. Werner, 75, of Ripton

RIPTON — Douglas A. Werner, 75, died peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 23, at his home in Ripton, Vt.

He was born in New York, N.Y., July 5, 1947, the son of Arthur and Vivian Werner (Verch).

Douglas is survived by his daughter, Eleonore Werner (Michael Hart), and his two grandchildren, William and Eva of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; his brother Steven Werner (Kathy Werner) of Granville, Vt.; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved Golden Retriever, Ripton.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Leslie Galinski.

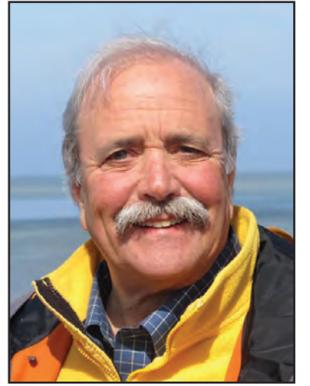
There will be a graveside service

at the Albany Rural Cemetery, N.Y., (at his family plot) at a date to be determined.

He was a lifelong educator working at both Northlands Job Corps in Vergennes and retiring from Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon, Vt. He loved nature and animals and being outside in all seasons.

The family would like to especially thank Heather Blair and his care team for all their love and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Homeward Bound, 236 Boardman St., Middlebury, VT 05753. ♦



DOUGLAS A. WERNER

## Cheryl Evelyn Farnsworth, 63, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Cheryl Evelyn Farnsworth, 63, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, at her home in Bristol.

She was born Dec. 19, 1958, in Middlebury, the daughter of Robert and Evelyn (Jerome) Carter.

Her hobbies were crafting and sewing. She was a wonderful cook. She enjoyed recreational shooting, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Roger, of Bristol; stepson James Farnsworth and his wife Jill; stepdaughter Heather Hill;

grandchildren Dusty Grace, Brad Grace, Whitney Farnsworth, and Jennifer Hill; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. Interment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vermont Adult Learning, PO Box 539, Waitsfield, VT 05673

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CHERYL EVELYN FARNSWORTH

## Marcia (Parlow) Pomerance, 62, late of Weybridge

RYE, N.H. — Marcia (Parlow) Pomerance, recently of Weybridge, Vt., passed peacefully on July 20, 2022, surrounded by family in Rye, N.H., after a four-year battle with cancer. Marcia, 62, is survived by her partner, Nathan Dansereau of Sudbury, Vt.; her son Luc of Boston, Mass.; her son Justin and his wife Madeline of Portsmouth, N.H.; her son Jared of Dover, Mass.; her sister Elizabeth Parlow of Verona, N.Y.; and her former husband, John Pomerance of Boston, Mass.

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Marcia spent time in Vermont from an early age, including going to summer camp in the Northeast

Kingdom. She graduated from Middlebury College in 1981. Marcia loved Vermont, the outdoors, nature, photography, cooking, her dogs Gemma and Luna, and the many people she touched. She also loved the English language and was the managing editor for New England Review at Middlebury College from 2013 until her health made that impossible.

She had worked previously in other publishing positions in New York and Massachusetts. She took great pride in joyfully bringing up her now very successful sons. A private graveside service was held on July 24, 2022, in Wayland, Mass. ♦



MARCIA (PARLOW) POMERANCE

## Carla Carpenter Wark Lyon, 82, formerly of Orwell

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Carla Carpenter Wark Lyon died Sunday, Aug. 14. She was born July 11, 1940, in Haverhill, N.H., the daughter of Catherine "Kay" Carpenter and Henry "Jake" Carpenter.

She attended schools in Newbury, Vt., Simsbury, Vt., and Orwell, Vt., and graduated from high school from South Broward High School in Hollywood, Fla., in 1958. She served a six-year apprenticeship with the International Typographical Union in Teterboro, N.J. She was a proofreader and graphic artist for many years. She and her first husband, the late Ian

Wark, founded The Highland Press in Middlebury, Vt.

She taught Sunday school in the Methodist church in Mendon and Middlebury, Vt. and Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Gilman Chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star, in West Rutland, Vt.

She is survived by two daughters, Alisa Kay Wark and Deanna Lee Wark Burrough (her husband, Luke); stepson, Gary Lyon Jr.; her sister, Donna Nickerson Ouellette and her husband, Edmond; her brother, Bud Carpenter and his wife, Beth; one grandson, Ian Luke Burrough; and one granddaughter,

Kaylee Elizabeth Burrough; her ex-husband's son, Douglas Wark; three nieces, Dana Booksa (Jim), Kim Alexander (John), and Nedra Boutwell (Todd); her nephew, Russ Nickerson and their children; and several cousins, including Genora Carpenter Douglas.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her father and mother, Henry "Jake" and Catherine "Kay" Henderson Carpenter; stepfather Dr. James H. Howard; brother-in-law Roy Nickerson; ex-husband and friend, Ian J.P. Wark; and an infant sister.

Burial service will be held on Sept. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Mountain View Cemetery in Orwell, Vt., 05760. ♦

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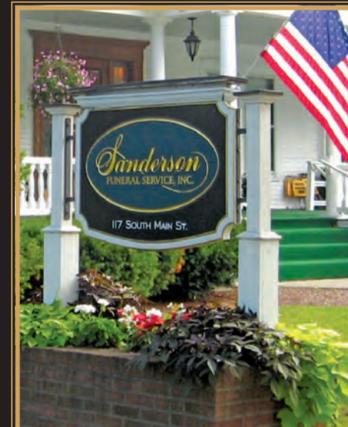
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## Bryan Krymlak, 27, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Bryan Krymlak of Middlebury died Friday, Aug. 12, at the age of 27. He was born Dec. 3, 1994, to Pavel Krymlak and Tammy Bernard in Tampla, Fla.

He married Jamie Krymlak on June 29, 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie, two sons, his mother, his brothers and his two grandmothers. He was predeceased by his father and grandfather.

Contributions to support his wife and children can be made to Jamie herself or their GoFundMe page online. For a full obituary visit [www.gregorycremation.com](http://www.gregorycremation.com).

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# Terminal patient and her doctor challenge Vermont's aid-in-dying law

By JERALYN DARLING  
VTDigger.org

As she seeks to end her life through Vermont's medical-aid-in-dying law, Lynda Bluestein faces one major obstacle: her ZIP code.

Bluestein, 75, was diagnosed last year with terminal fallopian tube cancer. She said she'd like to make use of Vermont's Act 39, which allows doctors to prescribe life-ending drugs to terminally ill patients, but the law requires the recipient to be a resident of the state. That's a problem for Bluestein, who lives 150 miles from Vermont's southern border in Bridgeport, Conn.

"Cancer has taken so much from me," Bluestein told VTDigger. "But when it starts to take everything, and everything that makes Lynda, Lynda, I have no interest in continuing to live through that."

Compassion & Choices, a national advocacy group that has lobbied for aid-in-dying laws, filed a federal lawsuit Thursday challenging Vermont's medical-aid-in-dying law, arguing that the residency requirement "violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal treatment."

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Bluestein and Dr. Diana Barnard, a Vermont physician who also serves patients in New York. The suit maintains that people should not have to reside in Vermont to benefit from its law.

Compassion & Choices settled a similar suit in Oregon against that state's residency requirement in March, making Vermont the second state to have its residency mandate challenged in court.

The Vermont Attorney General's Office, which is responsible for defending the state's laws, is reviewing the complaint and "will file a response with the court," according to the office's chief of staff, Lauren Jandl.

The Vermont Department of Health submitted a report to

the state Legislature in January summarizing the law's use since its inception. Between May 2013 and June 2021, 116 people received the lethal prescription allowed under Act 39, according to the report. The report does not say how many of those people filled or used the prescription.

The suit argues that Vermont's residency requirement violates the U.S. Constitution by restricting medical care to one state and creating unequal protections based on state boundaries. According to Amitai Heller, senior staff attorney for Compassion & Choices, case law suggests that patients have the right to access medical care across state lines.

"The Constitution doesn't explicitly say that, but there are certainly cases that affirm that proposition, that accessing commerce, accessing medical care, is a fundamental right," he said.

For those who are terminally ill, according to Bluestein, moving to another state is an enormous — and potentially impossible — undertaking.

"Moving is not easy under the best of circumstances," she said.

Leaving her home, her friends, her support system, her dog, Bluestein said, is not an option.

## FOR HERSELF

Bluestein said the hurdles in her way are many. She is in palliative care in Connecticut, but even without Vermont's residency requirement, she still would have to wait until she qualified for hospice — meaning she has less than six months to live — to be allowed to apply for the lethal prescription permitted under Act 39.

"Getting the paperwork done while I'm feeling healthy is not an option," she said.

Bluestein said this is her third cancer diagnosis in three years. She said she is privileged to be within driving distance of Vermont and to have the support and resources to



LYNDA BLUESTEIN



DR. DIANA BARNARD

accomplish her goal of a peaceful end of life on her own terms.

"It is of critical importance to me," Bluestein said. "I don't want my children and my grandchildren to see me the way that I saw my

*"Some of my patients, just because they live on the other side of the lake, don't have the same access that my Vermont patients do ... It just did not seem fair."*

*Dr. Diana Barnard of Middlebury*

own mother the day that she died — when I'd flown across the country to be with her and she turned away from me. She said, 'I don't want you to see me like this.' That kind of lasts."

According to Barnard, Bluestein's co-plaintiff, "Lynda is someone who really is just looking for the same kind of experience. She knows what feels right for her, but her access is severely limited."

"It is my final act," Bluestein said. "And damn it, nobody gets to step on my lines in my final lap."

## FOR HER PATIENTS

Barnard, whose Middlebury practice specializes in hospice and palliative care, treats Vermonters, as well as those who live nearby in northern New York. She's a leading

voice in end-of-life care and has testified in several states, including Vermont, on aid-in-dying laws.

"Some of my patients, just because they live on the other side of the lake, don't have the same access that my Vermont patients do," Barnard said. "It just did not seem fair. And it felt like an important issue to address."

Barnard said she has received many requests from non-Vermont residents seeking a prescription for medical-aid-in-dying, but she hasn't been able to offer this treatment because of the prospective patients' residency.

"As far as we know, this is the only medical practice that is limited by geography. Right?" said Sean Crowley, a spokesperson for Compassion & Choices. "I mean, people go across state lines all the time to get cancer treatments, abortions, etc. And that's what makes this unique."

Patient Choices Vermont, which lobbied successfully for Act 39's passage, applauded Barnard's efforts in a Thursday press release.

"PCV agrees with the plaintiffs in the lawsuit who state that this restriction is unconstitutional, and that it improperly restricts people from crossing state lines to receive the medical services they seek," the organization said. "Medical aid in dying is subject to such a restriction."

Vermont's aid-in-dying law, passed in 2013, used Oregon's law as a template. The March settlement ending that state's residency requirement "created an important precedent for deleting the residency requirement in Vermont," Patient Choices said in its statement.

Though Barnard advocated for the passage of Act 39, she said she has since "come to understand" that the residency requirement is "an illegal component of the law."

"I hear a lot about people suffering and trying to navigate what is really such a tender time in life," she said. "And when you listen to those stories, it's hard not to be compelled to want to really help those folks in any way you can. And this is one way that I can help."

## FOR OTHERS

Of the 11 jurisdictions that allow medical aid in dying, 10 of them have a residency requirement, according to Compassion & Choices. The group has its sights set on challenging all of those laws.

"We believe that the residency requirements in all medical-aid-in-dying laws, as currently constructed, are unconstitutional," said Heller, the senior staff attorney.

Barnard, the Middlebury doctor, said she is frustrated by the fact that she can talk about this option with her Vermont patients, but can't discuss this end-of-life option with her other patients. She also emphasized the fact that she writes the prescription for

those who qualify, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they take the medication, or even that they fill that prescription. Knowing it's an option is soothing, but having to spend their life for the opportunity to qualify is contrary to the goal of the choice of a peaceful ending.

"Very few people have the time, energy and resources to make these moves, especially when they're dying," said Crowley, the Compassion & Choices spokesperson. "It's a major headache to establish residency when you're dying. Some people tried it and failed, they died before they were able to pull it off. There are only a handful of people who have done it."

In April, Vermont expanded Act 39's reach to include telemedicine. Heller said if the residency requirement is removed, Compassion & Choices would "strongly advise against anybody using telemedicine to access medical aid in dying when they are physically located outside of Vermont." He said doing so could put patients and physicians at risk of criminal or civil liability.

Bluestein first learned of the obstacles from a friend in her cancer support group in Connecticut. That friend had lung cancer and eventually moved to Vermont to access aid-in-dying care. She died this year with the help of Act 39.

"She had to leave by herself, drive herself to Vermont, register her car, register to vote, rent a place to live... establish residency in your state," Bluestein said. "And this is after she's already been admitted to hospice."

Bluestein's friend wrote her daily emails detailing the complicated process in the hope of helping Bluestein when her time came.

"She said that her one last wish was that it would be easier on me than on her," she said.

Bluestein, in turn, hopes she is helping others through her suit.

## ADDISON COUNTY

# Obituaries

## Forrest H. Johnson Sr., 81, of Forest Dale

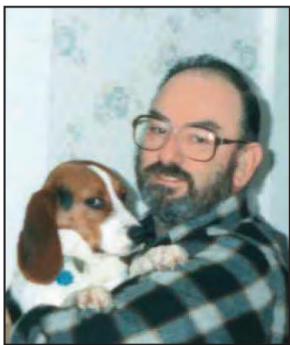
FOREST DALE — Forrest H. Johnson Sr. passed away peacefully on Aug. 24, 2022 at his home.

Forrest was born on July 20, 1941, in Granville Vt., the son of Miles Johnson and Shirley (Downs) Johnson Harrington. Forrest joined the Air National Guard in 1957 and attended Spaulding High School, graduating in 1960.

Forrest married Mary Aylward on Oct. 29, 1960, in Waterbury, Vt. Forrest worked for General Electric in Burlington, Vt., from 1960-1965, then returned to school at Eastern University, learning to drive semi-trucks, leading him to his next occupation at Saint Johnsburg Trucking. In 1973 Forrest purchased his own semi-truck and became an owner-operator until 1982. Forrest also started a farm in West Virginia while also hauling water and delivering newspapers.

In 1990 Forrest moved back to Vermont and opened Johnson Care Home in Hancock, Vt. Forrest also logged with his two beautiful workhorses, then returned to the trucking industry hauling cars until his retirement, where he spent the summers in East Middlebury at Airport Auto and the winters in South Carolina. Forrest enjoyed boxing, horses, reading, walking, baseball, joking around, music, dancing and spending time with family and friends.

Forrest is survived by his sisters, Ann Long of Concord, N.H., and Nancy Rivers and husband Dick Rivers of Moretown Vt.; his children Forrest Johnson Jr.



FORREST H. JOHNSON SR.

of Virginia, Wayne Johnson, and Deborah Johnson and Husband Tommy Lloyd of Forest Dale, Vt.; his grandchildren, Daniela Lloyd, Christopher Lloyd, and Sierra Johnson; and great-grandchildren Hunter, Brady, Brooke and McCoy Lloyd and Byron Robertson Jr.; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Forrest was predeceased by his daughter Kathy Johnson and son Glenn Johnson.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held at the Hancock Village Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 3, at noon. A reception will follow at the Hancock Town Hall catered by the Spanked Puppy. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his memory to Addison County Humane Society at [www.homewardboundanimals.org/donate](http://www.homewardboundanimals.org/donate).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Day Funeral Home in Randolph. ☪

# Bridport Historical Society hosts sharpshooter talk

BRIDPORT — The Bridport Historical Society will hold its 2022 annual meeting and potluck lunch on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Bridport Community/Masonic Hall.

Featured will be a program by Howard Coffin on Vermont's Remarkable Sharpshooters. A seventh-generation Vermonter, Coffin is the author of four books on the Civil War. In this program, he will discuss his recent research into this little-recognized group who played a little-known but major role at the battle of Gettysburg. The talk is a Vermont Humanities Council Program.

The Annual Meeting begins at 1 p.m. with a potluck lunch. (Bring a dish to share!) Coffin's program begins at 2 p.m. The Bridport Historical Society annual meeting

will follow the program.

The meeting is free and open to the public, and the Community/Masonic Hall is handicap accessible. The Community/

Masonic Hall is located at 52 Crown Point Road on the Village Green in Bridport. For information call 802-758-2218.

## ADDISON COUNTY

# School Briefs

CORRECTION — In the Thursday, Aug. 25 *Addison Independent* we mistakenly identified the degree with which **Munro McLaren** of North Ferrisburgh graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University. McLaren received a B.A. in Film with a concentration in Directing.

McLaren also triple-minored in Screenwriting, Creative Writing, and British Studies. McLaren was also named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester.

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~ His wife, his children, and the whole family.

## VSAC offers help on student debt relief

WINOOSKI — According to the Vermont Student Assistance Corp. President Biden's plan for debt relief means that Vermont federal student loan borrowers earning less than \$125,000 will be eligible for up to \$10,000 of undergraduate student loan cancellation. Borrowers who received Pell grants will be eligible for an additional \$10,000. It is estimated that 30% of Vermont borrowers will be eligible for the additional cancellation.

The Biden Administration will also extend the repayment pause, scheduled for Aug. 31,

2022, a final time through Dec. 31, 2022, with payments resuming in January 2023.

The Department of Education, which manages the federal student loan program, expects to provide details on how borrowers can access and qualify for these new benefits in the next few weeks. VSAC will be available to help Vermonters navigate the process once the details are unveiled.

"We will be working with Vermont borrowers to navigate access to this cancellation benefit," said Scott Giles, President and

CEO of VSAC. "As more details on requirements become known from the U.S. Dept. of Education, VSAC loan counselors will be available to work with Vermonters to ensure they will be able to take full advantage of the programs," he added.

According to the Department of Education, there are currently 77,000 federal student loan borrowers in Vermont. The average student loan balance is \$37,000 and 15% of borrowers have less than \$5,000 in outstanding debt.

## Vt. Fish & Wildlife news



### Bear season to begin on September 1

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says bear hunting season starts in September and reminds hunters about the bear hunting regulations.

Vermont has two bear hunting seasons. The early season, which requires a special bear tag, runs Sept. 1 through Nov. 11 with one exception: Nonresident hunters using dogs cannot start hunting until Sept. 15. The late bear season runs Nov. 12 through 20. A hunter may only take one bear during the year.

In addition to a hunting license, a bear hunter using a bow or crossbow must have a prior or current bow license or a certificate proving completion of a bow hunter education course.

The hunter must field dress the bear before taking it to a reporting station. It is also legal to skin the bear and cut it up in order to carry it out of the woods. Although the bear must be reported within 48 hours, Fish and Wildlife urges doing so quickly to cool the meat. The hunter must also collect and

submit a pre-molar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. The tooth provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population.

Upon the request of a game warden, a person harvesting a bear is required to return to the kill site with a game warden.

"Bears will be feeding along power lines and in forest openings and old fields where berries and apples can be found as well as in forested beech and oak stands," said Vermont's Director of Wildlife Mark Scott. "They also are likely to be feeding on standing corn."

Scott says Vermont's regulated legal bear hunting seasons help manage the state's population.

"Fifty years ago Vermont had less than 1,500 bears, and they were found mostly in the mountains and northeastern quarter of the state," he said. "Bears are now found statewide except in Grand Isle County, and although we have successfully increased bear numbers close to 6,000, the human

population also has increased, resulting in more encounters between humans and bears. Carefully regulated legal hunting helps control the growth of the black bear population and allows for their sustainable use, while decreasing interactions with humans."

Scott says with bears being so abundant, this is a great opportunity for hunters who have never hunted bear to do so this year. He says properly prepared bear meat is highly nutritious. The key to successfully securing good meat is to skin the bear as soon as possible and process it immediately if you do not have access to a large cooler.

Scott recommends that hunters refrain from shooting a bear with cubs as well as bears observed in groups as they are usually made up of sows with cubs.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to download and read the 2022 Black Bear Hunting Guide from [vtfishandwildlife.gov](http://vtfishandwildlife.gov).

### Controlled waterfowl hunt for juniors starts Oct. 21

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department now has information on its website about the 2022 controlled waterfowl hunts at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison.

Controlled goose hunting at Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area will be by lottery drawing with hunting zones assigned at the time of the permit drawing. Any vacancies due to "no-shows" on hunting days will be filled on the morning of the hunt with a self-

check-in process. Self-registration permits will be available at the Dead Creek check-in kiosks.

Friday, Oct. 21, is a junior hunter day at Dead Creek. Only hunters 17 or younger on Oct. 21 may self-register.

Duck season opens on Oct. 15 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones, and on Oct. 4 in the Connecticut River Zone. The Lake Champlain Zone has a split season (Oct. 15-23 and Oct. 29-Dec. 18).

A statewide early hunting season

to control Vermont's population of resident Canada geese will occur Sept. 1-25. A second Canada goose hunting season will be held Oct. 15-Nov. 13 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones.

Snow goose hunting is open from Oct. 1-Dec. 31 in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont Zones.

Be sure to read the 2022-2023 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

## Police ask for help with recent vandalism

### Bristol Police Log

BRISTOL — Bristol police on July 29 received a report of vandalism at the Bristol Teen Hub. Authorities are investigating, and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Bristol police at 802-453-2533 and cite incident 22BR002142.

Between July 18 and Aug. 14, Bristol police completed 24 foot patrols and five car patrols, conducted 21 traffic stops and checked the security at Mount Abraham Union High School 28 times, at Bristol Elementary School 27 times and at local businesses 28 times.

Police also processed 21 fingerprint requests, conducted two welfare checks, verified one vehicle identification number, helped three citizens get into their locked vehicles and facilitated the return of two loose dogs.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On July 18, advised Vermont Fish & Wildlife about a skunk acting abnormally on North Street.

- On July 19, responded to a report of a single-car crash on Main Street.

- On July 19, served court paperwork to a person on Thistle Hill Road in Hinesburg.

- On July 19, took a statement on a late-reported motor vehicle crash on Main Street.

- On July 19, responded to Prince Lane to check for a vehicle for Vermont State Police but the vehicle was not there.

- On July 19, responded to a motor vehicle complaint on Airport Drive and issued a traffic warning.

- On July 20, served court paperwork to a person on South Street.

- On July 20, responded to a report of a stolen laptop. Police took a statement and performed a search for evidence showing signs of theft. An investigation is ongoing.

- On July 21, responded to a report of a vehicle that slid off the Notch Road, but the vehicle was gone upon arrival.

- On July 21, responded to Mount Abraham Union High School for a report of a vehicle that was improperly parked. The owner of the vehicle was located, and the vehicle was moved.

- On July 22, issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.

- On July 23, responded to a report of an audible alarm on Maple Street, which police determined to be a fire alarm. The Bristol Fire Department was also dispatched.

- On July 23, assisted with a child custody transfer on Munsill Avenue.

- On July 23, received a found passport. The owner can retrieve the passport at the Bristol Police Department on Munsill Avenue.

- On July 23, assisted Vermont State Police with traffic control on Burpee Road.

- On July 23, assisted state police on Hardscrabble Road.

- On July 23, conducted parking enforcement on Lincoln Road in the area of Bartlett Falls.

- On July 23, received a report of a disorderly person on South

Street, and found no action rose to the level of an offense.

- On July 23, received a report regarding custody of a child. The caller was referred to family court.

- On July 24, responded to a property-damage car crash on West Street.

- On July 24, issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.

- On July 25, assisted Northfield Police by locating a person in Bristol regarding vehicle plates. Bristol police contacted the person and shared the information with Northfield police.

- On July 26, issued parking tickets on Mountain Street.

- On July 26, assisted Bristol Rescue on Mountain Street.

- On July 27, provided emergency lights at the scene of a single-car crash on Plank Road until the Bristol Fire Department arrived.

- On July 27, received a found wallet at the Bristol Police Department and contacted the owner.

- On July 27, received found property on West Street and contacted the owner.

- On July 28, took a report of vandalism on East Street. An investigation is ongoing.

- On July 28, received a call about a suspicious vehicle at the entrance of the Bristol walking path on South Street. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.

- On July 28, issued a notice against trespass to a person at the Bristol Police Department.

- On July 29, responded to a report of a disorderly person on Main Street. No action rose to the level of an offense.

- On July 29, assisted someone with a disabled vehicle on Munsill Avenue.

- On July 30, officers completed use of force training at the department.

- On July 30, completed 75 minutes of Governor's Highway Grant-funded patrol in the Bristol area.

- On July 30, issued a parking ticket on Park Place.

- On July 31, responded to a loose dog complaint on West Street. The dog had been picked up by its owner by the time police arrived.

- On July 31, investigated a suspicious vehicle on Main Street, but determined no action rose to the level of an offense.

- On July 31, issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.

- On July 31, responded to a family fight on Sugar Maple Lane. No action at the time rose to the level of an offense.

- On Aug. 1, received a found wallet on West Street and contacted the owner.

- On Aug. 1, responded to a report of a dog left in a hot car on Pine Street. The owner was located, and the situation was remedied.

- On Aug. 1, an officer completed a Foundations of Sexual Assault online training.

- On Aug. 2, served court paperwork to a person at the department.

- On Aug. 2, completed a property check in the Fitch Avenue area.

- On Aug. 2, received a report of an alleged automobile theft. An investigation revealed no theft or criminal action.

- On Aug. 2, an officer received National Crime Information Center training.

- On Aug. 2, received a report of identity theft on North Street. An investigation is ongoing.

- On Aug. 2, took a late report of a motor vehicle accident for insurances purposes.

- On Aug. 2, investigated a suspicious vehicle on West Street and determined nothing rose to the level of a criminal offense.

- On Aug. 3, removed excess trash from Town Park on West Street.

- On Aug. 4, assisted state police on Villa Drive.

- On Aug. 4, located people at Eagle Park after dusk. Officers explained the park closed at that time, and they left without incident.

- On Aug. 5, received a report of an improperly positioned stop sign at Pine Street and North Street. The positioning was corrected, and Bristol Department of Public Works was notified.

- On Aug. 6, issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.

- On Aug. 6, advised persons at Bristol town park that the area closed at dusk. The people left without incident.

- On Aug. 7, issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.

- On Aug. 8, responded to Prince Lane on a report of a disorderly person possibly breaking glass. The person was gone upon arrival, and police didn't locate any damaged property.

- On Aug. 8, assisted state police on Villa Drive.

- On Aug. 9, completed domestic violence training at the Bristol Police Department.

- On Aug. 10, assisted a social service agency with property retrieval on Taylor Avenue.

- On Aug. 10, responded to a report of a vehicle on East Street left running unattended for an extended period. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.

- On Aug. 10, took a report of property damage on North Street.

- On Aug. 12, recovered found money on West Street. The owner can contact Bristol police to retrieve the money.

- On Aug. 12, responded to a report of a dispute and found no action rose to the level of an offense.

- On Aug. 12, responded to Route 116 in the Lincoln Road area to a report of two dogs walking in and out of traffic. The owner was on the scene when police arrived and caught the dogs.

- On Aug. 12, assisted state police with a vehicle complaint on Plank Road in New Haven.

- On Aug. 13, left warnings on two vehicles parked on Park Place after hours.

- On Aug. 14, responded to an alarm activated on Prince Lane and determined the motion sensor was activated by a sign swaying.

- On Aug. 14, responded to Stonewall Drive regarding a dog complaint. The information will be forwarded to the Bristol selectboard requesting a hearing for a possible vicious dog.

- On Aug. 14, received a report of an unknown person attempting to use a stolen credit card at two Bristol businesses. An investigation is ongoing.

### ADDISON COUNTY

## School News

Northern Vermont University has released its president's and dean's lists. A number of local students are among those named to the lists.

Those named to the president's list include **Luke Bergmans** of Ferrisburgh; **Lauren Burg** of Granville; **Halie Gates** of Middlebury; **Sarah Rougier** of Monkton; and **Tessa Dearborn** and **Nevin Jamison**, both of Starksboro. All of these student achieved a 4.0 semester average.

Named to the dean's list with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.9 were **Patrick Marcotullio** of Bristol and **Julie Bessette** of New Haven.

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# Thank You!

We would like to give a big thank you to all the kind and caring staff at Elderly Services (Project Independence). Mom attends their program five days a week and loves going. Mom recently celebrated her 100th birthday. The staff and participants surprised her with a party. When the bus arrived, she was greeted with the red carpet treatment (red duct tape on the floor), a tiara, balloons, and a beautiful poster board birthday card created by Betsy Stine (who incidentally came in on her day off to create this card depicting mom's personality). Thank you, Betsy! They also composed a song in tribute to mom sung to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine," mom's favorite song. Mom forgets a lot of things now but she still remembers her party.

