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An art exhibit at the LCMM looks at how Vt.'s first people connect with water. See Arts+ Leisure.



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CVU quelled a third-quarter rally and pulled away for a big win vs. the MUHS eleven. See Page 1B.



Back to school

County children are back in class now. See photos of their first day on Page 7A.

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BRIDPORT DEMOCRAT JUBILEE McGill, shown with her daughter Marella, is taking another run at the Addison-5 House seat that's being vacated this year by longtime Rep. Harvey Smith.

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McGill looks to succeed Smith in House

Bridport Dem outlines agenda

By JOHN FLOWERS

BRIDPORT — Bridport Democrat Jubilee McGill two years ago came only 205 votes shy of defeating longtime incumbent Rep. Harvey Smith, R-New Haven, in her first bid to represent the Addison-5 House district.

But two variables have changed during the past two years that leave McGill hopeful she can break into the winning column this time around, on Nov. 8.

First, the 38-year-old mom of four has become more acclimated to the campaign trail and has had two more years to study up on the issues that figure to drive local voters to the polls. The Addison-5 district includes the towns of Bridport, Weybridge, most of New Haven and a tiny chunk of Middlebury that encompasses the Marble Works and Seymour Street neighborhoods.

Second, Smith — a much-respected lawmaker who enjoyed significant bipartisan support based in part on his ability to solve problems for individual constituents — has decided to retire from the Legislature after two decades of service, thus making the path easier for would-be successors

While she won't be facing Smith, McGill isn't taking her new GOP opponent lightly. It's New Haven Republican Jon Christiano, a retired IBM official who with his wife Jane Ross moved to New Haven 11 years ago. Christiano, 80, previously ran for an Addison County state Senate seat and enters this year's Addison-5 contest having won an Aug. 9 GOP primary against Bridport's Zachary Kent.

"It was an interesting run the first time, during the middle of a pandemic, but I came pretty close," McGill said of her 2020 effort. "I've learned a lot of lessons."

It's indeed been an eventful couple of years for McGill and her husband, Lawrence Yetnick, who works for Agri-Mark/Cabot.

They welcomed another daughter, Marella, into the world four months ago. McGill is confident she can serve in the Legislature, be attentive on the home front and maintain her career with Vergennes-based John Graham Housing & Services, where she serves as property manager and coordinator of rental housing. Until early 2020 she worked as senior property manager and compliance chief for Addison County Community

(See McGill, Page 10A)

"When we're developing affordable housing, we need to make sure it's energy efficient and sustainable."

— Jubilee McGill

United Way lifts fundraising goal

\$700K sought in support of nonprofits

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The United Way of Addison County (UWAC) has announced a \$700,000 goal for its 2022-2023 fundraising campaign, which will officially kick off in two weeks with a "Days of Caring" event that will see area residents volunteer for chores at some of the organization's 32 nonprofit affiliates.

The \$700,000 target represents UWAC's first stab at an increased goal in three years and is based in part on three consecutive years of exceeding a goal of \$635,000, according to United Way Development & Marketing Director Erin Reed.

"We feel the needs are increasing,

and we've seen great response from our community during the past few campaign years," Reed said. "We feel confident the community will step up and help us meet this new goal."

"We're seeing budgets tighten for individuals and nonprofits in our county."

— UWAC Executive Director Helena Van Voorst

The motto for this year's campaign is "Together We Can," summing up the United Way's philosophy that if everyone pitches in, the county can find solutions to perennial problems like homelessness and hunger.

"It speaks to the power of collaboration, which is one of Addison County's greatest strengths,"

UWAC Executive Director Helena Van Voorst said.

More resources and collaboration (See United Way, Page 11A)

Distiller puts sweet treat of summer in a bottle

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The creemee stands with sugar-on-snow in the pantheon of quintessential Vermont treats.

It's that sinfully delicious amalgam of cream, corn syrup, milk, sugar and flavorings that so many of us enjoy on a hot summer day in a cone or cup.

Oh, and don't hold back on the butterfat.

Any photo album of a visit to the Green Mountain State is incomplete without a shot of a young, creemee-drenched child gleefully devouring their way to the bottom of a soggy cone.

Get ready for another creemee that's decidedly geared toward the adult tastebuds. In fact, be prepared to be carded in order to buy one.

It's called Vermont Creemee Liqueur, brought to you by the young-at-heart stewards of Middlebury's Appalachian Gap Distillery. The trio of Lars Hubbard, Chuck Burkins and Will Drucker have devised the 34-proof beverage for those yearning for a sweet taste of summer — with a little bit of a punch.

"The intent was to come up with something that was a truly a Vermont flavor that people would (See Treat, Page 12A)



She's got backup

MIDDLEBURY SAW A big influx of young people when first-years and other new students arrived at Middlebury College for orientation. Here, Zoe Gregg of South Carolina navigates the campus as her dad, David, walks far behind her toting some essentials to his daughter's dorm room.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Peter Caldwell mounts late bid for seat in Addison-1

Middlebury man's mantra is 'Ask me'

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Candidates for office usually spend a lot of time chasing down citizens for brief exchanges that will hopefully translate into votes on Election Day.

Middlebury Republican Peter Caldwell is hoping voters will do the chasing, and he's got an impressive conversation starter: A beautiful 1947 Packard. The word "ASK" is featured on the license plate, and Caldwell is adept at steering the conversation from vintage cars to getting under the hood of state government for some major repairs.

Caldwell, 79, waged a successful write-in campaign on Aug. 9 to have his name placed on the Nov.

(See Caldwell, Page 10A)



By the way

Everyone is invited to the Peter Coe Housing community in Middlebury's John Graham Court on Friday, Sept. 16, from 4-6 p.m., for an Addison County Community Trust fundraiser. The event — which will include live music, food and a raffle — also provides ACCT donors, sponsors and community supporters of affordable housing a firsthand look at what their contributions truly mean to the community. The fabulous Deb Brisson and the Hayburners will (See By the way, Page 12A)



ROB NORTH

North eyes GOP breakthrough in Addison-3

Former engineer seeks balanced gov't.

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — Touting common sense, an engineering and management background, mostly with Collins Aerospace; and a desire to restore party balance to Vermont government, Ferrisburgh resident Rob North has joined fellow Republican candidate Jim McClay on the November Addison-3 House ballot.

North and McClay are challenging Democratic incumbents Diane Lanpher and Matt Birong of Vergennes

to represent a district that now includes part of New Haven as well as Addison, Ferrisburgh, Pantton, Vergennes and Waltham. McClay, a New Haven resident, was profiled in the Aug. 25 Independent.

North, 58, retired from Collins Aerospace two years ago after 27 years and said he then began to pay more attention to politics.

"I saw what was happening and the decisions that were being made and the policies that were being produced, just saw the lack of common sense," he said.

North reached out to elected representatives to discuss issues, but was disappointed by the reaction.

"The response I got was lackluster at best. It was woefully inadequate, actually. I would either get zero response, just nothing back when I would email or leave messages, or I would just get the stiff-arm form letter," he said. "And that's just not how government, at least our government, is supposed to work."

"The people are not being represented, and that's not the way our government is supposed to work."

— Rob North

That response and disagreement with much of the progressive Democratic agenda were factors in his decision to run.

"One of the main points of my whole campaign here ... is representation of the people," he said. "We have not been represented."

North said the Addison-3 incumbents "invariably vote right down the line" along with "the (See North, Page 11A)

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Community responds to food insecurity in Addison County

Food shelves, farmers and non-profits address needs in this part of Vermont

By SHAYIQ SHAH

STARKSBORO/VERGENNES — Recovering from the pandemic, a receding economy, and inflation collectively continue to test the economic stability of Addison County residents.

A study conducted by the food systems researchers at the University of Vermont earlier this year revealed that food insecurity in the Green Mountain State is 22.9% higher in 2022 than it was in 2019.

More and more area households are being pushed into a struggle for survival. Fortunately, the number of people willing to help is increasing with the number of people needing help.

Starksboro's Pete Antos-Ketcham, the only full-time worker in New England of the New Community Project, is one of many who have answered the call of helping Addison County residents in need.

The New Community Project is a non-profit organization with a mission of achieving "world peace through social justice and ecological healing," according to Antos-Ketcham. The project is spread across nine counties and is aimed at providing food insecure populations with a "nutritionally diverse array of foods."

Based at the First Baptist Church in Starksboro, the project has open hours for its food shelf every Friday and Sunday. They have recently started a new program called "Little free pantry," where they have emergency foods available in shelves outside the church for anyone to access at any time.

By doing so, they hope to combat

the apprehension people might face due to the stigma around being supported by a food shelf.

Antos-Ketcham, a former member of the Green Mountain Club for 23 years, started working with the New Community Project in 2015 and claims the project is a "small organization with a big goal to change the world."

The project specializes in food distribution and relies on its partners for food sourcing. The most significant partner being Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE), established back in 1965.

Anna Freund, the HOPE's Food Programs director, said the organization's primary aim is to "support the local food system and economy."

GLEANING VEGGIES

Part of HOPE's strategy to resolve food insecurity is gleaning excess farm produce.

Gleaning has given HOPE a consistent source of food to pass on to local distributors like the New Community Project.

"Gleaning is really wonderful. We ensure that it does no harm to the farm, and we get to use food that would otherwise have been wasted," Freund said while gleaning at Foote Print Farm in Starksboro.

The owners of the farm, Jake and Taylor Mendell, agreed that food waste is a big issue.

"HOPE reached out to us three years ago and we thought it was a great idea for us to send our excess to them. Our tough time schedule prevented us from managing it," said Jake.



LINCOLN RESIDENT ANNA Freund gleans at Foote Print Farm in Starksboro. This gleaned produce will be moved to HOPE's Middlebury facility and later distributed to people facing food insecurity and other community partners.

Independent photo/Shayiq Shah



PETE ANTOS-KETCHAM PAUSES at one site for the Little Free Pantry program by the New Community Project that has stocked shelves with emergency foods. These sites are accessible for all at all times, aimed at respecting the privacy of people in need.

Independent photo/Shayiq Shah



THE VERGENNES COMMUNITY Food Shelf sources its food from the Vermont Food Bank and other donations of food and money. Storage space is something they look to expand said Jeanne Peters, left, Mike O'Daniel and Paul Vachon.

Independent photo/Shayiq Shah

"Farmers are incredibly generous. It is a special privilege to come onto their farm and harvest their produce," said Freund, a former farmer herself.

Her personal relationships with several farmers have made the establishment of connections between the farms and HOPE seamless.

The food sourced from the farms, gleaned by HOPE, and then distributed by partners like the New Community Project combine to present a community effort against food insecurity in Addison.

Freund credited Vermont's sense of community for such an effort.

"There is a lot of great innovation and good will here in our state and in the Addison County as well," she said.

As much as this is a community effort, recovering from the pandemic and surging inflation hasn't made it easy. Freund explained that during the pandemic, federal programs like school meals and other grants were enough to meet the increased demand for food.

Not only did it fill the demand, it also made people realize that they were food insecure.

"Asking for help is not an easy

thing to do," Freund and Antos-Ketcham agreed. The adversity of the pandemic made people admit that they needed help, so the demand for food distribution increased.

But now, most federal pandemic-related programs have ceased, which some advocates fear will leave a gap between demand and supply.

VERGENNES FOOD SHELF

Amenities like the Vergennes Community Food Shelf are attempting to fill that gap. Started around 30 years ago as a "hole in the wall," the food shelf from June 2021 to June 2022 served 1,330 households, as claimed by Paul Vachon, coordinator of the service.

The food shelf partners with the Vermont Food Bank and programs such as Fresh Rescue, which serve as the source of their collected food.

"It really is a community effort. We receive a lot of donations in the form of food and money. Different denominations of churches in the area also provide us with most of our volunteers," said Mike O'Daniel, the treasurer of the food shelf.

The Vergennes Food Shelf has identified "staple" foods that seem

to be the most popular with the population they serve. Often there are gaps between the food that's donated and what the people might need, so they "supplement."

Jeanne Peters explained, "We buy other foods that the people are most interested in getting, from the monetary donations we receive. Since the start of this year, we have bought \$40,000 worth of food to supplement our donations."

Programs such as Vermonters feed Vermonters have also donated \$4,000 to the Vergennes food shelf to buy locally produced food to be distributed to those in need.

"We accept all donations; scale does not matter," said O'Daniel.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the U.S. Postal Service and the Lion's Club all continue to hold food drives for the food shelf to supplement the ton of food it receives from the Vermont Food Bank each month.

The Vergennes organizations have a grander vision of expansion and serving an even bigger and wider population.

"We have recently filed an application for a \$20,000 'capacity grant' to the Vermont Food bank for a feasibility study to be completed by a consultant assessing our

options to expand," Vachon said.

Storage space is the biggest priority for the food shelf.

"We are bulging when we get the food delivered," said Peters. Moving to a larger building would resolve this issue.

Refrigeration is another area of concern. More refrigeration units would expand the food shelf's ability to keep fresh fruits and vegetables for people to come and collect.

The food shelf also serves a wide variety of immigrant population and want to add ethnically suitable foods to their services to fill the needs of the immigrant population.

Even though help isn't scarce these days, O'Daniel fears that "if the rate of inflation keeps increasing, we will continue to see more and more people being food insecure."

Vachon, O'Daniel, Peters, Freund, Antos-Ketcham and Mendell are but a few pearls in this communal string that is supporting the food insecure population of Addison County and Vermont. The tension on this string continues to increase and their services continue to be stretched and tested.

New initiative encourages tourist diversity

ADDISON COUNTY — The Addison County Regional Marketing Partnership — a collaboration between the Addison County Economic Development Corporation, Addison County Chamber of Commerce, the Better Middlebury Partnership, the Vergennes Partnership, and Bristol Core — is launching a multi-season, comprehensive digital marketing campaign that aims to encourage a wide diversity of tourists in the Albany Capital Region, New York City, and Boston to visit Addison County.

Developed and executed by

LONDONmiddlebury, a Winooski-based marketing agency, this campaign aims to drive traffic to local businesses and welcome new communities that may not know about all the wonderful things to experience in Addison County. The campaign is centered around a twelve-part series of 48-hour itineraries, with three interest categories (Foodies, Outdoor Enthusiasts, and Charm Seekers) featured each season. Filled with highlights of local restaurants, shops, and activities, hundreds of Addison County's businesses will be featured over the course of the

campaign.

To reach potential visitors who aren't yet familiar with Addison County, each itinerary is promoted through digital ads spread across social media platforms for audiences to discover. Nano-influencers have also been invited to the region to "test" out the itineraries and create authentic content of their experiences to share with their followers. This campaign's discovery and strategy period launched in April 2022, and the marketing period officially launched in July 2022.

The Addison County Tourism

Campaign is funded by a \$30,000 Tourism and Economic Recovery Marketing Grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Tourism and Marketing. These funds were awarded to Vermont through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Addison County Tourism Partnership is just one of Vermont's 22 grantees. The grant is intended to help Vermont organizations boost traffic to local businesses, increase tourism spending, and advance community recovery efforts in the aftermath of COVID-19.

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RNESU's new superintendent looks to build on COVID lessons learned

By MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — During the COVID-19 pandemic, youngsters have seen the brightness of their childhoods darkened by the specter of disease, uncertainty and the real-time fissuring of a society in which many have been taught to trust implicitly.



KRISTIN HUBERT

New Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union Superintendent Kristin Hubert knows this all too well but remains steadfast in her and RNESU's ability to adapt and overcome.

"There have been a lot of negatives regarding the pandemic — we don't want to do long-term school closures ever again," she said in a recent conversation with *The Reporter*.

"That being said, we definitely — as a school system, a state and a profession — learned a lot," she continued. "There are some promising practices that (we) got good at because of remote learning and long-term closures. For instance, we can have meetings (with all teachers) once a month

without requiring anyone to travel because we've gotten much better at virtual meetings."

Hubert, who took over officially from Jeanné Collins on July 1,

has worked as RNESU's Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the past three years. She has an extensive career as an administrator and educator, including as an elementary principal for 13 years in Rutland and Arlington and as an elementary teacher in Fair Haven — and was named the National Distinguished Elementary Principal in 2016.

As Brandon-area schools begin the academic year, Hubert lists staffing shortages as one of the biggest hurdles the district faces — a hurdle, she points out, that affects schools and businesses nationwide.

"When you have shortages like that, there's this domino effect," she said.

"We're really hopeful for this school year," she continued, "but

we know that people are going to get sick. Even if (teachers and staff) aren't sick, their kids might be sick... they might need to be home to care for their own kid. Substitute coverage and staffing continue to be a focus and a need for most school systems."

Hubert also sees too much employee turnover.

"We have a lot of new teachers and non-licensed staff," she said. "That means we have to focus on mentoring and making sure that people are acclimated to our school community — making sure that people feel supported and want to stay."

She said the state is taking new measures to address the need for new teachers. "The Agency of Education is trying to figure out non-traditional ways to licensure," she said. "They're doing everything they can to get teachers in front of kids."

But teachers aren't the only ones having a problem sticking around. "Rutland County had the highest truancy numbers in the state last year," Hubert said. "We want to prioritize wellness and

student health, but we also want to prioritize getting kids back in school. That's part of why we're focusing on personalization and engagement — we want kids in school."

"When we think about wellness and organizational wellness, we focus on academic achievement and safe and healthy schools, which is our physical safety and physical wellness, but it's also our social and emotional wellness," she continued.

"We're really hoping to give students voice and agency, helping them lead the way, because a lot of times there are well-intentioned adults who don't necessarily understand the student experience."

A part of that involves RNESU's focus on equity, which Hubert pointed out is a long-standing focus in the district.

"Equity and the experiences that we provide for our students — long before I started at RNESU — has been a value of the school system."

Hubert described what equity means with an analogy.

"All kids have shoes but do all

kids have shoes that fit them?" she said. "(Equity is not) do all students have the same thing, but do all students have what they need to be successful?"

According to Hubert, the pandemic has exacerbated problems for the historically disadvantaged, such as children with disabilities or those living in poverty.

"This year, we're really going to work to address some of those things, but also, it's about awareness and a common language for all of our staff," she said.

Hubert said the union employs equity coaches and has an equity committee that's made up of students, teachers, administrators and people from the community at large, and that the future equity work will be less at the supervisory level and more of a "groundswell" from the individual schools so that the student perspectives can be more specific to each building's needs.

"Student groups there can work

with the equity coach and the principals to be driving a lot of the work," she said.

Hubert said that this year RNESU is doing a lot of reflecting so that it can move forward.

"It's not about disparaging or scrapping what happened in the last couple of years or even in the last decade," she said. "It's how do we, as a profession, reflect on what's worked and what our challenges are so that we can keep moving forward... that's the theme in a lot of Vermont schools."

"(In the past) no one went to school to learn how to teach kids and lead them through a pandemic," she added. "So, the last couple years have been tough, not just on students and families but also on educators... Collective efficacy is critical to what we do — that belief that we don't do it alone."

Mat Clouser is the news editor of *The Reporter*, our sister newspaper in Brandon.

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— Superintendent Kristin Hubert

Board members sought for new district

Officials make plans in event of Addison North district approval

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — In November voters in the Addison Northwest and Mount Abraham Unified school districts will be asked whether those two entities should merge into a new Addison North supervisory district. At the same time, they will also be asked who should represent their towns on the district's 15-person board of directors if the merger proposal passes.

Residents who want their name to appear on the ballot for that latter vote are being asked to compile signatures on petitions by Oct. 3 in order to be put in the running.

"Should the vote happen in the affirmative, we'll know on that same day what's the make-up of the board," MAUSD Superintendent Patrick Reen explained at an Aug. 16 merger study committee meeting.

The 15 seats will be filled by representatives from each of the nine towns that currently make up ANWSD and MAUSD, as well as a spot for Lincoln if the town chooses to warn the vote of joining Addison North. Each town would have at least one representative, with some municipalities given additional seats based on their 2020 population.

Initial terms for elected board members would begin at the supervisory district's first organizational meeting and would last to the first annual meeting in March of 2024 plus terms of either one, two or three years. The composition and term lengths for this initial board would be:

- Addison: two years ending March 2025.
- Bristol: one year ending March 2024.
- Bristol: two years ending March 2025.
- Bristol: three years ending March 2026.
- Ferrisburgh: one year ending March 2024.
- Ferrisburgh: three years ending March 2026.
- Lincoln: one year ending March 2024.
- Monkton: one year ending March 2024.
- Monkton: three years ending March 2026.
- New Haven: two years ending March 2025.
- Panton: two years ending March 2025.
- Starksboro: three years ending March 2026.
- Vergennes: one year ending March 2024.
- Vergennes: two years ending March 2025.
- Waltham: three years ending March 2026.

If Lincoln does not join the district, its seat would be given to Starksboro for the same term length.

Those interested in running for the board must be a registered voter in the town where they reside. To be put on the ballot they must file a nominating petition signed by 30 voters or 1% of the town's voter checklist (whichever is less), plus a consent of candidate form, with their town's clerk by 5 p.m. on Oct. 3.

At their Aug. 16 meeting, merger

study committee members noted how residents can use this time to talk with fellow community members about filling the towns' seats.

"It's also a benefit to sort of coordinate with other people in your town who might want to run for the board, so it's not like you have three people running for a one-year seat and no one running for a three-year seat," committee member Eric Andrus said.

If the merger proposal passes in November, elected board members would be sworn in at the district's first organizational meeting. Their efforts from that point until July 2023 would be to prepare the district for full operation. This work would include developing school district policies, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, and working on a budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

During that transitional period, the current MAUSD and ANWSD school boards would continue to exist. Reen clarified at the Aug. 16 meeting that current MAUSD or ANWSD board members can run for a seat on the Addison North board and maintain their current seat on either board.

"In a transition period, the former boards continue to exist to operate their entity, and the new boards begin to kind of ramp up, and you can sit on both," Reen said.

More information about running for an Addison North board seat may be found at tinyurl.com/addisonnorthboard.

MAUSD board looks to fill three seats

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — The Mount Abraham Unified School District board is looking to fill three vacant school board seats after accepting a resignation from New Haven's Patrick Lawrence and determining that two board seats formerly held by Lincoln must be reapportioned following the town's withdrawal from the district.

Though the State Board of Education approved Lincoln's withdrawal from MAUSD on May 18, the town is still tethered to the district while it works to form its own operational school district by July of next year. This gray area raised questions regarding the status of the board's Lincoln representatives during this transition period.

Dina Atwood, a Burlington attorney providing legal counsel to the school board, clarified this status for board members at their Aug. 23 meeting.

"The short answer is that Lincoln is not a member of MAUSD, and as such, does not have the authority to have representatives from the town of Lincoln on the MAUSD board," she said.

Atwood compared the situation to a school district or town tuitioning its students to another school district, as Lincoln has a vested interest in the board's decisions while its students are educated by the district but no longer has a place to make those decisions.

"It's not a perfect analogy, but tuitioning (towns) do not sit on the boards of the schools that they tuition to," she said.

Lincoln's board seats were formerly held by Sandy Lee and Rob Backlund, though Backlund resigned from the school board on June 28. In her farewell to the board at the Aug. 23 meeting, Lee acknowledged the shared focus of Lincoln and the MAUSD despite the two entities ending their collaboration in a board setting.

"I have confidence that people in our district, MAUSD as well as Lincoln, in this five-town area are committed to their students all around, and I have a lot of faith that people will continue to work very hard toward that end," she said.

The board is set to reapportion Lincoln's seats

at its upcoming Sept. 13 meeting. Following the district's formula for reapportioning board seats, one of the seats will be given to Monkton and the other to Starksboro based on the towns' 2020 population. Once the seats have been reapportioned, the board will move forward with advertising and filling the two vacancies.

The board will also be looking to fill the New Haven seat vacated by Lawrence, who resigned on Aug. 15 after moving out of the district.

That vacancy will be filled following the rules already in place for filling a board seat. The board will need to establish a different plan for filling the other two seats.

At the Aug. 23 meeting, MAUSD Superintendent

Patrick Reen acknowledged the need to formulate a plan as quickly as possible.

"The longer we continue forward if there isn't a place for Lincoln at the MAUSD board table, the longer we're going with the inaccurate representation of the towns that are a part of MAUSD," he said. "One could argue that for a little while now, Monkton and Starksboro have been underrepresented, given the answer that we're getting from Dina."

MAUSD board members will continue to discuss the details of these two board seats, such as how long the initial term lengths will be for incoming board members. At their Aug. 23 meeting, the board decided to table that decision for an upcoming meeting.

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— attorney Dina Atwood

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Editorials

Trump's troubling trove

The latest news that a top-secret document describing a foreign government's military defense readiness, including its nuclear capabilities, was found among the documents at ex-president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence is the proof the public needs to understand why the Department of Justice and the FBI acted as they did.

In hundreds of cases, the documents found were not personal notes or mementos that Trump and his attorneys — and his many political apologists — have sought to portray. Rather, many contained highly sensitive information of national and international importance. They are, by necessity, owned by the government, not by an ex-president. That Trump is so careless with such information and has already demonstrated nefarious uses of information only heightened the government's concern that Trump's possession of them could cause irreparable harm — to this country or internationally.

To reason to make this information public is to push back against the GOP's false narrative that the documents the government sought were of little concern and of little value. Rather, they demonstrate the validity of the government's action to raid Mar-a-Lago — after, it should be emphasized, the government tried for the past year to have Trump return the stolen documents on his own.

Now that the severity of the crime is coming to light, Trump and his lawyers are trying to create a diversion by suggesting leaks of the nature of the material is unfair and possibly damaging to his reputation, but that's all nonsense. The nature of the material found at Trump's residence will be revealed in due time, most likely in a criminal trial, which will show that Trump illegally took the documents out of the White House, and that he and his staff purposely obstructed their retrieval.

Combine his knowing theft of such sensitive information with his demonstrated fondness for dictators like Russia's Vladimir Putin, and the gravity of the crime is even more serious.

As former Trump Attorney General William Barr told Fox News this past Friday: "People say this (the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago) was unprecedented, but it's also unprecedented for a president to take all this classified information and put them in a country club, okay?"

In short, Trump's action was careless, reckless and illegal. Sadly, it's also in character with his four years in office.

As if to add an exclamation mark to Trump's turbulent term in office, and in particular to his refusal to peacefully relinquish the office in 2020 after legal challenge after legal challenge confirmed President Joe Biden legitimately won the election, over a dozen top Pentagon officials and former defense secretaries released an open letter this week saying that Trump's refusal to accept his election loss had worsened "an extremely adverse environment" for the U.S. military.

The letter seeks to set in stone the obligation of the military to only obey orders that are "legal" and to emphasize the military's obligation is to the Constitution and the American people, not to Trump or any other president.

The letter outlines 16 points on the principles that are supposed to define civil-military relations — a rebuke of Trump and his legion of supporters who, as the *New York Times* wrote, "called on the military to support his false claims that the election was stolen from him."

In part the letter seems to be an increasing misunderstanding of the role of the military by many of Trump's supporters, the letter tries to explain the role of the U.S. military and its relationship with elected civilian leaders.

"Military officers swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution, not an oath of fealty to an individual or to an office," the bipartisan group wrote, adding later, "It is the responsibility of senior military and civilian leaders to ensure that any order they receive from the president is legal."