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# Weather fills most sails at the annual regatta

FERRISBURGH/CHARLOTTE — As they have been, more often than not, over the past decade, the winds on Lake Champlain were kind to the Diamond Island Regatta on Aug. 13. The 10th annual sailboat race, sponsored by the Diamond Island Yacht Club (DIYC) and Point Bay Marina to benefit the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, attracted 32 boats, a new record for the event, to Town Farm Bay for a 12.5-mile race in a steady breeze of 12-15 knots that kept the boats moving and their crews busy.

Alas, the next day, about 20 boats waited for more than two hours for wind — any wind — to fill in on Town Farm Bay, before the second annual edition of DIYC's Split Rock Race had to be canceled.

But the weekend, which in addition to being all about sailboat racing and camaraderie on the lake is also a fundraiser for the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, had already been a success, with record turnout for both of the races, and a lot of money raised.

Boats came from up and down the lake, with sailors from, among other places, the DIYC in Charlotte, the Lake Champlain Yacht Club (LCYC) in Shelburne and the Mallets Bay Boat Club (MBBC) in Colchester. Both races are part of the Lake Champlain Championship Series, a season-long competition that determines annual bragging rights in five classes: three Spinnaker classes and two Jib-and-Main (JaM) classes. The races are scored using the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet system, so boats with different speed potentials can compete against each other.

The steady wind for this year's Diamond Island Regatta made for close competition in nearly all of the classes. The first boat to finish was Kjell Dahlen's *Odinn*, a J/111 from Lake Champlain Yacht Club, taking 1 hour, 39 minutes, 52 seconds to complete the course, which took the sailors from the start in Town Farm Bay north to a mark just south

of Sloop Island off Charlotte, south to Diamond Island and back north to the start/finish line. But the race is scored on corrected time, and by that measure the win among the fastest boats in Spinnaker Class A went to *Stratos*, a J/105 sailed by Tom Moody and Tris Coffin from LCYC, with a corrected time of 1:44:45, just 15 seconds ahead of *Foxy Lady*, also a J/105, sailed by LCYC's Jeff Hill.

In Spinnaker Class B, Robin and Bob Turnau's *Unity*, a C&C 99 from LCYC, had the best corrected time of 1:47:08, with Tom Glynn's *Pearson 37 Sundance*, also from LCYC, 45 seconds behind. In Spinnaker Class C, Benedek Erdos sailed his *Lil' Bot*, a Santana 2023R, to the only blow-out of the day, winning his class by nearly 12 minutes in a corrected time of 1:48:15. One of the smallest boats in the race, *Lil' Bot* beat all but four of the Spinnaker A & B boats on corrected time.

In the jib-and-main classes, *Slingshot*, a J/30 sailed by Fritz Martin from DIYC, captured the JaM A Class, with a corrected time of 1:53:57, less than a minute ahead of DIYC's Jim Lampman, sailing *Hot Chocolate*, a J/9. In the JaM B Class, *Morning Star ... Again*, a Catalina 320 sailed by Stephen Unsworth of LCYC, came out on top with a corrected time of 1:56:45, just a minute and a half ahead of *Mackinac*, a Pearson 32, sailed by DIYC's Tim and Betsy Etchells.

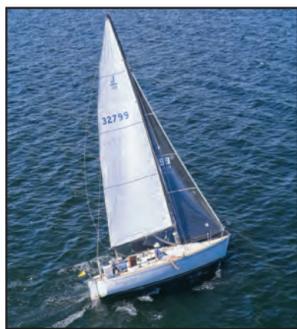
But perhaps the biggest winner again this year was the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. The money raised by the regular benefit events — the pre-race breakfast, the Lobster Fest dinner, T-shirt sales, and a fundraising raffle — are still being tallied, but all were on track for records. And added to that will be the post-race sale to competitors of action photos of all the boats from photographers Joe Gannon and Ramsey Hazbun.

While the wind didn't cooperate on Sunday, it was a beautiful



**SOME CLOSE-QUARTERS RACING** featuring *Muse*, at left, and *Lil' Bot*. Benedek Erdos's *Lil' Bot*, representing DIYC, was the top finisher in the Spinnaker C Class, and *Muse*, sailed by Doug Friant, a member at both DIYC and LCYC, sailed to sixth place in the Spinnaker B Class. Photo by Joe Gannon

weekend to be on Lake Champlain. On Saturday morning, sailors gathered under the DIYC tent at Point Bay for the breakfast and a skippers meeting before heading out to Town Farm Bay for the race. After a day of racing, sailors, club members and guests were treated to a "happy hour" under the tent,



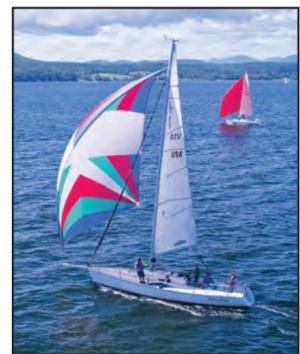
**SLINGSHOT**, A J/30 sailed by Fritz Martin of DIYC, sails the first windward leg during the Diamond Island Regatta on Aug. 13. *Slingshot* was the winner in the JaM A Class. Photo by Ramsey Hazbun

including a presentation by Susan Evans McClure, executive director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. She focused on the lake's history in general and the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act in particular. About 100 people turned out for the Lobster Fest dinner that followed, which saw awards given to the winners of each of the five classes and raffle-prize drawings.

On Sunday, the race committee tried in vain to find enough wind to run the Split Rock Race. During the long postponement, race committee members shared some trivia questions over the radio, and one of the mark boats, used to transport marks to the appropriate place once a course has been decided on, was converted to a waterski boat. A member of the crew of *Salsa*, from DIYC, showed off his skill, slaloming between the becalmed boats for about half an hour. Eventually, around 12:30 p.m., the committee was forced to abandon the race, in part so sailors who had come from the northern end of the

lake could get home before dark.

Both races were overseen by DIR/SRR Race Director Wendy Friant from the committee boat, *Rosie*, a Lord Nelson Tug owned and captained by Will Patten. The mark boats, which place turning marks for the fleet at designated



**STRATOS**, A J/105 sailed by LCYC's Tom Moody and Tris Coffin, heads downwind en route to a win in the Spinnaker A Class during the Diamond Island Regatta on Aug. 13. Photo by Ramsey Hazbun

spots, were owned and driven by Joe Gannon, Sandy Jacobs, and Paul and Ruth Lamberson. DIYC volunteers were supported again this year by LCYC, which loaned race management equipment to DIYC for the event. And dozens of other DIYC volunteers worked tirelessly, on and off the water, to make the weekend possible.

In addition to the club and Point Bay Marina, other sponsors contributing to a successful two days of racing, socializing, and fundraising for the museum included Helly Hansen's Church Street store in Burlington; the Hinesburgh Public House; The Old Dock in Essex, N.Y.; FastSigns in South Burlington; the Basin Harbor Club in Ferrisburgh; Shelburne Dunkin' Donuts; The Moorings-Colchester; Lu-lu Farm-to-Spoon Ice Cream in Vergennes; Safe Harbor Shelburne Shipyard; Bibens Ace Hardware & Marine in Shelburne; Amalgamated Culture Works in Burlington; and The Treehouse Hardwoods & Mill Shop in South Burlington.

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## Health center

(Continued from Page 1A) and health care in this country. If you can provide care on site at a school, it's more likely that students will get those health care needs met and will have continuity of care as well," Bright said.

Bright, a Middlebury Union High School alum, also feels strongly about meeting the needs of those in her home county.

"For me, it's a personal dream — growing up in the 1980s, not seeing a lot of that and knowing that my peers at Mount Abe, who I now work with, say the same thing," she said. "I knew that school-based health centers could provide so much that we had missed in the 1980s and '90s."

Bright found willing partners for this effort in the Mountain Health Center and the MAUSD, as both entities were also looking for ways to meet the health care needs of adolescents in the area.

"As a community health center, central to our mission is building community partnerships and identifying where there are opportunities to meet unmet health care needs," said Lindsay White, a nurse practitioner at Mountain Health Center. "Bringing health services to the schools can help kids stay in schools and hopefully reverse the trend of the last few years where kids have been so fragmented in terms of their attendance."

The mobile health care unit will be located outside of the Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School building beginning in mid-September and will operate on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clinicians from Mountain Health Center will staff the mobile clinic and provide services such as:

- Assessment of and treatment for acute illnesses including ear infections, strep throat, influenza and rashes.
- Care coordination for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, etc.
- Management of musculoskeletal and sports injuries.

- Laboratory testing such as for strep throat, mono, flu, urinalysis, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Sexual and reproductive health services.
- Wellness counseling on topics such as exercise, healthy eating, substance use, sexual health and mental health.
- Sports physicals.

Students don't have to be patients at Mountain Health Center to be eligible for these services, as all Mount Abe parents will receive an informational mailing about the school-based health center and can choose to register their child for these services. Once registered, students can be signed up for appointments through Mount Abe's health office.

Insurance will be billed for these services when appropriate, and students without health insurance are eligible for Mountain Health Center's sliding scale fee.

The mobile health care unit is intended to support the school's nurses as well.

"I see it as strengthening the partnership between the nurses and medical care that the students get," White said. "I think it will lead to less fragmented care for the nurses and streamline communication with the health care providers."

Bright said this collaboration hopes to develop further support for the district's nurses down the road, in part by creating a digital student health information system.

"The nurses can't do what they do and do it well unless they have infrastructure, particularly digital health information management, and they don't have any digitized records at this moment," she said.

Future initiatives of this school-based health center could also include offering dental services at other schools in the district or providing mental health support for students, though the implementation of additional offerings will be guided by student needs that are identified.

## Airport

(Continued from Page 1A) banded together as the Middlebury Airport Neighborhood Association, or MANA. Those two documents include a draft master plan that attempts to forecast the "capability of existing airport facilities to accommodate current and future levels of activity," along with an Act 250 permit application that lays the groundwork for specific projects — including a series of airport hangars located in the north apron area.

Neighbors are particularly concerned about the size of the hangars that VTrans has deemed advisable for the airport. The agency's Act 250 application suggests one large, 120-foot-by-125-foot hangar; three medium-size hangars, in the 60-foot-by-80-foot range; and five "small," 60-by-60-square-foot hangars.

Currently, the airport offers 32,600 square feet of hangar space, according to the master plan, which forecasts growth through 2041.

"With the additional aircraft anticipated throughout the forecast period, additional hangar demand is likely," the plan reads.

VTrans has set no specific timetable for the hangars to be installed; that would be dictated by individuals or businesses seeking to develop them in the future, at which time they would be subjected to another vetting process.

"The current process will not yield a permit, but rather will begin the process of evaluation of base level criteria related to many of the resources evaluated through Act 250 but will not result in a permit of any kind until future parties decide to advance a project," Michele Boomhower, director of VTrans

Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development Division, stated in an Aug. 12 letter to Jennifer Murray, Middlebury's director of planning & zoning.

"The purpose of this effort is to provide a higher level of predictability for hangar developers due to the complexity of securing permits at state airports," Boomhower concluded.

But that comes at little solace to airport neighbors, who have been turning out in large numbers at master planning meetings and Act 250 hearings to vent their concerns about new upgrades to a facility that's become more intrusive since its humble beginnings around 70 years ago.

Among them is Andrew Sambrook, who resides with his family off Airport Road. He figures his home will be among the most affected by the proposed hangar projects.

Sambrook aired his concerns to the Middlebury selectboard last week.

He expressed frustration that several neighbors hadn't been informed of an Aug. 19 Act 250 hearing, which included a walk-through of the proposed project area with no visual aid on where the new hangars would be located on the airport property.

"You couldn't get a sense of the scale of the development," said Sambrook, who circulated some hangar photos of his own.

In particular he questioned the need for a 120-by-120-foot hangar that he said would be "totally out of scale with what is currently at an airport that we generally don't have an issue with."

"There's a lack of a coherent plan by VTrans as to the 'what, the how and the why' of the new hangar spaces," Sambrook lamented. "Is it going to be industrial, is it going to be plane storage, is it going to be manufacturing? We don't know. They couldn't tell us."

He urged the agency to have a "fully formed plan" before going to Act 250 permitting.

State officials are forecasting annual operations (combined takeoffs and landings) to grow to 6,677 by 2026; to 6,962 by 2031; to 7,259 by 2036; and 7,569 by 2041. VTrans reported that annual operations were 6,350 in 2020.

Middlebury State Airport is now limited to regular use by aircraft weighing less than 12,500 pounds, placing it in the ARC B-I category — a designation VTrans

recommends be maintained.

But the master plan acknowledges "occasional use by larger aircraft (e.g., Beech King Air, Citations) is permitted at the airport and at the pilot's discretion, but these aircraft are not the intended user, and facilities will remain designed for small aircraft."

The airport is also occasionally used for Vermont National Guard training, which has included helicopters hovering around the neighborhood.

### 2017 EXPANSION

It was in 2017 that the airport's runway was extended 700 feet and widened by 10 feet, for a total length of 3,200 feet and width of 60 feet.

Neighbors through the years have raised concerns about maintenance of the airport property, including tree cutting, the spraying of herbicides and potential impacts on the underlying aquifer.

Those residing in the area have also wondered about the potential for airport lighting and how that might affect their quality of life.

The proposed master plan recommends installation of precision approach path indicators (PAPI) lights to help pilots with nighttime landings and take-offs. State officials said these kinds of lights wouldn't reflect into the neighborhood.

But that comes at little consolation to some airport-area residents, like Louise Prescott, who lives at the corner of School House Hill and Burnham Drive. She noted the airport runway is about 1,500 feet from her front door.

"We're told the PAPI lights would only be visible to pilots, which seems dubious, and what about lights on the planes, themselves?" she asked, in letter to the editor in the Aug. 11 *Independent*. "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."

The draft master plan also recommends "construction of additional apron space for transient aircraft," a "comprehensive renovation of the existing passenger/pilot lounge" (or

construction of a separate building for those amenities), and more parking.

The *Independent* met with MANA members Eugene Roy and Anne Christie on Monday. They spoke (for themselves, and not on behalf of MANA) of a desire for a more neighborly relationship with the airport, something they believe has been lacking.

"A concern that I have heard is, why are so many hangars being proposed, when we understand the current hangars aren't being used fully?" Christie said.

There are now around 10 hangars on airport property, two of which were recently built.

Roy and his family get constant reminders the airport is just west of their School House Hill Road home. Monday's interview was interrupted for around 10 seconds due to the din of a takeoff.

Roy noted one particularly ill-timed helicopter exercise — while his family was hosting a memorial service for Eugene's late brother.

Roy called 9-1-1, and fortunately was able to secure rapid removal of the helicopters. He's urged the state to install a berm between his home and the airport, but nothing yet. And it doesn't help that hundreds of yards of topsoil were removed 40 years ago from the area of the airport bordering his property.

"I'm trying to hold their feet to the fire, in a gentle way," Roy said.

Roy noted East Middlebury village predates the airport by many years, and he continues to

question the wisdom of locating such a facility in a residential area. He understands the needs of those served by the airport — home to a handful of businesses that contribute to Middlebury's economic vitality — but he doesn't want the neighbors' concerns to get lost in the shuffle.

"We'd like to see the town represent both needs," he said of the airport and the neighborhood.

Christie reiterated a prevailing neighborhood concern that if you build the hangars, they will come.

"Neighbors already accommodate what the airport has going on, so how do we know the addition to all of these hangars is not going to increase the amount of noise we just heard?" she said, referring to the takeoff that interrupted the interview.

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Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/DtiRtdFWLAGKAV6N8>

# By the way

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**Burlington-South Burlington to 3.3% in Derby. Addison County's unemployment rate during July of 2021 was 2.8%.**

Middlebury Union Middle School is hosting a feminine product and used-shoe/new sock drive through Friday, Sept. 2. There are two boxes outside the front doors of MUMS (48 Deerfield Lane) to collect and drop off these items. In demand are new and unboxed products (pads and tampons), gently used sneakers (adult sizes), and new socks.

**Tick talk, everybody. David Allen, associate professor of biology at Middlebury College, will present "The Ecology of Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases" in the Sheldon Museum's barn at noon on Friday, Sept. 9. Allen studies the ecological, climate and landscape factors which determine tick-borne disease risk. He uses a mix of fieldwork, lab-based and modeling methods. During the past two decades, tick populations and cases of tick-borne diseases (such as Lyme disease) have increased dramatically in Vermont. This free talk will present a brief introduction to tick biology, and Allen will also discuss his**

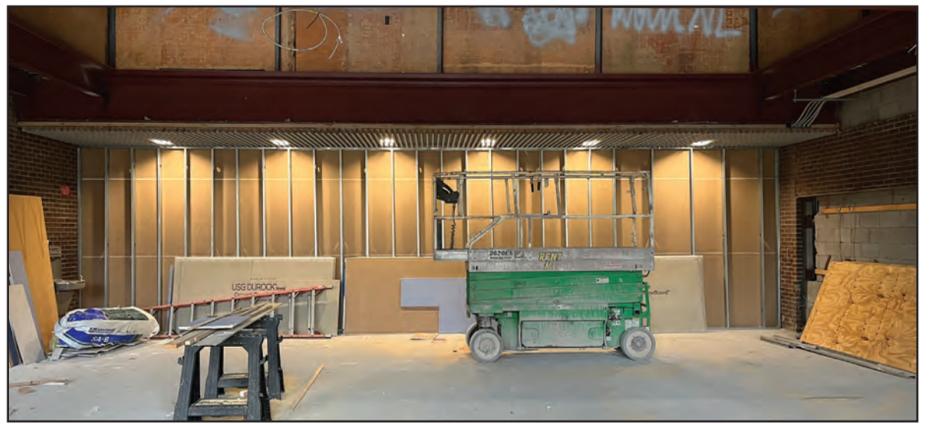
**research trying to understand what drives tick-borne disease risk in Vermont.**

Here's a reminder from the Addison County Solid Waste Management District: Batteries shouldn't go in your recycling bins or trash. They can cause fires, thus endangering workers who handle solid waste. Batteries are accepted at the ACSWMD transfer station in Middlebury for special recycling. There are also other collection locations throughout Addison County and the state. Call2Recycle, a stewardship program for the special recycling of batteries in Vermont, has more information on battery recycling at [call2recycle.org/Vermont](http://call2recycle.org/Vermont). Here are the batteries that are banned from the trash and should be brought to the transfer station: lithium metal, button cells, lead acid/wet cell, and rechargeable batteries (nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, and small sealed lead acid batteries). Though not banned from trash disposal in Vermont, the ACSWMD strongly encourages you to bring alkaline and carbon-zinc batteries to the transfer station, where they can be responsibly recycled.

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Classes are resuming in most area public school districts this week. The Vermont Department of Health reminds you that childhood vaccinations are an important way to make sure your child and community stay healthy and protected against serious diseases, like measles, polio, whooping cough, and, of course, COVID-19. Make an appointment with your pediatrician or health care provider today so your child is ready to return to school, sports teams and other activities with their recommended vaccinations. All routine vaccines are offered at no cost for Vermonters younger than 65. If you don't have a health care provider, call 2-1-1 to be connected to care. You can also get vaccines through your local health office. For more information visit [tinyurl.com/5n87vz7j](http://tinyurl.com/5n87vz7j).



**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED AT Mount Abraham Union High School as students returned to school this week. One of the projects underway is a complete renovation of the lobby entrance, which includes an extension of the second-floor balcony and the creation of a two-part entry vestibule that requires visitors to be buzzed in twice by the front office.**

Independent photos/Andy Kirkaldy

## Progress

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The latest in series of improvements made over the past couple of years to the 54-year-old school building. The current projects in progress include a complete renovation of the lobby entrance and of the bathrooms throughout the high school, as well as the creation of more accessible, gender-neutral bathrooms.

Construction began earlier this summer and has seen slight setbacks due problems getting some materials. Mount Abraham Unified School District Business Manager Floyd Davison highlighted some of these obstacles for school board members at their July 20 meeting.

"We do have supply chain issues on some things you would think and then other things that you wouldn't. For example, we have some motion detector light switches that are slated to arrive some time in 2024. We're looking for an alternative," Davison said.

At that meeting, Warden stressed the importance of doing quality work at the cost of a longer timeline.

"We're excited and resigning ourselves to the fact that it's going to take longer than we wanted," she said. "We'd rather it be done right and be exactly what we wanted."

Crews are currently waiting on materials to complete renovations to the high school bathrooms, which were still under construction when school started. In the meantime, portalettes have been set up on the north and south ends of the building, and the single-use bathrooms in the middle school wing and nurse's office remain available for use.

Warden said at an Aug. 23 MAUSD board meeting that the main bathrooms are expected to be completed by the middle of this month, with the rest reaching completion by the end of the month.

Construction also continues in the school's lobby, where renovations

include an extension of the second-floor balcony and the creation of a two-part entry vestibule that requires visitors to be buzzed in twice by front office staff before being allowed into the building. While the lobby is being renovated, students are using a smaller entry to the left of the main entrance.

Another potential setback to the construction came earlier this summer, when a July 21 torrential rainfall flooded the lobby hallway and spread to other parts of the building. Warden said the facilities staff's quick response to the flooding mitigated its impact.

"Thanks to the swift action of the facilities staff moving boxes, supplies and such we lost very, very little. There was no damage done to the lobby or the project and it hasn't slowed down progress," she said, though some moisture remains on the gym floor and will need to be repaired.

# Boston driver is cited for DUI

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police stopped a vehicle driven on Ridgeline Road by Patrick Stevenson, 23, of Boston at about a quarter after midnight on Aug. 26. The stop followed multiple reports of a person driving erratically downtown. Police cited Stevenson for driving under the influence.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Helped a houseless man find a place to stay for the night on Aug. 22.
- Helped state police respond to a call for service in Weybridge on Aug. 22.
- Spoke with a person who reported hearing gunshots in the East Middlebury area on Aug. 22.
- Assisted with a child custody matter on Court Street on Aug. 22.
- Helped Middlebury Regional EMS with a man who was overdosing on LSD in the Court Street area on Aug. 22. Police said MREMS took the man to Porter Hospital.
- Interviewed a local resident on Aug. 23 who had made allegations of stalking and harassment.
- Assisted a Seymour Street family in de-escalating an argument on Aug. 23.
- Helped a woman deal with a potential rental scam in Middlebury on Aug. 23.
- Contacted a person believed to have been dumping trash illegally at the Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects property off Boardman Street on Aug. 23.
- Responded to a dispute between some Woodbridge Lane neighbors on Aug. 23.
- Helped a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis at the Residences at Otter Creek on Aug. 24.
- Helped resolve a dispute between some Cedar Court neighbors on Aug. 24.
- Responded to a report of a man who had "possibly" been exposing himself in public off Court Street on Aug. 24. Police said mental health professionals are helping in the investigation.
- Responded to a report of a houseless woman sleeping in the entryway of a Main Street office on Aug. 24. Police said they referred the woman to lodging options and other services.
- Continued their investigation on Aug. 25 into possible credit card fraud involving a local victim.
- Received a report about a vehicle being keyed while parked downtown on Aug. 25.
- Investigated a report of

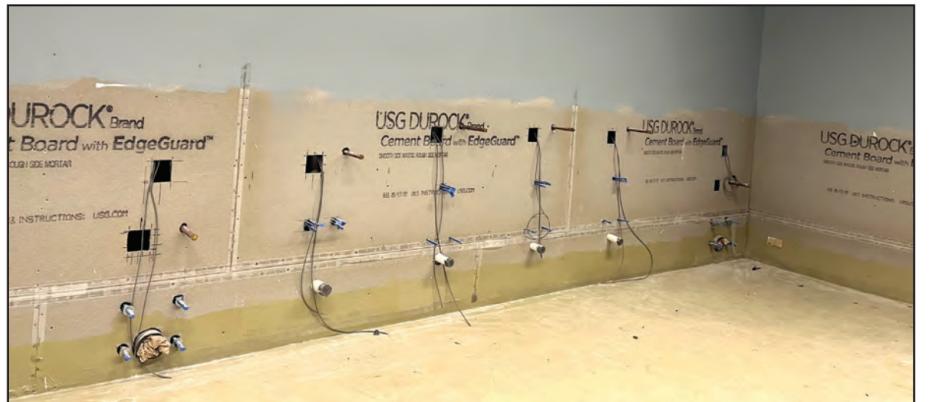
## Middlebury Police Log

someone breaking a window on a Court Street building on Aug. 25.

- Investigated a report of a hit-and-run incident involving two vehicles in an Exchange Street parking lot on Aug. 25.
- Helped a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Court Street on Aug. 25. Officials from the Counseling Service of Addison County assisted the woman.
- Searched in vain for a "confused" woman who had reportedly been walking on Route 7 South on Aug. 25.
- Turned over, to a sober party, a drunken woman found wandering barefoot in Buttolph Acres on Aug. 26.
- Investigated a report of some houseless people arguing loudly behind Ilsley Library on Aug. 26.
- Received a report about an allegedly drunken man driving

on Court Street with a flat tire on Aug. 26.

- Assisted Vermont State Police at the scene of a crash at the intersection of College and Weybridge streets on Aug. 27 that involved a person who was taken into custody.
- Checked, along with Middlebury firefighters, on a report of smoke emanating from a building on Creek Road on Aug. 27. Police said there was no fire.
- Assisted an elderly woman who had fallen on Court Street Extension on Aug. 27.
- Conducted a foot patrol downtown at around 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 27 and found numerous properties unlocked. Police are encouraging people to lock their homes, businesses and vehicles when unattended.
- Investigated a report of some drunken women yelling at passing cars on Washington Street on Aug. 28. Police said the women were gone when they arrived at the scene.
- Responded to a noise complaint on South Pleasant Street on Aug. 28.



**MOST OF MOUNT Abe's high school bathrooms, including this one, were still under construction when school started on Wednesday. To accommodate students and staff, 20 portalettes were set up on the north and south sides of the building and single use restrooms in the middle school wing and nurse's office remain available for use.**

### ADDISON COUNTY

## School News

Meghan Hakey of North Ferrisburgh received a bachelor of arts, English, and a bachelor of arts, History, Magna Cum Laude at the University of Rhode Island's commencement exercises, which took place May 20-22, 2022.

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## ACSD welcomes a new class of teachers, administrators and support staff

There are many new faces this fall in the nine schools that comprise the Addison Central School District. Those schools are Bridport Central School, Cornwall Elementary School, Mary Hogan Elementary School in Middlebury, Ripton Elementary School, Salisbury Community School, Shoreham Elementary School, Weybridge Elementary School, Middlebury Union Middle School and Middlebury Union High School. Here is a photo of the group of new teachers and staff at these schools for the 2022-2023 school year. The new hires this year are as follows:

Abigail Adams, library/media teacher; Yoshi Aday, Language & Literature teacher; Skyler Ambrose, Individuals & Societies teacher; Brittany Ambrosio, school counselor; Mark Ambrosio, PE; Darcie Arensmeyer, administrative assistant; Andrew Atwood, custodian; Courtney Aucoin, interventionist; Liam Battjes, special educator; Hunter Berryhill, Language & Literature teacher; Jennifer Bickart, language acquisition; Shanti Binder, math teacher; and Amanda Bliven, behavior interventionist.

And also, Amber Bragg, school counselor; Elizabeth Burrows, school counselor; Fernanda Canales, multilingual community liaison; Yairlis Candelaria-Rodriguez, special educator/outreach; Ether Charlestin, MUMS Dean of School Culture & Climate; Jenna Cloutie, paraprofessional; Kate Conklin, classroom teacher; Jaelyn Countryman, classroom teacher; Brandon Croce, PE/substitute; Kate Cunningham, music; Maggie Delaney, classroom teacher; Johna Devino, custodian; Jennifer Diedrich, math teacher; Amanda Donovan, Language & Literature teacher; Matthew Duquette, science teacher; Meghan Fahey, interventionist; Hannah Forbes, paraprofessional; Rebecca Gemignani, special educator; and Christine Giorgio, 504/learning lab coordinator.

And also, Claire Groby, Individuals & Societies teacher; Anna Hand, health/PE; Angelica Hartman, art teacher; Megan Hendee, Individuals & Societies teacher; Kimberley Jerome, paraprofessional; Shoreham Elementary Principal Guy "Andy" Johnson; Jill LaBerge, administrative assistant; Marci Lambert, behavior interventionist; Miranda LaMonda, classroom teacher; Ashley LaPlant, paraprofessional; Michelle LaRock, paraprofessional; Michael Lenox, special educator; Wamaid Levine-Borges, steam teacher; Melanie Lloyd, science teacher; Kayleigh Lynch, paraprofessional; Tammy Maloy, custodian; Forrest Manning, behavior monitor; Jessica McColly, classroom teacher; Stephen McKinney, assistant principal; Jack McMullen, math teacher; Lawrence Montague, science teacher; Bethany Morrissey, math teacher; Connie Mosquera, classroom teacher; Jennifer Muskopf, classroom teacher; Bridget Nardiello, math teacher; Laura Nugent, director of special ed; and Katie Palmer, paraprofessional.