According to the Times story, "two former defense secretaries who served under Mr. Trump, Jim Mattis and Mark T. Esper, were among those who signed the letter, which was published Tuesday on *War on the Rocks*, an online platform for analysis of national security and foreign affairs issues.

In part the letter reads:

"We are in an exceptionally challenging civil-military environment. Many of the factors that shape civil-military relations have undergone extreme strain in recent years... Politically, military professionals confront an extremely adverse environment characterized by the divisiveness of affective polarization that culminated in the first election in over a century when the peaceful transfer of political power was disrupted and in doubt. Looking ahead, all of these factors could well get worse before they get better. In such an environment, it is helpful to review the core principles and best practices by which civilian and military professionals have conducted healthy American civil-military relations in the past — and can continue to do so, if vigilant and mindful.

1. *Civilian control of the military is part of the bedrock foundation of American democracy. The democratic project is not threatened by the existence of a powerful standing military so long as civilian and military leaders — and the rank-and-file they lead — embrace and implement effective civilian control.*

2. *Civilian control operates within a constitutional framework under the rule of law. Military officers swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution, not an oath of fealty to an individual or to an office. All civilians, whether they swear an oath or not, are likewise obligated to support and defend the Constitution as their highest duty.*

3. *Under the U.S. Constitution, civilian control of the military is shared across all three branches of government. Ultimately, civilian control is wielded by the will of the American people as expressed through elections."*

It's a primer in U.S. civil-military relations, a good civics lesson for all to read — and a welcome refrain to know that many leaders within the military were equally worried by Trump's all-too-frequent transgressions.

Angelo Lynn

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Lovin' his work

MIDDLEBURY ARTIST MICHAEL Kin has sketched out the design for a new mural he is painting on the north side of the Mary Hogan Elementary School, and on the first day of school last week he was adding color to the massive piece.

Independent photo/Megan James

Letters to the Editor

Biden gave an honest speech

As I was listening to President Biden's recent speech with tears in my eyes, I was so glad to see him talking straight to all of us in such inclusive terms. It was encouraging and hopeful. When I woke up the next morning and heard the word "partisan" to describe the speech, I wondered if I had listened to the same words.

To call out some extremely troubling and dangerous things going on in this country is not partisan. It is a call to action from our highest leader for all to work together, whatever your political position. It is not partisan to say that many are working to destroy our democracy. All you have to do is look around you. I had been waiting for a talk like this from our president. It is his responsibility, not his indulgence!

To say this near the beginning of the speech is not partisan:

"These are hard things, but I'm an American president, not a president of red America or blue America, but of all America. And I believe it's my duty, my duty to level with you, to tell the truth no matter how difficult, no matter how painful."

These are not the words of someone who wants to be divisive:

"There is not a single thing America cannot do, not a single thing beyond our capacity if we do it together.

"I've never been more optimistic about America's future. Not because of me, but because of who you are.

"We can't afford to leave anyone on the sidelines. We need everyone to do their part, so speak up, speak out, get engaged, vote, vote, vote!"

"We just need to remember who we are. We are the United States of America, the United States of America."

So, let's all be kind and listen to one another (and the president), and work to save this terrific country and planet of ours.

Deborah Young
New Haven

Colleges are also billionaires

U.S. colleges bear considerable responsibility for the student debt crisis. Colleges with fat endowments (and bloated tuitions) should be tapped to help address this crisis. How about increased federal and state taxes on endowments to help pay for the dangerous student-debt bailout idea? We hear billionaires should pay their fair share. Well, many institutions of higher ed are "billionaires."

Here's an extract from a May 4, 2018, Congressional Research Service report titled, "College and University Endowments: Overview and Tax Policy Options":

"In 2017, college and university endowment assets were \$566.8 billion. Endowment assets have been growing, in real terms, since 2009 ... Endowment assets are concentrated, with 12% of institutions holding 75% of all endowment assets in 2017. Institutions with the largest endowments (Yale, Princeton, Harvard and Stanford) each hold more than 4% of total endowment assets ... In 2017, endowment assets earned a rate of return of 12.2%, on average. Larger institutions tended to earn higher returns. Larger institutions also tended to have a larger share of assets invested in alternative strategies, including hedge funds and private equity."

Enough said.

Louis Varricchio
Middlebury

Accountability isn't disrespect

Since Chief Merkel announced his retirement, Front Porch Forum in Vergennes has been awash in vague and inflammatory posts about city leadership. Another letter in this paper went so far as to suggest Chief Merkel would be justified feeling he was "crapped on" because Vergennes citizens had the audacity to explore the idea of (See Shanbacher letter, Page 4A)

Apt response to 'All Lives Matter'

I've known Paul (not his real name) for years. We run into each other every now and then, and he'll tell me a good story. His wife says he has tons of them. The one he told me recently is worth sharing.

A couple of years ago, following the death of George Floyd, Paul's teenaged children created a sign to promote racial awareness. As people of color, this issue is personal to them. Two of Paul's relatives were victims of police shootings.

Not only that, his father was a career policeman, so Paul grew up with a multi-dimensional view of our justice system.

In early July, I had the opportunity to ask Paul what he thought about recent editorials suggesting we cancel the Fourth of July due to the increasing lack of freedoms in our country — the Supreme Court ruling on abortion, injustices against LGBTQ individuals, ongoing racist violence.

During our ensuing discussion, Paul expressed love for our country and our democratic way of life. He also spoke about the ebbs and flows of racism in American history, times when we make progress through strong leaders and movements, and times like the present, when we fall back.

Paul asked where I stand on the issue. I shared the gratitude I feel as a privileged American along with corresponding concerns about our deepening inequities and the growing divide between various groups. I worry about the fairness of our voting system.

In response, Paul shared this experience.

"After my kids put up that sign in front of our house, I had a visit from a friend of mine. He's a volunteer fireman who values community service, and he said to me, 'Paul, now that you have your sign up, can I post a sign at my house that says, 'All Lives Matter?'"

So I said to my friend, 'Let's imagine a house catches on fire one dry summer day, and fortunately, someone gets hold of the fire department. (I knew he'd connect to that.) When the firetrucks arrive, flames are shooting

into the sky, smoke billowing. The team immediately gets to work, unwinding and connecting hoses, pulling on their gear, grabbing equipment, not wasting a moment. But in the midst of this, a person comes running over and shouts at them, Wait! Why are you focusing on that house? All houses matter!

'Well, Black Americans are like that burning house. They're on fire,' I told him, 'so right now we need to put our energy into putting out that fire.'"

This story moved me. Paul found a way to bring his friend inside the situation through a personal connection, and in this way, he stirred his friend's compassion.

His friend never put up a sign.

Alice Leeds of Bristol taught in a variety of private and public schools and colleges for 40 years. Presently retired, she tries to engage in some useful endeavor each day. She enjoys hearing from readers at aleds@gmavt.net.

Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



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Instagram added insult to injury

As I age, I find it increasingly more difficult to get consistent exercise. I was aided in this effort to stay fit over the past few months by my two darling daughters. Both home from college for the summer, our household was stuck with two cars and four drivers. Juggling cars would be a bit of a hassle as we went off to jobs and to see friends at different times on different days. I decided to make the automobile shuffle a little easier by committing to ride my bike the four miles to work each day — up and down over five hills through downtown Middlebury to the Marble Works.

Biking to work has been good for me, for the most part. When I ride up the hills now, I can actually feel my body has gotten a little stronger. Plus getting regular exercise just improves my sense of well-being. A couple times during the ride in I would catch myself cranking extra hard up some of the hills to cut my time into the office (my wife says I'm pretty competitive), but then I'd recall how putting the extra strain on my knees last summer caused them to swell up and forced me to stop biking for several weeks. So, I'd back off in order to prevent any more injuries.

But then there was an injury at the beginning of August of a sort I hadn't counted on. While riding my bike to work one Wednesday morning I rear-ended a stationary pick-up truck on Main Street during morning rush hour. The pickup won. My bike was

fine but my chin earned nine stitches. Also, my hands really hurt after the crash. My glasses, phone and skull all survived intact (thanks, bike helmet!). I ended up three and a half hours late to work.

I was so stupid. I was coming down Main Street in front of the post office and looking ahead of the truck driving in front of me and instead watched the car in front of the truck. The lead car zipped along straight past Printer's Alley but the driver of the pickup very kindly stopped to let someone make a left turn in front of him onto the alley. I couldn't stop fast enough once I realized what was going on. It happened so quickly that I didn't

even have time for complete words to form in my head — just "O!" Then a loud BANG! I crumpled to the ground like a rag doll.

Several very nice people jumped out of their cars and helped me stand up and stagger to the curb to sit down. Someone got my bike out of the street. A woman in a parked car brought out a huge first aid kit ("My family keeps it in the car for some reason."). The pickup driver rushed over and handed me wet wipes to clean up some of the blood flowing from my face. Then he checked his truck's tailgate for damage but reported that it fared better than my chin. An EMT stopped in his own car and wrapped bandages around my head. Two police officers stopped to see what aid (See Clippings, Page 5A)

Clippings

By John McCright



Letters to the Editor

Off-campus student housing creating problems

It was extremely disappointing to learn that both the town selectboard and the college have strayed from the spirit of our Town Plan by allowing for the conversion of several town residences into student housing.

This will subject a number of our community members who live nearby to noise and other disruptions. If the current framework stands, it also means that further affordable living spaces may also be converted to student housing (lucrative for the investors I am sure), and this will close off even more housing options for individuals and families who are looking to rent in a situation where affordable housing is in short supply.

Why is this happening? The town of Middlebury's draft

zoning bylaw amendment clearly states that the "Residential 8 (R-8) district ... will not allow for conversion of existing residences to student housing." However, the current definition of "student housing" allows for circumventing the spirit of this language. It defines "student housing" as "a dwelling unit occupied by four or more people who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at a postsecondary educational institution." This definition can allow for an investor to outfit a house with multiple "units," rent to a dozen or more students, and still not have the building defined as "student housing."

Our selectboard admirably attempted to revise the current language in early August, but when they later learned this would

have meant delayed ratification of our zoning bylaws due to timing, they fell back on our current definition. However, in opting to forge ahead without delay, they have now opened the doors for even more outside investors to come into town, convert houses into multiple dwelling "units" and rent to students without having their properties defined as student housing (which is theoretically not allowed). This is probably quite profitable for the investors. But, in addition to the noise disruption for those who live adjacent to such dwellings, this will make it that much more difficult for workers and families to find affordable housing in town.

Surely, there is a better solution.
**Ellen Oxfeld
Middlebury**

New federal rule would expand reach of abortion

"The U.S. department of Human Health Services (HHS) has issued a proposed rule (RIN 0945-AA17) that violates the rights of conscience and religious freedom by coercing health care professionals and providers to perform, and health plans to cover, abortions and gender-transition procedures." This quote was part of a report from a National Committee for Human Life called Human Life Action.

This proposed rule, according to the article, "expands the definition of 'sex discrimination' to include 'termination of pregnancy' and 'gender identity'".

"If the department of Human Health Services (HHS) adopts this expanded definition," it further states, "it may be construed to require a health care professional and provider to perform, and a health plan to cover abortions on the theory that declining to do so constitutes sex discrimination."

"The rule if adopted, would similarly prohibit health professionals and other health care providers from declining to provide and prohibit a health plan from

declining to cover gender-transition procedures, again on the theory that a decision not to participate in or pay for such procedures constitutes sex discrimination."

If you would like to respond to this proposed rule (RIN 0945-AA17) you have until October 3, 2022 to respond. The following address will receive your response:

ATTENTION 1557 NPRM
(RIN 0945-AA17)
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Room 509F
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

This proposed rule is an affront to and offends the conscience rights of health care professionals and entities that seek to do no harm and to offer practical and life-giving care to the people they serve.

Health care providers and insurers should not be coerced to perform or cover abortions or transgender procedures.

This is not sex discrimination. This is a direct affront to the Weldon Amendment and therefore should not be included or enforced!

For these reasons I oppose

the abortion and gender identity provisions of the proposed rule.

We are being hamstrung from all sides — local, state, federal — in attempts to control our lives.

Young parents have very little time to follow these issues and there are many liberals more than willing to follow like sheep whatever the government proposes. This is not liberty, this is "the frog in tepid water".

Just like in Europe, when Karl Heinrich spread Marx's philosophies throughout Europe, the thought was for a 'social' change for the common good which led to Socialism and translated later into Communism.

Let's not repeat the same Manifesto. Didn't we learn our lesson from that one?

It all starts with state proposals like Article 22 (Proposal 5). When you vote by absentee ballot or in person on November 8, 2022, vote *no!*

And also take time to write to Human Health Services before October 3, 2022

**Fay Leavitt
Lincoln**

Madden could work with both parties in U.S. House

It has become increasingly apparent that over the last decade or two both the Republican and Democratic parties have been so influenced by the philosophies of the extreme fringe of their respective parties that now the good of the party is taking precedence over the good of the nation. The inability of the two parties to work together and learn to compromise on most issues is destructive to our democratic process.

In my discussions with many Vermonters it appears that most of us here, in this state, are independent thinkers and generally

in the middle of the road politically. Now there is a man running for Congress as a Republican, by the name of Liam Madden who espouses not only Republican party philosophies, but also values that are usually associated with the Democratic party platform. It is time that we sent a centrist to Congress and begin to expel those who are so stuck in their own party ideas that the country is having difficulty moving forward.

I have been a registered Democrat my entire adult life and have actively worked for a number of Democratic candidates,

including Adlai Stevenson, John Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy. I am disillusioned, disgusted and betrayed by the new Democratic party philosophy. Unfortunately, though different, I do not find the Republican party philosophy any better. To find a man like Liam Madden running for Congress, and if he gets elected, it will help to restore my faith that there are potential leaders who will put the welfare of the nation ahead of that of the party and there may be some hope after all.

**Donald Moses MD
Bridport**

Shanbacker letter

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a Citizen Review Board (CRB) for the police department — a practice common in other jurisdictions around the country, including Rutland, which spoke highly of their program to Vergennes and which also originated the model Chief Merkel adopted in Project Vision North.

As someone who is accountable to a board of directors, I find the idea that someone would feel "crapped on" by this to be a bit extreme, but unfortunately this kind of rhetoric seems to be all too common when trying to have a rational conversation about policing in Vergennes and what the city can reasonably afford in light of other

priorities like crumbling sidewalks and sewer infrastructure.

Meanwhile, two separate UVM studies showed Vergennes to have the worst racial disparities for traffic stops in the state, but the response from the VPD seems to deny there's a problem, at least not one to be taken seriously. In a municipality that spends a higher share of its budget on its police department than practically any other municipality in the state, I think it's reasonable to expect some accountability.

I have had positive experiences with the Vergennes PD and have a lot of respect for Chief Merkel and the officers there. That doesn't mean that the department should be immune from any criticism or

feedback for improvement. It also doesn't mean the city doesn't face tough choices regarding spending priorities. But bringing up these topics is apparently tantamount to the VPD being "under attack," which shuts down any productive conversation we might have as a community.

The mayor and city manager have a tall order as they seek a balance that builds on the strong force Chief Merkel built while also making sure all citizens can enjoy and be safe in our city. I hope we can support them in finding a positive way forward for Vergennes.

**Elise Shanbacker
Vergennes**

State police: Leicester house fire ruled suspicious

LEICESTER — Vermont State Police are investigating a suspicious fire that damaged a home at 1691 Route 7 Sunday night.

Police were called to the scene on Sept. 4 at around 10:20 p.m. on a report of a domestic disturbance at the home. Troopers found the home partially engulfed in flames. They initially tried to put out the fire as they checked the building for occupants, according to a Wednesday press release from Det. Sgt. Jamie Wright of the state police's Fire

and Explosion Unit. Police called the Brandon Fire Department to fight the fire at the residence, which authorities found to be unoccupied.

State police detectives and investigators from the Division of Fire Safety later began probing the cause of the fire. They learned a man and woman had been inside the home prior to the reported blaze, and that the woman had subsequently fled after an alleged altercation with the man, according to police. Authorities determined the man had

left the house soon after the woman, but returned shortly thereafter, according to police.

This fire remains under investigation and is considered suspicious. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Wright at 802-442-5421.

Information can also be submitted to the Vermont Arson Tip Award Program at 1-800-32-ARSON. A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case.

Clippings

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they could offer. I asked one of them excitedly, "Am I going to be in the police log?" I called my wife and she came and took me to Porter Hospital for the stitches; I didn't really need an ambulance, though I did drip blood all over my white shorts.

The funny thing (ha ha?) is that my wife took a photo of me in the emergency room with a gauze bandage around my head, a fair amount of blood on my shirt and a kinda stunned look on my face, and then she posted it on Instagram. What's the expression? — Funny as a crutch. Immediately after we got in the car to go home, we got a call from our younger daughter saying she saw my photo with the bandages on the internet — What happened?! I was able to explain and allay her worries. She had been fairly certain that her mother wouldn't have posted the picture if she was actually worried about me.

I decided I better call my mother; even though she is a long way off in Iowa, she does have access to the internet. When she answered the phone, the first thing my mom said was, "I was just going to call you. I saw something on Instagram." I was glad I called; it turns out mothers never stop worrying about their offspring, even three decades after they leave home. I sent Mom a photo of my face with the stitches so she could see for herself (just the reporter in me, I guess); she is a retired Registered Nurse and could appreciate how neatly the stitches were done (and

she *did* appreciate it). So what did my mom do with the photo of my stitches? She posted it on a group text chat to my siblings with hardly any explanation (what is up with the women in my life and their need to out my stupidity?). None of my six siblings were surprised by my story; apparently I'm the most accident prone among us, though I would contest that.

By now, of course, the stitches

are out and I'm back to shaving again. Plus I'm riding my bike to work most days. The issue of too many drivers and not enough cars has worked itself out — Daughter 2 returned to college last week and Daughter 1 went back on Sunday. But I will probably keep riding my bike to work on at least a couple days a week for the foreseeable future. After all, I'm not getting any younger.

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Obituaries

Edward John Gervais Sr., 91, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Edward John Gervais Sr. died on Aug. 24, 2022, at his home in New Haven, Vt., following a brief illness.

Ed was born on July 25, 1931, in Essex Junction, Vt., to Olivine (Lapierre) and Viateur Gervais. He married the girl next door, Shirley LaRose, on his birthday in 1953. Ed wanted to be sure he never missed an anniversary, a strategy that resulted in nearly 69 years of wedded bliss.

A farmer by trade, Ed also served in the United States Army, and trained as a mechanic while he and his young family were stationed in Fort Polk, La. As a young man, Ed was interested in farming and operating heavy machinery, enjoying successful, varied careers in both. As Ed grew older, he turned his eyes heavenward. With the support of his family, Ed obtained his pilot's license, ultimately co-owning a Cessna.

An engaging storyteller, Ed would share tales of his exploits with friends and family. With Shirley by his side, he traveled the world. "Babe, let's go," he would say, and they went! Whether they went on a Hawaiian vacation, a cruise, or were making the rounds



EDWARD JOHN GERVAIS SR.

in their RV, Ed and Shirley were steadfast traveling companions.

Ed will be remembered for many things: his kindness, generosity of spirit, desire to help others, and unflinching loyalty, in addition to his unflappable optimism and fun-loving spirit. The memory of his legendary homemade horseradish and much-sought-after peanut butter balls will live on in perpetuity.

Survivors include his daughter, Julie Neary, and grandchildren

Amal Duprey and husband Anthony, Mara Neary and husband Ben Hammerslough, Eden Neary and partner Elizha Heter, and Devon Neary and partner Marisa Kiefaber. He was also survived by his great-grandchildren Arianna, Emma, Peighton, Rebekah, and Elijah Duprey, Finn Hammerslough, and Jackson, Ford, and Gigi Neary. He also leaves behind his sister, Mary LaRose, as well as many nieces and nephews.

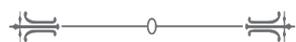
Ed was predeceased by his parents; his brother Clement, his beloved wife, Shirley; his son Eddie and his son-in-law Peter.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Helen Porter Rehab for their compassion, care and support during the end of Ed's journey.

A service to celebrate Ed's life was held Monday, Aug. 29, at 10:30 a.m., at Sanderson's Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to: Elderly Services/Project Independence, PO Box 581, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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



Arthur Lee Dufresne, 73, of Deland, Fla.

DELAND, Fla. — Arthur Lee Dufresne, born Feb. 1, 1949, died on Aug. 20, 2022, at his residence in Florida at the age of 73. He died at home after fighting a long-term disease.

He was born in Middlebury, Vt., the son of Blanche (Paquette) Dufresne and Arthur Napoléon Dufresne. He served in the Army SP4 with the 124 HEM Company from 1970-1972, stationed in Germany as an Engineer, Equipment Maintenance and Repair, and received the National Defense Service Medal as well as honors for M16 marksmanship.

He returned to farming briefly after his time in the military. He then moved on to welding for the Syracuse Railroad until he started his own business, including A&D Transport Inc. He also did contract hauling for Agway Energy products.

He built and owned Dufresne Septic and Excavating.



ARTHUR LEE DUFRESNE

Arthur is survived by his sons, Sean Dufresne (wife, Jenifer Dufresne) of Rutland, Vt.; Chris Dufresne (girlfriend, Erica MacDonald) of Poultney, Vt.; Michael Dufresne of Bomoosen, Vt.; and Jamie Dufresne (fiancée,

Jennifer McLaughlin) of Rutland, Vt.; stepdaughters, Leanne Agler of Fair Haven, Vt., and Heather Jones (Cornelius Jones) of North Carolina; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; brother, Edward Dufresne; sisters Jeanne (Robert) Pedersen Somerville of South Carolina, Kathleen (and Miles) Vancour of Potsdam, N.Y., and Ann (Dale) Stone of Bridport, Vt.

Arthur is predeceased by Blanche (Paquette) Dufresne and Arthur Napoléon Dufresne, Theresa (Bearor) Dufresne and Donna (Whitman) Dufresne.

A celebration of life will be at the VFW in Rutland, Vt., on Oct. 9, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rutland County Agricultural Society at 175 S. Main St. Rutland, VT 05701

Arrangements are by Clifford Funeral Home. ◊

Penny Lynn Supernaw, 60, former Addison County resident

LIBERTY, N.C. — Penny Lynn Supernaw, 60, formerly of Vermont, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Liberty, N.C., on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022.

Penny was born in 1962 to the late Donald and Mildred Phelps Goodrich in Salisbury, Vt. Penny graduated MUHS in 1980 and remained in the area until 10 years ago when she and Scott moved to North Carolina.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 32 years, Dr. Scott Supernaw; twins Allison and Trevor Supernaw; sister, Debbie Goodrich; and brother, Ernie Goodrich. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Donna Lawton.

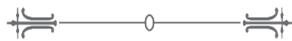
Penny spent more than 20 years serving the communities of Vermont as an EMT and Paramedic. She proudly served on Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association, Brandon Area Rescue and Regional



PENNY LYNN SUPERNAW

Ambulance Service. She was also an active member of Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and First Responder.

Penny will be remembered by all who knew her for her love

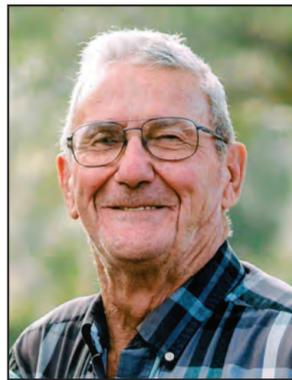


Armand R. Bertrand Sr., 86, formerly of Whiting

MORRISTOWN, Fla. — Armand Robert Bertrand Sr. passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, at the age of 86. Armand was born in Cornwall, Vt., March 11, 1936.

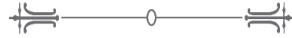
He was predeceased by his parents, Doralia Henry Bertrand and Lucille Quenneville Bertrand; his siblings Marcel Bertrand, Theresa Bertrand Moore, Annette Bertrand Boise, and Ernest Bertrand. His living siblings are Yvette Bertrand (Harold) McIntyre, and Eugene (Billie) Bertrand.

He is survived by his wife Eldora Jones Bertrand. They were married Feb. 28, 1970, in Panton, Vt. Armand and Ellie lived in Whiting, Vt. They raised six children, Armand Jr. (Joanne) of Lyndonville, Vt.; David (Olivia) of Williston, Fla.; Victoria (Loren) Henry of Huntsville, Texas; Tawnya



ARMAND R. BERTRAND SR.

(Mohan) Rodriguez, of Williston, Fla.; Scott Mohan of Morriston, Fla.; and Keneah (James) Rice of



Jayme Lee Smiel, 33, formerly of Starksboro

BURLINGTON — Jayme Lee Smiel, 33, of Burlington unexpectedly left this world on Aug. 6, 2022. Jayme was born on May 16, 1989, to Mary Ellen Larrow and Keith Smiel.

She grew up in the hills of Starksboro and attended Mt. Abraham before living in Virginia for a short while. Jayme later worked towards her GED.

Jayme had a strong will and could achieve whatever she put her mind to. She had a strong love of acoustic music and art. Her cat Bear was her closest companion. Jayme put a smile on the face of everyone she crossed paths with. She had a larger-than-life personality and was never afraid to speak her mind. Her sense of humor and sarcasm will be remembered forever!

Jayme is survived by her father, Keith Smiel, his partner, Terri Dumont and her children Erica and



JAYME LEE SMIEL

Timothy; her sister Roxy Smiel; and her sister Brandy (Larrow) Turgeon and husband Gene, along with her niece and nephew who she adored. She is also survived by Kimberly Coleman and extended family

of horses, and she spent years teaching her daughter to share this same love through the countless shows, training camps and time on the farm. She was an avid animal lover. When they relocated to North Carolina, Penny found great joy in making lovely flower gardens. Throughout the years the children will always remember the supportive mother that Penny was no matter the situation. Scott and Penny shared 32 years of memories and their love for their dachshunds, with Penny's most recent favorite being "Einstein." She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all that knew her.

A celebration of life for Penny will be held at Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt., on Sept. 9, from 3-6 p.m. All who knew her are welcome to come.

On-line condolences at: www.sandersonfuneralservice.com. ◊

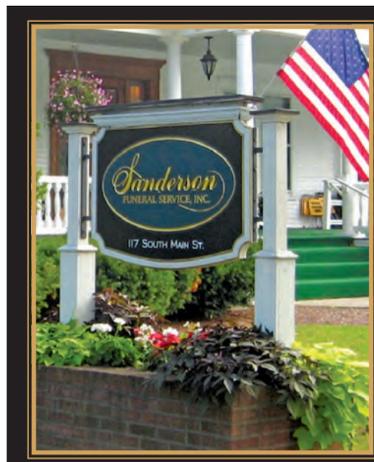
Bronson, Fla. Armand worked at the University of Florida after moving their family from Vermont to Florida in 1974. He retired 1998. He was very active in his church. He was handy with tools and had a knack for carpentry. He was always ready to lend a hand to family and friends. He could yarn a story or two. He served in the Vermont National Guard from 1957 to 1962, when he was honorably discharged. He loved his 13 grandchildren, one of whom predeceased him, Stephan Rodriguez. He had 20 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to West Marion Baptist Church, 6001 NW 135th Ave., Morriston, FL., 32668, in memory of Armand R. Bertrand Sr. Services will be held after Labor Day. ◊

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Youth waterfowl hunt set for Sept. 24-25

VERMONT — This year's youth waterfowl hunt will take place the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25. Hunters 17 years of age or younger may hunt ducks and geese

in the Lake Champlain and Interior Vermont waterfowl hunting zones on those dates.