And also, Raven Payne, classroom teacher; Karissa Peltier, special educator; Noel Perriello, interventionist; Talon Petrosino, English teacher; Lauren Plouffe, receptionist/attendance clerk; Owen Prescott, administrative assistant; Roxanne Ross, paraprofessional; Margaret Ryan, paraprofessional; Jake Ryder, paraprofessional; Pamela Salant, classroom teacher; Jennifer Muskopf, classroom teacher; Bridget Nardiello, math teacher; Laura Nugent, director of special ed; and Katie Palmer, paraprofessional.

And also, Martha Santa Maria, interventionist; Salisbury Community School Principal Bjarki Sears; Sarah Shaw, language acquisition-Spanish; Camille Sims, school nurse; Melissa Starr, special educator; Amanda Stockwell, special educator; Mary Taussig, school counselor; Gwendolyn Taylor, paraprofessional; Justin Tremblay, paraprofessional; Benjamin Weir, assistant principal; Madeline Wilson, SLP; Frankie Wisnowski, classroom teacher; Katrina Yezpe, paraprofessional; and Connor Young, music teacher.

## New faces take to the halls of ANWSD

Every year when our students return to the 23 area schools there are some new faces among the teachers and administrators. Here the Independent introduces our readers to the new faces in the Addison Northwest School District, including Vergennes Union Elementary School, Ferrisburgh Central School and Vergennes Union High School.



FERRISBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL new staff are Principal Rae Donovan; Jennifer Gernander, EEE Special Educator (Preschool); Emily Gagnon, teacher; Anthony Francescutti, teacher; Priscilla May, art teacher; Alicia Jerome, school-wide Behavior Interventionist; Tricia Van Vliet, teacher; and Riley Cunningham, School Nutrition Assistant.



VERGENNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL new staff include Melissa Jarmel, paraeducator; Shelby Sullivan, school nurse; Linda LaRocque, kindergarten teacher; Julie Cousino, art teacher; Alyssa Saunders, kindergarten teacher; Lynne Rapoport, Community Coordinator for Health and Wellness; Lorri Blais, School Nutrition Assistant; Allison Dwinell, first-grade teacher; Joaquina Kitoko, School Nutrition Assistant; Colleen Metzler, teacher; and school psychologist Brianna Ettori, who also serves at FCS.



VERGENNES UNION HIGH SCHOOL new staff: Principal Jody Chamberlin; April Wortmann, Director of School Counseling; Melissa Wellikoff, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coordinator; Andy Kepes, Science teacher; David Grabin, Social Studies teacher; Anna Macijeski, Art teacher; Tyler Barron, middle school counselor; Aiden Camara, athletic trainer/Assistant Athletic Director; Samantha McKosky, Special Educator; Christine Gingras, STEM/Tech Integrationist; Anissa Martin, Social Emotional Learning Assistant; Erica Curtis, Chef/Co-Manager of School Nutrition; Gerald Goulet, driver's education; and Andrea Renaud, school nurse.

## Goose hunting season opens

MONTPELIER — Vermont's resident Canada goose hunting season will be held Sept. 1-Sept. 25 to help control Vermont's resident Canada goose population prior to the arrival of Canada geese migrating south from Canada. A daily bag limit of eight has been set for the Champlain Valley.

A second Canada goose hunting season for resident and migrant birds will be held Oct. 15-Nov. 13 with a daily bag limit of one Canada goose in the Lake Champlain Zone.

New this year is a late Canada goose season, targeting resident birds. Within the Lake Champlain zone, the season will be held from Dec. 1-Jan. 21, with a five-bird daily bag limit.

A hunting license is required, and a waterfowl hunter 16 or older must carry current federal and Vermont duck stamps. Federal stamps are sold at post offices, federal refuges and on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website: [tinyurl.com/Fed-duck-stamp](http://tinyurl.com/Fed-duck-stamp). Vermont duck stamps can be added to your hunting license at [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com) and through license agents. The hunter must sign the federal duck stamp.

All migratory game bird hunters must also be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). This can be done on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website or by calling 1-877-306-7091.



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# Charleston leaves Midd selectboard

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury selectboard member Esther Charleston is stepping down from her position due to her impending move to a different Addison County community.

Charleston, who this past March won a three-year term on the selectboard when her name was Esther Thomas, broke the news to her colleagues at what would be her final meeting, on Aug. 22.

"I fought so hard to stay in Middlebury; it was heartbreaking," she said of her unsuccessful efforts to remain in the county's shire town.

"You can't run a campaign (for the selectboard) and not be there a few months later," she added.

Sadly, Charleston has become a casualty of one of the issues she and her board colleagues have been working to resolve: Middlebury's dearth of affordable and "workforce" housing. And even more distressing is that Charleston believes her ill-fated quest to land housing was exacerbated by a few cases of discrimination. Charleston — a person of color — reported receiving no call-backs from some prospective landlords or home sellers, even though she met the income requirements.

"To be honest with you, I've experienced racism, with people who owned property but did not get back to me," she said. "I'm talking 'check in hand, ready.' But they

didn't respond."

She posted her family's housing needs on Facebook back in June and got referrals to individuals owning multiple properties. But her search proved fruitless, amid a series of no call-backs and rents/mortgages outside of their price range.

Charleston explained she, her spouse Jesse and two young children have spent the past eight weeks bunking with friends and residing in Airbnb's since their last lease expired.

When the family finally found a local home they could afford, their bid was significantly trumped by another in what has been a pandemic-frenzied seller's market, according to Charleston.

"Doors were closing left and right," she said of the family's options.

But there's a silver lining and happy ending to her story, even though the final chapter couldn't be written in Middlebury.

Various members of the local community opened their homes and hearts to keep the Charltons lodged in town while they continued their search. They eventually, reluctantly had to expand their search beyond Middlebury and found a home to rent in a nearby community.

"I couldn't keep our family in limbo," she said.

She'll be forever grateful to those who tried to help her remain in Middlebury.

"The community met me with love and support," she said. "I felt it. People were reaching out (with leads)."

Charleston's last name was Thomas when she won a one-year term on the selectboard in March of 2021. It was the remaining year on a term vacated by former Selectman Victor Nuovo. She ran for reelection this past March, this time for a three-year stint, and emerged as the top vote-getter in a four-person field vying for three spots on the selectboard.

Thomas moved to Middlebury three years ago from Rhode Island to take a job as a residence director at Middlebury College. She was recently hired as dean of climate and culture at Middlebury Union Middle School (see related story in this edition).

The Middlebury selectboard has begun the search for someone to replace Charleston until next March, when the final two years of her term will be up for grabs on Town Meeting Day. Applications from interested local residents are due at the town offices by Sept. 12, for the board to acknowledge on Sept. 13. The panel will appoint a preferred candidate on Sept. 27.

There's no provision in Middlebury's town charter that would provide for an election earlier than the next town meeting, according to town Counsel Benjamin Putnam.

# Charleston

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wondered if there were any job openings in the district that might match her skillset.

A June search of the district's help-wanted website yielded an "assistant principal of climate & culture" position at MUMS.

"As I read (the job description), I said to myself, 'I would love this,'" she recalled. "I love people, I love being a bridge connecting folks, I love creating safe spaces for folks — spaces where they feel like they belong."

Charleston already knows about climate, culture and trying to fit in. She's first-generation Haitian-American, the eldest of five children born to immigrant parents who instilled in her the value of an education. Through their encouragement, she completed a Bachelor's in History & Communication, a Master's in Corporate Communication and Public Relations and a Master of Arts in Teaching.

She has two young children, and recently married Jesse Charleston.

She's the former assistant director of community standards and a former residence director at the college, and is now looking forward to working with middle-schoolers.

"When I read the (MUMS job) description, I said, 'This is me; this is what I was waiting for,'" she said emphatically.

So Charleston applied for the position and successfully navigated the interview process, which included meetings with parents, counselors and administrators.

She learned her attraction to the ACSD was mutual. Those interviewing Charleston were impressed with her resume, her energy and her potential to become a calming influence in a school that experienced its share of challenges last year. MUMS last fall expanded to include ACSD sixth-graders, and did it at a time when students were transitioning back to the classroom after several months of pandemic-related hybrid learning. And it didn't help that the school was short-staffed while facing some serious disciplinary problems, some of which required police response.

But Charleston loves a challenge and has already seen the best and some of the worst young folks can dish out — both as a professional and as a parent. The only fear she had in applying for the job was that she might not be qualified.

"I was doubting myself," she recalled.

But it turns out she had nothing to worry about. In fact, the ACSD wanted her so profoundly that it changed the title of the position from "assistant principal" to "dean of climate & culture." This

meant she didn't have to secure the state licensure that would have been required under an assistant principal title.

She was offered the job, accepted it, started on Aug. 8, and diligently studied up in anticipation of the beginning of classes on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

"I cried; I called my mother," she said of her reaction to being hired. "I feel like I'm in a place and a job where all my skills can be used."

**WORKING THROUGH ISSUES**  
Since coming on board, she's been learning the ACSD's code of rights and responsibilities for students while getting her colleagues. She's also been preparing disciplinary protocols for when a student is flagged by a teacher for bad behavior. Charleston led this reporter on a tour of spaces within the school where students will be taken to work through their issues and anxieties, with the constant goal of returning to class when they're deemed ready.

One of the safe spaces, in classroom 109, has a coloring station, basic games and a separate spot (with a glass window) within the room where a child can be alone if that's what they want or need. Of course, none of the children will be left alone; they'll be under constant supervision by either Charleston, her teammate Shelley Harrison, or both.

Charleston has developed code words to help students define how they're feeling — "rose," "thorn" or "bud" — and why that disruptive behavior might be manifesting in the classroom.

Late last week, Charleston noticed students trickling into MUMS to pick up their Chromebooks. She took the opportunity to introduce herself.

"Seeing even just a few of them lit the fire in me," Charleston said. "This is going to be incredible. We're going to create this space where folks feel welcome. It's going to be hard, and amazing. And I'm all about the hard work. I'm OK with the brick-by-brick. I know it's a process, and that's the best part."

MUMS Co-principals Mike Dudek and Michaela Wisell are excited to have Charleston on board.

"She brings a tremendous amount of passion and skill set that will help each of us prioritize connection and belonging this year at MUMS," they said through a joint statement. "Her positive presence has already been felt by our faculty and community."

The new dean's position is being funded through a federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant that is tied to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a one-year grant, so the ACSD will look at other funding sources to maintain the post beyond this school year.

"We'll be digging into this planning during the coming budget cycle," district Superintendent Peter Burrows told the *Independent*.

Charleston has big aspirations for her new job and wants to get to know each MUMS student.

"My hope, in my presence here, is to show that 'different' is OK, that 'different' is normal, and that I see you; I hope you see me," she said.

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# Holmes

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cause célèbre, on Sept. 25, will be women's reproductive rights, which have been substantially diminished in some of these United States in wake of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade.

"Inspiring change, one step at a time," is the Miles Together slogan, and that's the literal and figurative intent of a new movement to encourage people to make exercise a component of their philanthropic efforts. Participants will pledge money based on a physical challenge of their own devising.

In the case of the Sept. 25 event, 100% of the money raised will be given to the National Network of Abortion Funds, offering financial assistance, travel, lodging and other types of support for women. A Miles Together t-shirt and sticker will be given to any individual who raises \$50 or more.

"It's about the abortion funds, but it's also about getting the community together and getting people motivated, inspired and empowered," Holmes said during a recent interview.

She came up with the idea this past spring, during a semester spent at the Island School in the Bahamas. It's a school that "creates unique opportunities for students and scientists to learn about native ecosystems and environmental sustainability through immersive, place-based experiences," according to its website.

Activities at the school provided many opportunities for self-discovery and exercise, according to Holmes, who successfully completed a challenging four-mile, open-water swim. Her Island School adventure happened to coincide with leaked news of the U.S. Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that had assured women the right to an abortion.

That news weighed heavily on Holmes, a strong proponent of women's reproductive rights. She noted the irony of being surrounded by the beauty of the Caribbean at a time when seismic change was afoot in her own country.

"My friends and I felt so helpless," she said, adding the school had intentionally separated students from their technology so they could more fully appreciate their learning experience. "It was like, 'What do we do; we're so far away?'"

Holmes resolved to help women who might be affected by what was then an impending Supreme Court decision, and she came up with a way to do it. She decided to combine her love of exercise — particularly through teamwork — with her enthusiasm for social

justice.

Thus was born "Miles Together."

Here's how it works: Miles Together issues a virtual call for physical movement in support of a social justice movement. In this case, it's helping those now facing a barrier to reproductive rights. Participants can take part as an individual or choose their own teams and send in a suggested minimum registration fee of \$15 per entrant, money that's gathered and remitted to a non-profit organization that's taking a lead in tackling the social justice issue at hand.

Each Miles Together team chooses the physical activity it'd like to engage in — it could be walking, running, biking, swimming, rowing, wheelchair activities, skateboarding or something entirely different.

Then the team chooses its route and the number of miles it plans to complete. Miles Together will track the number of miles committed for all entrants to showcase the total distance traveled by all individuals and teams in support of the common cause.

Participating teammates are encouraged to wear like-colored exercise attire. For example, green has become the international color of reproductive rights.

As of late last week, 90 donor-participants had pledged \$5,955 to collectively move a total of 633.5 miles on Sept. 25. This has left Holmes optimistic about potentially exceeding Miles Together's \$10,000 goal for the event.

Why \$10,000?

"It was something I wanted to work toward I thought was also attainable," Holmes said. "But the main goal was to get participants from all 50 states, because (abortion rights) is a nationwide issue. And the idea of Miles Together is we're doing miles for people who are miles apart."

At this point, the upcoming Sept. 25 event has drawn participants in 30 states.

Holmes stressed Miles Together is for everyone, regardless of physical ability.

"One of the coolest things about the exercise part of this is I have two different people running marathons, someone biking 50 miles, someone skateboarding 10 miles, and someone wheelchairs a mile," she said. "So many people from all over the country are doing so many things. And each individual thing they're doing is empowering to them."

What will Holmes be doing on Sept. 25?

"Most likely I'll probably end up going for a walk with my friends, probably discussing the after-effects of these (abortion access) trigger laws that are taking effect,



SARAH HOLMES, 18, OF Cornwall has founded a nonprofit organization that blends exercise with raising money for civil rights, equity and social justice causes. The organization's first call to action, related to reproductive rights, is on Sept. 25.

and how can we use our privilege to create change," she said.

**A LOT OF LEGWORK**

Building Miles Together was no simple feat, and Holmes did a lot of the legwork herself. It included creating a website and gaining a 501(c)(3) designation, thus ensuring supporters' contributions are tax-deductible. She gave a huge shout-out to two people who gave the young organization big boosts: Middlebury attorney Kathy Boe, instrumental in the 501(c)(3) application, and actor Busy Philipps, who gave Miles Together a powerful Instagram plug. Philipps is best known for her TV roles in "Freaks and Geeks," "Dawson's Creek" and "ER." She's also for abortion access advocacy and has more than 2 million Instagram followers.

"I especially love this project because it encapsulates so many things I care about," Holmes said, "and I'm doing so many different types of things with it; advertising, marketing, doing interviews. I'm also touching into my artistic side, creating flyers, pamphlets and social media posts. There are so many interesting parts that make this all come together."

Abortion is a polarizing issue, and Holmes has had to develop a thick skin at an early age. Sadly, she's been targeted by some very hurtful posts on social media.

"I'm trying to be empathetic to people who disagree with me," she said. "There are people out there who fundamentally believe I'm going to hell. But this whole initiative is about having empathy for others and trying to support people in need."

Holmes has obviously got a bright future and is still sizing up potential career paths. But first will come her senior year in high school and then college. She's got plenty of time for career decisions, but she's sure of one thing: Whatever field she picks will have philanthropy at its core.

"I really am interested in ... science, innovation and entrepreneurship in the form of helping people — whether that be environmental sustainability, or going into law," she said.

Check out Miles Together at [milestogether.org](http://milestogether.org).

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# Heating

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years ... and I have never seen a year where the price of oil can be down 12 cents and see it close up 20 cents that same day," said Bill Heffernan, an owner of Champlain Valley Fuels in Middlebury. "It's not unheard of to see oil go up 14-20 cents in a day. It's ridiculous the way oil has moved this year."

Just how much more expensive are the various heating fuels now compared to last year?

The price of No. 2 fuel oil in September of 2021 was \$2.77 per gallon. It now averages \$4.72, according to the Vermont Department of Public Service. Kerosene last November cost around \$3.25 per gallon, and it now averages \$5.65. Propane was fetching \$2.74 per gallon a year ago; now it's around \$3.20.

What will fuel cost come winter? It's anyone's guess, and it will depend on forces beyond the average person's control.

Consumers already contending with massive inflation have taken some solace from gradually declining gasoline prices. The average price of gas in Vermont has dropped 9 cents per gallon during the past week, averaging around \$4.10 right now, according to GasBuddy. But fuel vendors warn a new upswing in prices could occur very suddenly and at any point this fall and winter.

"I'm not looking forward to this winter," Heffernan said, adding he wouldn't be surprised to see fuel oil hit \$4.50-\$5 per gallon.

Heffernan and Mike Bordeleau, owner of Mike's Fuels in Bridport, have seen considerable interest in their respective pre-buy programs.

"I think people are very concerned about what the future holds, as far as the pricing stability with all that's going on in the world," Bordeleau said. "It's not knowing what's going to happen and whether supply will be there or not. And it's tough with this (Biden) administration; you never know which way it's going to go. A lot of their policies want to do away with fossil fuels, but yet in the rural areas, we're totally dependent on it."

Matt Cota is executive director of the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association. In addition to advocating for energy businesses, Cota keeps track of industry trends — including where heating fuel prices might be headed.

He noted fuel prices peaked in June in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"The good news for us here in Vermont is it happened at a time where we needed fuel oil the least," Cota said of the oil price spike.

Those prices have been gradually coming down, but the volatility of the market on the supply side could result in a sudden surge in prices, according to Cota. Russia is no longer supplying oil and natural gas to much of the Western world.

"Certainly, any kind of geopolitical event — or the weather itself — could play a role," Cota said.

More Russian oil is going to China, while more U.S. oil is going to Europe.

"What we've seen over the past six months is a change in how crude oil and refined product is distributed around the world," Cota said. "Traditional markets for distillates have moved."

He noted many power plants in the U.S. and Europe have been dependent on natural gas and/or diesel. A shortage of those fuels could force plants to backfill with fuel oil. And that would send prices surging, Cota said.

"So there's understandably, among the retailers and their customers, concern about where prices may or may not go," he said. "Which is why we've seen such tremendous interest in fixed-price plans."

Those plans allow customers to lock in early on lower-than-market rate, per-gallon prices. The customer is in essence buying protection against a major bump in prices.

"It's like insurance on both sides," Cota said. "You know you're not going to pay over a certain amount, and you know if prices go down naturally, yours will go down."

## FUEL ASSISTANCE

While area fuel dealers have been fielding calls about pre-buy and budget heating fuel programs, state agencies and local nonprofits have been hearing from low-income families hoping to line up assistance for this winter.

"While the weather outside has been lovely, our office has been inundated with calls from people looking for assistance with utilities," said Travis Poulin, director of Chittenden Community Action at Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity.

Some of the inquiries his office has received have been about the **Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program (VERAP)**. Administered by the Vermont State Housing Authority, VERAP was launched last year to assist renters hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. VERAP helps tenant households with rent payments, accrued rent debt and other expenses related to housing — including utility and home energy costs.

Folks eligible for VERAP can't earn more than 80% of the area median income, which in Addison County is \$74,900 for a family of four.

"It's an incredibly beneficial program for many people throughout Vermont," said Poulin, whose office last week had 65 VERAP inquiries on its call-back list. He stressed that CVOEO

and Addison Community Action can only help with VERAP applications; they can't confer the actual benefits.

## Help with fuel

If you're in need of fuel assistance, here's a place to start: [dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel-assistance](http://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel-assistance)

Meanwhile, eligible homeowners can tap into help through the **Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program (VHAP)**. The federally funded program provides resources for folks at risk of home foreclosure and/or displacement. The assistance can be applied to overdue mortgage payments, homeowners' association fees, property taxes and/or utilities.

Those who aren't able to get help through VERAP or VHAP can apply for aid through some of the more longstanding state/federal programs that are geared specifically to winter fuel needs.

They include the **Seasonal Fuel Assistance Program**, which helps low-income families pay a portion of their home heating bills. Qualifying households can't earn a monthly gross income of more than 185% of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$2,096.

For all eligible households, a single benefit is extended between November and April (firewood/wood pellet payments start in September). That assistance is paid to a state-certified fuel supplier, who then works out a plan with the customer for their heating oil, kerosene, propane, coal, natural gas or electric heating.

Households are issued an EBT card if their primary fuel type is firewood or wood pellets; or if their heat is included in their rent.

Poulin stressed that Vermonters should always check with their local community action agency if they are running low on fuel and are about to exhaust their Seasonal Fuel benefit.

"Running out is an emergency," he said. "We want to avoid that and let us see if we can help you. If (the household) burns bulk fuel, we want them to contact us when they have seven to 10 days of fuel left."

A major tool that can help in emergency situations is Vermont's **Crisis Fuel Program**. Households with a gross monthly income of up to \$2,266 — which is 200% of the federal poverty level — can get this assistance for emergency fuel, to avert disconnection of metered utilities like electric and natural gas service, and for furnace repairs or replacements. The Crisis Fuel Program in our area is administered by Addison Community Action/CVOEO and is in effect from Nov. 21 through late April.

Crisis Fuel Assistance is limited to one assist during the winter season for households who received Seasonal Fuel, or two assists for households who applied for Seasonal Fuel but did not receive the benefit due to being over-income.

Yet another heating fuel assistance option for Vermonters in dire straits is the **Warmth Program**. Community Action staff will examine the applicant's monthly income and expenses, available resources, and capacity to make realistic repayment arrangements (for past-due metered services) or to cover part of the cost of a delivery of bulk fuel. You're eligible for the Warmth Program if you're within 5-7 days of running out of bulk fuel or are in danger of having your utility service disconnected.

*"Sometimes folks are unable to get assistance when it's cold out as certain programs may not start until sometime in November."*

— Jeanne Montross

# Brown

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she and her husband now help host in Bristol. She's held multiple officer positions during her time in the club, serving as secretary, tournament director, league director and now president. Brown is also an officer for the Vermont State Horseshoe Pitchers Association, for which she helps coordinate the association's Junior Program.

This isn't the first time Brown's hard work has paid off. She has won 23 state championships, nine New England championships and in 2015 won the women's world championship title at the National Horseshoe Pitching Association's World Horseshoe Tournament in Topeka, Kan. It was her competitive performance in World Horseshoe Tournaments such as that one that earned Brown her induction into the Hall of Fame.

Brown first pitched in the world tournament in 1983, though the peak of her pitching career took place between 2008 and 2015. During that seven-year stretch, Brown qualified for the women's championship finals each year and pitched a ringer average of over 70%. From 2010 to 2015, Brown never placed lower than fourth at the world tournament.

"Debra has been a very tough competitor during her World Tournament appearances," Hall of Fame Committee Chair Vicki Winston wrote in her announcement of Brown's nomination.

Brown was officially inducted into the hall of fame on July 17 at this year's world tournament in Monroe, La. She is the first Vermonter to receive the honor.

"You reach a pinnacle and it's very satisfying," Brown told the *Independent* following her induction. "Not many people can do it, and I am just thankfully blessed that I was one of them."

Brown attributes a large part of her success to the time and effort she's devoted to the sport over the years. At the height of her pitching career, Brown said she would throw 100 horseshoes a day at least five days a week before a big competition.

She also credits the support of her family.

"My husband plays a big role in my success because he is always proud of what I do. Also, we have a big family of horseshoe pitchers, and we are always there for each other," she said.

Looking back on her 42 years of horseshoe pitching, Brown said there is one thing that she's enjoyed most.

"All the people, the camaraderie, the families that come out and play," she said.

Among those people are members of Brown's family, including a niece and nephew



**BRISTOL RESIDENT DEBRA Brown was inducted into the National Horseshoe Pitching Association's Hall of Fame in July. Over four decades of throwing horseshoes she has reaped multiple state, regional and world titles.**

Photo courtesy of Mike Brown



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Brown introduced to the sport. That niece, Brianna McCormick, has been a Sodbusters Club member since 2005 and gone on to win eight state championships of her own and was 2012 World Junior Champion.

In recent years, Brown has participated in fewer tournaments due to injuries. Though she said she is enjoying putting her energy toward training youth horseshoe pitchers. Her role in coordinating the Vermont State Horseshoe Pitchers Association's junior program has allowed her a front row seat in watching the next generation learn the sport, a group that now includes one of her granddaughters.

"It gives me great joy to watch her and all of the other little cadets play," she said. "We just try to keep it going."



**FOR WORLD CHAMPION** horseshoe pitcher Debra Brown (right), family is a huge part of the sport. Brown takes a break from practice with her niece Brianna McCormick; both are members of the Sodbuster Horseshoe Pitching Club and hold state, regional and world titles for their horseshoe pitching.

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## MNFF was a hit ... again!



140 films screened in 5 day festival

THE MIDDLEBURY NEW Filmmakers Festival 8 wrapped up on Sunday after five days of movie screenings and film-related events. Organizers were happy with the turnout at this eighth annual event and were blown away by the quality of the 140 films that were screened at five venues around Middlebury.

Pictured clockwise from top left: spectators enjoy a film at Town Hall Theater; Middlebury's Jude Dry accepts a VTeddy award for directing "Monsieur le Butch" and their mother Cecilia also appeared on stage; A-list actress Karen Allen talks at the Middlebury Inn; Morriisa Maltz shows off the two VTeddies she won for her film "The Unknown Country"; Vermont Symphony Orchestra plays Jack DeBouter's original score for Daniel Houghton's short film "Estrellita"; Vermont director Nora Jacobson (left), with Whiting's Phoebe Stone, spoke about Jacobson's film about Stone's mother (poet Ruth Stone); cinephiles line up for a film at the Middlebury Marquis; Vergennes actor Jeremy Holm poses with his wife Dawn Wagner; Ripton's Maggie Gyllenhaal is spotted with her husband Peter Sarsgaard; and Town Hall Theater Executive Director Lisa Mitchell and MNFF producer Lloyd Komesar are happy to take a bow.

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## Grimmer goes the distance

Middlebury swimmer completes open-water triple crown

**By WILLIAM REED**  
**LAKE MEMPHRE MAGOG,** Vermont/Quebec — When Middlebury resident Ian Grimmer stepped into the waters of Lake Memphremagog in Newport early in August knowing he wouldn't be on dry land again for quite a while — more than a dozen hours. But such a long period being wet was nothing new to the 53-year-old.

And in this still water lake he would not have battle the waves and tides that the experienced open water swimmer faced earlier this summer when he swam around the entire island of Manhattan.

This past June 15, Grimmer completed the 20 Bridges swim, an arduous 28.5-mile circumnavigation of the principal island of New York City. That followed his successful 20.5-mile crossing of the English

Channel (England to France) in 2019, and his 20-mile swim from Catalina Island to the mainland of Southern California in 2018.

Those three swims earned Grimmer the title of Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming.

Nevertheless, Grimmer's participation in the Aug. 1 swim known as "In Search of Memphre" (that's the mythical sea creature)," was only six weeks after the arduous 20 Bridges accomplishment, and it stretched 25 miles across an international border from Newport to Magog, Quebec.

The Search is organized by Kingdom Games and the Northeast Kingdom Open Water Swimming Association in an effort to advocate for a more open border with Canada, to raise funds in support of the Indoor Recreation Center of

Orleans County, which provides critically needed health and wellness services for people at risk, such as those suffering from diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Marketing materials say another goal is to "seek the elusive, swimmer-friendly lake creature, Memphre," the famed mythical creature of Lake Memphremagog.

The swim was a long time coming for Grimmer and the other swimmers.

"This was a swim that I was scheduled to complete in August 2020, but it was pushed back for two consecutive years because of the pandemic and the U.S./Canadian border being closed," Grimmer told the *Independent*.

An inductee in Vermont's Open Water Swimming Hall of Fame, (See Swim, Page 2B)



**IAN GRIMMER PROUDLY** shows the placard showing he had completed the 25-mile swim crossing of Lake Memphremagog earlier this month. It came only six weeks after he conquered the 28.5-mile 20 Bridges swim in New York. The Middlebury man has completed the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. Photo courtesy of Ian Grimmer



**JEN MYERS IS** the new Mount Abe field hockey coach, taking over for her mom, Mary Stetson, who won 11 D-II titles and 279 games in a storied career. Myers helped the Eagles win four of those titles as a player and five as an assistant coach. Independent photo/Steve James

## Myers takes over Eagles — from Mom

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
**BRISTOL** — Following in the footsteps of a coach who led the program for three decades and racked up 11 state titles in the past 21 years, including four straight through 2021, offers a challenge for whoever takes over.

What if the coach of that dynasty was also your mother?

That's the role — and the challenge — that new Mount Abraham Union High School field hockey Coach Jen Stetson Myers has accepted.

She, of course, takes over for Mary Stetson. Mary, along with Jen Myers's father — successful longtime Eagle baseball coach Jeff Stetson — retired together this spring after 70 combined years of (See Myers, Page 2B)



**STROKE AFTER STROKE** Ian Grimmer cranked through a swim across Lake Memphremagog this month. The hall of fame open water swimmer from Middlebury swam around Manhattan in June and has swum the Catalina and English channels. Photo courtesy of Ian Grimmer



### Sticking to it

Two perennial Vermont field hockey powers went at it in a preseason scrimmage on Monday: Visiting Bellows Falls, which has won championships in Divisions I, II and III in the past decade and was runner-up in D-II last fall, took on host Mount Abraham squad, winner of the past four D-II titles. But the Eagles had an important new component in new head coach Jen Myers (see story, top right).

On a steamy day the play proved to be about as heated as the weather. Independent photos/Steve James



## Schedule

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

#### Football

- 9/2 CVU at MUHS ..... 7 PM
- 9/3 OV at Rice ..... 1 PM
- 9/3 MAV at Poultney ..... 1 PM
- 9/9 MUHS at St. J ..... 7 PM
- 9/10 Milton at MAV ..... 1 PM
- 9/11 OV at Mill River ..... 3 PM

#### Field Hockey

- 9/2 MUHS at Mt. Mansfield ..... 4 PM
- 9/2 Mt. Abe at Missisquoi ..... 4 PM
- 9/3 OV at Brattleboro ..... 11 AM
- 9/6 Mt. Abe at Mt. Mansfield ..... 4 PM
- 9/6 MUHS at Colchester ..... 4 PM
- 9/8 OV at Rutland ..... 4 PM
- 9/8 Burlington at MUHS ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/8 CVU at Mt. Abe ..... 4 PM
- 9/8 Woodstock at OV ..... 4 PM
- 9/10 Rice at Mt. Abe ..... 10 AM

#### Girls' Soccer

- 9/2 OV vs. Proctor at BRU ..... 6 PM
- 9/3 Burlington at Mt. Abe ..... 10 AM
- 9/3 Montpelier at MUHS ..... 10 AM
- 9/3 Randolph at VUHS ..... 11 AM
- 9/3 OV at BRU Tourney ..... 6/8 PM
- 9/6 Fairfax at VUHS ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/6 MUHS at Enosburg ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/6 OV at Woodstock ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/9 OV at MUHS ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/9 Missisquoi at VUHS ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/10 South Burlington at Mt. Abe ..... 11 AM

#### Boys' Soccer

- 9/2 West Rutland at OV ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/2 VUHS at Williamstown ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/7 VUHS at Winoski ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/7 OV at Proctor ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/7 MUHS at Colchester ..... 4:30 PM
- 9/8 Mt. Abe at U-32 ..... 4 PM
- 9/10 VUHS at Mt. Abe ..... 10 AM
- 9/10 Mt. Anthony at MUHS ..... 11 AM

#### Cross Country

- 9/3 ..... Essex Invitational
- 9/6 ..... OV at Rutland
- 9/10 ..... Burlington Invitational

### COLLEGE SPORTS

#### Field Hockey

- 9/6 Midd at Castleton ..... 7 PM
- 9/10 Midd at Amherst ..... 11 AM
- 9/11 Midd at UNE ..... 1 PM

#### Men's Soccer

- 9/6 Mt. St. Mary at Midd ..... 4 PM
- 9/10 Midd at Amherst ..... 2:30 PM

#### Women's Soccer

- 9/3 Midd vs UMass Boston in NH:3:30 PM
- 9/10 Midd at Amherst ..... Noon
- 9/11 Wheaton at Midd ..... Noon

#### Football

- 9/17 Midd at Amherst ..... 2 PM

# Stone leads local Bowl victors

WEST HAVEN — Middlebury's Todd Stone won the main event at Devil's Bowl Speedway on Saturday, when also Salisbury's Gary English, Orwell's Ed Bell and Cornwall's Brian Blake broke through for their first victories on the dirt oval.

Stone led wire-to-wire from the pole position in the 30-lap Sportsman Modified headline event, and by virtue of his win automatically qualified for this Sunday's Vermont 200 at Devil's Bowl. That 200-lapper race comes with a \$10,000 prize, which according to track officials will be "the richest dirt Sportsman Modified event in the world."

Stone, a three-time track champion, picked up the 45th overall win of his career at Devil's Bowl.

Fellow Middlebury driver Justin Comes continued his recent hot streak by finishing second; Tanner Siemons was third; Shawn McPhee, fourth; and Stone's son Justin Stone drove to fifth. Brandon's Vince Quenneville was 10th.

English topped the list of first-time winners by prevailing in the 25-lap Limited Sportsman race. The Salisbury racer, in his third year behind the wheel, led the first seven laps of the race before New Haven's Alex Layn took over after a restart. Layn looked like a first-time winner, but English got a second chance with a lap-17 restart and reclaimed the point. English held on after a final caution period with five laps left to seal the deal.

Layn posted the runner-up finish ahead of Bill Duprey, Shoreham's John Gosselin in fourth and Josh LeClaire in fifth. New Haven's Steve Miller was sixth, followed by Salisbury's Fred Little in seventh. Shoreham's Steve Pope finished ninth.

Orwell's Bell won a competitive 20-lap feature in the Rookie Sportsman division, edging out his cousin and fellow Orwell resident Daryl Gebo for the win.

After a restart on lap 14, Bell engaged in a four-way battle with Gebo, Camden Duffy and Josh Bussino. Gebo nosed ahead to lead

lap 16, but Bell led the final four circuits as the foursome battled every step of the way. Bussino edging Duffy for third. Orwell's Randy Edson completed the top five. Bristol racers Adam LaFountain and Aaron Clark ran 7-8.

Cornwall's Blake scored his first win in the Mini Stock division after almost three years of knocking on the door, prevailing in a 15-lapper. Blake took the lead from Bristol's Griff Mahoney one-third of the way through and then held off Ripton's Chris Sumner. Matt Wade finished third ahead of Griff Mahoney and Brandon's Mark Mahoney. Orwell's Ronnie Alger was seventh, one place ahead of Cornwall's Jake Barrows.

T.J. Knight of Wells won the 10-lap Mini Stock B-Feature. Brian Barrows of Cornwall was fifth.

New York driver Raelin Dunham, 16, was a first-time winner in a 500cc Mini Sprint division 15-lap race. Bridport's Gage Provencher finished third and Orwell's Ray Hanson was fifth.



NEW EAGLE FIELD hockey head coach Jen Myers exhorts her team during a Monday home scrimmage vs. Bellows Falls. Myers — who took over the program from her mother and longtime successful program head, Mary Stetson — has a vocal, energetic sideline presence.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Myers

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coaching. Mary Stetson's Division II teams compiled a 279-150-64 record against a mostly Division I schedule. Both Stetsons are in the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame.

Jen Myers helped boost her mom's record: She started as an Eagle central defender between 2001 and 2005, when the Eagles won four straight titles, and has assisted the program since 2012. Myers's footsteps run next to her mother's for long stretches of Stetson's career.

Maybe because of all that shared experience, Myers said she doesn't feel compelled to quickly put her own stamp on Mount Abe field hockey.

"I'm definitely not feeling any pressure to do that. I'm feeling grateful that I've inherited a really strong program that people really believe in and is really strongly supported. Because it just makes your job a little bit easier," she said.

"As time goes and it's really figuring out the right jobs, it's those tough decisions that sometimes you have to make, it's those things that will carve my own path. But for right now, I'm just grateful because I feel like I couldn't have inherited a better program."

In fact, there's much of her mother's approach she'd like to emulate.

"Mom always had such great energy, and I hope to keep that energy because I think the kids look to feed off your energy," Myers said.

"She always had such a positive energy that she always gave off. It doesn't matter what the score is,

these are the things that we can do, that we know how to do, and just continuing to focus on the good things that are happening. And let's change the things that aren't working to make them work. Just focusing on those types of things, the mindset."

### UNPLANNED CAREER

After graduating from Mount Abe in 2006, Myers became a four-year starter on defense for St. Lawrence University, earning her degree in 2010. She didn't want to coach afterward, but Middlebury College field hockey program head Katharine DeLorenzo offered her a chance to assist, and Myers couldn't say no.

*"Mom always had such great energy, and I hope to keep that energy because I think the kids look to feed off your energy."*

— Jen Myers

"I can vividly remember being, like, 'It (coaching) is not for me.' I wanted to be involved somehow in field hockey, but once I got done at St. Lawrence, I didn't know what that involvement was going to be," Myers said. "And then Katharine DeLorenzo gave me a great opportunity."

She stayed with the Panthers for the 2010 and 2011 seasons, long enough to get hooked on coaching. "It was so much fun, and I learned so much from her. And

that was what really triggered me to be like, 'This is where we're headed,'" Myers said.

When Myers was hired as the Bristol town clerk/treasurer in 2011 and felt like she couldn't make the commitment to the college program, Mary Stetson spoke up.

"Mom said, 'If you want to help, the door is always open,'" Myers said.

After working as a part-time assistant in 2012, Myers's role grew over the next couple years. Bristol officials allowing her the flexibility to do more, for which she remains grateful.

### TAKING OVER

A year ago, Jeff and Mary Stetson, who had stepped down as co-athletic directors several years ago, announced the 2021-2022 academic year would be their last seasons leading their programs.

It wasn't a surprise Myers was hired as the new field hockey coach, though she has mixed feelings.

"It's always been a discussion. Mom was, like, when you take the program over you can do this, or you'll do this," she said. "I loved doing this together. It wasn't, 'It's time for you to go, Mom.' It was, 'I want you to stay, because I want to do this together with you as long as you want to do it.'"

Stetson might offer advice every now and then.

"She's not far. I've already called: 'What did you do about this, and what did you do about this?'" Myers said.

Or the support could take a different look. Myers now works at home for the Vermont Department of Taxes' Property Evaluation Division and can time-shift to be a head coach, but she and husband Matt Myers have three children.

"I think she's trying to navigate — I think we're both trying to navigate — I think she wants to be a supporter any way she can, and in her mind that might be me calling at two o'clock and saying, 'Hey, Matt can't get the kids. Can you get the kids today?'"

Does that mean there won't be post-game debriefings?

"Well, I do send the occasional text about this or that," Myers admitted. "That's her way of supporting me right now, and I'm really grateful."

The new coach will make at least some minor changes.

"Mom was really into working fitness into drills. And I've kind of gone old school, we're going to run to get fit, and then we'll do drills," Myers said. "But there are not huge changes. Same style of play. We were on the same page as far as most of that went anyway."

In the long run, Myers said she understands those footsteps she follows were made by big shoes.

"People respect her so much as a female coach, not only in the field hockey world, but as a female coach in the coaching world," she said. "Those are goals, to be that next person for this program, for female athletes. The relationship she builds with players just shows."

Of course, the Eagles just graduated an outstanding senior class of a half-dozen that helped the program win those four straight titles through 2021, and for the first time in a couple seasons they might not be the D-II favorite.

"It's a great goal to have, right?" Myers said. "The chase is on."

## Swim

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Grimmer entered the waters of Memphremagog at the EastSide restaurant in Newport at 12:25 a.m. He swam at a pace of approximately 1.5-2 mph, but it dropped below 1.5 mph and approached 1 mph at times during the final five miles of the swim.

He cleared the beach at Plage de Magog at 5:21 p.m., for an elapsed time of 16 hours and 56 minutes. He became the 41st amateur swimmer to swim the length of Lake Memphremagog.

"My favorite moment was watching the sun come up over the lake when I was about four-and-a-half hours into the swim. It really evoked a feeling of hope and gave me renewed energy knowing that I had passed through a difficult part of the swim where I was swimming in the darkness," Grimmer said.

Water temperatures during the Memphremagog swim lingered in the mid-70 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the event. Air temperature was 62 degrees when Grimmer started and rose to the high-70s in the afternoon. A southwest tailwind blew at 2 to 10 mph during most of the swim, which was conducted in compliance with traditional channel crossing rules as published by Marathon Swimmers Federation. It has been ratified by the Northeast Kingdom Open Water Swimming Association.

Piloting the escort boat, named *Sweet Pea*, was Rob Andersen, of Newport and Nantucket, Mass. Hyde Park resident Paula Yankaukas and fellow Triple Crown swimmer who completed *The Search* in 2014,

crewed for Grimmer as well, along with Teresa Gerade of Newport.

"I had an amazing support crew. Paula Yankaukas, who is a very accomplished marathon swimmer, has also completed this same swim in the past. Marathon swimming really is a team sport, and her calm and steady presence on the boat played a huge role in this swim being successful," Grimmer said.

While Grimmer makes it look easy as a Triple Crowner, he went through arduous training and some physical pain to get to Magog.

"I did my training at Vermont Sun in Middlebury and tried to swim the overall distance (25 miles) over the course of a week, with back-to-back long swims on the weekends," Grimmer said. "The hardest part was working with the pain I was experiencing in my right shoulder — especially in the last five miles — but it ended up being manageable, and I

was really happy to make it through to the end."

Who knows how fast he could have gone without the shoulder pain? Grimmer completed the longer swim around Manhattan in 8 hours, 58 minutes. In his shorter ocean-going swims he crossed the English Channel in 13 hours, 58 minutes and the Catalina Channel in 14 hours, 22 minutes.

Grimmer began open water swimming with the one-mile distance at Kingdom Swim in a wetsuit in 2009. He returned in 2016, swimming the 25-kilometer Border Buster at Kingdom Swim in 10 hours, 42 minutes, and the 5-mile crossing of Lake Willoughby in 2 hours, 26 minutes. He has also participated in the Cork Distance Week in Ireland in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022, as well as the Memphremagog Winter Swim Festival in Vermont in 2018 and 2019.



IAN GRIMMER OF Middlebury swims northward from Newport, Vt., toward Magog, Quebec, during a 25-mile international swim on Aug. 1 accompanied by the *Sweet Pea* and a support team. He completed the "In Search of Memphre" swim in just under 17 hours.

Photo courtesy of Ian Grimmer



# 2022 Garden Game

WE received 6 new entries for the Garden Game this week and half of them were tomatoes! Before we delve into the Giant Tomato Saga of 2022, let's see what other fruits and veggies our gardeners brought in.

**Barrie Bailey** brought in a 32" C watermelon. The first of the season, Barrie is in the lead! Next up was **Barbara Pelton** with two impressive entries. Barbara's beet clocked in at 13.75" C and her cantaloupe edged out the reigning champion at 23" C.

Last but not least, were the tomatoes. **Warren Bradtmuller** brought in a respectable 14.5" C tomato to start us off. **Jean Weidman** was next with a crazy eight-shaped 18" C tomato. Her tomatoes were all local, using starter plants from Golden Russett and Foster Brothers Farms Moo Doo. **Lisa Maloney's** 20" C tomato is certainly a unique specimen and puts her in the top tomato spot! Lisa got her heirloom tomato seeds from the Brandon Seed Library this year.

September has arrived but summer isn't over yet; there's still plenty of time to show off your garden's bounty!

**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.

### CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- Asparagus (length x circumference) - Laura Asermily, 17" x 2.25"
- Beet (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 13.75"
- Broccoli (diameter) - Ed Blechner, 12"
- Cabbage (circumference)
- Cantaloupe (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 23"
- Carrot (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 17.5" x 5"
- Cauliflower (diameter) - Ted Foster, 13.5"
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Peter Demong, 11" x 10.5"
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 19.75" x 9"
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 17.5" x 17.5"
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length) - Kanyarat Menard, 40"
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference) - Barrie Bailey, 32"
- Onion (circumference) - Gary Miller, 14.25"
- Parsnip (circumference)
- Potato (length x circumference)
- Pepper (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 12" x 14.5"
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference)
- Radish (circumference) - George & Patrick Martin, 12.25"
- Rhubarb (length) - Jill Rainville, 22"
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 13" x 16"
- Sunflower (diameter)
- Tomato (circumference) - Lisa Maloney, 20"
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Ed Blechner, 19.5" x 13.25"

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



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OUR COLUMNIST WAS happy to corner this rainbow trout in a pocket in the New Haven River during a pleasant August evening of fishing.

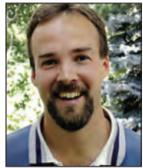
Photo by Matthew Dickerson

## Rainbow trout out of the pockets

It is a cool evening before a day predicted to be hot. Or at least a relatively cool evening by the standards of August in Vermont. The temperature is in the low 70s, and the next two days are supposed to be in the mid to upper 80s. I'd only been out on the river once all month. So after dinner, when the river calls my name, I heeded the call.

I head for a stretch of the New Haven River in Bristol where it flows at a steeper gradient, tumbling between boulders from pool to pool. These stretches are known to anglers as "pocket water;" instead of fishing long stretches of riffles where insect activity is often high, you try to pull trout out of little pockets of deeper, cooler, water where trout have more shade and protection from heat and predators. When the water is low in the latter half of the summers, I usually look for the pocket water.

who is studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder and has guided fly fishing in Jackson Hole. Zane sells his flies through the Etsy site BoulderFlyCo. Bill doesn't fly fish, but he wanted to support Zane, so he bought a few flies and sent them to me — which was kind of Bill, nice for Zane, and even more cool for me because I got to try out a new fly pattern without having to tie it.



MATTHEW DICKERSON

The fly pattern worked. Except it didn't quite end up being the most delightful fish of the evening because I didn't land it. Being the largest rainbow of the evening, it was also the strongest and fastest, and managed to put enough bend on my rod to shoot out the backside of the pocket I was fishing, down through the plunge in the gap between two boulders, and underneath another boulder in the whitewater of a pocket below me. That's where it wrapped my line around the rock and broke it. Sorry, Bill. Zane's fly proved better than my angling skills, I guess. Thankfully, you gave me three.

Anyway, two weeks later I'm back fishing the same string of a dozen pockets on the New Haven River. I'm hoping for a repeat of the previous outing with lots of surface action — except without losing the biggest fish and a new fly under a boulder.

The sun hadn't officially set, but it had disappeared behind the trees. Conditions seemed as good as I could hope for on an August evening. Except unlike the evening two weeks earlier, the trout are not feeding on the surface tonight. I work my way downstream with

dry flies fishing through all of the pockets in the stretch, and I can't entice even a quick glance. So I switch to a nymph and work my way back up. In the final pocket of the evening, I entice my only trout. It's not a trophy sized fish, but it is bigger than any of the ones I landed the previous week. Its rainbow coloring is beautiful. I hold it gently in the cool water and snap a couple quick photos with my phone before releasing it.

I still have 20 minutes until sunset. I drive downstream a short ways, and stop at two different places. I cast until the sun sets, but don't see anything. I didn't expect to. But I'm still enjoying the cool water around my ankles, and a fresh evening breeze.

I drove home as the sky faded from pink to dark gray, drinking in the cool air and enjoying life in Vermont.

## Beazley, Tir win Ralph Myhre titles

MIDDLEBURY — In competition held on Aug. 27 and 28, Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course crowned its men's, women's and senior club champions.

Hogan Beazley and Audrey Tir were the Men's and Women's Championship Flight Winners, respectively.

Kris Kelton and Tekla Fine-Lease were the Men's and Women's Net Winners, respectively.

John Carver was the Men's First Flight Winner, and Uwe Luksch was both the Men's First Flight Net Winner and Overall Men's Net

Winner.

Mary Stetson doubled up as the Women's Senior Flight Winner and Overall Women's Net Winner, and Eva Mastalos was the Women's Senior Flight Net Winner.

Dale White was the Men's Senior Flight Winner, and Neil Mackey was the Men's Senior Flight Net Winner.

Two Ralph Myhre members also participated in Vermont State Women's Golf Association's State Days last week. On Aug. 22, Susan Rand finished in a first-place gross tie in Flight 2 at The Quechee Club, while at the same time Kathy

Albright earned the first-place net score in Flight 3.

On Aug. 23, Albright also went to the Lake Morey Country Club, where she shot the fifth-place net score in Flight 1.

In weekly Thursday Afternoon Bill Davidson Men's Golf on Aug. 25, the threesome of George Cady, Marsdin Van Order and Ken Roth prevailed, with Roth firing the day's best low net score, a 66.

Dick Crumb, Chris Prickitt and Tom McGinn took second, and Dayton Wakefield, Gary Wright and George Ramsayer were third.

## Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — In separate recent cases, Vermont State Police arrested three Addison County men and ended up citing two for domestic assault and the third for stalking.

In the first incident, troopers on Aug. 22 received a complaint of a family disturbance eight days earlier in Orwell. Police investigated and determined that Jeffrey Fielden, 37, of Orwell had physically injured a household member, and that Fielden had prevented the household member from calling for assistance and from leaving the residence. On Aug. 23 Fielden turned himself in at the New Haven state police barracks, where he was arrested and taken to the Addison County courthouse to answer the charges of domestic assault, unlawful restraint and interference with access to emergency services.

On Aug. 23 at a few minutes before 6 p.m. troopers responded to a report of a family fight at a Route 22A home in Pantou. Police said they looked into the incident and concluded that Richard Marszalkowski, 59, of Pantou had caused bodily injury to a household member. Troopers took Marszalkowski to the barracks and cited him for domestic assault.

Also on Aug. 23, state police got a call at around 10:30 p.m. from a Waltham woman who reported that a man was repeatedly showing up at her home after being told to stay away. Troopers cited Michael

Roberts, 62, of Ferrisburgh for stalking.

In other recent activity,

• On Aug. 24 at 8:48 a.m. responded to an SUV-truck crash on Route 22A at Addison Four Corners. Police report that Daniel Cohen, 71, of Burlington was driving a 2000 Freightliner tractor-trailer northbound on Route 22A, and Beth Waters, 42, of Port Henry, N.Y., was stopped in a 2017 Nissan Rogue on Route 17 as the truck rumbled past. Police said Waters's Nissan entered the intersection and collided with one of the rear driver's side tires on the truck. Waters sustained suspected minor injuries, and her vehicle was totaled.

Route 22A in the area of the crash was temporarily reduced to one lane of travel during this incident.

Police said neither speed nor impairment were contributing factors in this crash.

The Vergennes Ambulance Rescue Squad and the Addison Volunteer Fire Department assisted state police in cleaning up this crash.

• On Aug. 28 at around 10:30 p.m. observed a truck operating at a high rate of speed through Middlebury. When troopers turned on the blue lights and tried to stop the truck the driver attempted to make a right hand

turn onto Weybridge Street from College Street and subsequently crashed into a vehicle stopped at a stop sign.

While speaking with the operator of the truck, troopers observed signs of impairment and attempted to take Michael Brouillard, 28, of Middlebury into custody. Police said Brouillard actively resisted them, but ultimately they prevailed, got him into the cruiser and took him to the New Haven barracks without further incident. They cited Brouillard for gross negligent driving, resisting arrest and driving under the influence, second offense. They also issued him a ticket for driving outside his lane.

Troopers were assisted on scene by members of the Middlebury police and fire department, and by Middlebury Regional EMS.

• Announced that they are looking for help from the public. On Aug. 23 they received a report of a mountain bike stolen from the Blueberry Hill Inn in Goshen sometime between Aug. 21 and 23. The bike was described as a camouflage green Specialized Stumpjumper Comp Alloy. Anyone with information related to this theft is asked to contact Trooper Anthony at the New Haven barracks at 802-388-4919.

## Reader Comments

Here's what one reader has to say about us!

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The largest fish of that evening had chased a nymph drifted a couple feet below the grasshopper on an extra piece of fine leader, in what is often known as a "hopper-dropper" combination of flies. I was particularly delighted by that trout, not only because it was the largest fish of the evening, but also because the nymph it took had been sent to me by Weybridge resident Bill Roper, one of the readers of this column. It was Euro-style bead-head nymph tied on jig hook by Bill's friend's son Zane,



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# community calendar

**sept 1 THURSDAY**  
**Field day on forages for farmers in Whiting.** Thursday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Richville Farms. Owner Kylie Chittenden will discuss the farm's practices for harvesting corn and options and opportunities for feeding a high forage diet. Dairy nutritionists Patrice Vincent and Kurt Cotanch will share tips and considerations for successfully feeding more homegrown forage. Free, followed by a free lunch.

**sept 2 FRIDAY**  
**Age Well sit-down lunch in Middlebury.** Friday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Doors open at 11 a.m. Meal served at noon of roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli florets dinner roll, chocolate raspberry cake and milk. Advanced reservations only by Sunday, Aug. 28.  
**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro.** Friday, Sept. 2, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up BBQ pork loin with Sweet Baby Ray's sauce, seasoned home fries, spinach, roll, iced apple cake and milk. Advanced reservations only by Monday, Aug. 29.

**Art Opening Reception in Middlebury.** Friday, Sept. 2, 5-7 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. An opening for the Sheldon Museum's new exhibit "Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage." Guest curator Ric Kasini Kador will be present at the reception. Free and open to the public. Learn more [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org).



## One cause among many

**THE ASSASSINATION OF Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo was just one of the events credited for causing World War I. Find out more in the first installment of EastView's lecture series on World War I in the Zoom lecture, "The Origins of the Great War," by Professor Russ Leng on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 3-4:30 p.m.**

**sept 3 SATURDAY**  
**Food Drive in Starksboro.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 8-11 a.m., Starksboro Transfer Station, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Starksboro Food Shelf, town offices, Route 116. Starksboro's Little Free Pantry and the Starksboro Food shelf hold this food and money drive. Help support Starksboro's neighbors who are food insecure by donating to the two organizations with one donation. All food items and cash/checks will be divided 50/50 between the Food Shelf and the Little Free Pantry.

**Used book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Hall Plaza, Main St. Rain location, in the Ilsley Community Room.

**"Soldiers Atop the Mount" in Orwell.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. A Revolutionary War enactment honoring the soldiers who built and garrisoned Mount Independence in 1776-1777. Hands-on-history activities for all ages and interests. Baldwin Trail Walkabout from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., reenactors will demonstrate period life, skills and military activities and a woods skirmish. Admission \$7 adults/free children under 15, includes visiting the museum. Repeats on Sunday.

**King Pede card party in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Pede is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

**sept 4 SUNDAY**  
**"Soldiers Atop the Mount" in Orwell.** Sunday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Reenactment of a sermon that was preached at Mount Independence during the American Revolution, several short history vignettes and demonstrations with a reading of Declaration of Independence, at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$7 adults/free children under 15, includes visiting the museum.

**sept 6 TUESDAY**  
**Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in person meal in Vergennes.** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 S. Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at noon of shepherd's pie with ground turkey, gravy, corn, and mashed potatoes, carrots and cabbage, wheat roll, apple cake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Reserve by Wednesday, Aug. 31.  
**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bridport.** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, 54 Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Chicken Marsala with mushroom sauce, diced potatoes, peas and onions, roll, oatmeal cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only by Aug. 31.

**"The Origins of the Great War" Zoom lecture.** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 3-4:30 p.m. The first of a six-part series of weekly talks on "The Great War: World War I and its Consequences," by EastView resident professor Russ Leng. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for all others. Free. Call 802-989-7501 for the Zoom link and more information.

**Taco Tuesday fundraiser in Lincoln.** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 5-8 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Join the food frenzy and raise money for Burnham Hall at the same time. Menu includes all the salsas, all the toppings, red beef, green chicken and vegan fillings. This year you will have the ability to control your own topping amounts. Carbonated soft drinks. Taco price is by donation. Give generously as proceeds benefit Burnham Hall.

**"Did the Supreme Court Just Hobble the Administrative State?" virtual lecture.** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m., Zoom. Constitutional scholar Meg Mott and Aaron Kisicki from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources consider the arguments on both sides of the recent Supreme Court decision in West Virginia v. the Environmental Protection Agency, and discuss the implications of this Supreme Court ruling on legislation for climate change. More info and link at [vermonthumanities.org/programs](http://vermonthumanities.org/programs).