The youth hunter must have a Vermont hunting license and must

be accompanied by an unarmed adult, 18 or older, who also has a Vermont hunting license. The adult may not hunt waterfowl or carry a firearm while accompanying the youth. Youths 16 and 17 years old must have state and federal duck stamps. All youth hunters must also register with the Harvest Information Program on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website or by calling toll-free 1-877-306-7091.

Ducks and geese may be taken by according to the bag limits set in the 2022-2023 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds in Vermont, available as a downloadable file from www.vtfishandwildlife.com under Hunt – Waterfowl.

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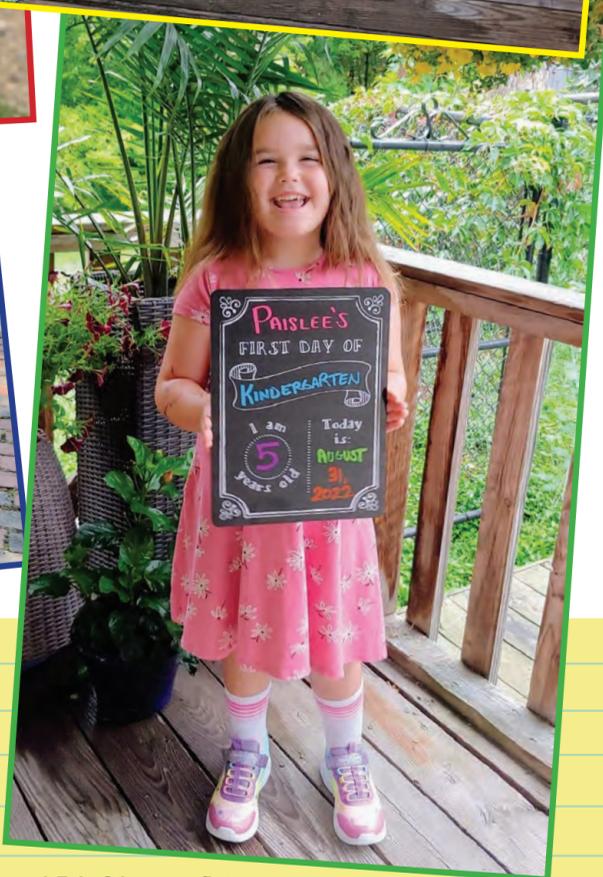
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THE FIRST DAY of the school year is always a time of excitement and great hope for local families with kids. Megan James asked readers in her MiniBury community to send in photos of their youngsters setting off for the first day of school this past Wednesday, Aug. 31, and we got load of great images — more than we had room for here. Look for more at addisonindependent.com. Shown here are, clockwise from right, Paislee Provoncha, Mary Hogan Elementary kindergartener; Joni Houghton, Lydia Cheresnick-Dix, Zara Trump (third grade) & Frankie Houghton (kindergarten), Mary Hogan Elementary School; Asa McCallum, Weybridge Elementary first-grader; the new mural on the north side of the Mary Hogan School by Middlebury artist Michael Kin; Mavis McCarthy and Evie Siebecker, second grade and kindergarten, Shoreham Elementary; and Evie Stinson, a first-grader at Cornwall's Bingham Memorial School, with baby brother, Sam. Have a great school year!

Invitation for Storytellers

Porter Medical Center's Palliative Care Department End of Life Services is seeking storytellers for their upcoming program:

Stories from the Heart: Honoring Spirits Who Have Left This World.

on Saturday, October 29, in Middlebury.

Do you have a story to tell about a personal experience of loss and grief, of someone who has left this world, and your own healing? Each story will be no more than 7 minutes in length, a personal and true story told from the heart (rather than read) and include how this experience changed or deepened your life. Five stories will be selected and those storytellers will be coached to help them prepare for telling their stories before an audience.

Interested storytellers should submit a written draft, or a well-developed outline, or reach out with questions, to [Priscilla Baker at prbaker223@gmail.com](mailto:prbaker223@gmail.com).

Deadline for stories: Noon on Thursday, September 22, 2022

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2022 Field Days pedal tractor results

NEW HAVEN — The following lists the results for the Pedal Tractor Pull at Addison County Fair and Field Days on Thursday, Aug. 11.

4-year-olds: 1. Connor Hillman, Salisbury; 2. John Quesnel, Leicester; 3. Henry Lussier, Middlebury; 4. Maddux Barnes, Cornwall; 5. Simeon Knott, Middlebury; 6. Bryce Audet, Bridport; 7. George Powers, Cornwall; 8. Calvin Compagna, Cornwall; 9. Beace Joyal, Williston.

5-year-olds: 1. Jake Murphy, Weybridge; 2. Owen Cash, Ripton; 3. Tatum Hillman, Salisbury; 4. Avalee Barnes, Cornwall; 5. Calvin Martin, Roxbury; 6. Soren Peterson, N. Clarendon; 7. Bentley Moore, Charlotte; 8. Asher Perkins, Brandon; 9. Ellis, Shoreham; 10. Harper Perkins, Brandon; 11. Karmen Perkins, Brandon.

6-year-olds: 1. LC Wood, Shoreham; 2. Celia Barnes, Cornwall; 3. Luke Quesnel, Leicester; 4. Calvin Deppman, Cornwall; 5. Colin Compagna, Cornwall.

7-year-olds: 1. Bryce Wood; 2. Charlie Martin, Roxbury; 3. Cowen Wood, Shoreham; 4. Austin Knott, Middlebury; 5. Rowen Perkins, Brandon; 6. Charlie Lussier,

Middlebury.

8-year-olds: 1. Trent Booska, Orwell; 2. John, Weybridge; 3. Clayton, Shoreham; 4. Paige, Addison; 5. Camden B., Rollinsford, N.H.

9-year-olds: 1. Evan Wood,

Shoreham; 2. Brett Wood, Shoreham; 3. Silas Audy, Waltham; 4. Liam Knott, Middlebury.

10-year-olds: 1. Timmy Wright, Shoreham; 2. Cadogan Benedetton, Rollinsford, N.H.

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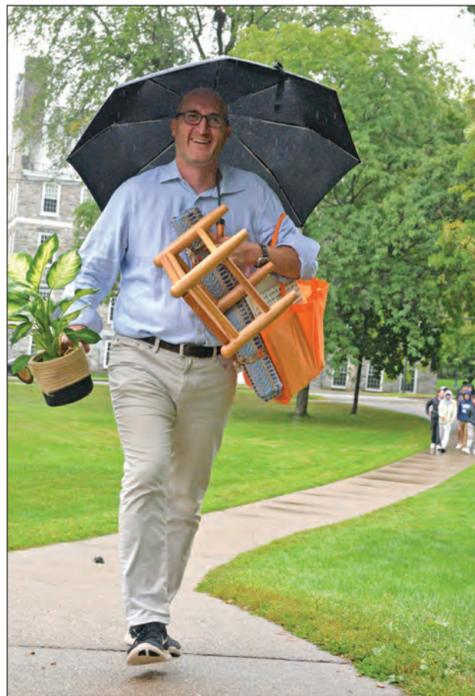
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Support system

WHEN FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS arrived on the Middlebury College campus on Monday most of them brought a parent or two. Spotted on the campus on Monday were, clockwise from top left, Melissa and Brian Hunt of Charlottesville, Va., talking to Catherine Pierattini of the Office of International Programs, after dropping off their son Phineas; Thang and Jenny Idayhht with younger daughter Mia walking past Forrest Hall on the way to see their older daughter, Emily, who was already integrating with her new classmates; Connecticut resident Kim Escobar, mother of first-year Kai, gathering information from Student Activities staffers Maria Farnsworth, David Wilder and Sam Hurlburt; and South Carolinian David Greg lugging a plant to his daughter Zoe's dorm room.

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Data show that number of home investors surges in Vermont

By FRED THYS, VTDigger.org

The percentage of Vermont homes bought by investors more than doubled in 2021, according to data from a company that analyzes property information.

"We saw mortgage rates hit historical lows," said Selma Hepp, deputy chief economist at California-based CoreLogic. "As a result of that, we saw much more activity from investors."

Hepp said investors were also attracted by the fact that rents soared by 12% nationwide in 2021. She pointed out that while Vermont had the most dramatic increase in the percentage of investors in the market, investors were buying up properties all across the country.

Before the pandemic, she said, investors represented 15% of home buyers nationwide. That number

shot up to 26% at the beginning of this year, she said.

CoreLogic defines investors as buyers who have owned three or more homes simultaneously over the past 10 years. These can be single-family detached homes, townhouses or condominiums. The figures do not distinguish between those who use those properties to generate income through rentals and those who own multiple homes for their own personal use.

For years, investors had a small presence in the Vermont home market — in fact, the lowest in any state — representing only 2% of home buyers until 2016.

In 2017, that number climbed to 3%, then to 5% in 2018 and 7% in 2019 and 2020. But in 2021, the number jumped to 17% of the 13,999 homes sold, the largest

relative increase for any state.

To be sure, investors still represented a smaller percentage of Vermont home purchases compared to other states. Investors accounted for 30% of home purchases in Nevada in 2021, for example.

Hepp said investors in Vermont were more attracted to expensive homes, homes that sold for more than 125% of the median price. She said they bought 25% of Vermont homes in that price range in 2021.

"Investors tend to go to areas that are already in demand, areas that already see a higher rate of home price growth or rent growth," Hepp said.

She said Bennington County saw the biggest jump in investor activity in Vermont. Investors represented 25% of home purchases in the

county in the first quarter, she said.

Lilli West, a real estate agent in Bennington, said a lot of investors were drawn by the low interest rates.

"At 3%, it was a no-brainer for a lot of investors to buy a second home," West said. "Bennington in the last few years has been booming."

The revitalization of downtown Bennington, the ability to work from home and upgrades to broadband service have drawn home buyers in general and investors have followed, she said.

She cites a Bennington College alumnus who retired, moved back to the area and bought the Blue Benn Diner.

"So it's neat to see the kinds of investors that are coming in," West said. She said she knows several

young investors who have full-time jobs and are buying multiple-unit properties.

She said the last two years have seen so much investment

from cash buyers and buyers able to make large down payments that people who rely on Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration or other government-backed loans to buy a primary home have not been able to compete.

"If you have four or five offers in your hand, you're going to pick the high down payment because it's low risk," West said.

That leaves people with job offers unable to buy homes, she said.

"I know several people who had job offers who would have moved here but they couldn't find the right house," West said. "They put offers on 10 properties and got outbid each time."

Another draw for investors, West said, is that there is a "huge demand" for rentals.

That includes short-term rentals. West said the Manchester and Dorset areas have a "huge amount" of secondary homes being used for short-term rentals. Data from AirDNA shows 185 active short-term rentals in Manchester Center, 56 in Dorset and 25 in East Dorset.

West herself is an investor. On Friday, the day she spoke to VTDigger, she was closing on the purchase of Maple Leaf Realty, the 14-agent real estate agency where she works, as well as the building and the building out back, which she will rent out.

In the Burlington area, Realtor David Parsons also sees what he calls "hybrid investors."

"Some of those folks are buying what would be considered

second homes at one point, but are also using those as investment properties primarily through short-term rental platforms," Parsons said. "So they're purchasing those

properties for their own use in some ways, but I don't think that they would be making those purchases unless they had the income generation potential provided by those short-term rental outlets."

Parsons said these are people whose primary jobs are in major metropolitan areas who can work remotely some of the time.

Things changed dramatically in the second quarter of this year as interest rates rose, both in Vermont and nationwide. Hepp said investors in Vermont now represent 7% of homes bought — the same percentage as before the pandemic.

"Whether it's the higher cost of borrowing or the perception that we are now entering a recession and home prices may slow down significantly or decline, investors really pulled out of the market at this point," Hepp said.

But in Bennington, West has not seen a slowdown.

"Last month, I listed three first-time-home-buyer homes, cute little homes less than 2,000 square feet on a small lot, between 225 and 250 (thousand dollars), and I got four offers on one, five offers on one and six offers on the other," West said. "All of them sold over asking."

At that price, she said, given the cost of construction labor and materials, existing homes are still cheaper than the \$400,000 it would cost to buy land and build a basic ranch home.

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Bristol Beat

First Responders and cell phone made all the difference

On Aug. 22 while hiking with my nine-year-old granddaughter and six-and-a-half-year-old grandson, I fell and broke my hip. We were on the loop trail of Raven Ridge Natural Area which straddles Monkton and Charlotte. It is a lovely, moderate trail that is owned and maintained by The Nature Conservancy. We were having a great time.

Thanks to quality cell service at the location of my fall, I was able to access 911, as well as my husband, my daughter and friend, all of whom immediately headed to help, and we three became the very fortunate recipients of caring, competent, professional rescuers who located us, packaged me up to be carried out and determined the least painful and most direct route out to a waiting ambulance. It was challenging for them to locate us on the trail and even more difficult to determine a way that their four-wheel-drive mule could be positioned to help transport me. The trail was not wide enough to accommodate the vehicle so they carried me, on a litter, while bushwhacking a different trail, a long way to where they were able to transfer me to the mule.

From there, the mule was used on farm roads to get me to the ambulance. They had the technology, knowledge and creativity they needed to determine a manageable route, with great consideration for my best possible comfort. I am thankful to Full Belly Farm for letting the rescue team use it as a successful command central.

I think there were at least 15 people assisting with our rescue. I know for sure that there were personnel from Charlotte Fire and Rescue, who managed my care and transported me to UVM Medical Center. I believe the mule

was also from that department. The first person to arrive on the scene was Rob from Monkton First Response, and others from the Monkton Fire Department. There were personnel from Hinesburg First Response as well. There may have been personnel from other companies as well.

I never saw the trucks and apparatus that were provided for my call but I truly appreciate the responders, their families and their employers who support their commitment to serving the community 24/7/365 as they do.

The medic from Charlotte Fire and Rescue who was in charge of the call was Ginger. She was competent, organized, thorough, considerate and caring. Her scene management left me with no doubt that I was going to get the help I needed as efficiently as possible but without endangering anyone else.

She did all she could do to stabilize my body for the necessary moving and jostling required to get me out of the woods. She was kind, loving and patient with my grandkids, who were very worried, but calm, and asked endless questions. She welcomed the input and help offered to her team by my husband, which increased my comfort and gave him a worthy task on which to focus. I am forever grateful to her, and her crew, for making a very scary and painful time as manageable as she did. Clearly well trained and competent, her calm confidence was contagious and everyone on the scene benefited from it. Thanks to Rob, Ginger, Jake, (is that the right name?) and definitely others, the kids were lovingly supported through a pretty traumatic experience and seem none the worse for wear now.

This experience was made so much less traumatic because there was cell service in those woods. Despite my effort to do so, I have not been able to imagine how I would have contacted help while broken, on a Monday, on a trail that sees less traffic than most, without cell service.

I also want to remind all who adventure to tell someone, or leave a note at home, telling where you are headed and when you left. Sign in at kiosks, too. Not only does that data prove valuable as proof that trails are being used, which can help with funding future up keep and development of trail systems, it gives information about who is on the trail in the event of a search.

I have always done both of those things, but on that day, I had uncharacteristically done neither. I left no crumbs to follow. As I said, without cell service, the outcome of this misadventure likely would have been very different for me and much more traumatic for the kids. The professional, caring voice of the 911 operator was soothing to all of us. I support all efforts being made to expand cell service throughout Vermont. It's about so much more than convenience.

Justin, the chief of Charlotte Fire and Rescue, and a paramedic. I waited me at the ambulance. Not only did he provide some pain medication on the way to the hospital, he spoke up loud and clear to get me directly into a room rather than being left in the queue in triage at the very crowded emergency department. Thanks to his advocacy, I had immediate attention by a team of very caring and competent medical professionals who helped me through the excruciating process of positioning my leg for imaging to determine my injury.

Having already been through two and a half hours of pain since my injury, becoming one the many patients on beds lining the halls of the ED while awaiting treatment would have been horrific. By speaking up the way he did, I became a priority and was given efficient care. Clearly, Justin knows his way around that department and has earned the respect of many who work there. He certainly has earned my respect and my deepest gratitude.

The following evening, I had a full hip replacement and am recovering at home. I hope more people will join the ranks of these trained rescue teams so this valuable service will continue to be available for years to come. I will certainly be expressing my gratitude with financial support and I encourage others to do the same. As I now know, anyone can find themselves in need of their services.

With my deepest respect and gratitude for all involved in my rescue and care,

Marilyn Fuller, Middlebury



SUSAN MAHONY AND Stephanie Larocque Hyatt of Pollinator Pathway Addison County-Monkton take a break at the Monkton Central School garden, behind which they will plant a pollinator garden.

Monkton gardeners help pollinators

By JILL VICKERS
MONKTON — “There’s something calming for me about getting my hands in the dirt,” Jenne Morton told me recently.

“It’s magical,” Debra Sprague added, speaking of growing plants.

We spoke recently in front of Monkton’s new town hall at the flower garden created by volunteers. Liz Paquette coordinated work on this garden with the support of the selectboard. Jenne and Debra are coordinators of Pollinator Pathway of Addison County-Monkton, the group now maintaining this pollinator garden. It’s part of Pollinator Pathway of Addison County (PPAC), an organization dedicated to education and action in support of pollinating insects and birds.

A profusion of blossoms brightens the front lawn. Some are native plants, others are plants that local pollinators visit and yet others add variety in color and form. This visitor was struck by the hum generated by the garden’s “customers.” To learn more about the plants and pollinators, there is a QR code posted in the garden. It leads to the group’s website sites.google.com/view/monktonpollinatorpathway/home.

Pollinator Pathway of Addison County-Monkton is currently about 14 individuals strong, who, along with planting and maintaining their own gardens, are creating new ones designed to nourish local pollinators. Pollinators, which move pollen from one plant to another

fueling the cycle of life, include bees, butterflies, moths, insects of all sorts, hummingbirds and even bats.

In Monkton, Jenne got the ball rolling by joining the PPAC steering committee and by posting on Front Porch Forum to reach out to others interested in the welfare of pollinators. Talented individuals, including master gardeners, Conservation Committee members, a landscape business owner and others with extensive experience, got back to Jenne. The group has met regularly and, since last fall, has accomplished much.

Along with the town hall garden and three garden tours this summer, there is a pollinator meadow in the works beyond the library part of the building. Signage there tells of the project to help people envision what will soon replace the black plastic and tires. Seeding of plants to nourish pollinators will occur this fall. Another garden bed is being prepared behind the Monkton Central School vegetable garden. Julie Parker-Dickerson is the coordinator for the Monkton School Project. Thanks to a generous donation, native plants will be purchased for students to help plant this fall.

Jenne told me she has been interested in pollinators for a long time. Her garden history goes back to when she was a kid and asked non-gardening parents for a tiny

plot. Now, as part of PPAC, and as a master gardener, Jenne says she has learned so much more about pollinators.

“I didn’t know how endangered they were,” she said. “I didn’t know how important their habitats were.”

As a result, Jenne has left wild the perimeter of her large vegetable garden, which in the past she has weed-whacked. The joy of it is seeing the bees on the goldenrod “just loving it,” she said.

Her suggestion to those interested is to start small. Planting a couple of *Rubeckia* (black-eyed Susans) can make a difference by creating a friendly habitat for pollinators. Another way to help pollinators is to put off cleaning garden beds so seeds and stalks are available as food and shelter.

A good source of information on pollinators is the four educational webinars PPAC hosted in the spring. The topics are planting for pollinators in Vermont, rewilding and the importance of native plants. They are all available on YouTube. More webinars are being lined up for the coming year.

For Monkton residents, contact Jenne at jennemorton@gmail.com for more information. To learn more about the county-wide group, email pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com or check out the page on the Pollinator Pathway Northeast website at pollinator-pathway.org/towns/addison-county.



AFTER BREAKING HER hip during a fall experienced while hiking with her grandchildren, Marilyn Fuller was expertly extracted from the woods by area rescue squads, had her hip replaced and here received a visit from the grandkids, Lilliana and Kellen Ortuno.

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8 General Election ballot for one of the two seats representing the Addison-1 district in the Vermont House. The Addison-1 district encompasses Middlebury, except for a northwest section largely consisting of the Marble Works complex and the Seymour Street neighborhood.

He is trying to unseat one of the two Democrat incumbents — Reps. Robin Scheu and Amy Sheldon.

Peter Caldwell and his spouse Janet — a former counselor at the Counseling Service of Addison County — moved from Snake Mountain in Bridport to Middlebury around six years ago. Peter said the move was predicated on his wife's health.

"We thought we should be closer to a hospital," he explained.

The couple has lived in Vermont since 1998. Prior to that, the Caldwells lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Peter was raised in Wisconsin, where he was exposed to dairy farming.

Professionally, he describes himself as a "jack of all trades." He's been a college administrator, a professor, a small-business consultant, an accountant and an author. He had been planning to write a book about bluegrass music this summer, until a local Republican came knocking on his door.

"He said, 'We don't have any candidates running in Middlebury,' and I said, 'Why not?'" Caldwell recalled.

He acknowledged the Everest-like hill he'll need to climb in order to win an Addison-1 House seat. Scheu and Sheldon are popular incumbent challengers. Scheu serves on the House Appropriations Committee, while Sheldon chairs the Natural Resources Fish & Wildlife Committee.

One has to go back two decades to find the last time Middlebury voters elected a Republican (Dean George) to represent them in the Vermont House.

Caldwell called himself a "capital L Lincoln small r republican," showing reverence for the late "Great Emancipator" Abraham Lincoln, while not necessarily toeing the GOP party line.

"This doesn't mean that if by some miracle I was elected I would abandon all conservative Republican principles," Caldwell qualified.

Caldwell demonstrated his professional predilections during an hourlong interview, quoting the likes of John F. Kennedy, John Dewey and Mao Zedong in

illustrating his positions on issues ranging from education to public service.

He cited JFK's oft quoted "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" passage from his 1961 inaugural as a big reason for his decision to run for a seat in the Vermont House.

"Quite frankly, if we did a 180 and the Republicans were in majority control of Vermont government — and had been for a number of years — I would be quite content to run as a Democrat," he said. "I'm interested in being a voice for what is best for all Vermonters of good spirit who love their state, their country and are not way to one side or another."

He called leadership "probably the scarcest human resource. It's far more scarce than great artists or poets. It takes a gift, and I would argue a tenacity of purpose and moral rectitude."

Caldwell believes he has the stuff of leadership and is willing to roll up his sleeves for the dirty work of politics, which he metaphorically compared to sorting through tons of cow manure to find a gold nugget.

TAXES, EDUCATION

While Caldwell has several issues on his legislative to-do list, two rise to the top: Controlling government taxation and public education reform.

"Taxation is wildly outrunning our ability to pay," he said.

The solution, according to Caldwell: "First, reach agreement on how much we citizens are willing to spend on government, in all areas. Then, the legislative branch directs the executive branch to so budget. The form taxation takes may then get debated within the Legislature."

On the issue of education, Caldwell said he and other Vermonters continue to wonder "Why we spend so much to get so little?" The answer to that question, Caldwell believes, is that the state's education system is top-heavy with administrators.

"We taxpayers have become quite overwhelmed by bureaucrats and the cost to feed them," he said, then quoted Lincoln: "Too many pigs for the teats."

Caldwell believes the U.S. education system during the 19th century was "influenced by socialism" imported by American graduates of German universities. The result, according to Caldwell: "A one-size-fits-all, production-



MIDDLEBURY REPUBLICAN PETER Caldwell, shown with his 1947 Packard campaign car, is hoping to win one of the two Addison-1 seats representing Middlebury in the Vermont House of Representatives. Independent photo/John S. McCright

line education for the factory-worker-to-be proletariat, not for a free people."

Instead, the country should embrace "a learning marketplace," according to Caldwell, a system in which "every learning organization — whether public, private, cooperative, home-schooling, or therapeutic

with a lot of angry people, but what matters in the end is that every Vermont child learns to the maximum of his or her capability."

Caldwell acknowledged affordable health care continues to be an elusive goal for Vermont and the nation as a whole. He suggested the creation of health care cooperatives that would provide "all the health care needs to the people who join them." Services would range from routine exams to treatment of major illnesses.

Like the public education system, Caldwell believes the health care industry has too many bureaucrats and too much paperwork.

"STOLEN ELECTION" Caldwell concluded the interview with a few thoughts on global warming and former President Donald Trump.

On climate change: "My basic argument is this: Climate is cyclical, weather is chaotic. Evidence of severe weather events in no way says anything about climate change."

On Trump: "I personally believe he was a most remarkable president. He created an economy that was incredible," said Caldwell, counting himself among those who believe the 2020 election was stolen. He believes Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis — not Trump — will be GOP's 2024 nominee for president.

Caldwell will spend the next seven weeks making his pitch to voters. He holds court beginning at 7 a.m. each Tuesday morning at Rosie's Restaurant on Route 7 South. He can be contacted at 2manypigsvt@gmail.com. *John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.*

McGill

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Trust (ACCT), the county's largest affordable housing provider.

It's a career path that's given McGill the joy of placing houseless individuals and families into apartments of their own.

She recently secured a John Graham apartment for a family that had been residing in hotels for the past two years. The couple had a baby who first came "home" to a hotel room.

"They're now starting a new path in one of our apartments," she said, with a beaming smile. "Every time I lease someone up, it's really meaningful. I get a lot of joy from the work I do."

And it wasn't that long ago that McGill herself was facing the same kinds of problems as the folks she now serves.

"I was a young single mom with my oldest (now 15-year-old) child," she recalled. "We were really struggling and I was on the brink of homelessness. But I got a project-based (housing) voucher from ACCT. That allowed me to go to school. With the support of a lot of community programs, I was able to get my life on a different track. And I always knew I wanted to do the same for other struggling members of my community."

She and her family are now self-sufficient, with a home in Bridport.

TOP TWO ISSUES

McGill believes the challenges she faced as a young adult and her professional knowledge of affordable housing programs would make her a natural to advocate for houseless people in the Statehouse. She listed that issue, along with climate change, as two of the biggest problems she hopes to help remedy if elected this November.

Simply put, McGill said, "fewer people are able to make homeownership a reality."

Settling in Vermont was already a tough financial stretch for young families prior to the pandemic, with the high cost of land and inhospitable clay soils not good for septic systems in many parts of our county. It's only gotten worse during the COVID-19 period, with the sparse number of available homes snapped up by out-of-state buyers, often at inflated prices.

McGill said it'll be imperative for Vermont to develop more affordable and workforce housing if it's to cultivate a new generation of young families to fill school systems that are now facing sparse enrollment. She believes the state must use a multi-faceted approach that could include providing more grant money, making it easier for developers and nonprofits to include affordable/workforce housing in their plans, and embracing new, lower-cost solutions — such as tiny homes and modular housing.

She noted the ACCT and John Graham Housing & Services, using federal COVID relief money, recently collaborated on a plan to purchase three net-zero modular homes that were installed in a mobile home park in Bristol. Such innovation should become the standard when considering new developments, McGill said.