**sept 7 WEDNESDAY**  
**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Monkton.** Wednesday, Sept. 7, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. Pick up time is 11:30 a.m. Chicken Marsala with mushroom sauce, diced potatoes, peas and onions, roll, oatmeal cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Sept. 1, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

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**Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op annual meeting and celebration in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Sept. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., American Flatbread, Marble Works. Hear about the past year at the co-op and plans for the future and enjoy complimentary flatbread, salad and dessert.

**Collectors' stories in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Sept. 7, noon, Henry Sheldon Museum barn, 1 Park St. Four collectors who lent objects to the Sheldon Museum's current exhibit Addison County Collects will share stories about their collections, including Bob Hooker, Rod Michaud, Pam Pezzulo and Rick Ceballos. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like. More info at [HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://HenrySheldonMuseum.org) or 802-388-2117.

**Author Erik Shonstrom in Middlebury.** Thursday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m., Little Seed Coffee roasters, Merchants Row. The Vermont Book Shop welcomes Middlebury native Erik Shonstrom back to his hometown to present his new book, "I Probably Should've Brought a Tent," answer audience questions, and celebrate with friends, old and new.

**sept 8 THURSDAY**  
**"The Ecology of Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases" in Middlebury.** Friday, Sept. 9, noon, in the barn, Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. David Allen, Associate Professor of biology at Middlebury College, will present a brief introduction to tick biology. Allen will also discuss his research trying to understand what drives tick-borne disease risk in Vermont. Allen studies the ecological, climate and landscape factors which determine tick-borne disease risk. Free and open to the public. Limited seating — first come, first served. Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like. More info at [HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://HenrySheldonMuseum.org) or 802-388-2117.

**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro.** Friday, Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Chicken Marsala with mushroom sauce, diced potatoes, peas and onions, roll, oatmeal cookie and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Sept. 4, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

**sept 10 SATURDAY**  
**17th Annual Kelly Brush Ride in Middlebury.** Saturday, Sept. 10, start at Middlebury College Alumni Field, Route 30. Enjoy the beautiful Vermont countryside while empowering people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. The Kelly Brush Ride powered by VBT is an iconic Vermont celebration in support of the Kelly Brush Foundation's mission to inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. Join a nationwide community helping make active lifestyles possible by riding 10, 20, 50 or 100 miles in Addison County or remotely on a route of your choosing. More info at [kbf.akaraisin.com/ui/2022KellyBrushRide](http://kbf.akaraisin.com/ui/2022KellyBrushRide).  
**Take-out roast pork supper in Vergennes.** Saturday, Sept. 10, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street Vergennes, across from the Opera House. Take-out and preorder only. \$12 cost includes roast pork, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable,

applesauce, roll and dessert. Preorder at 802-877-3150 before 7 p.m.

**Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday, Sept. 10, 5 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. A family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

**"The Flying Ace" silent film in Brandon.** Saturday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. This film is a rare example of movies produced for black-only theaters in segregated parts of the nation and was added to the National Film Registry in 2021. Live music provided by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

**sept 12 MONDAY**  
**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bristol.** Monday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Swedish steak with mushroom sauce over penne pasta, broccoli, bread, fresh fruit salad and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Sept. 7, 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.

**sept 13 TUESDAY**  
**Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in person meal in Vergennes.** Tuesday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 S. Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at noon of macaroni and cheese, peas, diced beets, wheat bread, mandarin oranges and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sept. 8 at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation. Please bring your own place setting. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice. Masks encouraged unless seated and eating. Please stay home if you don't feel well.

**"Fighting the War: Politics, Strategies, and Trenches" virtual lecture in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3-4:40 p.m., Zoom. The second talk in the EastView Lecture Series "The Great War: World War I and its Consequences," with professor Russ Leng. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for all others. Free. More info and Zoom link at 802-989-7501.

**sept 14 WEDNESDAY**  
**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Monkton.** Wednesday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. Swedish steak with mushroom sauce over penne pasta, broccoli, bread, fresh fruit salad, and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Sept. 8, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

**Age Well grab-and-go meal in Shoreham.** Wednesday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-noon, Halfway House, Route 22A. Pick up at back door, meals will be brought out. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice. Call the restaurant to reserve at least 24-hours in advance. 802-897-5160.

**sept 15 THURSDAY**  
**How to prepare fish in Ferrisburgh.** Thursday, Sept. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. LCMM will offer a session on the practicalities of how to clean, fillet and cook fish. Co-sponsored with Let's Go Fishing, a network of volunteer instructors who encourage and teach Vermonters aquatic education on behalf of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.



**MIDDLEBURY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1954 members Joyce Turner Sargent, back left, Roger Wales, Elizabeth Benedict Beuter, Betty Davis, front left, and Beverly Wimett McCoy got together at the Waybury Inn on Aug. 6 for their 68th reunion. They are looking forward to seeing more of their classmates next year.**  
Photo courtesy of Joyce Sargent

## MHS class of 1954 gather

MIDDLEBURY — Five members of the Middlebury High School class of 1954 gathered for their 68th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 6. Elizabeth Benedict Beuter, Betty Davis, Beverly Wimett McCoy, Joyce Turner Sargent and Roger Wales plus guests Martha Wales, and Ann Pomainville met for lunch at the Waybury Inn. They had a delicious luncheon and shared some great conversation, along with notes from seven other classmates with updates on their lives. The group decided that they would meet again next year, same time, same place, on Aug. 6, and look forward to more classmates joining them.

## Lincoln

Have a news tip? Call Dawn Mikkelsen at 453-7029

### NEWS

LINCOLN — Voters approved an increase in the number of board members from three to five for the Lincoln School District on Aug. 18 at a special meeting. Congratulations to Rob Backlund and Jeanne Albert, as they were elected as the two new school board members. Todd Goodyear was also elected as School District Meeting Moderator.

### LIBRARY NEWS

The Stolen Focus discussion group continues on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m.

The town offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. The library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 5.

### REMINDER

The Taco Tuesday fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Burnham Hall.

Until next time ... Stay Patient And Trust Your Journey. We Are Blessed By Lifting Others. Do What You Have To Do Until You Can Do What You Want To Do.

## Ferrisburgh

Have a news tip? Email Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net

### NEWS

FERRISBURGH — Ferrisburgh Day is coming! This annual event celebrates our town's history, culture, local talent, rural life and landscapes. Events will take place on both Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25. Activities and displays are scheduled at sites throughout our town.

The following are a few of the organizations working to make Ferrisburgh Day a great celebration with open houses, workshops, crafts for sale, food to eat and live music: Ferrisburgh Central School; the Bixby Library; Selectboard and Town Offices/Community Center; Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department; Town Highway Department; Friends of the Union Meeting Hall; Ferrisburgh Historical Society; Cookie Love; Cross Life Church; The Rokeby Museum; the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, and our new train station.

Fun activities in the planning are a book and plant sale at Bixby, a farmers' market, a walk through the town forest, a story walk at Rokeby, apple picking at Woodman Hill Orchard, an antique car and tractor display, and the famous passport to free treats at Cookie Love. More information is available at ferrisburghday@gmail.com or @ferrisburghday.

As part of Ferrisburgh Day activities, the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall will be hosting a celebration on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 3:30-7:30 p.m., on the town green with music, lawn games and food available for purchase. To learn about the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Union Meeting Hall as well as the group's future plans for improvement projects and community programming, visit [www.unionmeetinghall.org](http://www.unionmeetinghall.org) or email to [unionmeetinghall@gmail.com](mailto:unionmeetinghall@gmail.com).

The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall are seeking to support local farmers, artisans and crafters for a "Market on the Green" event at the Union Meeting Hall (located at 41 Middlebrook Road)



## Happy 100th Birthday, Mom!

~ The Marge Forgues Family  
Kay, Edie, Sally, & Lee



## Bikers gearing up for Kelly Brush Ride next week

MIDDLEBURY — Cyclists from all over the region will be once again gathering in Middlebury to join in the biggest charity cycling event in the state, the 17th annual Kelly Brush Ride powered by VBT Bicycling Vacations. The ride, devoted to the Kelly Brush Foundation's mission to inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives, returns on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"This year we've set a high bar with a fundraising goal that will allow us to award a record number of grants," said Kelly Brush Foundation Executive Director Edie Perkins. "We're counting on the hundreds of riders who participate and raise funds to enable the foundation to supply adaptive sports equipment to more than 250 individuals with spinal cord injuries this year."

For the 2022 ride, the Kelly Brush Foundation aims to raise \$975,000, which will allow the foundation to allocate over \$1 million for adaptive sports equipment, setting a record for annual grants awarded by the foundation. Last year, the event drew more than 942 in-person and virtual riders, including 47 handcyclists, and raised more than \$825,000 to provide direct support for adaptive sports equipment used in skiing, basketball, cycling, and tennis.

"We've set a big goal because we want to be able to give more people than ever from the spinal cord community the opportunity



**CYCLISTS OF ALL kinds will take to the roads of Addison County for the 17th Annual Kelly Brush Ride. Organizers hope to raise at least \$975,000, which will be used to get adaptive sport equipment to those with spinal cord injuries.**

Photo courtesy of Kelly Brush Foundation

to enjoy being active," said Kelly Brush, whose family started the foundation following a ski racing accident that left her paralyzed in 2006. "The money raised from the Kelly Brush Ride directly enables grant recipients to get the cost-prohibitive, adaptive sports equipment they need to get active."

In-person participants can ride 100, 50, 20, or 10-mile routes

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

The foundation has awarded more than 1,400 adaptive

equipment grants to people in 49 states for adaptive equipment through its Active Fund. The ride also supports the foundation's ski racing safety program. Each year grants are awarded to non-profit ski clubs and racing programs for improving racecourse safety.

Registration is now open at [www.kellybrushfoundation.org/ride](http://www.kellybrushfoundation.org/ride). Online registration closes Sept. 7.

## Tri-Valley Transit bus schedule changes set

MIDDLEBURY — As of Wednesday, Aug. 31, Tri-Valley Transit has made bus schedule changes to better meet need. Riders are encouraged to preview schedules at [tinyurl.com/TVT-new-schedule-2022](http://tinyurl.com/TVT-new-schedule-2022) to align their travel plans.

To follow are a list of the changes:

- MSB Marble Works**
  - New Middlebury Amtrak stop in the morning.
  - Greg's Market stop replaces County Tire.
- MSB College**
  - New Middlebury College Wright Theater stop.
- Tri-Town Bristol**
  - Tighter stop intervals (new stop times).
  - more frequency for Red Cedar School.
- Tri-Town Vergennes**
  - Tighter stop intervals (new stop times).
  - New Vergennes Amtrak stop in the morning, M-F.
- Snow Bowl**
  - Tighter stop intervals (new stop times).
  - New stop at Middlebury College Wright Theater.
- LINK to Burlington**
  - New Vergennes Amtrak stop on Saturday.
  - Municipal lot on Academy Street in Middlebury replaces Exchange Street Storage for commuter parking.

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## Walk for the Animals!

Saturday, September 10, 2022

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# Field Days Results

## Dairy Fitting and Showmanship

NEW HAVEN — To follow are the results from the Dairy Fitting and Showmanship competition at the 2022 Addison County Fair and Field Days, held Thursday, Aug. 11. **NOVICE CLASS (never shown before)**

**8-year-olds:** 1. Sophia Roleau; 2. Rowdy Pope; 3. Paige Chamberlin; 4. Olivia Tudhope; 5. Thomas Allen; 6. Desiree Plouffe; 7. Sutton Chittenden.

**Pope Family Award — Novice Class A Showmanship:** Sophia Roleau.

**9-10-year-olds:** 1. Collin Chamberlin; 2. Gracelyn Barber; 3. Elianna Venables-Vogel; 4. Evan Wood; 5. Sophia Stocker; 6. Colten Butler; 7. Camille Pouffe; 8. Jazmine Cram.

**Dan Huestis Memorial Award — Novice Class B Showmanship:** Collin Chamberlin

**Novice Intermediate & Senior Class:** 1. Christopher Brown; 2. Hailey Chase; 3. Lola Rollins; 4. Efen Garcia.

### Junior Division

**9-year-olds:** 1. Caroline Compagna.

**10-year-olds:** 1. Payton Lucas; 2. Jordan Hutchins; 3. Renee Plouffe; 4. Tenley Chittenden.

**11-year-olds:** 1. Caroline Allen; 2. Natalia Tarbell; 3. Greyson VanderWey; 4. Kylee Shepard; 5. Ava Wood; 6. Roxanne Griffin.

**Milk and Honey Genetics Award — Champion Junior Showmanship.** 1. Caroline Allen; 2. Caroline Compagna.

### Intermediate Division

**12-year-olds:** 1. Bella Roell; 2. Taryn Burns.

**13-year-olds:** Jayden Ploof; 2. Caleb Sprague; 3. Samuel Luis.

**14-year-olds:** 1. Hailee Allen; 2. Ruby Hubbell; 3. Payton Ball; 4. Torrey Hanna; 5. Emma Edenfield; 6. Michaela Charbonneau; 7. Noa Sauve.

**Intermediate & Senior Class:** 1. Christopher Brown; 2. Hailey Chase; 3. Lola Rollins; 4. Efen Garcia.

**Tristan Quinn Memorial Award — Intermediate Showmanship:** 1. Hailee Allen; 2. Christopher Brown.

### SENIOR DIVISION

**15-year-olds:** 1. Brailey Livingston; 2. Emma Seward; 3. Mason Livingston; 4. Isabella Wilbur; 5. Emma Deering; 6. Brendan Gebo; 7. Mackenzie Chase.

**16-year-olds:** 1. Elisabeth Crawford; 2. Morgan White.

**17-year-old and over:** 1. Karissa Livingston; 2. Abigail Reen; 3. Sarah Hill; 4. Courtney Curler; 5. Rose Tarbell; 6. Michael Plouffe; 7. Ben Boutin.

**Higher Award — Senior Showmanship:** 1. Karissa Livingston; 2. Abigail Reen.



**Not just for the stove**  
KRISTINA BUZEMAN OF Addison, standing with daughter Ally and son AJ, proudly displays the blue ribbon she won for earning first place in the Skillet Toss Competition at Addison County Fair and Field Days on Aug. 10.  
Independent photo/Steve James

## Children's Barnyard

NEW HAVEN — To follow are the results from the children's barnyard competition at the 2022 Addison County Fair and Field Days:

### ATTENDED DISPLAYS

**Child:** 1. Abel Sheldrick; 2. Henry Sheldrick.

**Youth:** 1. Natalie Layn; 2. Caroaline Larocque; 3. Noah Sheldrick; 4. Noah Sheldrick; 5. Wyatt Kennett.

**Young Adult:** 1. Ava Mullin.

**Adult:** 1. Pam Thomas.

### UNATTENDED DISPLAYS

**Youth:** Alexis Whipple  
**Young Adult:** 1. Hailey Roberts; 2. Nicholas Sheldrick.

**Adult:** 1. Emily Crowe; 2. Sheila Marcelle.

### 4-H & OTHER YOUTH RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

**Primary:** 1. Olivia Gordon with Max

**Junior:** 1; Natalie Layn with Lolli.

**Junior-Guinea Pig Division:** 1. Alexis Whipple with Oreo.

### EGG JUDGING

**Adult-Brown Eggs:** 1. Ginny Rines.

**Adult-Other Eggs:** 1. Jackie Chase; 2. Lynn Jerger.

**Youth-Brown Eggs:** 1. Eddie Gordon; 2. Hazel Ratkowski.

**Youth-White Eggs:** 1. Olivia Gordon; 2. Hailey Chase; 3. Mackenzie Chase.

**Youth-Other Eggs:** 1. Emilee Gordon.

## Horse Shows

NEW HAVEN — To follow are results from the Open Horse Show and 4-H Horse shows at Addison County Fair and Field Days.

### Tuesday 4-H and Open Horse WESTERN

**4-H Junior — Champion:** Tayah Cram and Titan; Reserve Champion: Randy Cameron and One Hot Bob.

**4-H Senior — Champion:** Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl.

**Open Beginner — Champion:** Rylee Kennedy and UVM Pumpkin; Reserve Champion: Violet Whitcomb and Five Bar Willie; 2nd Reserve Champion: Caroline Laroque and Rosie.

**Open Advanced Beginner — Champion:** Naria Audet and Santana's Preferred Prodigy; Reserve Champion: McKenzie Ball and RS All Grown Up.

**Open Junior — Champion:** Bella Shimal and Dexter Almighty; Reserve Champion: Holland VanderWey and Heir She Comes; 2nd Reserve Champion: Kately Forbes and Topper.

**Open Senior — Champion:**

Rosalie Nop and Major Freckled Spark; Reserve Champion: Marianna Cutting and Cheyenne; 2nd Reserve Champion: Aliyah Bradford and Rosie.

**Leadline — Champion:** Finley Newton and My Hearts Blazing; Reserve Champion: Hunter Grant and One Hot Bob; 2nd Reserve Champion: Aliyah Bradford and Rosie.

**Adult Walk/Trot — Chastity Panton and Moon; Reserve Champion:** Rebecca DeVries and Jet Black Deluxe.

**Adult — Champion:** Stepheni Newton and Always Luken Cool; Reserve Champion: Kimberly Gibson and Dusty Doodle; 2nd Reserve Champion: Gaven Bicknell and He's Deckin Around.

**Championship, Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship — Champion:** Josie Paquette and Eddie; Reserve Champion: Randy Cameron and One Hot Bob; 2nd Reserve Champion: Bella Shimal and Dexter Almighty.

### WEDNESDAY 4-H and Open Horse ENGLISH

**4-H Junior — Champion:** Tayah Cram and Titan; Reserve Champion: Randy Cameron and Sir Paterick Rigale; 2nd Reserve Champion: Sage Stevens and Super Trooper.

**4-H Senior — Champion:** Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl; Reserve Champion: Emma Reen and Lennox the Menace.

**Open Junior — Champion:** Holland VanderWey and Heir She Comes; Reserve Champion: Natalie Jackman and Blueberries for Sal; 2nd Reserve Champion: Ella Otto and Maxed Out.

**Open Senior — Champion:** Rylee Dubois and Rosie; Reserve Champion: Natalie Jackman and Blueberries for Sal; 2nd Reserve Champion: Lily Case and Dirty Harry.

**Adult — Champion:** Brooklyn Currier and Falling In Love Again; Reserve Champion: Kimberly Gobson and Dusty Doodle; 2nd Reserve Champion: Haley Ceresoli and Kozi.

**Addison County Pleasure — Champion:** Holland VanderWey and Heir She Comes; Reserve Champion: Natalie Jackman and Blueberries for Sal; 2nd Reserve Champion: Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl.

**Championship, Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship — Champion:** Randy Cameron and DA Cruzin For Chicks; Reserve Champion: Randy Cameron and Sir Paterick Rigale; 2nd Reserve Champion: Bella Shimal and Dexter Almighty.

**4-H and open Horse 2-day Champions**

**4-H Beginner — Champion:** Iris Bassett with Sugar and Spice; Reserve Champion: Raegan Laroche and Meadow Hill Amaretto.

**4-H Advanced Beginner — Champion:** Maeve Newton and Doug The God Of Mischief; Reserve Champion: MacKenna

## Ox, Pony, Horse Pulling

NEW HAVEN — To follow are the results from the Ox, Pony and Horse Pulling competition held at the 2022 Addison County Fair and Field Days, Aug. 9-Aug. 13.

### OX PULLS RESULTS:

**2000 Class:** 1. Scott Spencer, Benson, with Maverick and Goose, X'd 3,500 lbs.; 2. Tucker Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Cooper and Mick; 3. Tim Patton, Springfield, N.H., with Hercules and Dutch; 4. Mark Whitney, Chelsea, with Skip and Buck; 5. Gary Gaylord, Rensselaer Falls, N.Y. with Spring and Fall.

**2400 Class:** 1. Tim Patton, Springfield, N.H., with Tuck and Hero, X'd 4,000 lbs.; 2. Tucker Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Babe and Ringer; 4. Bryan Mollison, Savoy, Mass., with Sam and Elliott; 5. Scott Spencer, Benson, with Maverick and Goose. 6. Tucker Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Cooper and Mick.

**2800 Class:** 1. Scott Spencer, Benson, with Junior and Trigger, X'd 4,500 lbs.; 2. Scott Spencer, Benson, with King and Apollo; 3. Ryan Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Scott and Tony; 4. Gary Gaylord, Rensselaer Falls, N.Y., with N and Y; 5. Tim Patton, Springfield, N.H., with Tuck and Hero; 6. Tucker Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Buck and Yogi.

**3200 Class:** 1. Ryan Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Silver and Joker, X'd 5,500 lbs.; 2. Barry Wheeler, Bradford, N.H., with Brick and Bear; 3. Scott Spencer, Benson, with Junior and Trigger; 4. Scott Spenser, Benson, with King and Apollo; 5. Ryan Hicks, Charlemont, Mass., with Scott and Tony; 6. Gary Gaylord, Rensselaer Falls, N.Y., with N and Y.

**Free-For-All Class:** 1. Booker and Patton, Springfield, N.H., with Hornet and Rowdie, X'd 6,000 lbs.; 2. Bett McConkey, Parsonsfield, Maine, with Spike and Spike; 3. Bett McConkey, Parsonsfield, Maine, with Squirrel and Kato; 4. Bryan Mollison, Savoy, Mass., with Odin and Thor; 5. George Family Ox Pulling, Fairlee, with Tater and Will; 6. George Family

Ox Pulling, Fairlee, with Wally and Navy.

### PONY PULLS RESULTS:

**1800 Class:** 1. Swift Family, Norwich, with Tim and Andy, X'd 3,500 lbs.; 2. Tanner and Son, Brownington, with Jake and Jack; 3. Karen Chamberlain, Woodstock, with Archie and Hank; 4. Hubbard and Switzer, Sutton, with Smokey and Rock; 5. Hubbard and Switzer, Sutton, with Scout and Sonny.

**2200 Class:** 1. Straight Line Farm, Glover, with Hector and Q-tip, X'd 4,500 lbs.; 2. Roaring Brook Farm, Barton, with Bell and Judy; 3. Roaring Brook Farm, Barton, with Toby and Shorty; 4. Swift Family, Norwich, with Jack and Andy; 5. Tanner and Son, Brownington, with Jack and Chief.

**Free-For-All Class:** 1. Lazy Acres Farm, Glover, with Amos and Chester, X'd 4,500 lbs.; 2. Roaring Brook Farm, Barton, with Bell and Judy; 3. Karen Chamberlain, Woodstock, with Archie and Hank; 4. Straight Line Farm, Glover, with Hector and Q-tip; 5. Swift Family Farm, Norwich, with Jack and Andy.

**3200 Class:** 1. Kelley and Roy, Milan, N.H., with Timber and Jake, X'd 7,000 lbs.; 2. Jerry LaClaire, Ellenberg Center, N.Y., with Charlie and Rooster; 3. Beam and Smith, Walpole, N.H., with Prince and Prince; 4. Koloski and Morgan, Brownington, with T-Rex and Jasper;

**3400 Class:** 1. Kelley and Roy, Milan, N.H., with Tim and Bud, X'd 7,000 lbs.; 2. Roger Lockerby, Putney, with Davy and Tommy; 3. Jerry LaClaire, Ellenberg Center, N.Y., with Rooster and Charlie; 4. Beam and Smith, Walpole, N.H., with Duke and Don; 5. Koloski and Morgan, Brownington, with Ced and T-Rex.

**Free-For-All Class:** 1. Jen Hewitt, Pomfret, with Bud and Bert, X'd 8,000 lbs.; 2. Mark Powling, Williamsville, with Rock and Levi; 3. Windy Acres Farm, Mt. Holly, with Jerry and Hank; 4. Jerry LaClaire, Ellenberg Center, N.Y., with Rooster and Charlie; 5. Beam and Smith, Walpole, N.H., with Don and Prince.

## Turkey Calling

NEW HAVEN — To follow are the results from the Turkey Calling Competition at Addison County Fair and Field Days:

**15-18-year-olds:** 1. Collin Foster Crossman; 2. Cooper Laroche; 3. Samuel Luis; 4. Jacob Crossman.

**Adults:** 1. Lucas Czarnnecki; 2. Doug Coburn; 3. Calvin Kennett.

**Duck/Goose (participants' rank not given):** Mike Nugent, Lucas Czarnnecki, Cole Tupper, Doug Coburn, Kam Brooks and Phil Bidwell.

Carl and Misty Bar Dynamo.

**4-H Junior — Champion:** Tayah Cram and Titan.

**4-H Senior — Champion:** Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl.

**Open Beginner (even numbers) — Champion:** Makayla Warner and Caladonia Carawy; Reserve Champion: Finley Vincelette and Madagascar; 2nd Reserve Champion: Lila Smith and Decidedly Undecided.

**Open Beginner (odd numbers) — Champion:** Rylie Kennedy and UVM Pumpkin; Reserve Champion: Violet Whitcomb and Five Bar Willie; 2nd Reserve Champion: Emmali Rougier and Stop Sign.

**Open Advanced Beginner — Naria Audet and Lightening Spit Fire Toby; Reserve Champion:** Morgan McNulty and Black Jack; 2nd Reserve Champion: Holly Whitney and Dexter Almighty.

**Open Junior — Champion:** Holland VanderWey and Heir She Comes.

**Open Senior — Champion:** Rosalie Nop and Major Freckled Spark.

**Leadline — Champion:** Hunter Grant and One Hot Bob; Reserve Champion: Finley Newton and My Hearts Blazing; 2nd Reserve Champion: Mavis McCarthy and Silver Creek Magnum.

**Championship, Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship-Beginner — Champion:** Lila Smith and Decidedly Indecisive; Reserve Champion: Raegan Laroche and Meadow Hill Amaretto; 2nd Reserve Champion: Makayla Warner and Caladonia Caraway.

**Championship, Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship-Advanced Beginner — Champion:** Holly Whitney and Dexter Almighty; Reserve Champion: Naria Audet and Lightening Spit Fire Toby; 2nd Reserve Champion: Morgan McNulty and Black Jack.

### Thursday Open Horse

**Open in Hand — Champion:** Kylee LaDuke and Makin Jessie; Reserve Champion: Ashley Audet and Dirty Harry; 2nd Reserve Champion: Dawn Shepard and Cedric.

**Fitting, Grooming and Showmanship — Champion:** Laura Allen and Carmella; Reserve Champion: Devon Bradford and Holiday Doc Buttons; 2nd Reserve Champion: Natalie Jackman and Blueberries for Sal.

**Equitation — Champion:** Kylee LaDuke and Makin Jessie; Reserve Champion: Laura Allen and Carmella; 2nd Reserve Champion: Emma Reen and Lennox the Menace.

**Adult Equitation — Champion:** Krista Oldroyd and Black Eyed Suzie Q; Reserve Champion: Harley Stocker and Molly; 2nd Reserve Champion: Lexi Rosen and Cream Hill Traveler.

**English Pleasure — Champion:** Ashley Audet and Dirty Harry; Reserve Champion: Sadie James and A Shot of Tequila; 2nd Reserve Champion: Randy Cameron and Sir Paterick Rigale.

**Western Pleasure — Champion:** Lexi Rosen and Cream Hill Traveler; Reserve Champion: Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl; 2nd Reserve Champion: Harley Stocker and Molly.

**Addison County Pleasure: English — Champion:** Hailey Perlee and Bare Elegance; Reserve Champion: Ashley Audet and Dirty Harry; 2nd Reserve Champion: Sadie James and A Shot of Tequila.

**Addison County Pleasure: Western — Champion:** Shyanne Wedge and Willy's Geisha Girl; Reserve Champion: Stepheni Newton and Always Luken Cool; 2nd Reserve Champion: Ashley Audet and One Hot Bob.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

**Public Meetings**

**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](http://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://aavt.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 [Vergennesfreethinkers@gmail.com](mailto:Vergennesfreethinkers@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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**DIGITAL ACCESS** View obituaries, calendar listings and classifieds online at [addisonindependent.com](http://addisonindependent.com). Don't miss out on events, garage sales, or opportunities- check out our free digital listings. Looking to read more? Become a subscriber!

**Opportunities**

**CUT, FOLD, PASTE, REPEAT** class through Art on Main with Jane Ploughman and Lily Hinrichsen at Tandem, in Bristol. Sunday Sept. 11th, 10 - 3 pm. Make 3 simple books. Call 802-453-4032 to register with \$65. payment. All material's supplied.