"Every time we're solving issues at the Statehouse we need to think about all the other issues," she said. "When we're developing affordable housing, we need to make sure it's energy efficient and sustainable."

She'd like to see developers and nonprofits work with environmental authorities and municipalities to get on the same page when it comes to siting affordable and workforce housing. And McGill wants to see such housing increasingly marketed to people of color and folks with disabilities.

"We need to build equity in our social fabric as well," she said. "It makes our community stronger."

McGill has long been a fan of universal health care and believes Vermont could take a big step in that direction by first offering its citizens universal access to primary care.

"It's hard for a state the size of Vermont," she acknowledged, but added, "we can partner with our neighboring states. Everyone is feeling the pinch of health care



JUBILEE MCGILL

costs these days."

The rising costs of public education are forcing an additional strain on Vermonters' budgets, and McGill believes the state should transition to an income tax-based funding formula, instead of one largely dependent on property taxes.

SMALL SCHOOLS

And speaking of schools, McGill is concerned about declining student numbers and the impact that could have on the future of the county's education system. Ripton, Lincoln, Starksboro, Addison and

Weybridge are among area communities that have either considered — or are in the midst of — withdrawing from their respective school districts as a means of ensuring survival of their elementary schools.

"It makes me sad to think of closing these small community schools," she said, suggesting that home values would decline in communities that shutter their schools. "I think we need to explore how we can make them sustainable."

We're spending all this money studying how to best close them; let's spend a little on how we could keep them open."

McGill believes communities could make their rural schools more sustainable by converting vacant space into senior centers, business hubs and recreation facilities.

Closing schools would be short-sighted, according to McGill, who noted Vermont is well-positioned to draw more families due to climate change, its scenic beauty and wholesome reputation.

"We can't just look at the money component," she said of short-term savings derived from eliminating or merging schools. "Our population might be stagnant now, but I think that's going to change."

She generally believes change is good, particularly when it comes to replacing fossil fuels with green energy. She's a firm believer in tax credits to help families and businesses transition to renewable energy, such as solar and wind.

Looking ahead to the Nov. 8 General Election, McGill is eager to vote in favor of Article 22, the so-called "Reproductive Liberty Amendment" that would solidify a woman's access to abortion in the Vermont Constitution. Some states are rushing to codify reproductive rights in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down Roe v. Wade.

In addition to approving Article 22, McGill believes the state Legislature should ensure Vermont physicians aren't at risk of being extradited if they perform abortions on out-of-state clients.

"Our work doesn't end with (passage of Article 22)," McGill said.

She noted the Addison-5 district includes several farms, and she pledged to fight for those who make their living in agriculture and forestry. McGill said Vermont should do more to help farmers diversify their products and navigate environmental rules designed to prevent manure runoff into the state's waterways.

"I'd like to partner with farmers and make it viable for them to (diversify) without it hurting their livelihood," she said.

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North

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 progressive leader of the House.”
 “That hardly can be fair representation of us in Addison-3,” North said. “The people are not being represented, and that’s not the way our government is supposed to work.”

He named his campaign website balancedvermont.com because he said the Democratic Party enjoys a “supermajority” in both the Vermont House and Senate.

“The other side really doesn’t have to be listened to at all, and apparently, based on the legislation that comes through, rarely ever does,” North said.

“It’s my experience in management within any organization that you need to listen to all the stakeholders. Rarely is it ever a good decision where either there is a manager in charge or one person who has ‘a good idea’ says, ‘This is how we’re going to do it.’”

BIOGRAPHY

North is a New Jersey native with a Duke University undergraduate degree and a graduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. After RPI he worked for Honeywell in Florida for five years on the space station program.

“It shouldn’t require a rocket scientist to solve the problems in government, but it seems it wouldn’t hurt,” he said.

After a few years he and his wife, Elaine, who is from Ferrisburgh, started looking for a better place to raise a family, and they also were fans of the Northeast’s four seasons.

A job at what was then BF Goodrich came open, and they moved to her hometown in 1993. After a few ownership changes, Goodrich is now Collins Aerospace, and he had the same workplace until 2020.

North retired after a career that saw him rise through the management ranks of the city facility’s parent firms as he and Elaine raised four children in Ferrisburgh. They have attended a religious school in Williston, where North coaches one daughter’s soccer team.

During his career, he became a “technical fellow,” which he described as “the very top echelon of engineers.” In that role, he collaborated with other fellows to perform research that helped company leaders develop a vision for the company’s future direction. He also worked for almost nine years as the firm’s Director of Quality Assurance.

North said he’s served on school boards and as an elder in New Haven’s United Reform Church,

and is president of the local Gideons’ Camp, a branch of the organization that distributes Gideon Bibles in lodging establishments.

ISSUES

North hopes he can help more of a Republican, or at least an opposing, point of view be heard in Montpelier.

“Any lawyer worth their salt could very easily prove the state’s laws against prostitution are non-constitutional based on that Article 22. We’re just opening ourselves up to more and more things that really I don’t think most Vermonters want.”

— Rob North

“It bears out in the larger cultural and societal thought processes of this ‘cancel culture,’ where if somebody disagrees with somebody else they just get canceled if it’s not aligned with the prevailing thought presented by one faction,” he added. “That’s not a good way to run a government.”

North said as of late last week, he had knocked on almost 800 doors, and said themes he heard informed his candidacy.

“The overarching issue people talk about as I go door to door is affordability,” he said. “Everything is just becoming so unaffordable.”

Many are choosing to leave Vermont, he said, while others are finding it difficult to stay.

“Decisions after decisions get made in Montpelier that always increase taxes ... or add more government bureaucrats, or add to size of government,” he said.

North offered an example. “The biggest one coming out recently that really irks everybody is this Global Warming Solutions Act,” he said. “I am all for stewarding our environment and making things as clean as possible and doing what is prudent. Doing everything we can, people tell me. Nobody does everything you can in your own household or anything else you manage.”

North called that approach “unaffordable.”

“You can’t do that. You do everything that’s prudent,” he said.

North also took aim at Vermont’s “Clean Heat Standard” law, which essentially will require fossil fuel corporations and dealers to market and support more non-fossil-fuel options.

“All it does is apply a huge carbon tax on people who are already overburdened,” North said. “When we’re just adding more and more expense to people, that’s what the Legislature is doing wrong.”

Other issues that North cited: • North also said he joins others in feeling strongly about public safety issues.

“People think the defunding of the police was a really bad idea,” North said, citing problems

in Burlington and Hinesburg as examples.

• He opposed the change in Burlington’s city charter to decriminalize prostitution on the grounds that decriminalization could lead to sex trafficking. Prostitution remains illegal statewide.

• He questioned Article 22, which is on the November ballot and is designed to add the “right to personal reproductive autonomy” to the state constitution. But he didn’t mention abortion, rather citing what North called its “broad-based, vague” language:

“Any lawyer worth their salt could very easily prove the state’s laws against prostitution are non-constitutional based on that Article 22. We’re just opening ourselves up to more and more things that really I don’t think most Vermonters want.”

• His website describes North as “pro-family.” He shed light on what that means to him:

“I would like to see parents’ rights to make decisions regarding their children in any number of ways, whether that’s what they’re learning in school, what they’re being exposed, and their choice of education programs, protected. Nobody knows better what a child needs than his or her parents, far better than what the state does.”

• Given his comment about “choice of education programs protected,” North was asked to comment on vouchers and school choice and the separation of church and state.

“I would be in favor of at least some level of school choice,” he said, adding in light of the recent Supreme Court decision ordering Maine to pay tuition for rural students at religious schools, “We should go further in that direction, not back away from it.”

North added he is a “free-market capitalist” and believes competition would be healthy for public schools.

• North said he backs First Amendment free speech rights and Second Amendment gun rights, which he said protect First Amendment rights.

“I’m certainly willing to be reasonable about the safety of people,” he said. “I’m not willing to do things that make us less safe by banning certain types of weapons or guns or bullets or whatever when we really haven’t looked at what’s the real cause of the problem.”

North summed up his candidacy by saying aerospace engineers create “safety-critical systems,” and politicians should, too.

“If you make bad public policy decision, I’m not exaggerating, people can get killed. They’re lives can be destroyed by bad policies,” he said. “So we need some more engineering common sense brought to Montpelier.”

received a \$18,538 grant to support the installation of a new heating system at the late poet’s home. Since the program began 20 years ago, grants totaling \$4 million have enabled over 340 arts and cultural institutions across Vermont to make essential improvements to their buildings. Grant funds also support local Vermont contractors, such as electricians, plumbers, and construction crews, who are typically hired to complete the projects.

For more information about the Cultural Facilities program, head online to tinyurl.com/VtArtsFacilities.



UNITED WAY OF Addison County Executive Director Helena Van Voorst, left, and Erin Reed, the organization’s development & marketing director, are getting ready to embark on a 2022-2023 drive intended to raise \$700,000 for nonprofits helping local people in need.

Independent photo/John Flowers

United Way

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will be essential to meet what United Way officials believe is going to be increased pressure on area nonprofits. Reed and Van Voorst noted more state and federal COVID-19 assistance programs have expired this year, and at a time when household budgets are under assault from inflation. Also, those who rely on fossil fuels are going to see their winter home heating bills climb.

“We’re seeing budgets tighten for individuals and nonprofits in our county,” Van Voorst said.

As has been the case for the past several years, a development subcommittee of the UWAC board will lead the 2023 campaign, as opposed to a member of the community.

“It’s still a volunteer effort; it just has taken a different format,” said Van Voorst.

The new format led to a board that’s more actively involved in the annual fund drive, with individual members more in tune with community needs, Van Voorst noted.

And area residents and business leaders will soon be able to get an up-close look at the charitable organizations that are part of UWAC. The Days of Caring, set for Sept. 22 and 24, will see dozens of individuals and local employees perform tasks for nonprofits like the Addison County Parent-Child Center, WomenSafe, Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects and the Counseling Service of Addison County. That free labor will be used for jobs ranging from painting fences to fine-tuning websites.

Van Voorst was pleased to report that COVID-19 conditions have eased to a point where Days of Caring volunteers can return to in-person assistance, rather than lending a virtual hand.

As was the case last year, UWAC’s major fundraiser for the 2023 campaign will be the “0.5-Kilometer Race for the Rest of Us.” It’ll take place on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 3-6 p.m., at UWAC headquarters at 175 Wilson Road (also home to Middlebury Fitness). The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Participants will be able to walk, run, skip or dance along

the Wilson Road 0.5-K route. The event will also include food, games, music and more. All funds raised will help strengthen the health, education, and financial stability of Addison County. Register at tinyurl.com/bdds4w2t.

If there’s carryover from the success of the 2021-2022 campaign, UWAC officials have ample cause to be optimistic for the new donation drive. Last year’s campaign yielded \$769,168, from 950 donors. As could be expected, 689 donors to last year’s campaign gave less than \$1,000. But the campaign also received:

- 17 contributions of more than \$10,000, also referred to as the United Way’s “Tocqueville” giving category.
- 19 “Robert Frost Platinum” gifts of \$7,500 and \$9,999.
- 16 “Robert Frost Gold” gifts of \$5,000 to \$7,499.
- 32 “Robert Frost Silver” donations of \$2,500 to \$4,999.
- 76 “Robert Frost” gifts of \$1,250-\$2,499.
- 45 “Leadership” gifts of \$1,000-\$1,249.

UWAC also received payroll deduction contributions from individual businesses. Those remain a declining percentage of the United Way’s annual harvest — and that’s a nationwide trend for philanthropic organizations, according to Van Voorst.

SMALL BUSINESSES

While giving through payroll deduction is on the decline, Van Voorst said that shouldn’t be seen as fading commitment on the part of the business community. She noted entrepreneurs have found a new giving outlet through UWAC’s “365 Small Business Circle,” whose members can give at levels ranging from \$365 per year (\$1 per day) to \$1,465 annually (\$4 per day) and receive various publicity and/or recognition perks through the United Way.

Small Business Circle members can also donate their time and expertise to UWAC and its affiliates. “The generosity of our local businesses ... continues to be so strong,” Van Voorst said.

Each year, on a rotating basis, UWAC likes to earmark some of the

funds it raises for specific categories of needs: health care, education and financial stability. This year, the so-called “community impact funding” will be designated for education. That’s mean some extra resources for nonprofit affiliates that have an educational bent, such as childcare centers, teen centers and workforce training hubs.

“It’s about improving educational outcomes for all people in Addison County,” Van Voorst stressed.

Placing a premium on outcomes and long-range planning have helped make UWAC much more than a conduit for donated resources to get to local agencies helping people in need. The United Way has grown into a vehicle for change. To that end, the organization is planning two initiatives that could pay long-range dividends for the county:

- Creation of an action plan to get the area’s houseless population better access to health care services.
- The United Way recently won an \$86,000 Homeless Health Equity grant to assemble the master plan, and the money must be spent by next May, Van Voorst said. UWAC will solicit input from many sources, including area physicians, advocates, mental health professionals, clinics, homeless shelters and, of course, those among the houseless population.

• A free seminar featuring consultants from Vital Leadership Coaching, who will give representatives of local charitable organizations tips on how to lead during “times of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity,” according to Van Voorst. The all-day event will be held at the Middlebury Inn on Oct. 21. Keep an eye on the UWAC newsletter to learn more and how to register.

“It’s going to be about moving from knowing what the problems are, to actual action,” Van Voorst said. “We know we need more housing, we know childcare needs to be more affordable. How do we as a community take small steps toward lasting change?”

For more information about UWAC and its 2022-2023 campaign, log onto unitedwayaddisoncounty.org.

Ruth Stone House, THT get grant money

MONTPELIER — Two Addison County institutions were among the 16 Vermont arts and community organizations that shared in a pot of \$300,000 in Cultural Facilities Grants recently announced by the Vermont Arts Council. The money will provide critical funds to enhance, create or expand the capacity of an existing building offering cultural activities for the public.

The Cultural Facilities Grant Program supports up to \$30,000 in capital improvements to town halls, theaters, library buildings, museums, community centers, and other public spaces where

Vermonters gather for arts and cultural activities. Qualifying improvements include bringing public buildings into compliance with fire codes, supporting the installation of new HVAC or ventilation systems, and increasing accessibility through elevators, assistive listening systems, and ramps, among others.

Town Hall Theater in Middlebury was among four institutions that received \$30,000 grants. The Arts Council said THT will use the money to help buy a new sound system that integrates with current assistive listening devices.

In Goshen, the Ruth Stone House

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ADDISON COUNTY — People being unkind to others was the theme of Vermont State Police activity in the past week.

Troopers got a report on Sept. 2 at around 8 p.m., that John Gargano, 66, of Monkton had violated a stalking order and was trespassing inside a vacant home on North Camp Road in Monkton. Police went to the vacant home and called for Gargano to come out, but he refused. Troopers got a search warrant and returned to the home, went in, and arrested Gargano. Police cited Gargano for violation of a stalking order and unlawful trespass.

Then, on Sept. 4 at 3:41 a.m., troopers logged a report of a family fight at a Lake Street home in West Addison. Police reported that

Logan Loftus, 21, of Middlebury had punched a household member, fracturing their jaw. Troopers tracked Loftus down the next day, took him to the state police barracks in New Haven and cited him for first-degree aggravated domestic assault.

Meanwhile, a fire at a home just north of Leicester Four Corners on Sunday, Sept. 4, at around 11 p.m. prompted state police to close traffic in both directions on Route 7 between Maple Street and Fern Lake Road. The road remained closed until around 1:15 a.m. on Monday. State police provided additional information too late for this log, but late Wednesday said the fire was suspicious. You can read the story on Page 5A.

Fighting and biting ends with citation

VERGENNES — Vergennes police investigated two cases last week involving youths and violence, and they cited a teen in one of them.

On Aug. 31, city police cited a 16-year-old into juvenile court following an incident in the Main Street area, alleging he hit and bit a female acquaintance.

On Sept. 2, police responded to a fight they said broke out after a soccer game at Vergennes Union Elementary School that resulted in one participant being taken to a hospital for treatment. Police said that incident remains under investigation.

Between Aug. 29 and Sept. 4, Vergennes police also responded to a false alarm, conducted three patrols by cruiser and two on foot, made three traffic stops, and:

- On Aug. 29:
 - Responded to a complaint of a man acting erratically and then threatening National Bank of Middlebury employees. Police couldn't find him to serve a no-trespass order and said the same man reportedly had done the same at the bank's Bristol branch. Vermont State Police eventually served the order two days later.
 - Mediated a family dispute at a High Street residence.
 - Took a report that a car parked on Main Street had at some point been struck by another car.
- On Aug. 30, were told a car parked on North Street had been vandalized.
- On Sept. 1:
 - Were told a young girl walking down School Street with a man was screaming for her mother; police found no one.

Vergennes Police Log

- Looked into an allegation that a neighbor had stolen cash and belongings from a Main Street apartment.

On Sept. 2:

- Briefly directed Main Street traffic while a resident backed a camper into a driveway.
- On behalf of a Pantown Road resident, checked the welfare of someone staying at a Ferrisburgh home; he was fine, police said.

- Suggested a Main Street apartment resident contact the city health officer with her concerns about a water leak causing mold in her unit.

On Sept. 3:

- Gave a pedestrian recovering from a foot injury a ride home.
- Responded to one-car accidents on Main Street and East Road.

- Upon learning the department's speed cart on Main Street had been tampered with, removed cardboard signs from it and moved it.

On Sept. 4:

- Responded to a report of a suspicious person in the Shaw's Supermarket parking lot and determined the person in question posed no problem or threat.
- Helped an elderly resident of Pantown Road who police said was dealing with dementia.

- Calmed a verbal domestic dispute outside the Hillside Apartments complex.



THE CREW AT Middlebury's Appalachian Gap Distillery has concocted a Vermont Creemee Liqueur, which tastes remarkably like its sweet, soft-serve namesake. Pictured, from left, are App Gap's sales & marketing head Will Drucker, Vice President Chuck Burkins and President/Head Distiller Lars Hubbard.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Treat

(Continued from Page 1A) recognize," said Hubbard, App Gap's president and head distiller. "The idea was to make a liqueur that tastes like a melted creemee."

They believe they've succeeded. The all-natural Vermont Creemee Liqueur is currently available in the traditional vanilla, chocolate and maple flavors, with additional varieties on the drawing board.

"If we'd only figured out a way to make a 'twist,'" Hubbard said of the ubiquitous vanilla-chocolate creemee combo.

Hubbard's approach to the creemee liqueur was the same as that employed in making the many other spirits in App Gap's portfolio.

"I start out with a base recipe that's based on experience and guesswork," he said. "Then I tinker with it."

It took five tries to get the chocolate variation right. Hubbard said he nailed both the maple and vanilla in one try.

And that's a great track record for a cream-based liqueur, which includes the added wrinkle of mixing dairy with spirits (in this case, whisky). It's critical to achieve a PH balance in the product that will prevent clotting.

Instead of using a conventional chocolate flavoring, the App Gap

crew infuses its whiskey with cocoa nibs. They use vanilla paste instead of vanilla extract. And for the maple variety, they procured grade B syrup from Breezy Lane Sugarworks in Bristol.

"What we were trying to do is not have an overwhelming flavor; the flavors in creemees are never super-dominant — except maybe black raspberry," Hubbard said. "The others (flavors) are subtle, and that's what we were going for."

Plans called for a 2020 roll-out of Vermont Creemee Liqueur at farmers markets. But then COVID put a temporary clamp on public gatherings.

So the creemee liqueur idea was left to age at App Gap — until the pandemic subsided.

Vermont Creemee Liqueur's grand unveiling occurred at App Gap on Sept. 2, but the product had already been unfurled, on a small scale, throughout the summer at farmers markets in Burlington, Winooski, Rutland, Ludlow, Londonderry, Dorset and Manchester. A 375ml bottle was

going for \$20.

It's not yet available through Vermont liquor stores; App Gap officials will continue to monitor how their creemee concoction is received on a lesser scale before

deciding on a bigger plunge that would require ramping up production. If you live in the area and want the creemee liqueur, you'll have to special order it through App Gap or stop by the distillery's tasting room at 88 Mainelli Road.

Drucker, App Gap's director of sales & marketing, said the company's latest offering proved an

interesting departure from the more traditional spirits-making process.

"A product like the Creemee Liqueur is definitely more of a 'mad scientist' undertaking," he said.

But that's OK; sometimes it's good to go against the grain.

"When we were bandying about the idea, it was to do something that was fun and rooted in Vermont," he said.

Another one of App Gap's popular products gave the crew

added confidence to delve into the uncharted territory of a high-octane creemee creation.

"We've been making espresso liqueur for a long time and have die-hard fans of that," Drucker said. "We figured we had a sub-set of customers who love the liqueur side of things. And what could be more Vermont than a liqueur inspired by a Vermont creemee?"

Burkins, Drucker and Hubbard all love the product and joked about its diverse applications.

"It's delicious for breakfast," Hubbard chuckled.

"We're not encouraging this as a breakfast drink," Burkins retorted playfully.

Being the first company to produce a Vermont Creemee Liqueur isn't the only feather in App Gap's cap. Last year, the company became the country's first climate-neutral certified distillery.

"Environmental responsibility has always been a big part of what we do," Drucker said. "We want to make sure our products are extremely delicious but also made in a way that's gentle on the earth and reflects the values our fellow Vermonters care about."

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By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) perform, and Crooked Ladle Catering will serve up the food. There will also be games and a story walk. While the event is free to attend, you must register to receive a ticket for food, and you can also purchase raffle tickets in advance by heading online to tinyurl.com/4mhfafpm.

Do you have a desire to help to make your community a more just and safer place to live? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? WomenSafe is an Addison County nonprofit organization, works to prevent, address and end dating, domestic, sexual violence. The agency is now accepting applications for its annual volunteer training. This comprehensive and dynamic training opportunity is scheduled to begin on Saturday, Sept.

17, and community members are encouraged to apply now. WomenSafe's training this year will mix in-person and some virtual sessions, due to Covid-19. Participants will acquire all the tools needed to provide direct service through WomenSafe's 24-hour hotline and in person; monitor supervised visits; offer prevention education and community outreach events; and provide childcare or perform administrative tasks. Space is limited. For more information or an application packet, call WomenSafe at 802-388-9180, or email info@womensafe.net. You can also visit womensafe.net.

Do you remember the Cody McGlashan? He's the Ripton native we wrote about in an Arts + Leisure story last year who was making a feature film

in Chicago about a fellow who, well, screams. The film is now complete and "Gary Screams For You" will premiere next week at the Toronto International Film Festival — one of the big deal festival. Head to Canada next week if you want to see the film. In the meantime, you can watch the trailer online at tinyurl.com/CodyTrailer.

Attention, hiking enthusiasts: Saturday, Sept. 10 is "Long Trail Day," and it's also the date of the annual social and state-wide fundraiser that benefits the Green Mountain Club (GMC). After a successful Long Trail Day fundraiser last year, Addison County's local section of the GMC, the Bread Loaf Section, is helping to raise funds again this year. For a details about the club's Long Trail Day activities, log on to tinyurl.com/yckhr953. Also, to donate to help trails, go to tinyurl.com/yckbav45. You might also choose to join a local group hike on Sept. 10. There will be four different hikes on Saturday, spanning the Emily Proctor trailhead to the Sucker Brook trailhead. Interested in hiking with a group? Look for details and leader contact information on Sept. 10 at gmbreadloaf.org/calendar and in the Calendar in today's Arts + Leisure section.

Gov. Phil Scott this week announced his recent appointment of 122 Vermonters to various state boards and commissions. Boards and commissions serve an important role in state government, giving Vermonters numerous opportunities to serve their

communities. The governor's office is currently soliciting applications to fill vacancies and upcoming term expirations. All those interested in serving on a board or commission should visit tinyurl.com/yuuat3ja. Addison County residents were among the crop of appointees. They include Susan Shashock of East Middlebury to the District 9 Environmental Commission, Fred Baser of Bristol to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Ted Foster of New Haven to the Current Use Advisory Board, Sarah McLain of Lincoln to the Board of Medical Practice, Mary O'Donovan of Addison to the State Veterinary Board, and Joseph Baker of Ferrisburgh as a justice of the peace.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have fallen 16.5 cents per gallon during the past week and now \$3.92 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 626 stations in Vermont. Prices in Vermont are 48.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 83.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Vermont was priced at \$3.47 per gallon early this week, while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon. Meanwhile, the national average price of gasoline fell 7.7 cents per gallon during the past week, averaging \$3.75 per gallon right now. The national average is down 29.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 57.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.



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Omicron boosters coming

By ERIN PETENKO, VTDigger.org

A new COVID-19 vaccine booster targeted at Omicron strains, called the bivalent vaccine, is coming to Vermont this week, according to the state Department of Health.

Vermont pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens list bivalent vaccine appointments starting Wednesday, although availability is limited. The health department is also offering the bivalent vaccine starting Wednesday at walk-in clinics listed on its website.

Both Pfizer and Moderna's bivalent vaccines were authorized by the federal government last week, with Pfizer offered to anyone 12 and older and Moderna to those 18 and older. The department has ordered an initial 17,000 doses to start arriving this week, with thousands more on the way in the coming weeks.

Health Commissioner Mark Levine praised the new booster in a press release last week.

"As the weather cools, we start spending more time inside — and that is when we see increases in cases of respiratory viruses like colds and flu, and now COVID-19," Levine said. "This fast-evolving virus continues to demand our attention, and I am pleased we now have an updated vaccine that targets the variants we see circulating in Vermont."

Here are some responses to common questions about the vaccine from two sources: Monica Ogelby, immunization program chief for the health department, and Tim Lahey, an infectious disease physician at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

How is this vaccine different from previous vaccines/boosters?

Until now, the federal government recommended one booster for young and healthy adults, and a second for high-risk people and those 50 and older.

But those boosters were the "same vaccine just given again," Lahey said, in order to trigger a stronger immune response. The bivalent vaccine contains antigens from the original strain along with two other strains: BA.4 and BA.5, the two Omicron subvariants that are dominant in the United States right now.

"It's a broader spectrum of coverage against current variants and what we might expect to be emerging variants in the future," Ogelby said.

Lahey said scientists have noticed that protection against COVID is better for people who have immunity to strains closer to the current virus, so "they're hoping to kind of catch everybody up to

having that same level of matching immunity."

How effective is this vaccine?

At this point, there's little data on the real-world effectiveness of the bivalent vaccines, Lahey said.

"The challenge is that we're in one of those points in time where we have some information, but the ideal information to make the decision — those data aren't in yet," Lahey said.

We do know that bivalent vaccines improve the antibody responses of boosted individuals, he said, and that good antibody responses tend to correlate with better protection against the disease.

So it's "a reasonable extrapolation" that increasing the levels of antibodies, particularly ones tailored to the strains that are going to be circulating this fall, would protect people from severe disease, Lahey said. "But we don't have evidence that that is definitely

the case with this vaccine." At the same time, he pointed out that the risks of getting vaccinated have been demonstrated to be pretty low, usually just a day of side effects.

And, he added, "every single time we've boosted, we've seen that particularly older and immunocompromised people show lower rates of hospitalization and death."

For younger folks, he said, the benefits might be more incremental, but the shot could help prevent a "few days of misery" from a nasty bout of COVID.

Lahey said "that's good enough" for him. "I'll get the booster because I don't want to be out of work. I have a busy life and I don't want to be kept out of it."

How can I get this vaccine?

Pharmacies and walk-in clinics are reporting bivalent vaccine availability starting on Wednesday. Vermonters should be able to get the vaccine at "all the places that they have been historically going to get vaccines," Ogelby said.

Vermonters can get either Pfizer or Moderna, regardless of which of the two vaccines or boosters they had in the past, except that 12- to 17-year-olds must get Pfizer, she said. You must have gotten a primary vaccine series of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson in order to get boosted.

The new vaccines are listed on the health department's clinic schedule as "Moderna Bivalent Booster 18+" and "Pfizer Bivalent Booster 12+."

Ogelby said the state is planning to increase its capacity at walk-in clinics to make sure it can accommodate increased demand. The department is also working to offer flu vaccines at walk-in clinics in the near future, except for the high-dose flu vaccine for older

Vermonters.

While COVID vaccines have been available at most doctor's offices, Ogelby said the department is unlikely to distribute the vaccine to providers on "day one," because most don't have the bandwidth to accept phone calls from hundreds of patients.

Most primary care practices should be able to offer the vaccine starting in mid-September, she said. It will likely be available at specific appointments as well as routine check-ins.

I think I have immunity from getting sick or getting vaccinated recently. Should I still get the Omicron booster?

Ogelby said the bivalent vaccines are authorized to be taken two months after a person's last dose of the vaccine, whether that's from the primary course or a booster dose.

If you've recently been infected with COVID, you should consider waiting up to 90 days before getting the bivalent vaccine, she said.

"If I had had COVID, I'd probably wait 90 days so I would kind of ride out that natural immune response as long as I could, and then boost my immune system once I knew that that immune response was starting to wane," she said.

Why get vaccinated now, when COVID levels are low?

An increasing percentage of Vermonters have fallen behind on their recommended doses of booster shots. Only 37% of Vermonters 5 and older are up to date on their vaccines, the health department reported last week.

At the same time, the health department has reported "low" COVID levels since June, with few outward signs that the state is poised for a surge. Vermont has among the lowest case and hospitalization levels in the nation.

Yet there are still benefits to being protected against the virus.

"Getting this new booster will help build protection for when you do encounter the virus," Levine said in Tuesday's press release. "This can reduce cases of serious illness and hospitalizations — and, most important, help prevent additional deaths and loss from this terrible pandemic."

Ogelby said the vaccine would help protect not just the individual getting it, but the community as a whole. She also said that vaccinated people were less likely to have to access the health care system, find childcare or miss work because they're sick.

There's also the potential for future surges in the fall and winter. The virus could follow its current pattern of ripples coming and going periodically, where "they're not as lethal as some of the earlier surges, but they're still important," Lahey said.

He likened the state of the virus to HIV, which is far less fearsome now than it was in 1985 — "because of condoms and testing and treatment," tools that have prevented it and lessened its effects on those who live with it.

"So if you put down those tools and don't use them, it turns into a fearsome thing" again, Lahey said.



"As the weather cools, we start spending more time inside — and that is when we see increases in cases of respiratory viruses like colds and flu, and now COVID-19."

— Health Commissioner Mark Levine



Coil, strike, lunch

PATIENCE PAYS OFF for this Great Blue Heron, recently photographed at a pond in Lincoln, where it managed to spear a fish for its meal.

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CROP walk hits the streets Oct. 2

MIDDLEBURY — Addison County residents will lace up their walking shoes on Sunday, Oct. 2, for the 47th annual Addison County CROP Hunger Walk. Addison County's CROP Hunger Walk is one of more than 1,000 walks taking place around the country on the 2nd, to raise funds shared by Church World Service and their partner agencies whenever and wherever food insecurity happens or disaster strikes.

It has been estimated that more than 8% of Addison County residents face food insecurity in 2022. This is more than 3,000 individuals, including children, who skip meals and/or go to bed hungry because of lack of resources to obtain food.

This year's honorary chair is Jeanne Montross, executive director of HOPE — Help Overcome Poverty's Effects. Serving at the helm of HOPE for more than 20 years, Montross has seen a steady increase in food insecurity in Addison County, which has taken a significant jump in the past couple of months.

Montross said, "During the pandemic, we were challenged to keep sufficient food inventories to meet the needs. Now, with continued supply issues and great increase in food, fuel, and other costs, we have

many, many new families coming to us for help. CROP Hunger Walk is an important fundraising resource for HOPE, and for charitable food sites worldwide, helping us to be able to purchase and distribute food to those who need it most."

Over the past several years, the annual Addison County CROP Hunger Walk has raised more than \$25,000 each year. The local walk has been among the 100 listed in the Cream of the CROP top 100 walks nationwide. A quarter of all funds raised remain in Addison County to support the following local hunger-fighting programs:

- Charter House Coalition Lunches
- Vergennes Community Food Shelf
- HOPE

- Have a Heart Food Shelf
- Middlebury Summer Lunch Program

- John Graham Shelter
- ACA-CVOEO.

Registration and activities on the Middlebury Town Green will start at noon and include informational displays by local hunger-fighting organizations, music, and food from Green Peppers, Sunrise Orchards and the Bagel Shop. Step off for the 2.2-mile walk around Middlebury is 1 p.m.

Interested walkers should contact Ellen McKay Jewett at emckay@middlebury.edu or visit the Addison County CROP Hunger Walk page for further information, register for the walk, and/or make an online contribution. The site is www.crophungerwalk.org/middleburyvt.

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TIGER JUNIOR LINEBACKER Gavin McNulty drags down CVU wide receiver Aidan Miller during Friday night's home loss. That did not happen enough for MUHS, the Redhawks scored on their first three possessions and controlled the ball late in the game.

Independent photo/John S. McCright



TIGER SENIOR BACK Cole Schnoor dives in for one of the Tigers' three third-quarter scores as they tried unsuccessfully to rally against visiting CVU.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Redhawks roll past Tiger football

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The visiting Champlain Valley Redhawks proved to have sharper claws than the Middlebury Tigers in the Division I opener for both high school football teams this past Friday, as CVU rolled to a 56-19 victory.

The Redhawks, a D-I finalist a year ago, scored on its first three first-quarter possessions and shrugged off the Tigers' third-quarter comeback attempt. They outgained the Tigers 556 yards to

150 yards, picking up 304 yards and five touchdowns on the ground and 252 yards and three scores through the air.

Tiger Coach Dennis Smith said he knew going in this would be a tough game for his new-look team, and he expects better things ahead despite the lopsided score.

"We did a lot of things that weren't like us in terms of not executing, stupid penalties, not doing things the way they should have," Smith said. "But we'll learn from it. We're young, we're young

in spots. But we'll be OK."

CVU senior quarterback Max Destito did much of the damage, tossing multiple TDs to senior wideout Alex Provost, while running for 113 yards. Junior QB Alex Cheer added touchdowns on runs of 48 and 28 yards.

Junior Jacob Kemp gave the Tigers a lift in the third quarter with two long kickoff returns. He bolted for 53 yards to set up junior Jackson Gillett's 8-yard TD pass to Gavin McNulty and took a handoff from Gillett on the next kickoff and

darted down the left sideline for an 85-yard score that made it 35-19 with 2:54 left in the period. But CVU pulled away from there.

CVU took a 6-0 lead on a 25-yard Destito-to-Provost hookup that completed their first drive. They made it 12-0 with one play, a 28-yard Cheer run after a fumble recovery in Tiger territory. The third score was a bit fortunate: Provost caught a 30-yard pass in the endzone from Destito that deflected off the hands of another CVU receiver.

But basically, the Tigers struggled to stop the Redhawks in what is a new defensive set.

"We changed some things defensively, and we didn't execute those changes..." Smith said.

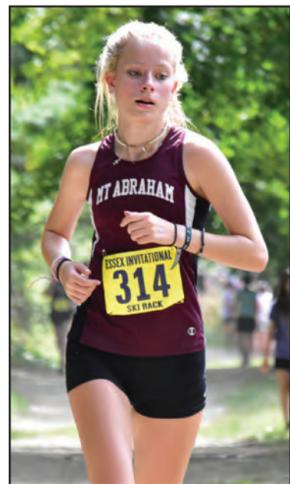
Meanwhile the Tigers struggled to move the ball. Early on they gained first-down yards — in their opening three series the initial plays were a 15-yard Gillett run, a 5-year McNulty rumble, and a 15-yard Cole Schnoor burst. But those were followed, respectively, with a fumble, a 1-yard run, and a

2-yard loss.

"It was execution, and it was they (CVU) were physical up front, too. They really packed it in, and they were aggressive. We really couldn't get anything fully established," Smith said.

After the opening fumble, the Tigers next four drives were three-and-outs, and the Redhawks intercepted a pass on the fifth just before halftime. They netted just 140 yards in the first half.

They did settle down defensively (See Football Page 3B)



SOPHOMORE KAYLA FRIEND paced a small contingent of Eagle girls' cross-country runners at Saturday's Essex Invitational. Friend's time was fourth best among female runners from local schools.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Cross-country season opens

Tigers fare best in Essex; Eagles, Commodores also compete

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ESSEX — The Division II Middlebury Union High School boys' team was sixth and the Tiger girls' team was ninth in the first major cross-country meet of the fall, Saturday's Essex Invitational.

D-I CVU and the defending champion D-II U-32 teams split the titles: The CVU girls edged the Raiders, 65-77, while the U-32 boys topped the second-place Redhawk boys, 73-96.

The boys' scores were closer overall, with Essex (100) in third, Montpelier (119) in fourth, South Burlington (122) in fifth, and MUHS (134) next.

Senior Ben Seaton and junior Baxter Harrington led the Tigers by finishing 13th and 16th, respectively.

Senior Sean Davison led the 13th-place Mount Abraham Eagles by taking 62nd. Vergennes fielded only four runners, one short of the number needed to score as a team. Junior Calder Rakowski paced the Commodores with a 63rd-place effort.

The Tiger girls scored 184 points in finishing ninth. Sophomore Beth McIntosh posted the best individual finish by a runner from a country school, taking 10th, and freshman Mary Harrington was 15th.

Sophomores led the non-scoring Mount Abe and VUHS girls' teams. Kayla Friend posted the fourth-best girls' time among runners from the three county schools in finishing 49th, and Torrey Hanna led the Commodores by taking

87th in the big field.

Lincoln resident Estella Laird, who won the Division-III individual title last year as a ninth-grader at North Branch School, placed third running for Champlain Valley.

Athletes from 22 schools competed in the boys' event; 21 in the girls' race. Several teams did not field enough runners for a team score.

The varsity competitors from each school and their placements and times were (top five scoring):

TIGER BOYS: 13. Ben Seaton, 17:50.7; 16. Baxter Harrington, 17:57.8; 25. Baker Nelson, 18:27.5; 39. Matthew Berg, 19:23.4; 41. Ethan Spritzer, 19:28.8; 42. Kaden Hammond, 19:32.1; 50. Aidan

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VUHS SENIOR MIDFIELDER Olivia Correia and Bullet back Marianna Merritt go shoulder-to-shoulder chasing a loose ball on Tuesday. Visiting Fairfax won, 4-1, in the Commodores' season opener.

Photo courtesy of Bill Clark



VUHS FRESHMAN MIDFIELDER Ashtin Stearns makes a move against the defense of Fairfax senior Raegan Decker during the Commodores' opener on Tuesday. Visiting Fairfax prevailed, 4-1.

Photo courtesy of Bill Clark



TIGER RUNNERS BEN Seaton, front, and Baxter Harrington were their team's top finishers on Saturday as the MUHS boys' team took sixth place at the Essex Invitational cross-country meet.

Photo by Joe McVeigh



SOPHOMORE BETH MCINTOSH, right, and freshman Mary Harrington led the Tiger girls with 10th- and 15th-place finishes, respectively, at Saturday's Essex Invitational cross-country meet.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Fairfax wins in VUHS girls' debut

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — A young Vergennes Union High School girls' soccer team showed flashes of good play in its season debut against visiting Fairfax on Tuesday, but the Bullets dominated early in each half to pick up a 4-1 victory.

In the first half Fairfax got goals from Emma Spiller in the 11th minute and Raegan Decker shortly afterward. VUHS sophomore Tryphene Miguel answered for the Commodores in the 32nd minute, but Bullet Ava ArdoVino made it 3-1 in the second half's 10th minute, and Fairfax added Molly Dearborn's clinching strike 11 minutes later.

Despite the setback Commodore Co-Coach Dwight Irish said the team showed some good ball movement and the ability to

threaten an opponents' defense.

He was happy with the Commodores' play and goal after they fell behind early, which he called a "pocket of time" of better poise and passing.

Still, he acknowledged the growing pains that started only three seniors while fielding four freshman starters.

"Our youngness showed up in little pieces of play, like (not) running through the ball. Our backs were too far back, so there was a gap constantly, so we struggled with ... getting to the ball first," he said. "But that little stretch of time was hopeful."

After the Bullets earned two corner kicks in the first seven minutes their pressure paid off in the 11th. Spiller found room on the

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Middlebury's first family of golf

Paul Politano hardly played golf at all growing up in southern Vermont (Wilmington). "My dad never let me play," he said in a conversation last week outside the golf shop at Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course, where Paul has been the golf pro since 2017. "He felt that unless you caddied, the golf course was no place for a kid." After Paul became a golf pro, his dad became an avid golfer.

Instead, Paul played other sports and was on the soccer, skiing, and baseball teams at Avon Old Farms in Connecticut, where he went to high school. In college at St. Lawrence University he played on the soccer team and "messed around" with golf. "My dorm freshman year was right on the golf course, so my friends and I would grab some clubs, sneak on the course and play a three-hole loop."

While at St. Lawrence (1984-89), he knew Erika Neuse of Middlebury, also a student there, but not very well. It was four years later that they met again (under interesting circumstances!), married, settled in Brandon, and set about raising four extraordinary kids — Mia, now 19, a sophomore at Middlebury College, twins Thomas and Elena, 17, seniors at Otter Valley Union High School, and Lucas, 15, a sophomore at OVUHS.

But we get ahead of ourselves. When Paul graduated from St. Lawrence, he got his real estate license and planned to pursue a career selling homes. A downturn in the real estate market in the '80s and early '90s put an end to that. Other enterprises followed; short-term he managed a night club at Haystack. He started to play golf more seriously and "got good at it pretty quickly," so he headed for Arizona in 1991 to a recently opened golf club outside Phoenix in "the middle of the desert," doing whatever it took, "cleaning clubs, working the range, anything."

There in Arizona, Paul decided to take the steps required to become a PGA pro. He bought a house and assumed a life there. In the fall of 1994, however, his mother became ill with cancer, and he took what he thought would be a "sabbatical" for the next summer. He got a job teaching golf at the Stratton Golf School in Stratton, Vt.

This is where Erika comes back in.

After her graduation from St. Lawrence in '91, she came home to Middlebury for a year, assisted Gail Jette coaching the MUHS field hockey team, and worked at Mister Ups, while applying to graduate schools. She attended Syracuse University and earned a master's in social work. Since 1994, Erika has been a counselor and school social worker for Rutland City schools.

She was an athlete growing up in Middlebury (field hockey, tennis) and enjoyed playing golf at Ralph Myhre. In the summer of '95, she and her family took a golf vacation at Stratton Mountain that included lessons at the golf school. Serendipity! She and Paul remembered one another from their college days — and were engaged three months later.

Paul became the first PGA pro at Brandon's Neshobe Golf Course in 1996, and he and Erika bought a house in Brandon, where they still reside. Other postings in Vermont followed at Crown Point Golf Club in Springfield, where Paul was the pro for 12 years, and then five years at Montague GC in Randolph. Paul commuted to these posts from Brandon.

In 2009, Erika won the Vermont Women's Mid-Amateur championship at Haystack Golf Course in Wilmington. That was the course where Paul's dad was a member. He had died just a few months earlier and Erika had played many rounds with him. Paul had proposed to Erika on the 10th hole at Haystack.

"It was very emotional," she recalled. "One of the other players said, 'I think your father-in-law is with you.'" She won the tournament with the benefit of a hole-in-one.

Now, to those talented Politano children:

They are all golfers, but they are old-fashioned athletes: They play multiple sports, enjoying the sport that is in-season, while still concentrating on golf, even to the point of playing on both the OVUHS soccer and golf teams in the fall.

Mia, the oldest at 19, was the high school state individual champion in golf her sophomore and junior years, and also played on the soccer, basketball, and softball teams at Otter Valley. Last spring, as a first-year at Middlebury College, she played on the women's golf team that finished third in NESCAC, despite two of their best players studying abroad.

Just last month, Mia won the Vermont State Women's Amateur championship, a 54-hole tournament at Neshobe, defeating the best amateur women golfers of all ages in Vermont.

Mia's sister Elena (17) likes golf, but soccer is her passion. She plays on the Otter Valley basketball and soccer teams — and for Fusion Soccer, a highly competitive travel team in the summer. "She's got a great swing in golf," her father says, "but she likes the faster moving sports." She hopes to play soccer in college.

Elena's twin brother Thomas, along with younger brother Lucas, led the Otters to the Division II state championship in boys' golf last year. He too is a four-sport athlete: soccer, basketball, and lacrosse as well as golf.

He is a good golfer (low to mid-80s), who would like to play in college, but his keenest interest is in the golf course itself. He worked in course maintenance at Ralph Myhre this summer and "fell in love with getting up early," his dad says. He hopes to attend a college that offers courses in turf management.

Lucas (15) is the best young golfer in the state of Vermont, certainly one of the best in New England, and perhaps in the country. He is ranked in the top 100 golfers his age in the U.S. by Junior Golf Scoreboard.

For the past two summers, Lucas has been playing in tournaments throughout New England, and farther afield, and doing well indeed. In 2021, he played in the New England Junior (13-18) "Elite" Tour and won two of the tournaments (at age 14), one in New Hampshire and another in Massachusetts.

This summer, he played in the American Junior Golf Association tournament in Killington, "with kids from all over the world" (13-18) and finished 5th of 92. Then he played in the New England Junior PGA Championship in Shaker Hills, Mass. — and won, again against players older than he.

In this sophomore year at OVHS, Lucas will play on the soccer and golf teams this fall and then basketball this winter.

It will be fun to watch Lucas progress in his golf career.

We'll give Thomas the last word. When asked what he likes about golf, he responded in an email: "I love being on the course, especially on the greens just watching the ball roll over the grass and right into the cup, and the noise it makes."

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PAUL POLITANO, HERE giving a lesson on the practice range, has been the PGA professional at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course in Middlebury since 2017. Paul is the dad in a family of terrific golfers. Photo courtesy of Ralph Myhre Golf Course



LAST MONTH, MIDDLEBURY College rising sophomore Mia Politano (center) won the Vermont Women's Amateur Championship at Neshobe Golf Club in Brandon. She is pictured with her mother, Erika (left) who won the 2009 Vermont Women's Mid-Amateur, and her grandmother Diane Neuse, also an avid golfer.



THE POLITANO BOYS, Lucas (left), a sophomore at Otter Valley Union High School, and Thomas, a senior at OVUHS, pose for a photo in Mayakoba, Mexico, last February. Thomas was a leader of the state champion Otter boys' golf team. At 15, Lucas is ranked in the top 100 golfers in the country in his age group.

Soccer

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right side of the box and had time to line up a shot that looped over VUHS freshman goalie Quincy Sabick and into the far corner. Sabick, who finished with eight saves in a solid debut, had no chance.

Soon it was 2-0. Decker beat a defender into the left side of the box and drilled an 8-yard left-footed shot into the lower right side.

The Commodores began to gain some traction. Junior center mid Madelyn Giroux helped move the ball up the field, and their quickness up front began to challenge the Fairfax backline. The Fairfax backs kept a high line and were vulnerable to long and through balls, and the Commodores began to probe those weaknesses.

In the 13th minute the Commodores sent freshman striker Ava Francis on a run, and she beat one defender and then maneuvered around goalie Mikayla Tobey. As Francis lined up the tap-in, Bullet center back Paige Cargill caught her and knocked the ball away.

Miguel came in and shot wide on one run in the 15th minute, but made no mistake in the 23rd. Freshman center mid Ashtin Stearns sent Miguel alone into the right side of the box, and her 10-yard shot nestled inside the right post.

In the 24th minute Francis made a bid to tie the game, but Tobey knocked her 15-yard bid wide right. ArdoVino nearly added a goal, hitting the right post in the 37th minute. It looked like Sabick might have got a hand on it, but it was ruled a corner kick.

Play tilted back the Bullets' way after the break. ArdoVino pounded a loose ball 15 yards out from the right post into the left side to make it 3-1. ArdoVino also set up Dearborn's score with a long serve from the left into the right side of the box. Dearborn ran onto the ball and one-timed it into the goal's left side. ArdoVino also hit the post in the half's first 20 minutes.

Sabick made several tough saves, denying Spiller and ArdoVino at close range in the half.

For VUHS Miguel had a bid sail wide, junior middle Kaelin Sullivan threatened down the right side and Cargill did well to break up a two-one bid by Francis and senior Emily Lowe. But Tobey's only second-half save was routine.

Coach Irish said he appreciated the Commodores bouncing back from the early Fairfax haymaker, and he hopes to see the young team learn what they did right as well as what they can improve.

"We climbed back in, and I felt good about our chances," he said.

Eagle, Otter field hockey teams win

ADDISON COUNTY — As the high school field hockey season got under way, Mount Abraham and Otter Valley resumed their winning ways, while a young Tiger team took its lumps on the road.

EAGLES

On Sept. 2, the Eagles won one of their few games not against a Division I opponent, 4-0 at Missisquoi. Olivia Campbell scored twice, and Madi Gile and Paden Lathrop knocked in one each. Mount Abe dominated play, forcing T-Bird goalie Asher Nester to make 13 saves and earning a 16-0 advantage in penalty corners.

On Tuesday, the Eagles edged host Mount Mansfield, 1-0. Campbell scored with an assist from Gile, and goalie Greta Jennison worked the shutout as the Eagles picked up a D-I Metro road win.

TIGERS

On Sept. 2, host Mount Mansfield bested the Tigers, 6-1. Alyssa Benson

(three goals) and Anna Simonelli (two) sparked the Cougars, and goalie Marcelle Barber made three saves.

Ireland Hanley scored for the Tigers, and Michaela Charbonneau stopped four shots.

On Tuesday, host Colchester blanked the Tigers, 6-0. Lakers Fiona McHugh and Grace Robinson each scored twice, and goalie Trinity Conley stopped the only shot that reached her. Charbonneau thwarted eight CHS bids.

OTTERS

The Otters edged host Brattleboro on Saturday in their opener, 3-2. Mackenzie McKay's two goals paced the attack, Ryleigh Laporte scored once and goalie Lily Morgan made four saves. Coach Jodie Keith called it a "well-played game by both teams" and said she was happy with the development and spirit of her young team and the leadership of her veterans.

Eagle football takes opener

POULTNEY — The Mount Abraham/Vergennes football team won its Division III opener on Saturday, 20-14, at Poultney, snapping a 14-14 tie in the fourth quarter on the third of Jamison Couture's three rushing touchdowns.

The Eagles will look to move to 2-0 when they host Milton at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

MAV led by 14-6 on the strength of Couture's first two touchdowns, with Eric Kendall answering for the Devils. Poultny quarterback Peyton Book scored on a 20-yard run at 6:42

of the fourth quarter, and a two-point conversion knotted the score.

MAV back Lucas Allen then broke loose for a 55-yard run to set up Couture's winning score at 5:15.

MAV quarterback Zeke Dubois completed eight of 22 passing attempts for 120 yards, with Ian Funke catching three balls for 80 yards. Couture finished with 20 carries for 150 yards, and Allen with 10 carries for 90 yards. Jamison Huizenga picked off a pass for the Eagles.



2022 Garden Game

It was a nail-biting Battle of the Bell Peppers in this week's Garden Game!

The first entry was from current reigning pepper champ, Gary Miller. At 15" C x 13.5" C, Gary's bright red veg topped his current record. He says there's still plenty ripening in his garden, too.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to hold on to the title for long!

The next day, Irene Pierce stopped by with a multi-colored beauty that clocked in at 15.25" C x 15.25" C. Irene's symmetrical pepper weighed over a pound and now takes the top spot in the Battle of the Bell Peppers.

The recent rain is sure to make your gardens happy and we look forward to what vegetal delights are in store for us next week!

Play the Garden Game!

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

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

More info online at addisonindependent.com

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) - Irene Pierce, 15.25" x 15.25"
- 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"





TIGER QB JACKSON Gillette looks downfield for a receiver over the CVU pass rush during Friday's loss to the Redhawks. Gillette tossed a TD pass to Gavin McNulty.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Football

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in the second period, stopping CVU three times and forcing a field goal after the Redhawks earned a first-and-goal at the Tiger 4 during the waning minutes. It was 21-0 at the break.

The Tigers scored to open the second half, in part because the Redhawks mishandled a punt after penalties stalled an initially promising Tiger drive. The Tigers recovered on the CVU 13, and Schnoor ran behind the left side three times, the final time punching it in from the 2. Penn Riney's point-after made it 21-7 at 7:34.

The teams spent the rest of the

third quarter trading scores. Cheer scrambled 48 yards to make it 28-7, and Gillette's toss to McNulty brought MUHS to within 28-13. Destito then went back to work, completing a 39-yarder to Provost, scrambling twice for a total of 30 yards, and then hitting Provost for a 3-yard score to make it 35-13.

Kemp answered with his 85-yard jaunt, and when the Tigers got a stop and CVU punted to the Tiger 9 as the quarter closed, the door was still open for a rally.

It closed when Tiger fullback Cam Stone was stopped an inch short or the 19 on fourth-and-four, and on the next play CVU back

Jack Sumner raced around the right side and scored to make it 42-19. On the Redhawks' next possession, Destito scrambled for a 67-yard TD, and in the final minute, the Redhawks' second-string punched in the team's final score. Smith had no choice but to go for it on that fourth-down play.

"I just figured we've got to score, because we're not shutting them down," Smith said.

Destito completed 13 of 23 passes for 252 yards, six of them to Provost. Sumner rushed for 45 yards in seven attempts.

The Tigers ran 31 times for 132 yards. Stone led with 45 yards on

nine attempts after a strong second half, and he had the only Tiger sack of Destito. McNulty (three for 30) and Schnoor (10 for 25) were next.

This coming Friday, the Tigers visit St. J, which defeated Hartford this past Friday.

Smith said they would watch the video and go back to the drawing board before then.

"Our guys got an awakening tonight, but it's good. It's game one. It's not over," he said. "We've just got to lick our wounds, and ... look at the film with the kids and get ready for St. J."

Gosselin nets victory at Bowl on Saturday

WEST HAVEN — On Saturday at Devil's Bowl Speedway, Shoreham's John Gosselin captured the Limited Sportsman "Win & You're In" race to earn a guaranteed starting berth in Sunday's Vermont 200.

Other feature winners in the Saturday portion of the Bowl's weekend slate included Orwell's Daryl Gebo and Bristol's Griff Mahoney.

Gosselin was one of four drivers battling for the lead throughout the 40-lap race in the Limited Sportsman division. Eventual runner-up Anthony Ryan led almost the entire race, with Gosselin, New Haven's Alex Layn and Evan Roberts in the mix.