**Help Wanted**

**ALYSSUM IS A** peer-run alternative and holistic mental health crisis respite program located in Rochester, VT. We are seeking compassionate, non judgmental and energetic individuals to use their own lived experience to support short term guests in a homelike environment. Applicants must be local, available for awake overnights, weekend fill-in coverage and Wednesday morning staff meetings. Competitive wages and friendly work environment, paid on-the-job training. More information at [www.alyssum.org](http://www.alyssum.org). Send resume and cover letter including your lived experience with mental health and why you want to work here to [staff@alyssum.org](mailto:staff@alyssum.org)

**Help Wanted**

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**Help Wanted**



**Town of Middlebury Building & Grounds Worker/ Public Works Maintainer**

The Town of Middlebury is hiring for a Building and Grounds Worker/Public Works Maintainer. Work involves performing a wide variety of manual, automotive and equipment operation tasks involved in municipal right of way, public infrastructure maintenance and building and grounds maintenance. Position requires a minimum of a Class B CDL license, which must be obtained within the first six (6) months of employment.

Please visit the Town's website, [www.townofmiddlebury.org](http://www.townofmiddlebury.org), for additional information about this position.

EOE Town of Middlebury

**Help Wanted**

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**Help Wanted** **Help Wanted** **Help Wanted**

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If interested, please reach out to Jennifer at [volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org) or 802-388-1100 Ext. 229

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## Help Wanted

**FULL TIME POSITION** Innkeeper/Store Manager position with Bristol Suites and Vermont Marketplace in Bristol, VT. Ideal candidate will be friendly and enjoy meeting new people, possess excellent problem solving skills, be organized with attention to detail and comfortable using a computer. Retail sales and/or hospitality experience a big plus, as is supervising other employees. Position will require weekend and some after-hours availability. Living in or near Bristol is an asset. If you like to brag about Vermont (and Bristol in particular) and never have a dull moment, this job is for you! Competitive Salary. Benefits and paid time off. Call 802-453-4017 with questions. E-mail resume to [carol@wellsmountain.com](mailto:carol@wellsmountain.com).

## Help Wanted

**HELP WANTED TOWN OF LINCOLN**

The Town of Lincoln is accepting applications for one Full-Time Highway Worker and two Plow Operators for the winter. Ability to perform manual labor and be available during the winter months to work overtime at nonscheduled times for road maintenance required. Competitive wages, as well as benefits for full-time position. Full job descriptions are on our website <https://lincolnvermont.org/highway>.

Please send resume to [Lincolnvtjobs@gmail.com](mailto:Lincolnvtjobs@gmail.com) or to the Lincoln Town Office at 62 Quaker Street, Lincoln VT 05443, Attn: Oakley Smith. Lincoln is an E.O.E.

## HOUSE SITTER NEEDED

last week in September and first two weeks in October. Care for two dogs, two cats, and water plants. 10 minutes to Middlebury. Call: 802-373-0961

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Vermont Soap is looking for attentive, reliable and responsible people to work in our production department.

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**SEEKING AFTER SCHOOL CAREGIVERS**  
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**SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**  
Bridge School seeks teachers who can fill in for staff on leave.

Learn more about Bridge School's mission and teaching pedagogy at [BridgeSchoolVermont.org](https://BridgeSchoolVermont.org). Please email [jen@bridgeschoolvermont.org](mailto:jen@bridgeschoolvermont.org) with your cover letter and resume to apply!

**Town of Middlebury Highway Maintainer II**

The Town of Middlebury, Vermont, is hiring for a Highway Maintainer II position. Work involves performing a wide variety of manual and automotive equipment operation tasks involved in municipal right of way, public infrastructure maintenance and servicing of assigned automotive equipment. Position requires a minimum of a Class B CDL license.

Please visit the Town's website, [www.townofmiddlebury.org](http://www.townofmiddlebury.org), for additional information about this position.

EOE Town of Middlebury

## Help Wanted

**TOWN OF PANTON – ROAD CREW**

The Town of Panton has a single opening for a Road Crew position. Road Crew reports to the Road Foreman and is expected to be available as needed for storm response/snow removal from November - March.

Candidates should have the following:

- CDL with endorsements and a clean driving record
- Ability to operate town highway equipment
- Plow and wing, sanding, and salting operations experience
- Paving and paving materials and practices, bridge maintenance, drainage, and culvert construction experience
- Ability to perform strenuous physical tasks such as bending, lifting, carrying, digging, etc., in all weather conditions
- Ability to carry out written or oral instructions
- Good judgment when carrying out duties and ability to maintain good working relationships with the public
- Carry out regular maintenance of equipment
- Advanced mechanical skills are a plus

A full job description and application can be obtained at Town Hall, 3176 Jersey St, Panton, or at <https://www.pantonvt.us/jobs.html>.

## Help Wanted

## Help Wanted

## Help Wanted

**MOTIVATED FULL-TIME** Automotive Technician wanted with knowledge in brakes, exhaust, oil changes, tires, VT State Inspection license as well as all other related mechanical job duties. Your own tools required. Benefit package offered. Contact 802-482-6666 or [hartmeadllc@gmail.com](mailto:hartmeadllc@gmail.com)

## Help Wanted

**SIMPLYREADY, A DIVISION** of the Bill Doran Company, is looking for several seasonal and permanent Floral Associates to service our customer in the Middlebury area. Possibility for future advancement. Job entails displaying and caring for potted plants and floral bouquets. Candidate must be creative, flexible and enjoy a work environment that offers autonomy and room to grow. Pushing, pulling, walking, bending, and lifting up to 30 lbs is required. Please contact Jeanette at: 802-922-3852.

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

## For Rent

**FOR RENT:** Cozy, comfortable, well furnished "Camp" in Ripton, Vermont. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Well appointed kitchen. \$1450 per month. Tenant pays heat and electric. Available 1 November. 6 month minimum lease. Contact Catherine at 802-382-8878 for info and pics.

## For Rent

**MIDDLEBURY HOME RENTAL,** January through May 2023 (dates are flexible). We are snowbirds heading south for the winter. Our classic mid-century home has 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 bathrooms, laundry facilities, a basement that can be used for a study, office, or workout space, back deck with grill and a garage. From our home you can walk upstreet to the library, restaurants, the AMTRAK station and the beautiful Middlebury falls, stroll through Middlebury College, or explore the trail around Middlebury. Our home features beautiful grounds, lovely sunsets and a supreme neighborhood. Rent includes snow plowing, trash/recycling, internet and yard/garden maintenance. No pets. \$2,250, plus gas/electricity per month. \$2,000. deposit due at signing of lease. Please call 802-458-8929 for more information.

## For Sale

**FOR SALE** 3 Cushion Sofa \$150. Gourmia Air Fryer like new \$50. & Free Piano. Please call Joan 802-558-1822. Thank you.

## For Sale

**FOR SALE: HONDA** Self-propelled gas lawn mower in Middlebury village. Two years old. \$600 new. Asking \$385. Call 802-989-5773, please leave message.

## For Sale

**NIGHT STANDS** With a drawer. Pair \$100 or \$50 each. 18 inches by 25 1/4 inches. Also, a Westpointe 10,000 BTUs \$250. Please call 802-388-4134.

## Lawn and Garden

**FOR SALE: HONDA** Self-propelled gas lawn mower in Middlebury village. Two years old. \$600 new. Asking \$385. Call 802-989-5773, please leave message.

## Help Wanted

## For Rent

**SHOREHAM:** Share a home with a sociable senior gentleman who enjoys card games & family time. Minimal rent in exchange for evening meal prep 3-4x/week, companionship & light help around the house. Private BA. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, refs, bg check req. EHO.

## For Rent

**VERGENNES VALLEY VIEW APARTMENTS** is currently taking wait list applications. Occupants must be 62+ years of age. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply - Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 [www.SummitPMG.com](http://www.SummitPMG.com).

## Wanted

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## Want to Rent

**COVERED PARKING** FOR small van RV. Need 8 1/2' clearance and full access. Prefer Bristol and surrounding area. 530 388 8914 text.

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ADDISON COUNTY  
COMMISSION SALES**

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Sales for 8/25 & 8/29, 2022

| BEEF               | LBS. | COST /LB | \$       |
|--------------------|------|----------|----------|
| Conant's Riverside | 1310 | 1.175    | 1539.25  |
| M&L Quesnel        | 1285 | 1.09     | 1400.65  |
| Ethan Allen Farm   | 1745 | 1.01     | 1762.45  |
| Nea Tocht Farm     | 1825 | 1.00     | 1825.00  |
| Monument Farms     | 1845 | .965     | 1780.43  |
| Nop Bros & Sons    | 1780 | .96      | 1708.80  |
| J. Allen           | 1905 | .95      | 1809.75  |
| CALVES             | LBS. | COST /LB | \$       |
| Kayhart Bros       | 102  | 3.125    | \$318.75 |
| H. Sunderland      | 106  | 3.125    | \$331.25 |
| A. Morrill         | 112  | 3.05     | \$341.60 |
| Vorstevelde Farm   | 87   | 3.00     | \$261.00 |
| Putnam Farm        | 84   | 2.50     | \$210.00 |

TOTAL BEEF - 173 TOTAL CALVES - 318  
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**STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ADDISON UNIT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-04461  
IN RE ESTATE OF:  
WALTER YOUNG**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To the Creditors of: Walter Young, late of Middlebury, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this 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: August 18, 2022

Administrator:  
Msgr. John McDermott  
55 Joy Drive  
So. Burlington, VT 05403  
jmcdermott@vermontcatholic.org

Publication: Addison Independent  
Publication Date: 09/1/22  
Address of Probate Court:  
Addison Unit, Probate Court  
7 Mahady Court  
Middlebury, VT 05753

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 21, 2022  
NOTICE**

A public hearing before the Planning Commission of the Town of Ferrisburgh will be held at the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday September 21st, 2022 to consider the following applications and other business:

7:05 PM Application #22-049 for a final plat review for a three (3) lot subdivision; 462 Monkton Road; applicant(s): Liz & Peter Markowski; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) district; tax map id no.: 15/02/12.

The above files are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Persons wishing to appear and be heard may do so in person or be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications about the above hearings may also be filed in writing with the Board or the Zoning Administrator.

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

**TOWN OF SALISBURY  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, to consider the following:

**Application 2022-04**  
An application from Mason West (parcel ID #0753012) in connection with a proposed (Major) (7) lot subdivision, from the referenced parcel, creating a total of 7 lots, located at 87 Upper Plains Road in Salisbury. This property is located in the Low Density Residential District, (LDR).

This application is pursuant to §2.4.3, §6.1, §6.0.1(4), & §6.5.2 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.

Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §4465(b) and §4471.

These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those wishing to participate remotely must obtain the necessary remote access codes. Access codes (for on-line or phone) are available by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk during regular business hours prior to 3:00 PM on September 20, 2022. The Salisbury Town Office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Application materials are available for inspection in the Town Office during regular business hours.

Anna Scheck  
DRB Clerk

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**STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ADDISON UNIT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-04527  
IN RE ESTATE OF:  
DAVID T. MICKEY**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To the Creditors of: David T. Mickey, late of Bristol, VT. 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: 08/30/22  
Signed: Carol A. Hickok,  
Co-Executor  
114 Mountain Street  
Bristol, VT 05443  
802-922-1947  
chickok1@netzero.com

Signed: Jennifer Mickey-Montague,  
Co-Executor  
PO Box 24  
Bakersfield, VT 05441  
802-370-4208  
sjkmontague@comcast.com

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**STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ADDISON UNIT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-04826  
IN RE ESTATE OF:  
PAUL L. GOULET**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To the Creditors of: Paul L. Goulet, late of Addison, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this 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: August 26, 2022

Administrator:  
Suseanne E. Goulet  
c/o James W. Swift, Esq.,  
Langrock Sperry & Wool, LLP  
PO Drawer 351  
Middlebury, VT 05753  
802-388-6356  
jswift@langrock.com

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7 Mahady Court  
Middlebury, VT 05753

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

One National Life Drive, Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3522  
**Notice of Draft General Permit 3-9004**

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is proposing to reissue a **general permit to authorize discharges from petroleum related remediation activities to Class B state surface waters**. The Agency has prepared a draft general permit in accordance with requirements established as part of the Vermont General Permit Rules and the Vermont Water Pollution Control Act.

This general permit is a statewide permit that will regulate and authorize the discharge of treated contaminated water associated with the remediation of petroleum contamination to Class B waters.

The public comment period is **August 25, 2022 through September 26, 2022**. Written comments on the proposed general permit will be accepted until the close of the business, **4:30 P.M., September 26, 2022** and can be mailed to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vermont 05620-3522. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail: ANR.WSMDWastewater@vermont.gov or at: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer2.aspx?Report=WVPublicNotices&ViewParms=False>. All comments received by the above date will be considered in formulation of the final determinations.

During the notice period, any person may submit a written request to this office for a public hearing to consider the proposed permit. The request must state the interest of the party filing such request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. A hearing will be held if there is a significant public interest (including the filing of requests or petitions for such hearing) in holding such a hearing.

Amy Polaczyk, Program Manager  
Watershed Management Division  
August 25, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
POLICY WARNING**

The Slate Valley Unified Union School District Board will conduct a public hearing at their meeting on September 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. and take action on the following policies:

**B33 Resignations  
C70 Use of Restraint & Seclusion**

Copies of the policy are available on the district website at [slatevalleyunified.org](http://slatevalleyunified.org)  
Brooke Olsen-Farrell  
Superintendent of Schools

**ACSD  
Addison Central School District**

In our capacity as public schools, the districts of the Addison Central Supervisory Union are required to locate, identify, and evaluate any child or student from birth and up who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

The Federal special education regulations define a child with a disability as a child having a learning impairment, a hearing impairment including deafness, a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment including blindness, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness or multiple disabilities and who require specialized instruction and related services.

If you know of a child who lives in the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham or Weybridge and who might have a disability as described, please contact the principal of your local school district or contact the Director of Student Services at 802-382-1287.

Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the procedures described in 300.530.300.535 of the Federal Regulations for Special Education outlining the procedures for special education evaluations.

**Addison Northwest  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ADDISON NORTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham)  
CHILD FIND NOTICE**

Addison Northwest School District is required by federal law to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. The process of locating, identifying and evaluating children with disabilities is known as child find.

Addison Northwest School District schools conduct PreK screening each spring, but parents may call to make an appointment to discuss their concerns at any time. As the school district of residence, ANWSD has the responsibility to identify and provide services to any child with special needs who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

If you have, or know of any ANWSD resident who has a child with a disability under the age of 21 or a child who attends a private school located in Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes or Waltham, Vermont, we would like to hear from you. Sometimes parents are unaware that special education services are available to their children.

Please contact the School Principal (Ferrisburgh Central School – 877-3463, Vergennes Union Elementary School – 877-3761, Vergennes Union High School – 877-2938) or the Director of Student Support Services, Kara Griswold at 877-3332 or [kgriswold@anwsd.org](mailto:kgriswold@anwsd.org).

**TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY  
NOTICE OF VACANCY**

Pursuant to Title 24 VSA 961 (a) Notice is hereby given of a vacancy on the Middlebury Selectboard effective September 1, 2022. Pursuant to Title 24 VSA 96 (c) and Section 303 of the Middlebury Town Charter, the Middlebury Selectboard must appoint an eligible person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting on March 7, 2023.

Interested eligible voters of the Town of Middlebury who wish to be considered for appointment by the Selectboard for the period ending March 7, 2023 may submit a letter of interest to the Middlebury Selectboard no later than Monday, September 12, 2022, c/o Kathleen Ramsay, Town Manager, 77 Main Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, by email at [kramsay@townofmiddlebury.org](mailto:kramsay@townofmiddlebury.org).

**NOTICE OF TAX SALE  
TOWN OF ADDISON**

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of real property in the Town of Addison in the County of Addison are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

**Property Owners: John E. Oliva  
Property Address: 9 Oven Bay, Addison, VT 05491  
Parcel ID # OB0009**

Land and premises described in a Quitclaim Deed from Donald Freda to John E. Oliva dated January 23, 2020 and recorded at Volume 111, Page 823 of the Town of Addison Land Records.

**Tax Years: 2020-2021  
Amount of tax, interest, cost and penalties: \$11,526.96**

Reference may be had to said instruments for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appear in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Addison.

So much of such real property will be sold at public auction at the Addison Town Clerk's Office, 65 VT Route 17 West, Addison, VT 05491, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with interest, costs and penalties, unless previously paid. Property owners or mortgagees may pay such taxes, interest, costs and penalties in full by cash or certified check made payable to the Town of Addison. At tax sale, successful bidders must pay in full by cash or certified check. No other payments accepted. Any questions or inquiries regarding the above-referenced sale should be directed to the following address:

Kristen E. Shamis, Esq.  
Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC  
156 Battery Street  
Burlington, VT 05401  
kshamis@msdvt.com

Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC, and the Town of Addison give no opinion or certification as to the marketability of title to the above-referenced properties as held by the current owner/taxpayer.

Dated at Addison, Vermont, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

Alden Harwood  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
Town of Addison

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF ADDISON**

The Addison Planning Commission will hold a monthly meeting on **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Addison Town Clerk's Office.**

To consider the following:

- To approve the meeting minutes for August 15, 2022.
- To transact any business found necessary before the board.
- To allow time for public comment interaction at beginning of the meeting.
- We need to work on updating & referencing some sections for implementing Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan. Continue to work on definitions & reviewing The Vermont State Statutes (Chapter 117). Do we add "Cannabis" to our regulations?
- Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the September meeting & continue to review the Zoning Regulations pertaining to Districts & Sections.
- We will review the revised notes on items that the Z.A. helped with. (Zoning) PUDS, and Density-zoning, tables & road frontages within the districts. We have a rough draft to work from to review corrections & consider input from the Select Board & DRB for additions/corrections.
- Planning for a WORK meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30PM at the T.C.O. after the regular monthly meeting.

Starr Phillips, Secretary  
Addison Planning Commission

**STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ADDISON UNIT  
In re: Estate of David A. Jerry, Jr.**

**CIVIL DIVISION  
Docket No. 22-PR-4873**

**NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL**

To the heirs, legatees and devisees of DAVID A. JERRY, JR., late of Ferrisburgh, Vermont. A hearing will be held on September 13, 2022, at 11:30 A.M. at the Superior Court of Vermont, Addison Unit, 7 Mahady Court, Middlebury, VT 05753 on the under signed's Motion to Allow the Will of the deceased, David A. Jerry, Jr. All heirs, legatees and devisees of David A. Jerry, Jr. who wish to attend and participate should contact the court at the above address or at (802)388-7741 for more information on how to participate, including the option of remote participation by video or telephone.

Date: 08-29-2022  
Signed: Tina Booska  
Name of Publication: Addison Independent  
Publication Date: 09-01-2022  
Name of Probate Court:  
Addison County Superior Court, Probate Division  
Address of Probate Court:  
7 Mahady Court, Middlebury, VT 05753

# City police try to resolve family issues

VERGENNES — Vergennes police received a half-dozen calls in a four-day span from the same duplex, shared by two generations of the same family. The calls covered a variety of issues, including allegations of theft and fraud, requests for welfare checks and concerns about loud noises.

The first call, on Aug. 23, came in from the older couple in one half of the home, alleging that their son in the other half had three years ago sold two guns owned by the couple to help with their medical bills, but then did not pay them. Police said the statute of limitations had expired, but if the facts were correct the parents could pursue civil action.

Later that day the son called and asked police to check in on his parents because they appeared depressed about the possibility they might need to move to a care home. On Aug. 26 he again called to seek a welfare check.

On Aug. 24 the son alleged one parent had stolen \$1,200

## Vergennes Police Log

out of a joint account, but police determined the parent had authorization to do so in the event of an emergency.

On Aug. 26 the son and his girlfriend twice reported yelling, and once banging, in the other half of the home.

Police said they are working with AgeWell through Project Vision North to help the parties.

In other action between Aug. 15 and 28, Vergennes police conducted four patrols by cruiser and two on foot, nine traffic stops, one property watch and two VIN inspections; responded to one false alarm; took multiple pre-employment fingerprints; helped a motorist get into a locked car, and also:

On Aug. 15 helped a motorist with a disabled vehicle in the

Champlain Farms parking lot and gave the person a ride to Button Bay State Park.

On Aug. 16:  
• Issued warnings to the owners of two cars citizens saw racing on Commodore Drive.

• Went to the Ferrisburgh park-and-ride lot to help Vermont State Police with a reported domestic dispute and discovered loud teens instead of an argument.

On Aug. 17:  
• Made the first of several visits to the Green Street area to look for a homeless man with a bicycle acting suspiciously in and around a bank and credit union. National Bank of Middlebury officials finally requested a no-trespass order, but as of earlier this week police had not yet found him to serve it.

• Went along with the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad to the city green to help a man experiencing mental health issues; VARS took him to a hospital for help.

On Aug. 18 responded to a report of two men on the grounds of the Valley Vista facility at 1 Alden Place who were causing a client to be fearful. They were gone, but police interviewed the client for details.

On Aug. 19 checked out a reported fight on Main Street and were told by a group of four people it was a misunderstanding, and police said the people apologized

for being loud.

On Aug. 20 joined state police at the scene of a reported family fight in Waltham.

On Aug. 21 responded to a report of two people arguing on South Main Street and found one drunk and possibly under the influence of drugs lying by the side of the road. That person declined help, and police made sure he reached a home safely.

On Aug. 25:  
• Looked unsuccessfully for a woman from Vergennes and her car that St. Albans police said might have been involved in a domestic dispute in that city.

• Directed traffic around a tractor-trailer truck that broke down on the hill near the Main Street bridge.

On Aug. 26 within a few minutes found a young child who had wandered away from a South Water Street home.

On Aug. 27:  
• Supported the Vergennes Day road race.

• Responded to a minor accident on South Water Street.

• Spoke to a Monkton Road resident with a concern about an eviction.

• Dealt with a noise complaint at a Main Street apartment building.

On Aug. 28 warned a Whispering Pines Campground resident not to dump trash at Champlain Farms.

# Ferrisburgh

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lamm.org. for more information on all the events. On Saturday, Sept. 3, between 10:30 a.m. and noon, stop by the museum and explore its wonderful collection of historic postcards promoting Lake Champlain, ranging from early- to mid-20th century. Children and adults alike will have a chance to color in their own postcards based on some of the best examples from the collection.

On Sept. 10 and Sept. 11, LCMM will host a weekend of sailing. Visitors can glide out onto the lake in custom-built sailing dinghies made in the Museum's boat shop. A great experience for family, friends, or adventurous dates, this is a special weekend experience for anyone looking to have some sailing fun on Lake Champlain. Participants can book boats in one-hour increments for themselves or their group. Each boat can fit two adults and one child (under 13) maximum. Participants should have previous on-water experience in a sailboat, kayak, canoe, or other small watercraft and should be able to swim.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the museum will offer a session on the practicalities of how to clean, fillet, and cook fish. This event is cosponsored by Let's Go Fishing, a network of volunteer instructors who encourage and teach Vermonters aquatic education on behalf of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Bixby Memorial Library's book club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. This month's meeting, Sept. 13, will focus on Ruth Ozeki's novel "All Over Creation," the story of Yumi Fuller, who returns home after 25 years to confront her dying parents and her conflicted past while becoming involved in the present-day effects of agribusiness on her hometown farming community. The Bixby Book Club reads a variety of books, spanning the genres of contemporary, literary and historical fiction, as well as non-fiction, biography, and classics. Books can be reserved by emailing Laksamee at laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org

The Bixby is bringing back the

"Cook the Book" club! Sign up to cook an item from its selected cookbook and bring it in to share and discuss at a potluck lunch on Saturday, Sept. 24, at noon. This month's club will be enjoying recipes from "Home Grown: Cooking from my New England Roots" by Matt Jennings. In this debut cookbook, chef Matt Jennings explores the iconic foods of New England and celebrates the fresh ingredients that have come to define his renowned, inventive approach to cooking. For more information, visit [www.bixbylibrary.org](http://www.bixbylibrary.org).

Our area schools are actively preparing for the upcoming academic year, which will be full of events and programs to enrich our students' learning experiences. Families and the community are encouraged to follow the schools' websites and other social media to stay informed of school events and to learn how we all can support the education of our community's children. Visit the Vergennes Union High School website, [www.vuhs.org](http://www.vuhs.org), to learn how to volunteer for such groups as the Commodore Friends of Music, the Parent Teachers Group, or the Booster Club.

The Ferrisburgh Central School is seeking volunteers to support a variety of items, including fundraising, the Halloween "Monster Mash," the arts and crafts event "Make and Take," and artist-in-residency programs. Funding from the PTO supports such activities as field trips, grants for materials and items requested by staff and teachers, family fun events, and outdoor classroom learning experiences. The PTO meets once monthly via Zoom. For more information and to volunteer contact the PTO at [fcsppt@gmail.com](mailto:fcsppt@gmail.com).

NOTE: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column, so if you have events that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at [smwkersch@comcast.net](mailto:smwkersch@comcast.net). You are also able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).

**STATE OF VERMONT  
SUPERIOR COURT  
ADDISON UNIT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-03332  
IN RE ESTATE OF:  
STEPHEN TOWNSEND  
WELCH**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To the Creditors of: Stephen Townsend Welch, late of Ferrisburgh, Vermont.

We have been appointed to administer this 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 us 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: August 25, 2022

Co-Executors:

Daniel D. Welch, Peter J. Welch  
c/o Thompson Law Offices, PLLC  
Vergennes, VT 05491  
802-870-7250

Carolyn@elderestateplanning.com

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## Public Notices

can be found in this  
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## Full Passport Service Addison County Courthouse

The Addison County Clerk located in Frank Mahady Courthouse is available to accept passport applications and provide passport photos.

**REGULAR HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
**9am to 1pm**

Tuesday **12:30pm to 4:30pm**

**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.**

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED.**  
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## Hancock guided walks set Sept. 7

HANCOCK —The public is invited to attend a free community event, Forests Floodplains, Flyways & Farming, in Hancock on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Millard family's Hancock Mountain Farm at 2333 Route 100 N, in Hancock.

Three guided walks will be offered. Steve Libby from the Vermont River Conservancy will explore the intersection of floodplain easements and farming practices on the property. Greg Russ from the White River Partnership will visit the recently planted riparian zones that protect river water quality and support avian flyways and aquatic species habitats. Allan Thompson from the

Vermont Woodlands Association will illustrate forest stand improvement methods, climate change challenges, and explore bat habitats in the 19th Century barn.

The program will also feature a portable sawmill demonstration by Phil Sweet of Sustainable Earth Project LLC, using recently harvested beech, birch, ash, cherry, and spruce logs.

All ages and family groups are welcome. The walks are easy, but hiking shoes are recommended. Ample parking provided on site. Complimentary refreshments will be served. To gauge attendance please RVSP by Monday, Sept. 12 to Ron Millard at [rmillard@fuse.net](mailto:rmillard@fuse.net).

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# ARTS INSURE

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## 'Yoga with Jillian' stretches the stage's boundaries

**N**ext week, Addison County audiences will have an opportunity to get up out of their theater seats and get moving as they join the immersive play "Yoga with Jillian." This performance, presented by Town Hall Theater and Project Y, takes the audience through an amazing, incredible, fantastic, one-hour yoga journey with instructor

BY **ELSIE**  
LYNN PARINI

Jillian played by Michole Biancosino of Middlebury.

"This play is about a woman who discovered her passion later in life," explained Biancosino, who is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Middlebury College and the Co-Founding Artistic Director of Project Y Theatre. "Jillian was living that dream and then COVID hit... It's a play about what happens when you can't do the thing that brings you joy — when

life comes in and knocks you on your ass."

As Jillian tries to teach again in our changed world, the shiny, happy yoga teacher attempts to keep the class, and herself, from completely imploding.

"We started working on this initially at the height of COVID," said Biancosino, acknowledging playwright Lia Romeo and director Andrew W. Smith. "Lia had a 20-minute proof of concept that we put on at the barn in back of my house in Middlebury."

*Middlebury's Michole Biancosino stars as the title character in the upcoming one-night interactive show "Yoga with Jillian." This hour-long comedy will take the stage at Town Hall Theater on Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. Sixteen audience members can sign up to be yoga students in the performance.*

PHOTO / TARA GIORDANO

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# Find Addison County art at Mad River Craft Fair

**T**he 51st Annual Mad River Valley Craft Fair will be held at Kenyon's Field, 3337 Main Street, Waitsfield over Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3 and 4, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. More than 80 artists from all over Vermont and New England will offer their work for sale, along with live music, a food court, craft cocktails from Mad River Distillers, kids' activities and door prizes. There is a small cash entry fee for adults and teens; kids under 12 years of age can enter for free. All proceeds support the Valley Players, a community theater group in Waitsfield.

Several of the artists are from the Middlebury area. Elin Lundstrom Joy of Metal Nomad in Middlebury will bring her unique jewelry; from New Haven, Stan Katz and Maureen Short will offer their prints, photocards, jewelry and metal landscapes. Well-known artist Woody Jackson from Cornwall will be on hand with his iconic cows printed on calendars, tote bags, cards and framed prints. Shirley L. Claudon of Vermont Amber Designs in Weybridge brings a variety of baltic amber and gemstone jewelry; and Barbara Nelson of Studio Bee in Ripton will have a wide selection of hand

made pottery products and wall art. Other artists come from all over Vermont and New England.

Live music is always a big part of the Fair and four bands will play throughout the two days. Scheduled to appear on Saturday morning is Green Mountain Swing, a 17-piece big band that recently appeared at the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. On Saturday afternoon, The Phineas Gage Project will entertain with their "Groovy Global Folk Funk" style. On Sunday morning Madigan Linnane, an emerging musician with roots in Grafton, Mass., and now residing in The Mad River Valley, will play her thoughtful lyrics drawn from emotional life experiences. She combines them with a modern folk/pop/indie musical style which produces songs that appeal to a broad audience. On Sunday afternoon the Medicine Tribe returns to the Craft Fair, featuring Colleen Mari Mays with her crystal-clear vocals and upbeat acoustic guitar, and TJ Johnson on keyboard. Mays has more than a decade of experience playing at the Fair.

It's easy to make a day of it at the Craft Fair since you can take a break from shopping

to listen to music and have lunch or an adult beverage. Wilcox's lemonade and ice cream returns to the Craft Fair with their from-scratch treats, and Rick's Chuckwagon returns with good old American fare: hot dogs, sausages with onions and peppers, hamburgers, French fries, grilled cheese and more. New to the Craft Fair, but beloved in the Valley, is Yak It To Me! serving yak burgers and sausage wraps. Mama Africa Cuisine will offer their amazing fried chicken and samosas, and authentic Mexican food will be on hand as well. To round things out, Mad River Distillers will be offering craft cocktails for those 21 or older. For the younger crowd we have free face painting and games.

"The Craft Fair is our major source of funding for the year," said Board of Directors member Ruth Ann Pattee. "We're slowly coming back to a full production schedule, and we're looking forward to seeing our family of vendors and visitors again this year at the Fair."

Please leave pets at home. Masks under the tent are optional. For the full list of door prizes, artists, directions and more information go to [madrivercraftfair.com](http://madrivercraftfair.com).



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## YOGA

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That's where THT Executive Director Lisa Mitchell experienced the initial production of "Yoga With Jillian" back in the summer of 2021.

"As a yoga novice, I relished the opportunity to participate in this humorous and powerful play via a yoga mat," Mitchell said. "Jillian's attraction to wellness and struggle for perfection unspools in a timely and poignant narrative."

Energized from this mini-performance, Romeo — a playwriting fellow at the Juilliard School with accolades to spare — reworked the script to make it longer, tailoring the lead role for Biancosino.

So what's it like to play a character with such obvious toxic positivity?

"It's really scary; it's really fun," Biancosino explained in an interview this week. "It's freeing to play a character who's trying to keep it all inside, a character who's trying to maintain her sense of self, leading



Michole Biancosino will teach yoga to 16 participants and a full audience during the upcoming play "Yoga with Jillian."

PHOTO / TARA GIORDANO



Lia Romeo wrote "Yoga with Jillian" and Andrew W. Smith directed the show.



something and being a teacher... But she's not able to keep up her veneer."

The pretense that everything is fine and everything is going to be fine unravels in a light-hearted comedy.

"It's very funny," Biancosino reiterated. "All I've been wanting to do recently is have relief and flex my joy. It's time to laugh at ourselves and our toxic positivity!"

The play will be staged at THT on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. If you're interested in being one of the active audience participants, you'll make that selection when you buy your ticket via the Town Hall Theater box office. Those spots are limited

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— Michole Biancosino

to the first 16 registrants. If you'd prefer to simply watch as a seated audience member, there will be lots of seats for you too.

Before coming to the Middlebury stage, "Yoga With Jillian" played in Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh City Theatre as part of Momentum Festival 2022. And after the one-

night show here in Middlebury, "Yoga with Jillian" will continue its run at the Women in Theater Festival in New York City and then in Edinburgh, Scotland, next summer.

"This play is a great opportunity for our community to see a really unusual and unique performance that you might otherwise only find in some large city in the underground theater," Biancosino added. "It's experimental, it's hilarious and it's inclusive."

Tickets are \$20 and are available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org) or by calling 802-392-9222.



## MIDDLEBURY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

FALL 2022 SEASON

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October 8 ■ 7:30 PM

**Clayton Stephenson, Piano**

\$25/20/15/10/5

October 29 ■ 4 PM

**Choral Chameleon: Healing Sound Bath**

\$25/20/10/5

November 11 ■ 7:30 PM

**Castalian Quartet**

Free

December 2 ■ 7:30 PM

**Jupiter String Quartet  
Jasper String Quartet**

\$25/20/15/10/5

December 9-11 ■ Streaming only

**Manual Cinema:  
A Christmas Carol**

Free

**Tickets on sale September 15**

Mahaney Arts Center  
Live and Streaming

# Mahaney Arts Center reveals 30th anniversary season

**M**iddlebury College's Mahaney Arts Center (MAC) will welcome artists and audiences with a series of world-class and international performances in the 2022-2023 season. The MAC will celebrate its 30th anniversary this fall with a weeklong residency and outdoor performances by Burlington Taiko.

The Middlebury Performing Arts Series will enter its 103rd season with new and diverse programming in music, dance, and theatre, as well as an exploration of exciting themes: the conclusion of a "year of the cello," music in honor of Rachmaninoff's 150th birthday, and several programs at the intersections of healing, technology and the arts.

Learning lessons from the

pandemic, many events will be offered live and in-person, whereas others will be available to stream or as live/virtual hybrids. Events will again be open to audiences from both on- and off-campus, with campus-wide health protocols in place: vaccinations and boosters required (or valid medical or religious exemptions); masks optional (except under certain conditions) but welcome.

## 2022-2023 SEASON LINE UP

### BURLINGTON TAIKO

**Friday, Sept. 30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Oct. 1, 2 and 3 p.m.**  
**MAC plaza and back lawn**  
**Free**

Prepare to be mesmerized by the powerful, spellbinding, and propulsive sounds of the Taiko drums. To kick off the Mahaney Arts Center's 30th anniversary, Burlington Taiko performs two half-hour sets on the MAC's back lawn each afternoon. Come early

on Friday to follow a parade from the center of campus starting at 3:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine.

### CLAYTON STEPHENSON, PIANO

**Saturday, Oct. 8**  
**7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5**

Fresh from the Van Cliburn Competition finals, young American pianist Clayton Stephenson makes his Vermont debut with an opulent program including Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and Beethoven's "Appassionata" sonata.

### CHORAL CHAMELEON: HEALING CHORAL SOUND BATH

**Saturday, Oct. 29**  
**4 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$10/5**

Collaborating with certified sound healers, singers will surround the audience in 360 degrees, "bathing" them in the layered sounds of voices, Tibetan singing bowls, chimes, gongs and more. This intensive sound experience is designed to wash over the body for healing, peace, and restorative contemplation.

### CASTALIAN QUARTET

**Friday, Nov. 11**  
**7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**Free**

This internationally acclaimed quartet treats us to a free concert of exceptional works: Janáček's Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata"; Sibelius' Quartet in D Minor, "Voces intima"; and Beethoven's Op. 130 Quartet, with the epic Grosse Fuge finale. This free event is made possible thanks to the Sunderman Family Concert Endowment Fund, in memory of Dr. F. William Sunderman Jr. and Dr. Carolyn Reynolds Sunderman.

### JUPITER STRING QUARTET AND JASPER STRING QUARTET

**Friday, Dec. 2**  
**7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5**

This collaborative concert by an exceptionally close group of musicians will conclude MAC's "year of the cello" celebration with performances of Schubert's cello quintet, Reena Esmail's Ragamala, and the beautiful Mendelssohn Octet. Bask in the full sound of a string octet in the impeccable acoustics of Robison Hall.

### MANUAL CINEMA: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

**Dec. 9-11**  
**Free**  
 The interdisciplinary performance group Manual Cinema reinvents Charles Dickens's holiday classic

with a visually inventive adaptation made for the screen, drawing on hundreds of paper puppets, miniatures, silhouettes and an original score.

### HEART OF AFGHANISTAN

**Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5**

Four brilliant Afghan musicians — famed singer/Afghan TV star Ahmad Fanoos on vocals and harmonium, his sons Elham on piano and Fanoos on violin, and Hamid Habibzada on tabla — carry the flame of Afghanistan's rich and complex musical heritage from its pre-Islamic Buddhist period to the modern era.

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER: "MAGICAL SCHUBERT"

**Friday, Jan. 27, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall**  
**\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5**

We celebrate Franz Schubert's genius with his lighthearted fantasy for Violin and Piano in C Major; his splendid Piano Trio in B-flat Major, No. 1; and his greatest piano duet, the Fantasie in F Minor. Performed by violinist Benjamin Beilman, cellist David Requiro, and pianists

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## 2022 Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert Series

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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.

## EDGEWATER GALLERY AT THE FALLS

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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.

## EDGEWATER GALLERY ON THE GREEN

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**"Be Still"** a solo exhibition of paintings by Rory Jackson, is on view through Sept. 27. Jackson's latest collection of landscapes invites us to pause, take a deep breath and appreciate the nuanced beauty of the skies that frame the rural landscape of our state.

## JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant Street, Middlebury  
Visit [townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery](http://townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery) or call 802-382-9222 for more info.

**"Writing on the Wall Project"** featuring a new series of paintings by Vermont artist Samuel Wyatt. He studies the light, shadow and textures of urban settings, and was inspired to further explore the communications found within those settings in the form of graffiti. The exhibit will be on view Aug. 19-Sept. 30.

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**ARIES:** March 21-April 20. This week you may need to carve out some alone time to get yourself centered again, Aries. Too many things have been pulling you in different directions lately.

**TAURUS:** April 21-May 21. Don't feel the need to conform to what others expect from you, Taurus. You don't have to fit into a mold. Figure out what works for you and go with it.

**GEMINI:** May 22-June 21. Gemini, some heavy issues may be coming your way and you'll need to work through them. This may be something that requires collaboration with others.

**CANCER:** June 22-July 22. Don't try to force your way into a situation, Cancer. If things don't happen organically, you'll have to try another way or accept things aren't meant to be.

**LEO:** July 23-Aug. 23. Leo, the novel approach you'll want to take regarding a situation this week may be met with some opposition. Don't let that deter you from trying something innovative.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, even though there have been some big changes in your life of late, there is room for more modification. You simply have to go with the flow for the time being.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23-Oct. 23. It's easy to get thrown for a loop when so many things are changing rapidly, Libra. Keep your eye on the prize and you will likely come through on the other side just fine.

**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Scorpio, the way others see you isn't who you really are. Keep doing what you are doing if you are pleased, as you don't have to change your colors to appeal to others.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Reevaluate your priorities this week, Sagittarius. You don't need the best or the biggest to be happy. Focus on your health and the little things instead.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22-Jan. 20. This is the week to focus on nourishing your spiritual self, Capricorn. If you are religious, attend a service or volunteer for your house of worship; otherwise, meditate at home.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, a sense of nervousness may have you acting without thinking things through. Team up with someone you trust to thoroughly vet ideas before diving in.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, be careful what you say to others because you don't know what that person will repeat. Avoid gossip at all costs.

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SEPT. 4 — Richard Wright, novelist (d)  
SEPT. 5 — Freddie Mercury, singer (d)  
SEPT. 6 — Idris Elba, actor, (50)  
SEPT. 7 — Chrissie Hynde, musician (71)

# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

**BRETT HUGHES AND MATT FLINNER AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.** Thursday, Sept. 1, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Come hear these diverse and accomplished musicians and enjoy pizza too. Bring a picnic blanket. Tickets \$35, includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Kids 5 and under are free. Bring a picnic blanket. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

**ART OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, September 2, 5-7 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. An opening for the Sheldon Museum's new exhibit "Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage." Exhibit guest curator, Ric Kasini Kadour, will be present at the reception. Free and open to the public. Learn more [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org).

**JADED RAVINS AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.** Friday, Sept. 2, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd.. A modern-day Johnny and June, Jaded Ravins perform in large and small venues from New England to Nashville. Whether they're playing at home in backcountry bars, or in big city clubs, Jaded Ravins are always ready to pour their hearts out on stage. Bring a

picnic blanket. Tickets \$35, includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Kids 5 and under are free. Bring a picnic blanket. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

**LOW LILY IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m., (time may change), Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Mountain Mac Cider Company presents this free concert in the orchard. Feel free to bring a chair and your own picnic. Hard cider and donuts will be available too. While we love furry friends, this is not a dog-friendly event. More info at 802-388-2411.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

**"SOLDIERS ATOP THE MOUNT" IN ORWELL.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. A Revolutionary War enactment honoring the soldiers who built and garrisoned Mount Independence in 1776-77. Hands-on-history activities for all ages and interests. Baldwin Trail Walkabout from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., reenactors will demonstrate period life, skills and military activities and a woods skirmish. Admission \$7 adults/free children under 15, includes visiting the museum.

**HISTORIC LAKE CHAMPLAIN POSTCARDS IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Stop by LCMM and explore

their collection of historic postcards promoting Lake Champlain, ranging from early- to mid-20th century. Visitors can color in their own postcards based on some of the best examples from the collection.

**CONNLA IN LINCOLN.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E River Rd. Ripton Community Coffee House returns after a summer break with the hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland. Connla has been quickly making an impact on the folk/traditional scene. Their sensitive and innovative arrangements of traditional and modern folk songs and tunes have helped them create a unique sound that appeals to both traditionalists and modern music fans. Tickets \$15 general admission/\$20-\$25 generous admission, or pay what you can. More info at [rcch.org](http://rcch.org).

**THE SILVERBACKS IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Sq. Another chance to dance the night away with the Silverbacks, a Blues and Classic Rock band that offers authentic Blues and vintage Rock and Roll tunes. The band offers a great selection of songs that are recognizable and thoroughly danceable. Tickets \$14 couples/ \$8 adults/\$7 students and seniors.

## SUNDAY, SEPT 4

**"SOLDIERS ATOP THE MOUNT" IN ORWELL.** Sunday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mount

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| <p><b>MCTV Channel 1071</b><br/><b>Friday, Sept. 2</b><br/>Through the Night - Public Affairs<br/>4:30 a.m. Press Conference<br/>5:36 a.m. Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness<br/>7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service<br/>10 a.m. Selectboard<br/>4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church<br/>5:30 p.m. Energy Week<br/>6:30 p.m. Public Affairs<br/>8 p.m. Coalition to End Homelessness<br/><b>Saturday, Sept. 3</b><br/>Through the Night - Public Affairs<br/>10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs<br/>3 p.m. Energy Week<br/>4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service<br/>5:30 p.m. Eckankar<br/>7 p.m. Catholic Mass<br/>7:30 p.m. An Economy of Our Own Digital Possibilities<br/><b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b><br/>5 a.m. Selectboard<br/>9 a.m. Catholic Mass<br/>9:30 a.m. Medical Matters Weekly<br/>10 a.m. Energy Week<br/>11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service</p> | <p>4 p.m. Congregational Service<br/>6:30 p.m. Eckankar<br/>7 p.m. Catholic Mass<br/>7:30 p.m. Abolish Slavery Vermont<br/>9 p.m. Norwich University Peace and War Center<br/>10:47 p.m. Coalition to End Homelessness<br/><b>Monday, Sept. 5</b><br/>6 a.m. Cannabis Control Board<br/>9 a.m. Energy Week<br/>10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs<br/>3 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly<br/>3:30 p.m. An Economy of Our Own<br/>5:02 p.m. NU Peace and War Center<br/>8 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly<br/><b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b><br/>5 a.m. Energy Week<br/>6 a.m. Medical Matters Weekly<br/>9:30 a.m. Eckankar<br/>10 a.m. Selectboard<br/>1:45 p.m. NU Peace and War Center<br/>4 p.m. Congregational Service<br/>5:30 p.m. Energy Week<br/>7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs<br/><b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b><br/>4:30 a.m. An Economy of Our Own<br/>6:02 a.m. Medical Matter Weekly</p> | <p>6:30 a.m. Energy Week<br/>7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service<br/>9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass<br/>10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs<br/>5 p.m. Energy Week<br/>7 p.m. Selectboard<br/><b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b><br/>5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs<br/>8 a.m. Congregational Service<br/>12 p.m. Selectboard, Press Conf.<br/>8 p.m. Energy Week<br/>9 p.m. Eckankar<br/>10 p.m. Public Affairs<br/><b>MCTV Channel 1091</b><br/><b>Friday, Sept. 2</b><br/>4 a.m. Dick Shadroui - A Musical Celebration<br/>5:40 a.m. Upper Valley Chamber Music Orchestra<br/>8 a.m. School Board Meetings<br/>12 p.m. VNRC - Dam Removal &amp; Waterways Restoration<br/>12:30 p.m. The Surprising History of Garden Vegetables<br/>1:40 p.m. Author Talk - Greg Guma<br/>4:30 p.m. School Board Meetings<br/>7:30 p.m. State Board of Education</p> | <p>10:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/><b>Saturday, Sept. 3</b><br/>12 a.m. James Stewart - How Music Changed the World<br/>1 a.m. State Board of Education<br/>5 a.m. ACSD Board Meeting<br/>7:30 a.m. Owls with Craig Newman<br/>8:30 a.m. All Brains Belong VT - Brain Rules of the Health Care System<br/>10 a.m. Hannaford Career Center Board<br/>5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>6 p.m. Garden Vegetables<br/>7:07 p.m. Owls with Craig Newman<br/>8 p.m. GMALL Lecture<br/><b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b><br/>5 a.m. All Things LGTQ<br/>6 a.m. Garden Vegetables<br/>7:07 a.m. Owls with Craig Newman<br/>8 a.m. School Boards<br/>1 p.m. Dr. John Campbell<br/>2 p.m. Garden Vegetables<br/>3:10 p.m. All Brains Belong<br/>5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>6 p.m. Upper Valley Chamber Music Orchestra<br/>7:03 p.m. Author Talk - Sarah Stewart</p> | <p>8 p.m. Pot Luck Kitchen<br/>8:30 p.m. All Brains Belong<br/><b>Monday, Sept. 5</b><br/>6 a.m. Yoga<br/>7 a.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>12 p.m. Gallery Talk - Willa Cox<br/>12:50 p.m. GMALL Lecture - Photographers<br/>4 p.m. Dr. Campbell<br/>7 p.m. School Board Meetings<br/><b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b><br/>4 a.m. School Board Meetings<br/>11 a.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>12 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead<br/>8 p.m. Author Talks<br/><b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b><br/>5 a.m. Upper Valley Chamber Music Orchestra<br/>6:08 a.m. Yoga<br/>12 p.m. School Board Meetings<br/>9 p.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>10 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead<br/><b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b><br/>6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>7 a.m. School Board Meetings<br/>5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ<br/>6:30 p.m. Yoga<br/>8 p.m. School Board Meetings</p> |
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Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Reenactment of a sermon that was preached at Mount Independence during the American Revolution, several short history vignettes and demonstrations with a reading of Declaration of Independence, at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$7 adults/free children under 15, includes visiting the museum.

**BLUES WITHOUT BORDERS IN CORNWALL.** Sunday, Sept. 4, 5-7 p.m., 14 Audet Rd. The West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series' final concert of the season. WCBCS offers a family friendly atmosphere and a fantastic lawn for picnicking. Weather permitting, with rain dates worked into schedule. No admission fee, but we do appreciate any and all donations.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 5

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB POTLUCK IN MIDDLEBURY.** Monday, Sept. 5, 4-7 p.m. Come celebrate the season harvest on Morris Earle's back deck. The section will provide corn for all and will even cook it. Bring a dish to share and stories of your summer. Contact Morris with questions, and to RSVP, 802-734-0984 or [morisearle@gmail.com](mailto:morrisearle@gmail.com). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

**"DID THE SUPREME COURT JUST HOBBLE THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE?"** virtual lecture. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m., Zoom. Constitutional scholar Meg Mott and Aaron Kisicki from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources consider the arguments on both sides of the recent Supreme Court decision in West Virginia v. the Environmental Protection Agency, and discuss the implications of this Supreme Court ruling on legislation for climate change. More info and link at [vermonthumanities.org/programs](http://vermonthumanities.org/programs).

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

**COLLECTORS' STORIES IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, Sept. 7, noon, Henry Sheldon Museum barn, 1 Park St. Four collectors who lent objects to the Sheldon Museum's current exhibit Addison County Collects will share stories about their collections with the community in the Henry Sheldon Museum's barn, including Bob Hooker, Rod Michaud, Pam Pezzulo and Rick Ceballos. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like. More info at [HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://HenrySheldonMuseum.org) or 802-388-2117.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN HUNTINGTON.** Thursday, Sept. 8, Burnt

Rock Mtn via Long Trail. Strenuous out-and-back 10-mile hike to Burnt Rock Mountain. Spectacular views in nearly every direction. Elevation gain: ~2,000 ft. Plan for rock scrambles and rough terrain. Dog friendly. Contact leader Ellen Cronan for details at 908-595-2926. Bring a snack or lunch, water, and dress to the weather in thermal layers (avoid cotton). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org)

**AUTHOR ERIK SHONSTROM IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m., Little Seed Coffe roasters, Merchants Row. The Vermont Book Shop welcomes Middlebury native Erik Shonstrom back to his hometown. Shonstrom will present his new book "I Probably Should've Brought a Tent," answer audience questions, and celebrate with friends, old and new.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

**"THE ECOLOGY OF TICKS AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Sept. 9, noon, in the barn, Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. David Allen, Associate Professor of biology at Middlebury College will present a brief introduction to tick biology. Allen will also discuss his research trying to understand what drives tick-borne disease risk in Vermont. Allen studies the ecological, climate and landscape factors which determine tick-borne disease risk. Free and open to the public. Limited seating — first come, first served. Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like. More info at [HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://HenrySheldonMuseum.org) or 802-388-2117.

**FOOTWORKS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m., (time may change), Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Mountain Mac Cider Company presents this free concert in the orchard. Feel free to bring a chair and your own picnic. Hard cider and donuts will be available too. While we love furry friends, this is not a dog-friendly event. More info at 802-388-2411.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LINCOLN.** Saturday, Sept. 10, Emily Proctor Trail (longer). As part of Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Day celebration, take this strenuous hike of the whole Bread Loaf Section from the Emily Proctor trailhead to Sucker Brook, approximately 17 miles. Start at the Emily Proctor trailhead early Saturday morning (around 6 a.m.) and hike through to the Sucker Brook trailhead with the goal of being off the trail at 3:30. Bring a snack or lunch, water and dress to the weather in thermal layers (avoid cotton). More info and registration contact leader: David Morrissey at 802-989-0651 or [dfmorrissey117@gmail.com](mailto:dfmorrissey117@gmail.com). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

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The Idiots

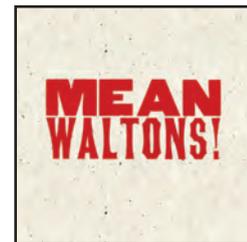


## SEPTEMBER 9

Super Stash Bros.

## SEPTEMBER 16

Andy Lugo

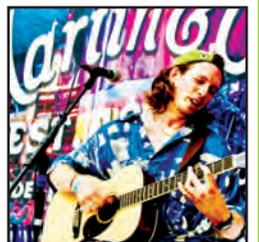


## SEPTEMBER 23

The Mean Waltons

## SEPTEMBER 30

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Alessio Bax and Gloria Chien.

### LAUREL JENKINS DANCE: THE WILDS

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25, 2023

7:30 p.m., MAC, Dance Theatre

\$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5

Live dancers with motion capture technology and simultaneous animation create The Wilds before your eyes. Part mythology, part utopian vision, the performance echoes patterns of nature, from

the subatomic to the cosmological, to reveal the interconnectedness of all beings.

### CHORAL CHAMELEON

Friday, March 3, 2023

7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5

This 16-person vocal ensemble from NYC is nicknamed "America's Test Kitchen for choral music" for fearlessly experimenting and championing unexpected and new combinations of music.

### DOVER STRING QUARTET

Friday, March 10, 2023

Haochen Zhang, Piano 7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall \$25/20/10/5; streaming

tickets \$15/5

The celebrated Dover String Quartet joins forces with award-winning Chinese pianist Haochen Zhang to play a newly commissioned work: the Vermont premiere of Marc Neikrug's Piano Quintet No. 2, "In Six Parts." The work is paired with Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34.

### THE WESTERLIES AND THEO BLECKMANN

Friday, April 7, 2023

7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5

The Westerlies are an innovative brass quartet of trumpet and trombone players who skirt the boundaries of jazz, classical, and pop. They team up

with composer and vocalist Theo Bleckmann to create a contemporary concert called "This Land," with cleverly arranged protest songs by Bertolt Brecht, Joni Mitchell, Woody Guthrie, Agha Shahid Ali, and many others.

### SOPHIE SHAO & FRIENDS

Friday, April 21, 2023

7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5

Acclaimed cellist and Middlebury audience favorite Sophie Shao celebrates Rachmaninoff's 150th birthday with violinist Scott Yoo and pianist John Novacek, playing the composer's Piano Trio élégiaque No. 1 as well as Reena Esmail's Piano Trio.

### ABDULLAH IBRAHIM AND EKAYA

Saturday, April 29, 2023

7:30 p.m., MAC, Robison Hall \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5

Legendary jazz pianist Abdullah Ibrahim last performed at Middlebury 30 years ago, mere days before the opening of the now Mahaney Arts Center. This time he'll grace our stage with his band Ekaya, which means "home" — during a weekend that celebrates both South African Freedom Day and International Jazz Day.

All events are subject to change. Audiences can visit the Arts at Middlebury website ([middlebury.edu/arts](http://middlebury.edu/arts)), call 802-443-MIDD (6433) or email [mac@middlebury.edu](mailto:mac@middlebury.edu) for updates.

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### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LINCOLN.

Saturday, Sept. 10, Emily Proctor Trail (shorter). As part of Green

Mountain for 5.5 miles. The pace will be moderate and starting time mid-morning with the goal of ending the hike at 3:30. Bring a snack or lunch, water, and dress to the weather in thermal layers (avoid cotton). More info and registration contact leader Ruth Penfield at [ruthpenfield@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpenfield@gmail.com) or 802-458-1116. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN RIPTON.

Saturday, Sept. 10, Burnt Hill. As part of Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Day celebration, hike 5-6 miles of moderately challenging hiking from the Burnt Hill trailhead to Middlebury Gap. Depending on time and participation, this can include an out and back to Boyce Shelter and/or Silent Cliff. Moderate pace, leaving mid-morning with the goal of being off the trail at 3:30. Dog friendly. Bring a snack or lunch, water, and dress to the weather in thermal layers (avoid cotton). More info and registration contact leader Beth Eliason [betheliason@gmail.com](mailto:betheliason@gmail.com). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**JIM SHAW IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park. Downtown Brandon Alliance brings you live solo performers every second and fourth Saturdays through September.

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB LONG TRAIL CELEBRATION IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m.-closing, Drop-In Brewing, Route 7 South. Following a day of hikes in Ripton and Lincoln, join the Green Mountain Club Bread Loaf section at Drop-In Brewing, to toast finishing a hike and to the Long Trail. More info contact Ellen Cronan at [ecronana@yahoo.com](mailto:ecronana@yahoo.com). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**SAILING WEEKEND IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday,

Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Visitors can glide out onto the lake in custom-built sailing dinghies made in the Museum's boat shop. For anyone looking to have some sailing fun on Lake Champlain. Participants can book boats in one-hour increments for themselves or their group. Each boat can fit two adults and one child (under 13) maximum. Participants should have previous on-water experience in a sailboat, kayak, canoe or other small watercraft and should be able to swim. Cost \$40 or pay what you can.

### "THE FLYING ACE" SILENT FILM IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Brandon town Hall, 1 Conant Square. This film is a rare example of movies produced for black-only theaters in segregated parts of the nation and was added to the National Film Registry in 2021. Live music for each silent film program will be provided by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer and composer who specializes in scoring and presenting silent films. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

### "YOGA WITH JILLIAN" ON STAGE IN

MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 10, 7-8 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Town Hall Theater and Project Y Theatre present this immersive play featuring yoga teacher Jillian, who plans to take the audience through an amazing, incredible, fantastic, one-hour yoga journey. As Jillian tries to teach again in our changed world, the shiny, happy yoga teacher attempts to keep the class, and herself, from completely imploding. Feel free to bring your mat or watch from your seat! Yoga is encouraged but never required. Tickets \$20, available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

Mountain Club's Long Trail Day celebration, join this strenuous hike of approximately 11 miles at a good pace from the Emily Proctor trailhead to route 125 at the Middlebury Gap. Start will be early morning with the goal of ending the hike at 3:30. Bring a snack or lunch, water, and dress to the weather in thermal layers (avoid cotton). More info and registration contact leader Ellen Cronan at [ecronana@yahoo.com](mailto:ecronana@yahoo.com). More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

### 17TH ANNUAL KELLY BRUSH RIDE IN

MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 10, start at Middlebury College Alumni Field. Route 30. Enjoy the beautiful Vermont countryside while empowering people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. The Kelly Brush Ride powered by VBT is an iconic Vermont celebration in support of the Kelly Brush Foundation's mission to inspire and empower people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives. Join a nationwide community helping make active lifestyles possible by riding 10, 20, 50 or 100 miles at Middlebury or remotely on a route of your choosing. More info at [kbf.akaraisin.com/ui/2022KellyBrushRide](http://kbf.akaraisin.com/ui/2022KellyBrushRide).