Gosselin took the lead with a move entering Turn 1 on lap 38 and held off the field for the win. Ryan settled for second, with Layn third, Roberts fourth and New Haven's Steve Miller fifth.

New York's Elmo Reckner prevailed in the annual Non-Winners Shootout in the Sportsman Modified division. The veteran driver held off second-place finisher Josh Masterson of Bristol. Shoreham's Jimmy

Ryan was third, followed by Neil Stratton and Kevin Chaffee.

Orwell's Gebo won for the fourth time in the Rookie Sportsman division, breezing to the checkered flag. William Lussier Jr. was second, and Orwell's Randy Edson was third, followed by Josh Bussino and Tyler Travis.

Bristol drivers Aaron Clark and Adam LaFountain ran 7-8.

Rutland's Allen Hewitt won a 20-lap A feature in the Mini Stock division, with series point leader Chris Summer of Ripton in second. Leicester's Levi Cram was third, and Cornwall's Brian Blake was sixth.

Bristol's Mahoney won the 10-lap B-Feature for the Mini Stocks. Carl LaPoint finished second with Orwell's Jakobee Alger third. Cornwall's Brian Barrows was fifth.

Bridport's Gage Provencher prevailed in the first 10-lap segment of a two-day, three-segment 500cc Mini Sprint race with cumulative scoring. The second two segments were set to be run on Sunday. Whiting's Logan Denis was third, and Brandon's Kevin Smith stood in fourth.

MUHS girls' soccer is only local winner

ADDISON COUNTY — As the high school girls' soccer season opened in the past week, Middlebury split two games, Mount Abraham lost its opener and Otter Valley dropped three straight on the road.

Vergennes also hosted a game on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

TIGERS

On Saturday, visiting Montpelier broke the game open in the second half with four goals on the way to a 5-1 victory over the Tigers. Sienna Mills (three goals, assist) and Grace Nostrant (two goals, assist) did almost all the damage for the Solons.

Lily Lapiner scored for the Tigers, and goalie Cassidy Brown made seven saves.

The Tigers bounced back on Tuesday to win at Enosburg, 3-1. Lapiner, Cady Pinter and Lia Robinson scored the goals, and Cat Carpenter picked up an assist and Brown made seven saves.

EAGLES

Visiting Burlington erupted for all its goals in Saturday's second half to deal the Eagles a 5-0 setback in their opener. Brooks DeShaw sparked the Seahawks with a hat trick, and BHS goalie Vivian Halladay stopped both Mount Abe shots she saw. Goalie Joanna Toy made four saves for the Eagles.

OTTERS

In the first round of Green Mountain Union's annual season-opening tournament Proctor bested the Otters, 4-1, on Sept. 2. Ella Brytowski scored the OV goal with an assist from Randi Lancour.

On Saturday, tournament host GMU defeated the Otters, 3-1. Elena Politano netted a direct kick for the OV goal.

On Tuesday, the Otters fell at Woodstock, 9-2. Politano scored twice, once on another restart and once with a Brytowski assist. OV goalie Linnea Faulkner had a big day, making 25 saves as OV dropped to 0-3.

Tremont takes Vermont 200; Denis also wins

WEST HAVEN — New York drivers Kenny Tremont Jr. and Brian Calabrese ran 1-2 in Sunday's Vermont 200 at Devil's Bowl Speedway, with Bridport's Troy Audet on their heels in third place.

Tremont walked away with the \$10,000 first-place purse after taking the lead from Calabrese in the 176th lap of what Devil's Bowl officials called the biggest and richest dirt-track Sportsman Modified race in the country.

Eighty-six drivers fought to qualify for one of 34 spots in the event.

Middlebury's Justin Comes (seventh) and Orwell's Tim Laduc (10th), the defending track Sportsman Modified champion, also cracked the top 10.

Other local drivers' finishes in the main event were Justin Stone, Middlebury, 14th; Todd Stone, Middlebury, 26th; Mike Palmer, Salisbury, 27th; John Gosselin, Shoreham, 29th; and Jimmy Ryan,

Shoreham, 33rd.

In earlier action on Sunday, Whiting rookie Logan Denis prevailed as the Mini Sprint division wrapped up its two-day, three-segment race with the final two 10-lap rounds. Denis posted the lowest point total in the cumulative scoring, finishing third in Saturday's first leg and winning both of Sunday's segments for five points (3, 1, 1).

New York driver Lane Saville was the runner-up overall with

nine segment points (2, 5, 2), winning a tiebreaker with third-place finisher Gage Provencher of Bridport.

The Sprint Cars of New England (SCoNE) tour also made its third and final visit of the 2022 season to Devil's Bowl with 20 cars in a 25-lap race. New York driver Matt Tanner breezed to his fourth Devil's Bowl SCoNE win in recent years. Orwell's Lacey Hanson, the only local driver in the race, finished ninth.

Panther sports teams successful in debuts

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College field hockey and men's and women's soccer teams all debuted on Tuesday with shutout wins. All three will visit NESCAC foe Amherst on Saturday.

The Panther football team is idle until Sept. 17.

FIELD HOCKEY

Seven players scored for

Middlebury as the four-time defending NCAA Division III champion Panther field hockey team cruised to an 8-0 win at Castleton, coached by former Otter Valley standout Emily Lowell. Middlebury finished the contest with a 51-0 shots advantage and a 15-4 edge in penalty corners. Ellie Harrison and Grace Keefe netted their first Panther goals.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team opened the season with a 1-0 decision over visiting Mount Saint Mary (0-3). Tyler Payne scored for the Panthers in a game played on the newly resurfaced South Street field. Knights' goaltender Caesar Martinez made 10 saves, and Panther keeper Ryan Grady made three.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team defeated UMass-Boston, 1-0, in a game played at Southern New Hampshire University. Sophia Cole scored for Middlebury in the eighth minute, heading home an Emma Binks cross. The Panthers outshot the 0-2-1 Beacons, 12-1, with goalie Sydney Poppinga stopping the only shot she saw.

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Eye of the storm

MUHS HEAD FOOTBALL Coach Dennis Smith fires up his team before the second half of Friday night's season and home opener vs. Champlain Valley. The Tigers rallied after his speech, but their comeback effort fell short.

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VUHS JUNIOR CALDER Rakowski was the top runner for a non-scoring Commodore boys' team at Saturday's Essex Invitational cross-country meet.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

Cross country

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Chance, 20:05.
EAGLE BOYS: 62. Sean Davison, 20:59.7; 66. Norman Benoit, 21:19; 77. Elliot Senecal, 23:25.8; 78. Dustin Lavigne, 23:31; 79. William Iliff, 23:31.9; 84. Morgan Barnes, 25:04.7, 86. Ryan Cross, 26:19.7.
COMMODORE BOYS: 63. Calder Rakowski, 20:09.1; 65. Calvin Gramling, 20:14.7; 74. Grey Fearon, 20:58.3; 85. Carter Mcguire, 21:53.4.
TIGER GIRLS: 10. Beth McIntosh, 10 21:04.7; 15. Mary Harrington, 15 21:19.8; 29. Ava Schneider, 29 22:02.9
 63. Sarah Benz, 63 27:48; 67. Mary Conklin, 67 28:40.2;
 69. Dahlia Harrison-Irwin, 12 29:13.2.
EAGLE GIRLS: 49. Kayla Friend, 24:00.4; 57. Isabella Shea, 24:39.9.
COMMODORE GIRLS: 87. Torrey Hanna, 30:25.3; 91. Jasmine Little, 32:06; 93. Zoe Reid-St John, 37:08.2.

VUHS, OV boys' soccer teams prevail

ADDISON COUNTY — Vergennes and Otter Valley welcomed the new boys' soccer season with victories on Friday, Sept. 2.

Other games were scheduled after the deadline for this edition. Three were set for Wednesday: Middlebury's season debut at Colchester, the Commodores at Winooski and OV at Proctor. Mount Abraham will open at U-32

on Thursday and then visit VUHS on Saturday at 10 a.m.

COMMODORES

The Commodores erupted offensively in a 7-0 romp at Northfield-Williamstown. **Eli Duprey** led the parade with three goals and an assist. **Ryder Messinger** scored twice, and **Jack Wyman** and **Abram Francis** each chipped in a goal and an assist. **OTTERS**

The Otters opened by knocking off visiting West Rutland on Friday, Sept. 2. **Owen Thomas** scored twice for OV, **Connor Dennis** had one goal and **Logan Letourneau** added two assists. Coach Brian Thomas, who won his varsity coach debut, also credited a "solid defensive effort" from **Luke Calvin**, **Ryder Richardson**, **Jacob Warrell** and **Max Derby**.

Rice blanks OV eleven

SOUTH BURLINGTON — Host Rice shut out the Otter Valley Union football team, 16-0, on Saturday in the Division III opener for both squads.

Rice scored in the first quarter on a 55-yard swing pass from QB Dallas St. Peter to Luke St. Peter and added a clinching 10-yard touchdown run from Mathias Mazanti (20 carries for 132 yards) in the fourth quarter.

Caleb Whitney led the Otters by rushing 12 times for 108 yards.

The Otters will visit Mill River this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Golfers remain active

MIDDLEBURY — Ralph Myhre Golf Course members last week continued to travel to compete in Vermont State Women's Golf Association State Days and show up for regular weekly outings on their home course.

On an Aug. 30 State Day at the Killington Golf Club, Susan Rand finished in a tie for the ninth-place gross score in the top flight, and in the second flight Eva Mastalos had the first-place net score and Giselle Lafleche had the sixth-place net score.

At the same time at a State Day at the Copley Country Club, Kathy Albright finished in a tie for

seventh place net in the top flight.

On Sept. 2 in Thursday Afternoon Bill Davidson Men's Golf, the foursome of Tom Maxwell, Jeff Stetson, Ken Roth and Uwe Luksch prevailed, with Steve Maier, Chris Prickitt, James Hadeka and Deem Schoenfeld tying for second with David Zarowin, John Davis, Gary Wright and Tom McGinn. Prickitt shot the low net score.

In the Friday Evening Mixer, the quartet of Bernie & Liz Andrews and Gary & Shirley Andrews won, with the foursome of Bill & Nicole LaBerge and Joan Guertin and John Emilo taking second.

Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS	
Football	
9/2 CVU vs MUHS.....	56-19
9/3 Rice vs OV.....	16-0
9/3 MAV vs Poutney.....	20-14
Field Hockey	
9/2 Mt. Mansfield vs MUHS.....	6-1
9/2 Mt. Abe vs Missisquoi.....	4-0
9/3 OV vs Brattleboro.....	3-2
9/6 Mt. Abe vs Mt. Mansfield.....	1-0
9/6 Colchester vs MUHS.....	6-0
Girls' Soccer	
9/2 Proctor vs OV.....	4-1
9/3 Burlington vs Mt. Abe.....	5-0
9/3 Montpelier vs MUHS.....	5-1
9/3 Randolph at VUHS.....	Ppd. to 9/12
9/3 Gr. Mountain vs. OV.....	3-1
9/6 Fairfax vs VUHS.....	3-1
9/6 MUHS vs Enosburg.....	3-1
9/6 Woodstock vs OV.....	9-2
Boys' Soccer	
9/2 OV vs West Rutland.....	3-1
9/2 VUHS vs Williamstown.....	7-0
9/7 VUHS at Winooski.....	Late
9/7 OV at Proctor.....	Late
9/7 MUHS at Colchester.....	Late
COLLEGE SPORTS	
Field Hockey	
9/6 Midd vs Castleton.....	8-0

score board continued

Men's Soccer	
9/6 Midd vs Mt. St. Mary.....	1-0
Women's Soccer	
9/6 Midd vs UMass Boston in NH.....	1-0

schedule continued

9/14 VUHS at Enosburg.....	4:30 PM
9/14 MUHS at Fair Haven.....	6 PM
9/17 Mt. Abe at Colchester.....	10 AM
9/17 MUHS at Rutland.....	11 AM
Boys' Soccer	
9/8 Mt. Abe at U-32.....	4 PM
9/10 VUHS at Mt. Abe.....	9 AM
9/10 Mt. Anthony at MUHS.....	11 AM
9/13 Mt. Abe at Colchester.....	4:30 PM
9/13 Woodstock at OV.....	4:30 PM
9/14 Mt. Mansfield at MUHS.....	4:30 PM
9/16 Fair Haven at VUHS.....	4:30 PM
9/17 Hartford at OV.....	4:30 PM
9/17 Mt. Abe at MUHS.....	10 AM
Cross Country	
9/10.....	Burlington Invitational
9/13.....	Mt. Abe at Milton
9/13.....	OV Hosts
9/17.....	MUHS/Mt. Abe at U-32 Invitational
COLLEGE SPORTS	
Field Hockey	
9/10 Midd at Amherst.....	11 AM
9/11 Midd at UNE.....	1 PM
9/17 Hamilton at Midd.....	Noon
9/18 Midd at Babson.....	1 PM
Men's Soccer	
9/10 Midd at Amherst.....	2:30 PM
9/13 Midd at Norwich.....	4 PM
9/17 Hamilton at Midd.....	Noon
Women's Soccer	
9/10 Midd at Amherst.....	Noon
9/11 Wheaton at Midd.....	Noon
9/14 Midd at Plattsburgh.....	7 PM
9/17 Hamilton at Midd.....	11 AM
Football	
9/17 Midd at Amherst.....	2 PM

WELLNESS Directory

Practitioner of the Week

Donna Belcher, M.A., psychologist-master, has been in private practice in Vermont for 34 years. She has felt privileged to work with a wide variety of people. She has experience with such challenges as: depression, anxiety, grief, chronic illness, divorce, caregiver burnout, work stress, mid life transitions and developing a deeper connection with creativity and life purpose.



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community calendar

sept 8 THURSDAY

Book discussion in Orwell. Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. We will discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Books available to check out at Orwell Free Library. The first of two sessions for this book. Second session on Sept. 22.

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 9 FRIDAY

Rummage sale in Salisbury. Friday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. No early birds. Most items available for a free will donation, and monies raised will be donated to local food shelves. If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the church between 9 and 3 on Thursday, Sept. 8, but they must be clean and in good condition.

"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 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 Sunday, 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.

Rummage sale in Salisbury. Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. See Sept. 9 listing.

Woofstock: Walk for the Animals in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Sports Center. Join fellow animal lovers for a leisurely 1-mile walk around Middlebury followed by music, food, prizes, and a pool party just for dogs in the Middlebury Town Pool. Sign up in advance or at the event. All proceeds benefit Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society. More info at homewardboundanimals.org.

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.

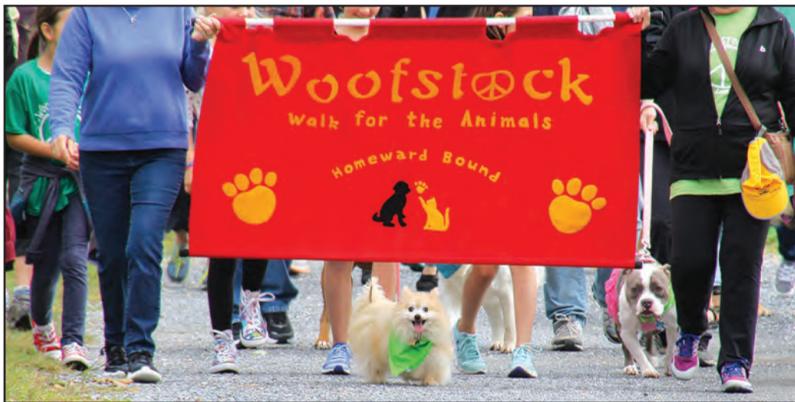
sept 11 SUNDAY

Music Together Demo Class in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 11, 3-3:45 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m., Middlebury Community Music Center, 6 Main St. Come to this free demo class for the nationally recognized, research based, Music Together program, a rich musical experience for children from birth up to kindergarten with their parents and caregivers. Classes are designed to be mixed ages, participatory, fun, and a wonderful way to bond with your child(ren). More info at mcmcbvt.org/music-together.

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



Going to the dogs!

LET YOUR DOG make a splash this weekend when Middlebury's town pool opens up for canines only as part of Homeward Bound's Woofstock celebration, an event designed to raise funds for the shelter. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. at Memorial Sports Center, off Buttolph Drive.

Photo by L. Baird, courtesy of Homeward Bound

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

Music Together Demo Class in Middlebury. Thursday, Sept. 15, 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m., Middlebury Community Music Center, 6 Main St. See Sept. 11 listing.

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.

sept 16 FRIDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Swedish steak with mushroom sauce over penne pasta, broccoli, bread, fresh fruit salad and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Sept. 11, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

"We Made It Home" celebration in Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 16, TBD, John Graham Court. Help raise funds and awareness for the need for more affordable housing in Addison County. This year's event includes live music by Deb Brisson and the Hayburners, delicious food from Crooked Ladle Catering, awesome raffle items, prizes and more. Free, but tickets are required to eat. More info at addisontrust.org.

sept 17 SATURDAY

Forests, Floodplains, Flyways & Farming in Hancock. Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Millard's Red Barn, 2333 VT Route 100 N. All are invited. Three guided walks will be offered, one on the intersection of floodplain easements and farming practices on the property, one in the recently planted riparian zones that protect river water quality and support avian flyways and aquatic species habitats, and one on forest stand improvement methods, climate change challenges, and bat habitats in the 19th-century barn. The program will also feature a portable sawmill demonstration. Easy walking, but hiking shoes recommended. Ample parking on site. Complimentary refreshments. RVSP by Monday, Sept. 12 to Ron Millard at millard@fuse.net

Vergennes Boy Scout Troop 539 Community Birthday Party in Vergennes. Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., City Park. Come celebrate the 75th Birthday of Vergennes B.S.A Troop. Help with a Scout Oral History project, understand Scout life through different displays,

and observe the deserved recognition of long-time community partners. Food and music. Rain location is the St. Peter's Church Hall. Questions? Call 802-425-7890 after Sept. 12.

Take-out chicken BBQ in New Haven. Saturday, Sept. 17, 5 p.m., New Haven Town Hall, North St. Help support the New Haven Volunteer Fire department and get a meal at the same time. Menu includes half a BBQ Misty Knoll chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and a roll. Cost \$15 per serving. Take-out only.

Potluck in Monkton. Saturday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. Morse Park, Pond Rd. Come and join your neighbors and friends for the Monkton Community Potluck. Bring a dish to share for this fun event. Also bring your own place setting(s) and chair(s). More info contact George Parker at 802-989-3993 or pondbrook@gmavt.net.

King Pede card party in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Sept. 17, 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 18 SUNDAY

Tour de Farms in Shoreham. Sunday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., town green. Pedal through Shoreham and Orwell to visit farms and sample products. Riders will be welcomed at two to eight farms, visit with vendors at the Orwell Town Green, and enjoy Applefest at the finish, for a day full of tasting products from local farms. The tour features a 30-mile route, as well as shorter, family-friendly 10-mile and 12-mile routes for those who prefer a more relaxed adventure. Advance registration is now open.

TAM Trek and Fun Run in Middlebury. Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m., Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. There are distances for all ages at this annual fundraiser for Middlebury Area Land Trust, which ends with great food, live music and a big raffle. More info at runsignup.com/Race/VT/Middlebury/TAMTrek.

sept 19 MONDAY

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sept 20 TUESDAY

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Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bridport. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Turkey tetrazzini, Scandinavian vegetables, roll, apple berry crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Sept. 15, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48 hour notice.

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Around TOWN

Tai Chi classes on tap in county

ADDISON COUNTY — Falls are not a normal part of aging, and they are preventable. Awareness of the tools available is one of the first steps to learning how to be safe when navigating through daily household, social, work and shopping activities. Confidence gained through gently strengthening muscles for safe stepping and maintaining balance are a few of the more important tools that help reduce risks, which gradually lead to more mobility and in turn better overall health.

Tai Chi is one of the programs that research has demonstrated can help reduce the risk of falls as well as to help reduce stress and hypertension; build strength; improve balance, bone health, circulation, and quality of sleep; expand breathing capacity; and promote mental clarity and mindfulness. Tai Chi is particularly helpful for adults with inflammatory joint conditions such as arthritis, and in improving pain-free range of

motion (doctor recommended). It is a great break from busy lifestyles or way to get moving that can be practiced by almost anyone almost anywhere.

Those interested in learning the practice should be sure to talk to their primary care physician about any concerns before participating in any new physical activity. Keep in mind that slow and steady will accomplish goals more effectively.

Instructors for classes listed below are certified through Tai Chi Vermont. For more information go to taichivermont.com. Classes are sponsored by Age Well, which can be contacted at agewellvt.org or their Helpline: 1-800-642-5119.

Fall Prevention Tai Chi and Advanced Tai Chi classes are offered in several Addison County towns, on different days and at various times. Hopefully one of these will work for you.

In Bristol at Holley Hall (1 South Street):

- Advanced Tai Chi (“Bristol Form”), offered Mondays, 11-noon, Contact Jerry Henderson, jerry@skyrivertaichi.com

- Long Form Sun 73 class, Mondays noon-1 p.m., starting Sept. 12. For both beginner and experienced players. Contact Jerry Henderson, jerry@skyrivertaichi.com for more information.

In Middlebury at the Congregational Church (27 N. Pleasant Street):

- Fall Prevention Tai Chi, Tuesdays 10-11 a.m., Contact Lindsay Hart lindsayhart09@gmail.com.

- Ongoing tai chi practice, Tuesdays, 11:15-12:15 p.m. Contact Lindsay Hart lindsayhart09@gmail.com.

- Yang 24 for Beginners, Mondays 4-6 p.m., starting Sept. 12. Contact Elizabeth Wirls wirlselizabeth@gmail.com

In Vergennes at St. Peter’s Catholic Church Parish Hall (85 S. Maple Street):

- Fall Prevention Tai Chi Level 1 and 2, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 a.m. starting Sept. 13. Contact Lee Francis lhfrancis839@gmail.com.

- Fall Prevention Tai Chi Level 3, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11 a.m., starting Sept. 13. Contact Lee Francis lhfrancis839@gmail.com.

In Vergennes at Bixby Memorial Free Library (258 Main Street):

- Long Form Sun 73, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. starting Sept 14. Contact Beverly Blakeney beverlyblakeney@gmail.com

- Yang 24, Wednesday 1-2:30 p.m. starting Sept. 14. Contact Beverly Blakeney beverlyblakeney@gmail.com.



Green mowers

GOATS RENTED FROM Zane Leno of New Haven take to the fields on Maggie Eaton’s property, also in New Haven, where they mow the grass with no gas or oil. Eaton says she has long wanted to use goats rather than machines and that goat mowing is good for the environment, good for the goats (they get good free-range browsing, and the kids can stay with the nannies), great for the soil (because goats fertilize it), and they keep weeds and invasives down. “No more loud machine noise, just some occasional gentle bleating. All of this makes me happy,” she says.

Photo courtesy of Maggie Eaton

Learn about conserving artifacts

ORWELL — The Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell will host a special program, “Conserving History, One Artifact at a Time,” on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m.

In 2021 the site and its friends group, the Mount Independence Coalition, completed a project to conserve 45 significant Revolutionary War metal artifacts found on Mount Independence. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson

and project consultants, long-time reenactors, and historians Michael Barbieri and Michael Blakeslee will talk about some of these objects and the stories.

What were some of these seemingly simple or odd objects used for? How did they get to Mount Independence in the first place? Or were they made on site during the American Revolution? Some conserved items, including an iron kettle fragment, trowel, axe

head, and an intriguing “flesh fork” will be on view, as will some replica objects for comparison. Questions and discussion welcome.

The program is part of Vermont Archaeology Month. The \$6 fee for adults includes regular admission. Admission is free for children under 15. Visit the museum and walk any or all the six miles of trails on the over 300-acre site. Call 802-948-2000 for more information.

Bixby Library free library cards available

VERGENNES — September is National Library Card Sign-up Month so the Bixby Memorial Free Library is celebrating by inviting residents of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham to sign-up for a free library card to take advantage of all that the library has to offer.

To encourage more residents to bring home their own library card, the Bixby is launching a new approach, rewarding an “each one reach one” community effort during September. Brand new library cardholders will be entered into a weekly raffle to win a handy Bixby Library tote bag. In addition, current cardholders can participate in the raffle by referring others to sign up for a library card.

Libraries play a crucial role in their communities, offering a surprising variety of materials and programs to spark creativity and stimulate

an interest in reading and lifelong learning. The Bixby Memorial Free Library provides patrons of all ages access to a multitude of free educational resources and programs, including books and eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs and streaming films, weekly storytime, take-and-make crafts, monthly arts and culture talks, historical exhibits, a Library of Things, park and museum passes, public computers and WiFi, and so much more.

“We are especially cognizant of the important role that libraries can play in the education and development of children,” says Catharine Hays, Bixby Library Director. “And right now, we know that COVID has had a major negative impact on childhood literacy. That’s why we are working to expand programs to serve students of all ages and

backgrounds.”

Children and Youth Librarian, Mary Neffinger adds, “The success of this year’s Bixby Booked for Bikes Summer Reading Program is a great example. Throughout the summer, 90 kids logged more than 43,377 minutes representing an impressive 13% of the state-wide library summer reading program. The Vergennes Area Rotary presented four bikes and four Kindle readers to raffle winners at Vergennes Day.”

The Bixby Memorial Free Library, along with libraries everywhere, continues to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving community needs. Visit the Bixby Library this September and sign up for a library card or learn more about what’s available by visiting www.bixbylibrary.org.



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11:30 am: Walk
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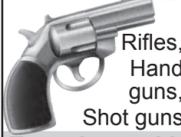
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MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT
Sales for 8/29 & 9/1, 2022

		COST		
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$	
Nop Bros. & Sons	1780	.96	\$1708.80	
M. Taft	1390	.95	\$1320.50	
Gosliga Farm	1710	.90	\$1539.00	
Dear Valley Farm	1700	.90	\$1530.00	
H. Sunderland	1590	.90	\$1431.00	
Correia Family LTD	1475	.90	\$1327.50	

		COST		
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$	
H. Sunderland	106	3.125	\$331.25	
Kayhart Bros.	102	3.125	\$318.75	
Champlainside	107	3.00	\$321.00	
Correia Family LTD	78	2.05	\$159.90	
Hall & Breen Farm	85	1.80	\$153.00	

Total Beef - 160 Total Calves - 283

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NOTICE OF SELF-STORAGE LIEN SALE

116 SELF STORAGE, BRISTOL, VT
Notice is hereby given that the contents of the self-storage unit listed below will be sold at public auction by sealed bid at the 116 Self Storage facility. This sale is being held to collect unpaid storage unit occupancy fees, charges and expenses of the sale.

The entire contents of the self-storage unit listed below will be sold, with the proceeds to be distributed to 116 Self Storage for all accrued occupancy fees (rent charges), attorney's fees, sale expenses in relation to the unit and its sale. Any proceeds beyond the foregoing shall be returned to the unit holder.