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN RIPTON.

Saturday, Sept. 10, Sucker Brook Trail. AS part of Green Mountain Club's Long Trail celebration day hike the Sucker Brok Trail to Middlebury Gap. Moderately challenging hike up and over Worth

# PUZZLES

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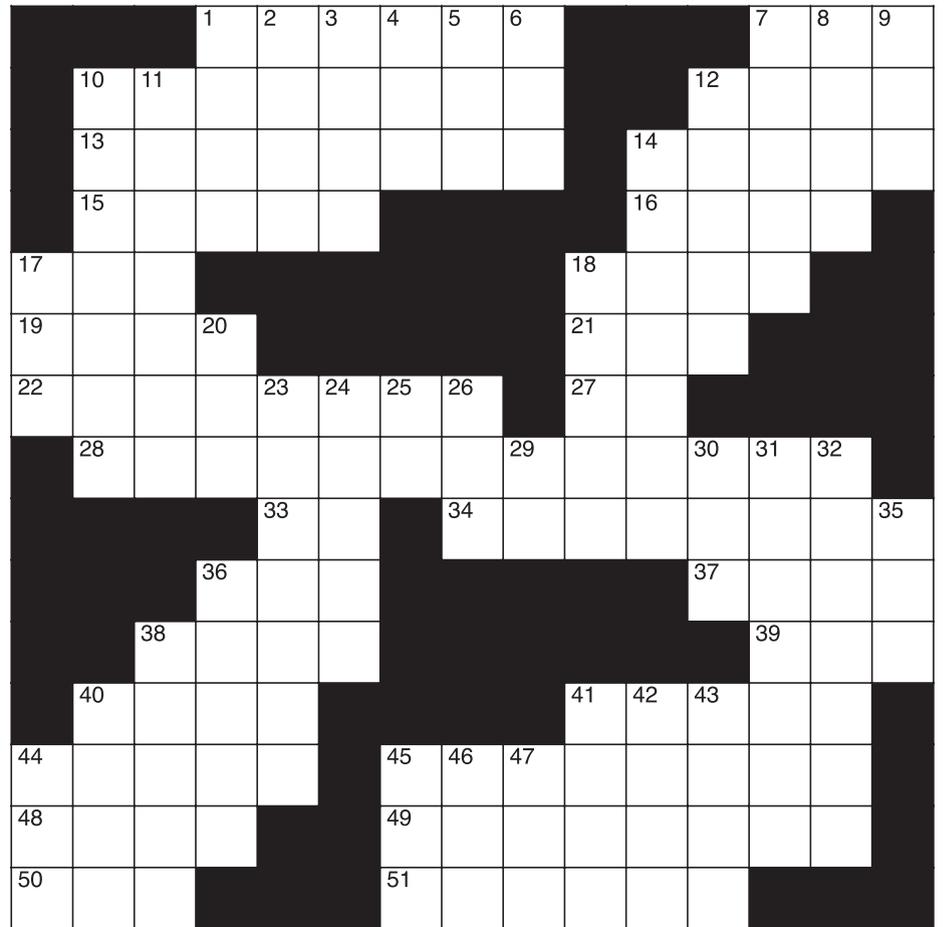
1. Grievous
7. Queens ballplayer
10. Honorable title
12. Created
13. Grillmasters do it
14. Wartime German cargo ship
15. Cocoplum
16. Hebrew calendar month
17. British thermal unit
18. Brews
19. One of Thor's names
21. Decorative scarf
22. Clothes
27. -\_ \_ : denotes

- past
28. A way to address a lover
  33. Commercial
  34. Utters repeatedly
  36. Google certification (abbr.)
  37. Taxis
  38. Belgian village in Antwerp
  39. Talk excessively
  40. Broad volcanic crater
  41. Surgical instrument
  44. Listens to
  45. Revelation of a fact
  48. Paddles
  49. Heard

50. Tooth caregiver
51. Metric capacity units

## DOWN

1. Protein-rich liquids
2. Musician Clapton
3. Wine
4. When you hope to arrive
5. Something one can get stuck in
6. Midway between east and southeast
7. Mothers
8. German river
9. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
10. Discharged
11. Areas near the retina



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## 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**

12. Greek mythological sorceress
14. Very unpleasant smell
17. " \_\_ Humbug!"
18. White poplar
20. Journalist Tarbell
23. Teachers
24. One older than you
25. Long Russian river
26. Run batted in
29. Beloved Hollywood alien
30. Holiday (informal)
31. Furniture with open shelves
32. Argued
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Cars have them
38. Volcanic craters
40. Made of fermented honey
41. Shelter for mammals or birds
42. One who utilizes foot
43. Moves swiftly on foot
44. Builder's trough
45. Architectural wing
46. 12
47. Pacific Standard Time

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.



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# ASK A MASTER GARDENER

## ALL ABOUT MARVELOUS MILKWEED

**M**ilkweed is a critically important plant for the monarch butterfly, which is threatened with extinction. The monarch caterpillar uses milkweed as its primary food source, and its powerful flowers provide nectar for countless butterflies, bees and insects.

BY **BONNIE KIRN DONAHUE**

If you stop and observe a milkweed plant in flower for

even a short time, you will likely see a frenzy of insect activity, which instantly illustrates how important these plants are to nature.

Interested in providing a home for the monarch butterfly and beneficial insects in your garden? Milkweed is the answer!

One way is to preserve any existing patches of milkweed where you live. Instead of mowing the patch down, leave it up as a wildflower patch throughout the summer and fall.

Milkweed can be cut back after it has gone

to seed and the fluffy white seeds have dispersed, usually around mid-October. If the seed pods haven't released their seeds by this time, you can open the pods and help disperse them yourself.

Don't pull milkweed from your garden. Embrace its informal growing habit, and allow it to grow freely among your flowers. It will fit right in.

Planting native milkweed by seed or transplants is another great way to support the monarch and other beneficial insects. If sowing seeds, the ideal time to plant is fall as the seeds require cold stratification. In other words, the seeds need prolonged exposure to cold winter temperatures to break their natural dormancy cycle, which stimulates germination in the spring.

For transplants, wait until early spring after the danger of frost has passed to plant. Fall planting may not give them adequate time to get established before winter.



Bonnie Kirn Donahue is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and landscape designer from central Vermont.

You can sow seeds in the spring, but they will need to be cold-treated for a high germination rate. To do this, place the seeds in moist paper towels in a plastic bag or container in a refrigerator with the temperature at 40 F for a minimum of three weeks to three months.

It is important to purchase locally sourced seeds or plants. Place-specific genetic variations can develop by region, so sourcing your plants near where you live will have the most beneficial result.

When you think of milkweed, common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is the plant that most likely comes to mind. This species grows 2-3 feet tall with showy and fragrant dusty pink to mauve flowers. It grows well in full sun with dry to medium dry soil moisture.

With striking orange flowers, butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is a showstopper in the garden. While slow to grow, the vibrant flowers on this perennial make it worth the wait. Growing 1-2.5 feet tall, it also prefers full sun and dry to medium dry conditions.

Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) has very place-based genetics, so it is especially important to source this species locally. It has dusty pink flowers and grows taller than the previous species at 3-4 feet tall. As indicated by the name, this milkweed prefers soils that are medium to wet in moisture and full sun.

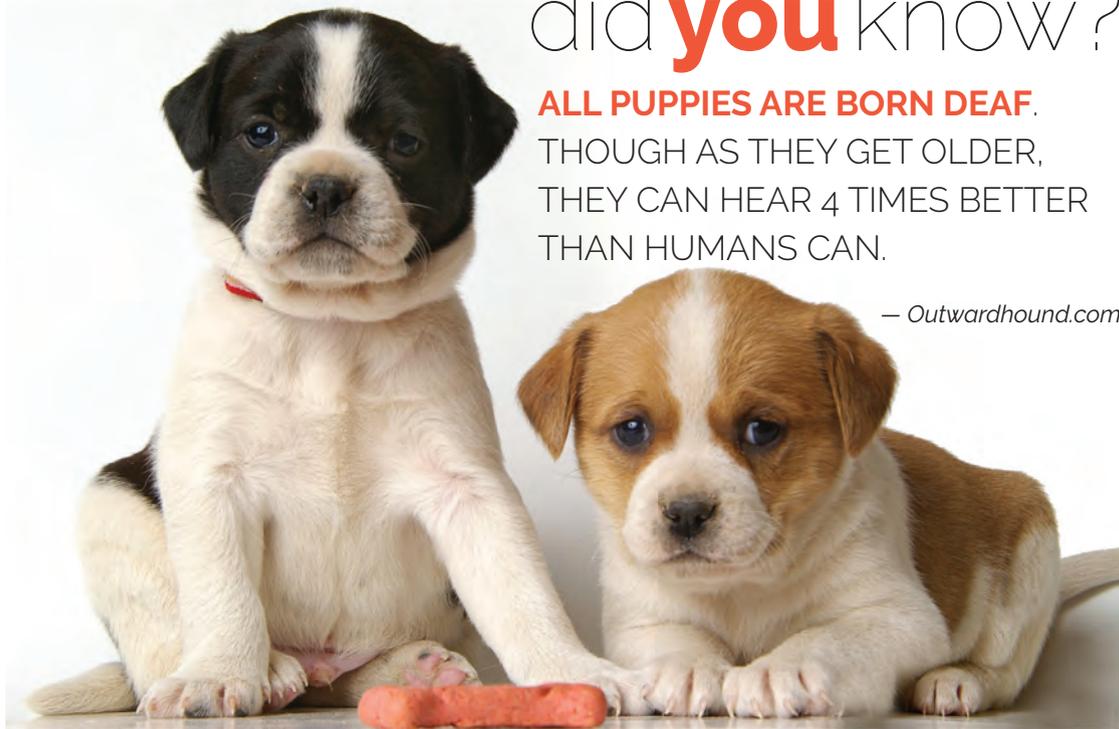
Another native, whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*) has delicate white flowers and can reach heights of 1-2.5 feet. You can plant this in full sun or part shade. It grows best in dry to medium dry soil conditions.

Interested in learning about how to plant milkweed by plant or seed? Check out the Monarch Joint Venture ([go.uvm.edu/milkweed](http://go.uvm.edu/milkweed)) for detailed instructions.

Considering its significance to the monarch and its magnet-like attractiveness to beneficial insects, milkweed is one of the most satisfying plants to grow in the garden. Whether you are tending an existing patch or planting your own, give this incredible plant a try. Nature will thank you.



Swamp milkweed with its dusty pink flowers is a favorite food source for monarch butterflies, which feed on its nectar.



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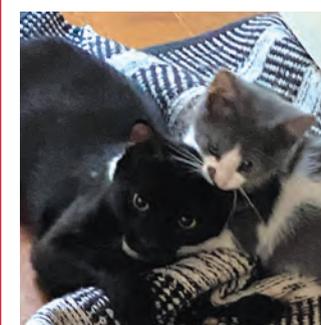
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**Amber** is a sweet and loving 5-year-old who likes to snuggle up on your lap! She came in as a stray and it has taken her some time to get used to shelter life. She's on the right path to becoming more trusting and relaxed. Amber needs a family that has dog-ownership experience. She's working on her leash training and how to stay calm when passing other dogs. Amber loves playtime. She's curious about cats, but should be the only pet in a home for now. Amber needs a home without young children.



**Aster** is a 3-year-old, 52-pound terrier mix. She is high energy and would make a fantastic hiking/walking buddy! Exercise is key for her. She loves playing fetch and has excellent agility skills. She is strong on a leash but walks well with proper positive reinforcement and harness equipment. Aster is very treat-motivated, housebroken, and knows basic commands. She absolutely loves snuggle time. She has the most beautiful eyes and her wagging tail will make anyone smile! Aster is human affectionate and dog selective, and she reacts negatively to cats. Older kids would be fine.

**Fresca** is a 2-year-old 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 Fresca to burn off some energy. She's 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 about what dogs she will accept to spend time with. Proper introductions are key for her to have a good experience.

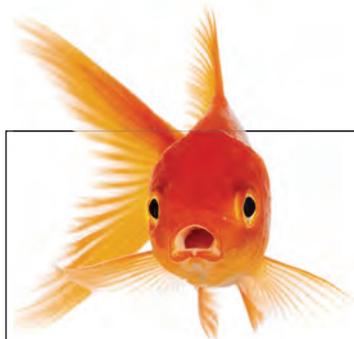


Meet **Mamacita** (2 years) & **Checkers** (3 months)! Mamacita gave birth to 5 kittens while in our foster program and has become very attached to her son, Checkers, so we hope to place them in a home together. They are both very sweet cats who would love a home with countless cat toys and sunny spots to lay in. They do well with other cats, but not dogs so a no-dog home would be ideal. Both cats love people and are happy meeting new friends that come and go to their home.

**Nimbus** is an extra-large 5-year-old who is on a strict 'wet food only' diet. When he arrived he weighed almost 24 pounds! Nimbus has started losing weight, despite his best attempts to persuade you into giving him treats. Nimbus loves to play with laser pointers and wand toys (as long as they're within arms' reach). We are unsure how he does with cats or dogs.



**Utah** is an affectionate 2-year-old who can be demanding when she wants attention. She likes to grab your arm and nibble to get you to pet her. Utah loves to chase a laser-pointer and she's really good at using a scratching post or pad. Utah would be best as an only cat.



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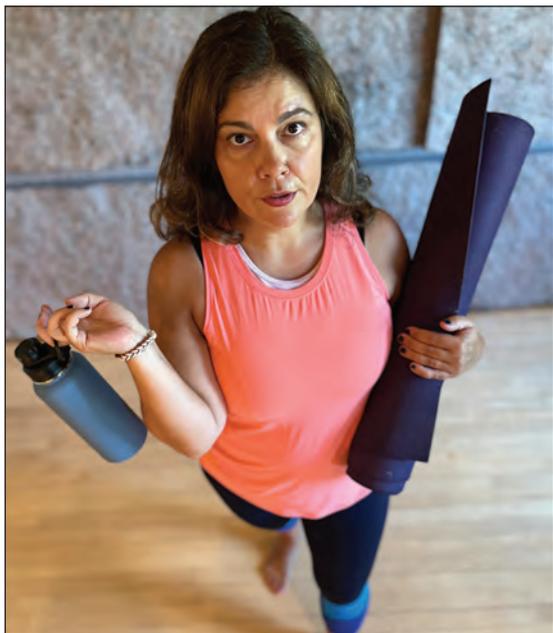
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# Firefighters work harder with fewer members

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BY KATIE  
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s the number of hours that people have to volunteer dwindle in small towns across the county, fire departments continue to struggle to maintain an adequate number of dedicated helpers. They have worked extra hard to recruit new members, retain existing ones and foster a familial community within the department.

Bristol Fire Chief Brett LaRose recalls a time where the entire department was Bristol natives and there was a waitlist to get on the department. Now, a third of the roster is made up of people who did not grow up in Bristol, and there is certainly no cap on members.

Demographic changes in these communities have had an immense impact on Addison County fire departments. The history of many of these small towns is agricultural. Thus, departments were filled with local members, many of them sons of farmers in the area and farmers themselves.

And places like Brandon have fewer volunteers for organizations like the fire department and rescue squad because the loss of manufacturing jobs, such as at Vermont Tubbs and Nexus, has led a lot of people to move away, according to Brandon Area Rescue Squad Chief Andy Jackson. Moreover, many qualified volunteers move on to paid EMT services, he added.

And, as the agricultural sector shrinks, many people have begun to travel further distances for work, which leaves very few people for calls during the day. Bridport Volunteer Fire Department Captain Cory

Pratt said the last thing a person with a long commute wants to do when they get home is go out again to volunteer. The COVID-19 pandemic has helped a little bit in this regard, with more people working locally, and thus ready to go during daytime emergencies. There are also some members of the department that are retired, or work night shifts.

Still, because fire departments are largely volunteer organizations, chiefs recognize that families and full-time employment should be members' priorities. The goal, for LaRose at least, is for the department to be a person's third or fourth priority.

*"It's an extremely rewarding opportunity. We don't get paid to do it, but the benefits far exceed anything you could get paid for. The chance to help out your neighbors in a time of need is a pretty rewarding feeling."*

— Bridport Captain  
Cory Pratt

The same is true at other fire departments around the county. Allen R. Alger, a trustee at the Orwell department, said that while there are 20 people on the Orwell Fire Department roster, a call in the middle of the day might only get three or four people.

Kyle Hutchins is president of the Dunmore Hose Company, which provides fire protection in Brandon, Leicester and Goshen. He said the Brandon Fire Department is down to 23 people on the roster, with 15 or 16 reliably coming to calls, as opposed to a 38-person roster in 2014-15, with 30 reliable members.

"With any volunteer organization, numbers are just that. They're just numbers. What level of participation, involvement you get from your personnel is different and it's varying between organizations," said LaRose, who encounters a similar problem, despite having 31 on Bristol's roster.

All the while, call volume has tripled since LaRose joined the service more than 25 years ago, going from 50 or 60 a year to 160. For instance, they respond to an average of 30 motor vehicle crashes a year in Bristol

alone. Putting out fires is actually the least of what the department does today, according to LaRose. Building code improvements, public fire education in schools and other preventative aspects have helped reduce the number of fires. The department responds to false alarms, smoke detectors and residential alarms. What this means, however, is that for some of these tasks, a person might decide not to go. A lack of schedules, which is one of the benefits, allows the person to choose.

Cornwall Fire Captain Raph Worrick recalls smaller calls when only two people show up, in which he was grateful that the call ended up being not too demanding. A two-person team could not have tackled a larger problem.

Pratt owns Pratt's Store in Bridport, and he uses it as an opportunity to recruit people who come into the fire department.

"I will honestly say that I am recruiting every day. And if it wasn't for that, or if I wasn't involved, I could totally see Bridport being in the same kind of situation," he said.

Heavy recruitment has helped Bridport become somewhat of an outlier in the story of struggling numbers at area fire departments. It has about 34 members, which actually

exceeds the statute of 30, leading Bridport to have to transfer some active members into life members to make room for new members.

In fact, it's never too early for Pratt to start recruiting. The BVFD tries to involve the community and elementary school through open houses. Pratt hopes that he can ingrain in young kids how cool it is to serve with the fire department, so they remember later on when they are old enough to join.

LaRose described the six-part recruitment process for his fire department. He invites the potential member to come to an informational meeting with him, and to bring their spouse or a family member, so they understand the commitment, too. LaRose then facilitates an interview with the two assistant chiefs, town administrator and a representative from the selectboard. He does a background check and firefighters need to do a medical evaluation. LaRose can then make a recommendation to the selectboard, who ultimately approves the person.

## FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

The training for firefighters cannot be overlooked. For first year volunteers, the training is around 250 hours. Essentially, the department has to ask new members to give up

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# Student takes time from class to fight fires

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By **WILLIAM REED**

J Rossbach, a Middlebury College student from Seattle, is breaking boundaries locally and nationwide as a volunteer at the Middlebury Fire Department.

MFD is made up of 35 committed community members. Included in

that cluster are five students a year who make up the college's student volunteer portion of the group.

These students are on call 24/7 for the entire academic year, working alongside the 30 other volunteers at the stations in town.

Rossbach, a rising senior at Middlebury College, has been a member of MFD since 2021, but has been a part of the firefighting world for much longer than that. She started her training as a fire-protector four years ago in her home across the country in Seattle at a program called Camp Blaze, a fire camp for young women.

"I first got involved in firefighting with a fire service program geared toward young women. It takes place during the summer and takes

participants from no fire experience to actual live fire," Rossbach told the Independent in a phone interview last month. "I did that exactly four years ago, and now I'm actually volunteering for that same program right now, in Washington."

Camp Blaze is an independent, non-profit program that is a week long and usually takes place at the end of July. The program is funded by major fire departments along the west coast. Rossbach said Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles fire departments in accordance with other departments in their metro areas are among the main large funders of the program.

"There are a ton of people from all these departments, including instructors and campers from a total of 10 different states here," Rossbach said over the phone from Washington state. "And it's all women — there are about 100 women volunteering, and there are 24 young girls who are learning about fire service."

After participating in Camp Blaze, Rossbach joined the cadet program with her local fire department at the Seattle Fire Department. She was a part of their team until the fall of 2021, when she began working with the Middlebury Fire Department.

## RECRUITMENT AND COMMITMENT

MFD and Middlebury College's relationship began in 1988 when Dillon Dimick, a Middlebury freshman at the time, joined the department as a probationary firefighter. Since then, 34 other students have volunteered at the MFD, including Rossbach.

When asked about the process of joining the local fire department, Rossbach said that recruitment, for her, "wasn't as hard as I thought," because she'd gone through it twice before back home on the west coast.

"The Middlebury Fire Department is just such a good community," she said. "The fire department has a really good relationship with the college, and I felt welcomed immediately. It's a great group of people, they feel like my second family."

But it's not always comforting and bubbly. In addition to being on call at all times, the student volunteers are enrolled students at the college, which makes the tasks that come with being a firefighter no small feat.

"We have pagers, and the pagers

are on us 24/7. If we get a call, and we can go, we go. If we can't, we don't."

Rossbach spoke of a sort of mutual understanding between student volunteers and professors back at school who are removed from the fire department but are equally as considerate when it comes to academic leniency.

"There's a lot of respect — if a page sounds like an important call, I might leave class. But if it's an important class, if it's something that I can't miss, I won't leave class. I think we understand each other," she said. "My professors have been really un-

derstanding about tardiness in class: maybe I'll have to leave 10 minutes early, or maybe I'll be at a fire scene for eight hours. And then, if need be, they are more lenient with deadlines and exams."

Rossbach was recruited in the fall of 2021 and served throughout this past school year. She and the four other student volunteers enrolled in the mandatory Firefighter One certification course, which

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*"We have to go through a 200-hour Firefighter One class, which doesn't count towards any Middlebury College credits. We're taking that on top of everything else."*

— A.J. Rossbach

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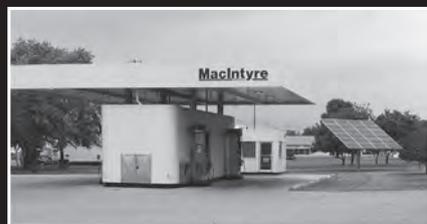
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# Recruiting

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some of their nights and weekends, all while many of them are raising a family and working full time.

Once full members of the department, the training does not stop. In Bristol, team members have to train for 36 hours per year, and 15% attendance is required at all dispatched calls for service.

Training is another area where Pratt prevails. He works hard to turn the difficult work into a fun experience.

"Any job you do has non-favorable things that people don't want to do, but if you lump them together with things that people can have fun with, it makes it a little bit better," he said.

Pratt takes training of the skills the members need and evolves it into something fun. For instance, if firefighters need to practice putting on airpicks, he might make an obstacle course with small openings and members carrying objects. The department also had ice water training, in which 20 members came in on a day below zero degrees Fahrenheit, just to experience getting into frigid water. Pratt also organizes water polo or water games to practice pulling hose lines.

"We're a good group that likes to be together," Pratt said.

Though he did not share fun games like Pratt, LaRose also makes a conscious effort to make Bristol's department a welcoming space. LaRose's work as a supervisor outside of the department helps him have a firm grasp on leadership. He uses democratic leadership at the department to ensure that everyone is involved.

## WORKING TOGETHER

With so many small departments, mutual aid is not only common, but also necessary. In Cornwall, any call that sounds like it will be something major, like a big structure fire, is always supported by mutual aid, according to Worrick. Even if everyone from the primary department shows up, one set of firefighters sometimes just does not have the resources to handle big calls.

When the New Haven Fire Department was called to an apartment house on Route 7 in New Haven Junction last month, firefighters from six other towns also came to help battle the blaze.

LaRose has built automatic mutual aid protocols in his department's operation. He broke the town into four geographical zones, so depending where an emergency call comes from, different people and materials respond. When a certain alarm goes on confirming a working fire, smoke in the building or something of a similar severity, it automatically triggers a second alarm for neighboring departments.



**FIRST RESPONDERS' TRUCKS** line West Shore Drive in Salisbury on Feb. 21 as firefighters from nine departments, including from as far away as New Haven, Bristol and Pittsford, came to extinguish a blaze at a prominent old home known as "Tarkey's."

Independent file photo/Steve James

The automatic aspect helps a fire response move faster.

"We try to take the guessing out of it," he said.

## WHY DO IT

The most rewarding aspect for these firefighting departments is community — the community they build with each other, as well as their ability to give back to the broader neighborhood, town and county community.

"For me, it's also just a way to meet people in town that I wouldn't meet otherwise, just because I wouldn't necessarily intersect with them

through work or my own social circle, so I think it's a good equalizer for the town in the sense that there's all kinds of people on the department, and that gives us a good perspective on the needs of the town in a way that I'm sure a professional department doesn't necessarily have," said Worrick.

"It's an extremely rewarding opportunity. We don't get paid to do it, but the benefits far exceed anything you could get paid for. The chance to help out your neighbors in a time of need is a pretty rewarding feeling, and it makes it worth all the

blood, sweat and tears," said Pratt. "We're a nice little family out here in the country. Everybody kinda knows each other anyways, so that makes our bond easier. Once people get the opportunity to do something for their community, many of them want to do it again."

Despite struggles, fire departments have continued to work hard to ensure that they protect their community. Make sure to thank them next time you see them!

*Editor's note: Steven Jupiter of the Brandon Reporter contributed to this story.*



**SINCE AREA FIRE** departments often can't count on enough volunteers to show up at a truly large structure fire, mutual aid among county departments is essential. For example, firefighters from seven departments — New Haven, Vergennes, Addison, Ferrisburgh, Weybridge, Bristol and Middlebury — responded to this major apartment building fire on Route 7 in New Haven Junction last month.

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## Firefighter group grants scholarships to 2 youths

ADDISON COUNTY — The Addison County Firefighters Association's Scholarship Committee this past spring announced that Karissa Livingston and Henry Carpenter were chosen to receive scholarships awarded to Addison County students. The scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 each. The announcement was made at the ACFA quarterly meeting held in Bristol on April 13.

Karissa is the daughter of Philip and Dawn-Marie Livingston of New Haven. Karissa, a 2021 graduate of Mount Abraham Union High School, is attending Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H., seeking a degree in Business and Finance. Several members of Karissa's family are members of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, including her dad, who is a line captain.

Henry is the son of Jeff Carpenter and Corinna Noelke of Middlebury. A 2022 graduate of Middlebury Union High School, Henry will attend Colgate College in Hamilton, N.Y., seeking a degree in Economics and Math. Henry's dad, Jeff, is a 19-year member of the Middlebury Fire Department and is a captain. Both Henry and his sister, Audrey, are cadets in the department.

The Ray E. Davison Scholarship fund was established in 1992. The Addison County Firefighters Association is pleased and proud to be assisting families of Addison County Firefighters with their college education.

## Student

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teaches the necessary skills of being an interior firefighter, the type of firefighter who enters buildings. The course is rigorous, spanning about 200 hours, beginning in September and ending in May.

"We have to go through a 200-hour Firefighter One class, which doesn't count towards any Middlebury credits. We're taking that on top of everything else," she said. "That's every Thursday for the whole school year. That's the main hard part, I'd say. The bi-monthly trainings and bi-weekly trainings feel quite manageable though."

Rosbach has had an exceptional experience with the MFD and credits her relationships with the non-student firefighters for that.

"The officers and all of the firefighters are so friendly. They always ask how school is going and how homework is going. They know that you're in Middlebury for school, and that that's your priority. Their understanding makes it a lot easier too," she said.

To learn more about Camp Blaze, visit their website, [campblazefirecamp.org](http://campblazefirecamp.org). To learn more about MFD's student volunteering program with Middlebury College, head online to [middleburyfiredept.org/apply-now](http://middleburyfiredept.org/apply-now).



**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE RISING senior A.J. Rossbach, shown at a firefighter training school in Washington called Camp Blaze, volunteers with the Middlebury Fire Department and juggles classes with fire calls.**

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