Contents of the unit may be viewed on 9/27/2022 commencing at 10 a.m. Sealed bids are to be submitted on the entire contents of the self-storage unit. Bids will be opened one-quarter of an hour after the unit has been viewed on 9/27/2022. The highest bidder on the storage unit must remove the entire contents within 48 hours after notification of their successful bid. Purchase must be made in cash and paid in advance of the removal of the contents of the unit. A \$50.00 cash deposit shall be made and will be refunded if the unit is broom cleaned. 116 Self Storage reserves the right to accept or reject bids.
Unit 17 - McCray

Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 10B and 11B.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VERMONT STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA) will be opening its waiting list and begin accepting applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program on October 1, 2022, at 7:45am.

Beginning October 1, 2022, applications may be completed through the online applicant portal by visiting VSHA's website at <https://www.pha-web.com/portals/onlineApplication/1635>. Paper applications may also be obtained by visiting VSHA's website at <https://www.vsha.org/applications-forsection-8> assistance or at our office located at One Prospect Street, Montpelier, VT between the hours of 7:45am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday, or by contact Housing Program Administration Intake Division at 802-828-1991.

This Notice is being provided in accordance with VSHA's Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which mandates the Authority provide public notice when opening its waiting list.

For additional information call: 802-828-3295 (voice); 800-798-3118 (TTY); 800-820-5119 (messages).

Police investigate knocked over porta pottys

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police investigated a report that three portable bathrooms had been knocked over in the Marble Works shopping complex on Aug. 29.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Arrested Stephan M. Belanger, 29, of Middlebury for violation of his conditions of release on Court Street on Aug. 29.
- Interviewed a Buttolph Drive resident concerned about drone activity in his neighborhood on Aug. 29.
- Found several solar-powered path lights at the Sheldon Museum had been intentionally knocked over on Aug. 29.
- Spoke on Aug. 31 with a local caller about a possible real estate scam.
- Told a transient person on Aug. 31 that sleeping overnight in the town gazebo isn't allowed.
- Served a temporary restraining order on a South Pleasant Street man on Aug. 31.

Middlebury Police Log

- Received a complaint on Aug. 31 from a local resident who alleged someone had opened an account in his name in another state.
- Were informed on Aug. 31 that someone had vandalized the kiosk at Wright Park.
- Assisted a person on Creek Road who was having a mental health crisis on Aug. 31.
- Spoke with a driver who had found a pet chicken on East Main Street during the evening of Sept. 1. Police said the driver wanted to find the chicken's owner, and ended up putting flyers up in East Middlebury.
- Investigated a hit-and-run incident involving two vehicles on Lower Plains Road on Sept. 1.

- Responded to a domestic dispute in the parking lot of The Centre shopping plaza on Court Street Extension on Sept. 1.
- Served a no-stalking order on a man in the Cross Street area on Sept. 1.
- Were informed of a theft from a Court Street business on Sept. 1.
- Met with Middlebury College students living in a Court Street home on Sept. 1 to warn them against furnishing alcohol to minors.
- Provided a woman with information about local mental health services on Sept. 2.
- Located drugs in a vehicle involved in a crash on Court Street during the evening of Sept. 2. Police said the case remains under investigation.
- Followed up on a 911 hang-up call made by someone at the Waybury Inn on Sept. 2. Police said the call was made by someone experiencing a medical event, and Middlebury Regional EMS

- (MREMS) was called to the scene.
- Assisted MREMS with a medical call in East Middlebury on Sept. 2.
- Were informed of a theft from a vehicle parked at The Centre shopping plaza on Sept. 2.
- Checked on a homeless person who had been sleeping on the grass next to Cross Street during the early morning of Sept. 3.
- Assisted MREMS with a medical call on Seminary Street Extension on Sept. 4.
- Assisted Vermont State Police with an incident off Route 7 in Leicester on Sept. 4.
- Received a request on Sept. 4 for extra patrols from an Exchange Street business owner who reported homeless people loitering on their property.

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT ADDISON UNIT PROBATE DIVISION DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-04683 IN RE ESTATE OF: SHARON S. SARONSON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Sharon S. Saronson, 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 20, 2022
 Executor/Administrator:
 Paul R. Saronson
 c/o Deppman Law PLC
 56 Court St., Middlebury, VT 05753
 718-332-5875
 psaronson@aol.com

Publication: Addison Independent
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 Address of Probate Court:
 Addison Unit, Probate Court
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 Middlebury, VT 05753

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Monkton

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 Call Liz Pecor at 802-453-2180

NEWS

MONKTON — Mark your calendars for two great events in Monkton, both on Sept. 17!

Scouting!
 There will be a BSA Scouts Open House on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Morse Park on Pond Road, Monkton. This event is open to girls and boys

ages 5 to 17 years old. If your child is interested in becoming a Scout this is the perfect time to obtain information. Contact George Parker at 802-989-3993 or pondbrook@gmavt.net with questions.

Potluck! Come and join your neighbors and friends for the

Monkton Community Potluck at Morse Park on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share for this fun event. Also bring your own place setting(s) and chair(s). For more information contact George Parker at 802-989-3993 or pondbrook@gmavt.net.

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.

BRIDPORT INFORMATION MEETING

The Bridport Selectboard invites Bridport residents to an Information Meeting on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall.

The Town is expected to receive about \$352,000 of Federal Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The use of much of these Funds remains to be decided. The Selectboard welcomes your suggestions and thoughts on use of the Funds at the Meeting.

You may also write down your suggestions and thoughts. You may leave them at the Bridport Town Clerk's Office. You may also mail them to the Office at P.O. Box 27, Bridport, VT 05734.

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Education Professionals.
 Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P022

AGENCY: Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators
CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed rule revisions support the VSBPE's mission. Specifically, the VSBPE is: 1. Providing clarification to current Rules regarding definition of terms. 2. Revising the English Language Learner endorsement to a Multilingual Learner endorsement 3. Adding an option for a Driver and Traffic Safety Education In-Vehicle only endorsement 4. Updating testing requirements to remove specific Praxis II test codes and include language for demonstrating basic skills in other ways besides the Praxis Core test.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Patrick Halladay, Agency of Education, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 5, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-4224 Email: patrick.halladay@vermont.gov URL: <https://education.vermont.gov>.
FOR COPIES: Amy Scalabrini, Agency of Education, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 5, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-0699 Email: Amy.Scalabrini@vermont.gov

TOWN OF BRISTOL ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION MEETING FOR THE MUNSILL AVENUE SIDEWALK SCOPING STUDY PROJECT SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, ~7:00PM

The Town of Bristol will hold an Alternatives Presentation Meeting for the Munsill Avenue Sidewalk Scoping Study Project on Monday, September 26, 2022 in conjunction with the Selectboard meeting that starts at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Town Office in the lower level of Holley Hall or you may join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87912810018>, Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018, Passcode: 619003.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and gather public input on alternatives for a potential future pedestrian link along Munsill Avenue, which would integrate this residential and business street into Bristol's broader sidewalk network.

Funded by the Town of Bristol and a VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant, this project is part of an ongoing effort by Bristol to develop a complete pedestrian network throughout the Town. For more information about the project, visit bristolvt.org/works-in-progress/munsill-avenue-sidewalk-scoping-study or contact Valerie Capels, Town Administrator, at townadmin@bristolvt.org or Dan Mallach, RLA, AICP of DuBois & King, Inc., at dmallach@dubois-king.com.

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MUHS Kitchen and Cafeteria Project
 Addison Central School District
 Middlebury, Vermont
 Request for Qualifications/Proposals
 Construction Management Services
 TXC # 2022012.00

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS RENOVATIONS AT MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Addison Central School District is soliciting qualifications from construction managers interested in providing pre-construction and construction services for the renovation of an existing kitchen and cafeteria at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont.

The main components of the Project include a fully renovated kitchen, including equipment and infrastructure, servery and cafeteria. The work includes new HVAC, lighting and plumbing. The project budget is \$2m and will be funded by capital reserves. Construction will commence in May 2023.

Interested Construction Managers may obtain information packets containing submission requirements by contacting Bruce MacIntire at bmacintire@acsdvt.org. Email questions only concerning the RFQ may be directed to Stephen Poston at sposton@truexculins.com. Proposals are due September 15, 2022. Notification of award will be September 27, 2022

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 6th 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 29th day of August, 2022.

Alden Harwood
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 Town of Addison

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ADDISON

The Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Addison Town Clerk's Office to address the following applications:

1. Application (#22-04) from Ed Place, Jr. requesting a 2-lot subdivision located at 465 Whitford Road, Addison, VT. Plans for a final plat, mylar and paper copies for the Chair to sign.
2. Application (#22-10) from Mr. Robert DiPalma & Mrs. Theresa DiPalma requesting Board's approval for Conditional-Use and Waiver/Variance permit for construction of one bedroom 3,472 sq. ft dwelling and a detached 764 sq. ft. garage on a non-conforming 2.55 +/- acres residential parcel located at 106 Orchard Lane, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 4-01-9-22 Parcel ID# OLO106). This is tabled until the September meeting.
3. Application (22-11) from Richard Thurber requesting Board's approval of a sketch plan for a Subdivision located on Lake Street, Addison, VT. The sketch plan will show no plans for development at this time, only want to subdivide for an easier transfer of the property at a later time to a relative. This is tabled until the September meeting with details & surveyor's directions.
4. Application (#22-12) Richard Thurber requesting approval for a new home construction (Variance) on property located at 40 Van Ornum Road, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 4-01-35).
5. Application (#22-13) Jonathan & Jessica King requesting approval for building a single-family home located at 720 Tri Town Road, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 3-8).
6. Application (#22-14) Ethan Gevry requesting approval for Conditional-Use for his wood processing business property located at 3930 VT Rte 22A, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 6-1.26).

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Interested parties who wish to appeal or to be heard must attend the hearing or may be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearings.

N.B.: Participation in a hearing is necessary to establish status as an "interested person" and the right to appeal a decision rendered in that hearing, according to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 117 S.S.4464 (a) (1) (C), 4465(b) and 4471 (a). Participation consists of offering through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern directly related to the subject of the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,
 John Spencer, Chair
 Starr Phillips, Board Secretary
 Michael Wojciechowski, Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM TOWN OFFICES – 77 MAIN STREET TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

Also available via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89942319663>
 By Phone: +1 646 558 8656 (not toll-free)
 Webinar ID: 899 4231 9663

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

AGENDA

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| 7:00 | 1. **Call to Order |
| | 2. *Approval of Agenda |
| | 3. *Approval of Consent Agenda |
| | 3.a. Approval of Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Regular Selectboard Meeting |
| | 3.b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes |
| | 3.c. Agenda Placeholder |
| | 3.d. Agenda Placeholder |
| | 3.e. Town Manager's Report |
| | - FY23 Year-to-date budget reports |
| 7:05 | 4. **Citizen Comments [Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda] |
| | 5. **Agenda Placeholder |
| 7:10 | 6. *Nominations to Fill Vacancy on Selectboard |
| 7:20 | 7. *Karen Duguay, Better Middlebury Partnership, and Phil Sommers, Addison County Chamber of Commerce, regarding their request for a Public Assemblage Permit for a Car Show on October 16, 2022, including the closure of Main Street |
| 7:30 | 8. *Discuss Timeline for Amending the Charter to Allow the Selectboard to Appoint a Town Treasurer and Warn First Public Hearing on Charter Change for September 27 if the vote will be at the General Election in November |
| 7:35 | 9. *Dan Werner, Director of Public Works Planning, with updates and recommendations from the Infrastructure Committee meeting of September 8, 2022 |
| | 9.a. *Award Contract for Bakery Lane Project Engineering up to bid publication |
| | 9.b. *Discuss Opinion of Probable Cost for South Street Water/Wastewater/Highway/Stormwater Project |
| | 9.c. *Discuss Wastewater Treatment Facility Renewable Treatment Study |
| | 9.d. *Update on Court Street – Monroe Street - Charles Avenue Intersection: first look at preliminary design |
| | 9.e. Request from Ilsley 100 Project Team to award contract to Erickson Consulting for cost estimating services for library renovation/expansion project |
| 7:50 | 10. **Discussion of Middlebury Airport |
| | 10.a. *Submission of Comments on the Airport Master Plan to the Vermont Agency of Transportation before the September 15, 2022 deadline for comments |
| | 10.b. **Submission of Comments on the Agency of Transportation's pending Act 250 application, 9A0158-12, for partial findings for future hangar development. The deadline for the submission of comments to Act 250 has not been finalized at publication of this agenda, but is anticipated to be late October/early November |
| 8:20 | 11. **Agenda Placeholder |
| | 12. *Approval of Check Warrants |
| | 13. **Board Member Concerns |
| | 14. *Executive Session – Personnel & Contracts – Anticipated |
| 8:35 | 15. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session |
| | 16. *Adjourn |

* Decision Item ** Possible Decision



SKYLIGHT POND TRAIL can be reached from the Long Trail as it passes through Ripton. Hikers can enjoy the trail any day of the week, or hike it on Sept. 10 in honor of Long Trail Day. Photo courtesy of Green Mountain Club Bread Loaf Section

Long Trail Day hike set Sept. 10

ADDISON COUNTY — The Bread Loaf section of the Green Mountain Club will be joining other GMC clubs in the state in celebrating Long Trail Day on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The section's hike leaders will lead four different hikes, covering the entire section from Emily Proctor trailhead to the Sucker Brook trailhead. These hikes are of varying levels of difficulty and start at different times, but they all will end by 3:30 p.m. Those interested in hiking with the club can find details and leaders' contact information on the club's website calendar at gmbreadloaf.org/calendar. The group will end the day — and replace some burned calories — with a celebration at Drop-In Brewing in Middlebury.

GMC Bread Loaf Section is helping to fundraise this year, as they have in the past, to generate revenue to support the Long Trail. Find a link to the club's fundraising team's page "BreadLoaf Loafers" by going gmbreadloaf.org.

Everyone is invited to join the hiking celebration and experience the Long Trail's beauty.

More information is available at www.greenmountainclub.org/longtrailday.



BECKY PALILING



MEAGHAN MCLAUGHLIN



MICHAEL CORBETT

NBM names new leaders

MIDDLEBURY — A new board member, promotions and a new hire were recently announced by the National Bank of Middlebury.

Board of Directors chair Sarah Stahl announced in late August that Sarah Morris, a fifth-generation hotelier at Basin Harbor, a seasonal resort on the shores of Lake Champlain, has been appointed to the bank's board of directors.

Morris holds management experience in resorts, private clubs, and restaurants, with specific experience in resource management in seasonal business, guest service, sales and marketing, and food and beverage management. She currently volunteers on several boards, including the New England Inns and Resorts Association, Vermont Business Roundtable, Vermont Lodging Association, Vermont Tourism Summit, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Lodging Council for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. Morris holds a B.S. in Hotel Administration from Cornell University.

She and her husband live in New Haven. Her interests include travel,

gastronomy, and the great outdoors. Upon election to the board, Morris said, "National Bank of Middlebury and Basin Harbor both share a long history of contributing to our local economy. I am proud to join the board of this historic institution with an eye toward the future."

Shortly thereafter, bank president and CEO Caroline Carpenter announced the appointment of Meaghan McLaughlin, vice president and chief lending officer and Becky Paliling, vice president and chief credit officer, succeeding Sarah Cowan, executive vice president, who will be retiring at year end.

McLaughlin has been with National Bank of Middlebury since 2010 and has served previously as a credit analyst, a community lender, and a business community lender. Paliling recently rejoined National Bank of Middlebury. She has previously served as a commercial lending assistant, a commercial document specialist, a credit analyst and most recently as credit department manager. Between them, they have over 25 years of experience in lending, credit analysis and customer



SARAH B. MORRIS

service. McLaughlin's strengths in business development combined with Paliling's skills in credit risk management and loan processing create a dynamic and effective loan department leadership team that will benefit our customers.

In her new role as chief lending officer, McLaughlin announced the hiring of Michael Corbett to serve as vice president, business community lender. He will be based out of NBM's main office in Middlebury. Corbett will play a key role in generating new business and supporting existing business accounts. He has extensive experience in planning, managing and growing a business.

Local students graduate from Bates College

Amalia Herren-Lage of Shoreham graduated Summa Cum Laude after majoring in Gender and Sexuality Studies. Herren-Lage, the daughter of David D. Herren and Ana M. Martinez-Lage, is a 2017 graduate of Middlebury Union High School.

In her first year at Bates, Herren-Lage received the Charles Dana Award, the highest honor Bates bestows on students in their first year. She graduates as a member of the College Key, an honor reserved for students

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who have exhibited outstanding character, academic excellence, campus and community service, leadership and future promise, and of Phi Beta Kappa, an organization recognized as conferring the highest undergraduate academic honors and as the oldest Greek letter society in the U.S.

Amelia Ingersoll of Middlebury graduated after majoring in Psychology and minoring in Education. Ingersoll, the daughter of Bruce E. Ingersoll and Sarah Hildreth Ingersoll, is a 2017 graduate of Middlebury Union High School.

Ingersoll was granted the Bates Senior Scholar Award, an honor bestowed upon graduating seniors who have participated in varsity sports for four years and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Learn about mushrooms and enjoy a walk, Sept. 18

ORWELL — Mushroom expert Meg Madden is back at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell to lead another of her popular mushroom exploration walks. Held on Sunday, Sept. 18, the walk runs

from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will get the opportunity to look for and learn about mushrooms on Mount Independence, and, if they participated in the walk in June, observe how the mushrooms have changed.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Admission for the event, which includes the museum and all trails, is \$6 for adults and free for children under 15.

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ARTS + LEISURE

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Nulhegan forester and basketmaker Bill Gould begins construction of a birchbark canoe in 2021.



Vera Longtoe Sheehan knots fishnet, an ancient technique passed down in her family. Sheehan curated "Nebizun: Water is Life" on view at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.



"Water is Life" was painted by Francine Poitras Jones, who was inspired by the Dakota Access Pipeline crisis.

COURTESY IMAGES

Abenaki art exhibit flows through the Maritime Museum

Summer is waning, but it's not over yet! Sure, school's back in session, but you can still pack in a few more seasonal sensations... like visiting the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Ferrisburgh.

LCMM has had a special exhibit on view in the Schoolhouse Gallery, which features work by

BY **ELSIE**
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Abenaki artists together with photographs and commentaries that illustrate the dynamic relationship between the people and water in the Abenaki homeland, past and present. This exhibit, "Nebizun: Water is Life," will be on view through Oct. 16, when the museum closes for the season.

"Nebizun: Water is Life' draws visitors into the Native American worldview of water from the

very first word," explained Vera Longtoe Sheehan, who curated the exhibit and is the director of the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association. "The exhibition title 'Nebizun' or 'Nebizon' means medicine, from the root word Nebi, the Abenaki word for water. As stewards of the environment, Native American people know the importance of clean water. The Abenaki people know how essential water is to foodways, medicine and

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ART ON EXHIBIT

A solo exhibition of sculptures feature Jay Lagemann at Sunrise Orchard in Cornwall

Celebrate the changing seasons, Vermont's harvest and the work of Edgewater artist Jay Lagemann in a collaboration with Sunrise Orchards in Cornwall on Friday, Sept. 16.

The exhibition opens next Friday with an opening reception, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Sunrise Orchards. Lagemann will give a guided tour of his sculptures, while walking and exploring the paths through the property, and will discuss his process, inspiration for the collection and his path to becoming a sculptor. Sunrise Orchards will provide an array of seasonal appetizers and refreshment made on the premises. This event is free and open to all.

Lagemann makes whimsical and joyous sculptures in metal. His collection at Edgewater features tabletop sculptures cast in bronze or stainless steel, of figures swinging, dancing, skiing and cycling. Though made from a material that is rigid and unforgiving, his pieces are alive with movement, energy and often, humor.

A graduate from Princeton University with

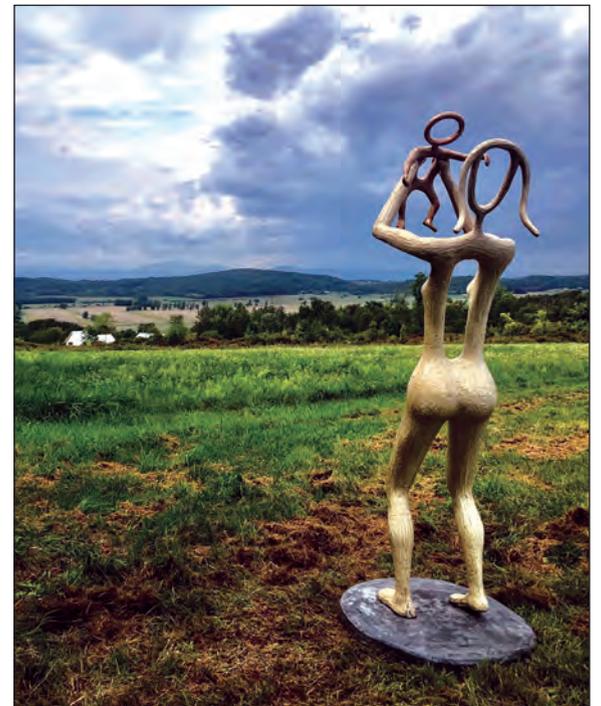
OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, Sept. 16, 5:30-7 p.m.

Sunrise Orchards, 1287 N. Bingham St., Cornwall

a degree in mathematics, and a PhD in Mathematical Logic from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lagemann found his way to metal fabricating and sculpture through a life of travel, self exploration and adventure. Skills that he gained through a series of jobs that sustained him in his travels, gave him the ability to eventually work in metal and express himself through his sculpture. He has been commissioned to create work for both private and public spaces throughout New England and the Northeast. Lagemann has his studio on the island of Martha's Vineyard.

For more information about this exhibit of sculpture at Sunrise Orchards, call Edgewater at 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com. For more information about Sunrise Orchards visit sunriseorchards.com.



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'Common Thread' a fabric and fiber art exhibit by Althea Bilodeau Lamb and Judith Reilly

THREADS! We are all touched by threads every day. We wear them, sleep on them, and are warmed, cooled and sheltered by them. To artists who use threads, fabric and fiber as their medium, the word has yet another meaning. For the two artists featured in the newest art exhibition in Brandon, threads are their paint, their clay, their stone, their metal and their canvas. Brandon Artists Guild is proud to present, "Common Thread," a new fabric and fiber arts exhibit by Althea Bilodeau Lamb and Judith Reilly. While these two fabric/fiber artists had a similar introduction to "threads," their journey with them has led to two completely different worlds.

Raised on a farm and sewing almost since birth, Reilly has spent a lifetime wrapped in thread. A 'life-taught' artist, she has explored every avenue of the fabric/fiber media to arrive at the whimsical style that she delights



"Apparel" by Althea Bilodeau Lamb.

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WATER

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many everyday activities that often are taken for granted."

The original idea for this exhibit cropped up pre-pandemic, so Sheehan had extra time to prepare when everything was paused due to COVID.

"My style of curating is very different from some other museum curators, in that I do a lot of consultation with the community," said Sheehan, who prefers to use the Abenaki pronoun "awani," which means "someone." "In regards to the artwork, I will very often reach out to artists with a piece I think this will be great for the exhibit, but then they'll tell me, 'Oh I have a better piece!' Being flexible has always been my style; I like to uplift the voices of our community as much as possible."

As businesses and events began opening back up, Sheehan and the exhibit were ready to go.

The exhibit opened at LCMM and the Brattleboro Museum this summer and has interest from a few other venues, tbd.

"Other people who aren't Abenaki are showing interest in this," awani said. "Water is something we have in common and it's in danger."

"Some people may be afraid of Champ — sea monsters that live in the lake — we know these monsters as sea panthers and they are there for our protection... There is something much darker that lurks in the waters... pollution."

Sheehan elaborated in a curator's statement:

"The phrase "Water is Life," makes a conscious connection to the Lakota phrase "Mni wičhóni" ("Water is life"), the watchword of Native American Water Protectors during the controversial construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) through the homelands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (in the upper Midwest). During this crisis, the hashtag #NoDAPL was born, and allies from around the world brought awareness to the issue through protest and in social media, as seen in the "No Pipelines" marker on paper drawing by JES. Protest art can be as simple as quick sketches or can include

keywords. In this piece, a long yellow menacing snake can be seen winding its way around the mountains. The word oil signifies the threat of possible oil line ruptures.

The Dakota Access Pipeline crisis also inspired Francine Poitras Jones to create her acrylic painting "Water is Life," reflecting awareness of both traditional values and contemporary issues. "Naturally, my first thought was a baby within its mother's womb... the image was strong and could even be upsetting to some. However, it was my reality... the painting flowed from me, much like the water that sustains life."

As fellow Native Americans, Abenaki artists share their concerns for the life-bringing waters of N'Dakinna (Abenaki for "Our Homeland), which can be seen in the flowing blue hues of waterways which share equal importance with green land forms in Amy Hook Therrien's watercolor painting

"Aerial View of N'Dakinna."

Throughout deep time, the rivers and tributaries of N'Dakinna were our earliest highways for traveling, and the water itself is important to the plants, fish, animals, birds, and other wildlife that are necessary to our way of life.

Inspired by a group of Wabanaki (Native American) Grandmothers who undertook an 857 km spiritual journey to walk from Sipekne'katik River in Nova Scotia to the Penobscot River at Nebezin,

in Passadumkeag, Maine, this exhibit hopes to encourage everyone to be a Water Protector."

The close of this exhibit at LCMM coincides with the 50th anniversary of the nation's Clean Water Act (1972).

"We need to raise awareness for Abenaki culture and environment," Sheehan encouraged. "My hope is that visitors to this exhibit begin to understand our relationship with water and everything — 'all my relations': the two-legged, the finned, the winged, the earth, the water — and we can rally to clean up our waterways."

Editor's Note: Visit LCMM now through Oct. 16 on Basin Harbor Road west of Vergennes. For info visit lcmm.org or call 802-475-2022. To learn more about the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association visit abenakiart.org and follow them on social media.

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The 39 Steps opens Sept. 15 at Town Hall Theater

Move aside, Alfred Hitchcock! He needed 32 actors to film his 1935 spy thriller "The 39 Steps." The Middlebury Community Players does it with four in its production of the brilliant comedy "The 39 Steps at Town Hall Theater." Four actors play all the movie roles, switching costumes, voices, and accents to create a simultaneous spoof of, and homage to, Hitchcock's classic, as well as spy thrillers in general. The winner of the 2007 Olivier Award for Best Comedy, "The 39 Steps" is fast-paced and fun.

The production is directed by Gary Gillen, who directed MCP's hilarious production of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)" [revised] in 2019, and features Rainwalker Winterpainter as Richard Hannay, Jillian Torres as Annabella Schmidt, Pamela, and Margaret, and Kevin Commins and Rob Demic as "The Clowns," who play the remaining 30+ characters. The production is stage managed by Chris Frappier and co-produced by Mary Longey and Jane Kimble.

"The 39 Steps" runs Sept. 15-18, at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 on Thursday night, and \$17 for the remaining shows, plus applicable fees. Tickets are available at the Town Hall Theater Box Office by calling 802-382-9222 or visiting townhalltheater.org.



Just four cast members will play all the characters of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 spy thriller "The 39 Steps," put on by the Middlebury Community Players at the Town Hall Theater, Sept. 15-18. PHOTO / MAX KRAUS

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Zig Zag celebrates the release of Issue.13

Zig Zag celebrates its seventh year serving the Addison County community by hosting a release party at the Willowell Foundation on Sept. 18, at 2 p.m.

The outdoor location allows attendees to learn about Willowell, walk the sculpture park, mingle with other guests and culminates in a reading from Issue.13 by those who have contributed.

This event is free and open to the public. Issue.13 will be available for purchase before it hits the shelves at Monroe Street Books & the Vermont Book Shop late in the month. Issue.13 features 30 writers and artists who "live, labor, or loiter in Addison County." At the center of the issue is a spotlight interview and a range of work from Doug Mack, a Vergennes-based photographer best known for his 30-plus years as the chef/owner of Mary's Restaurant in Bristol.

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Release party: Sept 18, 2 p.m.

Willowell Foundation, Bristol Rd, Monkton

Other contributors include Matty Adams, B. Amore, Kelly Hedglin Bowen, Anna Browdy, Jim Bruce, Eileen Brunetto, Thea Calitri-Martin, Beth Christian, Ann Cooper, Christa Downey, Patty LeBon Herb, Steve Holmes, Jo Ives, Christina Koliander, Tricia Knoll, Phineas Knowles, Gioia Kuss, Katherine Lazarus, Alice Leeds, Karen Moses Miller, Michelle L. Mowery, Alexandra Muck, Jeff Oster, G. Donald Peabody, Elaine Pentaleri, Rose Robinson, Laurie Rosen, Martha Anderson Sanborn and Lathrop P. Smith.

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ART ON EXHIBIT

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

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"Common Thread" featuring fabric and fiber art by Althea Bilodeau Lamb and Judith Reilly. While these two fabric/fiber artists had a similar introduction to "threads," their journey with them has led to two completely different worlds. On view Sept. 9–Nov. 6, with an opening reception, free and open to all, with an opportunity to meet the artists, on Friday, Sept. 9, from 5–7 p.m.

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

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

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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

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Visit 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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"Nebizun: Water is Life." Water is essential for life and Nebizun (or Nebizon) is the Abenaki word for medicine.

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ARIES: March 21–April 20. Aries, think about waking up very early or staying up late to enjoy some quiet time. You can improve upon this sense of peace by enjoying the respite outdoors.

TAURUS: April 21–May 21. You may be tempted to live the week in a fantasy world, Taurus. However, there are too many pressing issues that need your attention for you to tune out.

GEMINI: May 22–June 21. Gemini, this will be a week to focus on financial gain, but don't put too much swagger into your business negotiations; otherwise, your plans may backfire.

CANCER: June 22–July 22. It may seem challenging to manage your professional responsibilities with your home life this week, Cancer. Take a day off and give yourself time to exhale.

LEO: July 23–Aug. 23. Leo, your love life is a big roller coaster this week, and you may not know if you are on or off with this special someone. It may be time to sit down and have a serious discussion.

VIRGO: Aug. 24–Sept. 22. It is possible that you have outgrown certain people in your social circle, Virgo. Don't feel bad about removing those who fit this description. There are new friends to be made.

LIBRA: Sept. 23–Oct. 23. Libra, confusion or an argument may cause a lack of passion between you and your romantic partner this week. It's only a temporary situation and can be resolved.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24–Nov. 22. You may feel that others are not giving you the respect you deserve, Scorpio. If this pertains to your career, start polishing your resume and putting out feelers.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23–Dec. 21. Move at your own pace this week, Sagittarius. There is no reason to rush around. Take leisurely breakfasts and enjoy strolls around the neighborhood.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22–Jan. 20. Capricorn, you may be feeling more emotional than usual and that may lead to some unfamiliar situations. Give yourself some space to process your emotions.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21–Feb. 18. The perfectionist in you may be unhappy with the work of a loved one or colleague, Aquarius. Try not to critique the job they do harshly. Let constructive criticism prevail.

PISCES: Feb. 19–March 20. Do you need a confidence boost, Pisces? If so, surround yourself this week with all of those people who love and support you.

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SEPT. 12 — Jennifer Hudson, actor and singer (31)

SEPT. 13 — Fiona Apple, singer, (45)

SEPT. 14 — Agrippa, scholar and philosopher (d)

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE

IN HUNTINGTON. Thursday, Sept. 8, Burnt Rock Mountain 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION IN ORWELL. Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. We will discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Books available to check out at Orwell Free Library. The first of two sessions for this book. Second session on Sept. 22.

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. 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 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. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Sept. 10, Emily Proctor Trail (shorter). As part of Green 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. More at 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.

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<p>MCTV Channel 1071 Friday, Sept. 9 Green Mountain Care (GMC) Board - Through the Night 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Selectboard 1:45 p.m. Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Fraud, Scams and Con Artists 7:33 p.m. Natural Burials 8:30 p.m. The News Project - Building Strong Communities</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 10 Through the Night - Public Affairs 9:30 a.m. Building Strong Communities 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3 p.m. Energy Week 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 11 4:30 a.m. Building Strong Communities 5 a.m. Selectboard 9 a.m. Catholic Mass</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Medical Matters Weekly 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Fraud, Scams and Con Artists 8:33 p.m. GMC Board, Public Affairs Through the Night</p> <p>Monday, Sept. 12 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly 3:30 p.m. Norwich University Center for Global Resilience and Security 8 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly 8:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 13 5 a.m. Energy Week 5:30 a.m. Medical Matters Weekly 6 a.m. Fraud, Scams and Con Artists 7 a.m. Natural Burials 8 a.m. Building Strong Communities 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard 4 p.m. Congregational Service</p>	<p>5:30 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 14 5:30 a.m. Medical Matter Weekly 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 15 5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Service 12 p.m. Selectboard, Press Conf. 7:30 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly 8 p.m. Energy Week 9 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. GMC Board - Through the Night</p> <p>MCTV Channel 1091 Friday, Sept. 9 6:30 a.m. Addison County Collects 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 12:30 p.m. Montpelier Community Gospel Choir</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. School Board Meetings 9 p.m. All Brains Belong 10:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 10 12 a.m. All Brains Belong 1 a.m. State Board of Education 5 a.m. ACSD Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. All Brains Belong 10 a.m. Hannaford Career Center (HCC) Board 2 p.m. Montpelier Gospel Choir 4 p.m. Addison County Collects 5:01 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Montpelier Gospel Choir 8 p.m. James Stewart - How Music Changed the World</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 11 5 a.m. All Things LGTQ 6 a.m. The Surprising History of Garden Vegetables 7:07 a.m. Owls with Craig Newman 8 a.m. School Boards 1 p.m. Addison County Collects 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Montpelier Gospel Choir 8 p.m. All Brains Belong</p>	<p>Monday, Sept. 12 6 a.m. Yoga 7 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 8 a.m. Montpelier Gospel Choir 12 p.m. Addison County Collects 1:01 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead Enrichment Programs 7 p.m. School Board Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 13 4 a.m. School Board Meetings 11 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 12 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead 8 p.m. Addison County Collects</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 14 5 a.m. Addison County Collects 6:06 a.m. Yoga 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 9 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10 p.m. Ethan Allen Homestead</p> <p>Thursday, Sept. 15 1 a.m. State Board of Education 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. School Board Meetings 5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6:30 p.m. Yoga 8 p.m. Montpelier Gospel Choir</p>

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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 Brook Trail to Middlebury Gap. Moderately challenging hike up and over Worth 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 or 802-458-1116. More at 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. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AND GEAR TALK IN

ORWELL. Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Learn about cross country skiing — the sport and the gear — with outdoor enthusiast Sandra Owens. Owens will discuss the different types of Nordic skiing, including cross country, back country, telemark and uphill, and show various types of Nordic ski gear so that participants can get familiar with the options out there.

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.

"CONSERVING HISTORY, ONE ARTIFACT AT A

TIME" IN ORWELL. Saturday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mount Independence Rd. Site administrator Elsa Gilbertson and project consultants, long-time reenactors, and historians Michael Barbieri and Michael Blakeslee will talk about the conservation efforts of some of the 45 significant Revolutionary War metal artifacts found on Mount Independence. Questions and discussion welcome. Tickets \$6/children under 15 free, includes museum admission. More info at 802-948-2000.

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. More at 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.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

SAILING WEEKEND IN FERRISBURGH. Sunday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. See Sept. 10 listing.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

BIXBY BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION IN VERGENNES. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Read "All Over Creation" by Ruth Ozeki, and then come join the discussion.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

COLLECTORS' STORIES IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Sept. 14, noon, Henry Sheldon Museum barn, 1 Park St. Four collectors who lent objects to the Sheldon Museum's "Addison

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Middlebury gallery hosts 'The Orwell Artists'

At the end of the summer, Sparrow Art Supply

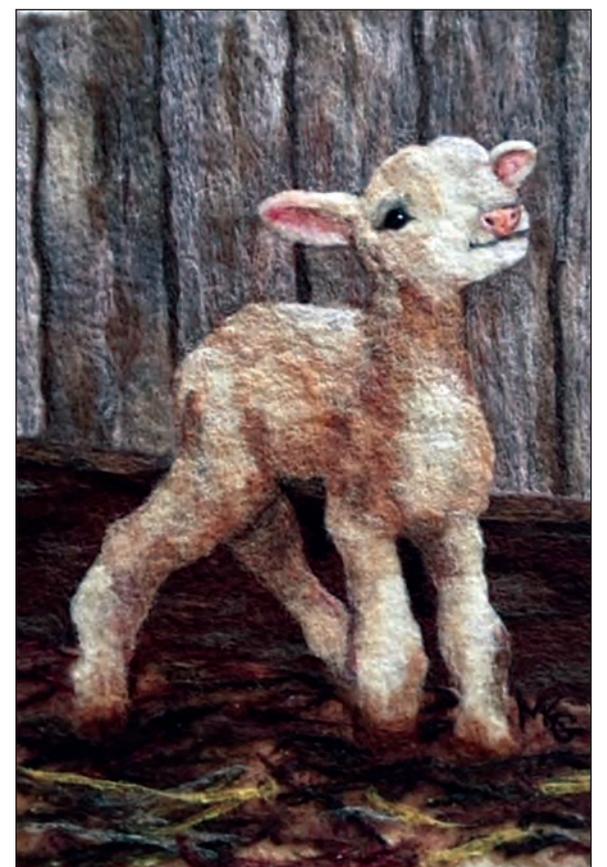
on Main Street in Middlebury will welcome a guest exhibition by the Orwell Artists. Celebrating the rich and varied arts of the area, this show will feature work by 11 artists in the group, with artwork spanning pottery, to collage, to painting and more.



ANDY SNYDER

This local group of artists was founded in 2016 to provide an opportunity for local artists, artisans and craftspeople to meet one another, to discuss art and related topics, to show and evaluate their work, and to share resource information. While Orwell is a relatively small community, it is home to a number of creative and talented artists, including: Lynn Austin, Muffy Grollier, Carol Little, George Macedo, Beth Murphy, Susan Powers, Andy Snyder, and Stacey Stanhope Dundon.

"The Orwell Artists" will run from Sept. 10-Oct. 15, with an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public with light refreshments.



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UPCOMING

MUSIC

Snake Mountain Bluegrass plays good-time music in Brandon next Saturday

Blue grass is the ultimate good-time music, honoring tradition and encouraging innovation. So Brandon Music is delighted to welcome back Snake Mountain Bluegrass on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Always a favorite with Brandon Music audiences, (they performed in November 2021 to a full house), the group is known for their vocal, instrumental and original songwriting talents, plus a great sense of humor and onstage banter.

Founding members Gregg Humphrey (guitar and vocals) and Mike Connor (banjo and vocals) are joined by Earle Provin (mandolin and resophonic guitar), and their new bass player Glenn Goodwin. Retired Middlebury College Professor Humphrey, and Middlebury

former construction company owner Connor, formed Snake Mountain Bluegrass about 30 years ago. At the time, they were both living near Snake Mountain and someone asked them what style of bluegrass they played. "Snake Mountain Bluegrass," was their immediate response and the name has been theirs ever since.

Concert tickets are \$25. A pre-concert dinner is available for an extra \$35. Reservations are required for dinners and recommended for the show and can be made online at brandon-music.net. Brandon Music is located at 62 Country Club Road in Brandon; the venue is BYOB. Call 802-247-4295 or email info@brandon-music.net for reservations or for more information.



Snake Mountain Bluegrass will perform authentic and toe-tapping bluegrass at Brandon Music, on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

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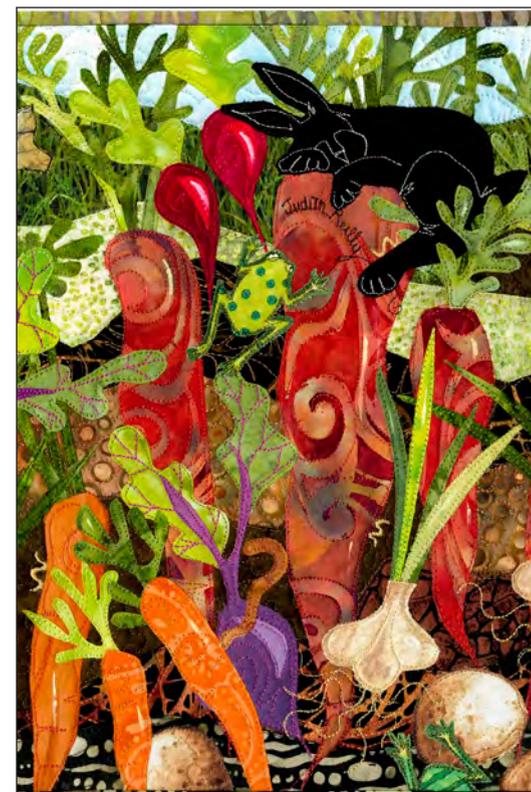
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in today. Her bucolic background is the foundation for her love of agricultural and barn-structure themes, and the catawampus nature of her fabric designs means that she is not required to answer to reality, which is a very liberating and intriguing creative tool. She simply cannot make a mistake.

As a third-generation fiber artist, Lamb expresses her love of fashion and color through textile creation and design. Each of her one-of-a-kind garments and accessories is sculpted from her own hand-dyed materials including both woven and knit fabrics of fine merino wool and silk, and a unique cloth created by hand of merino and silk fibers employing an ancient non-woven fabric-making process called felting.

Come see the beauty of the "common," and the not-so-common, threads of their work. The exhibit will run from Sept. 9-Nov. 6, with an opening reception, free and open to all, with an opportunity to meet the artists, on Friday, Sept. 9, from 5-7 p.m.

Open seven days a week, the Brandon Artists Guild is an artist-run gallery with approximately 30 exhibiting members and additional supporting members. It is located in downtown Brandon.



This is a closeup of a section of Judith Reilly's piece titled "Utopia."

PUZZLES

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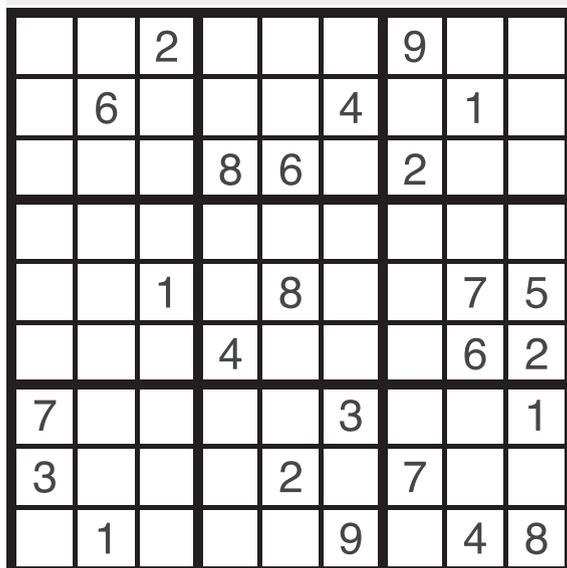
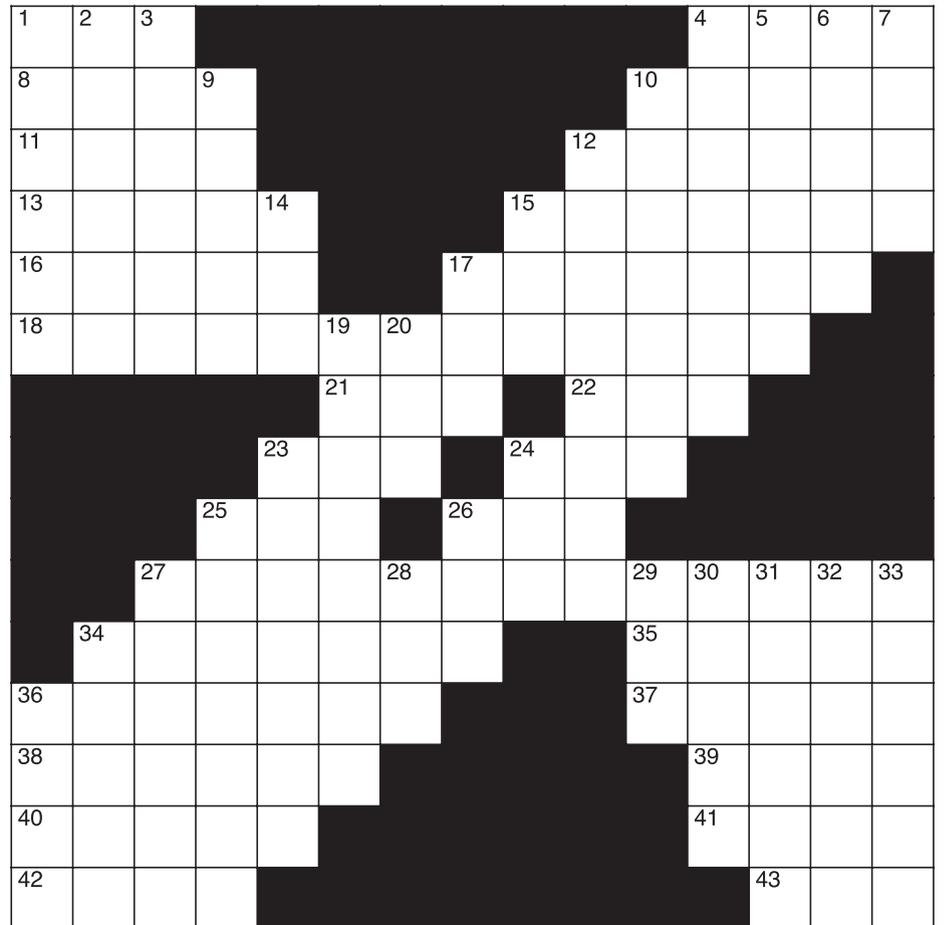
- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. Kids love it in summer
- 8. Dashes
- 10. Polynesian sarong
- 11. Chapter of the Koran
- 12. Evildoer
- 13. Japanese commercial city
- 15. A way of binding
- 16. Early Christianity French historian
- 17. Kids' term for bugs
- 18. Beloved family

- holiday activity
- 21. Work unit
- 22. Bundle
- 23. A number or amount not specified
- 24. Military official (abbr.)
- 25. Queens ballplayer
- 26. Type of gibbon
- 27. Norma Jean's stage name
- 34. Places
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Argued publicly
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. They star at weddings
- 39. Indian god

- associated with reproduction
- 40. Ocean sunfishes
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Plant part
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

DOWN

- 1. Accumulate on the surface of
- 2. Not a good feeling
- 3. Got smaller
- 4. Helped a golfer get around
- 5. Military forces
- 6. Partner to ways



Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

- 7. Low, one-horse sleigh
- 9. Japanese seaport
- 10. Inclined to favor
- 12. Avid reader
- 14. Lead singer of Heart
- 15. Pigeon sound
- 17. Vital part
- 19. People who are not Jewish
- 20. Shed tears
- 23. Pokes holes in the ground
- 24. Beverage receptacle
- 25. Stone used to surface roads
- 26. French-Belgian river
- 27. Type of phone
- 28. Long-lasting light bulb
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away from
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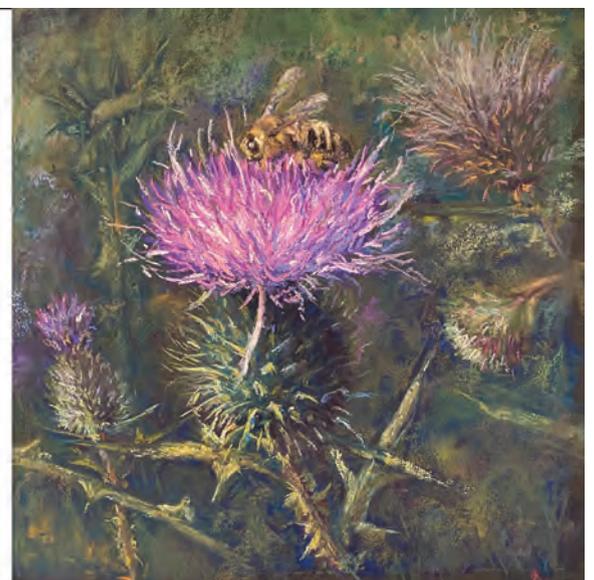
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A beginner's guide to fall planting and maintenance

Spring and summer are perhaps the busiest times of year for gardeners. However, fall also is a prime time to tend to gardens.

Here are some tips to make the most of the fall gardening season.

Think about fall annuals and bulb planting.

Near the end of September, start planting cool-weather-loving pansies and violas for pops of color as summer flowers fade. Also, it's a good idea to stock up on bulbs that will bloom in the months to come before they sell out in stores. Wait until the temperatures really cool down before planting them in desired spots for spring sprouts.

Sow salad seeds. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and arugula tolerate cooler temperatures. Try new and interesting lettuce varieties and enjoy salads well into the fall season.

Take inventory of the sun. Positioning a garden carefully means maximizing hours of sunlight, which begin to dwindle in the fall. Experts say gardens grow best in sunny locations that receive six hours of direct sunlight each day. This is where container gardens can be helpful, as they allow gardeners to move plants into spots that will get ample sunlight.

Fill in landscaping gaps. Some fall plants can



add color around the landscape and brighten up homes to add curb appeal. In addition to pansies and violas, asters, kale and chrysanthemums are fall blooms. Keep in mind that mums can come back year after year. So take them out of those flower pots and get them into the ground. They can be enjoyed next year as well, sprouting in early spring and developing leaves and buds through late summer.

Clean up unwanted growth. Fall is an ideal time to cut back spent vegetable plants and get rid of errant weeds. Rather than bagging leaves, mow them with a grass catcher and then add the mix to a vegetable garden as an excellent soil insulator. The nitrogen and carbon will fertilize the soil, enhancing growing possibilities and

limiting weed growth.

Propagate plants in the fall. As temperatures gradually begin to cool, start taking cuttings from perennials, gathering seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons and dividing hardwood cuttings.

Continue to water plants. Water is essential in the fall and winter as roots can still be growing. Gradually reduce watering duration as plants go dormant.

Fall planting and maintenance can extend gardening season and improve the chances of growing a healthy spring garden.

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County Collects" exhibit will share stories about their collections with the community in the Henry Sheldon Museum's barn,

including Bruce Yelton, Sas Carey, Diana Bigelow and Eva Garcelon-Hart. 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 or 802-388-2117.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

PATTI CASEY AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Casey is a master of simple, pure vocal understatement, a one-in-a-million voice, nationally recognized as an award-winning songwriter, and musically at home in a beautiful array of traditional and contemporary genres. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

"39 STEPS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Middlebury Community Players present this comedy in which four actors play all roles to create the themes and characters of Alfred Hitchcock's ground-breaking spy masterpiece movie of 1935. It is both a spoof and homage to all the elements of spy movies that would become cliches used by others for decades. Fast-paced and fun. Opening night tickets \$12, available at townhalltheater.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

"BEES BESIEGED: A HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING," IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Sept. 16, noon, Sheldon Museum barn, 1 Park St. Bill Mares, a writer and a beekeeper for 50 years, will tell of the origins and evolution of beekeeping, sometimes referred to as "farming for intellectuals," with a particular emphasis on his new book, with Ross Conrad, and others, "The Land of Milk and Honey, a History of Beekeeping in Vermont." Free and open to the public, seating is limited, first come-first served; bring a bag lunch if you'd like. More info at HenrySheldonMuseum.org or 802-388-2117.

BLOODROOT GAP AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.

Friday, Sept. 16, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Bloodroot Gap has honed their sound at numerous club appearances, house concerts, and jam sessions, resulting in a seamless combination of bluegrass, jazz, Celtic and traditional American string music, steeped in the hills of Vermont. Tickets \$35, includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Kids 5 and under are free. Bring a picnic blanket. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

SETH EAMES PERFORMS IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Sept. 16, 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.

"39 STEPS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. See Sept. 15 listing. Tickets \$17, available at townhalltheater.org.

Adoption gives pets a new 'leash' on life

"Adopt don't shop" is a mantra utilized by many organizations devoted to finding loving homes for shelter animals. With thousands of dogs, cats and other companion animals residing in shelters or being fostered until they can find their forever homes, rescue organizations urge the pet-loving public to adopt rather than purchase dogs from private breeders.

Individuals who choose to adopt a dog from a private rescue, humane society, animal shelter, or another welfare group would be wise to follow some guidelines that can help individuals and families find the best matches with their new pets.

Here are some other tips to consider if you're thinking of adopting a pet.

Think about fostering first.

If you're on the fence about whether to take in a dog right now, fostering offers a way to gauge how life can change with a dog in the household. Fostering a dog can free up resources and enable rescues to help other dogs. Many "foster fails" are dogs that foster families adopted themselves because they



couldn't bear to give the dogs up.

Expect to be vetted.

Rescue groups generally do some type of adopter check, which includes an application questionnaire, and may want to visit your home to be sure that it is safe and comfortable for the dog. Expect an adoption fee, as this helps defray the cost of sheltering animals.

Don't feel limited by geography.

Rescues handle dogs from across the country. Some may even be willing to facilitate travel from one area to another. If you see a dog online that seems to be a perfect fit but is a good distance away,

contact the rescue to see what can be done.

Be patient and open-minded.

Rescued animals often have been jostled around a bit, moving from place to place. Expect a transition period for the shell-shocked animal to settle down before judging his or her true personality. It's possible for rescued dogs to have accidents in a home, act out or be hesitant around people while they learn to trust their new owners.

Adopting a dog can be a great way to add to the family and provide a loving animal with new beginnings.

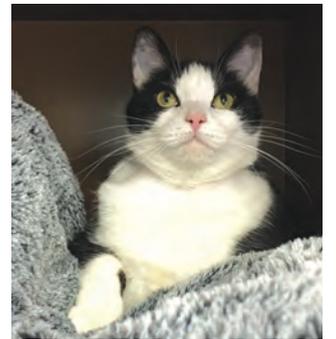
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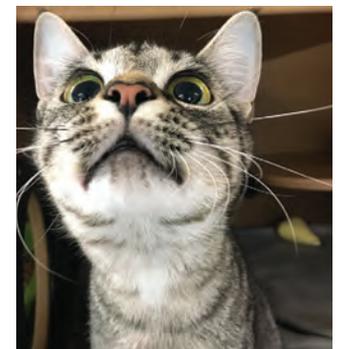
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Dexie is a full-figured 10-year-old who loves to eat and even accepts the diet we have put her on. Dexie is shy and likes to hide, but will purr loudly when she gets head rubs. She will lazily play with toys as long as she can reach them while laying down. She gets along with cats and may be okay with a cat-savvy dog.



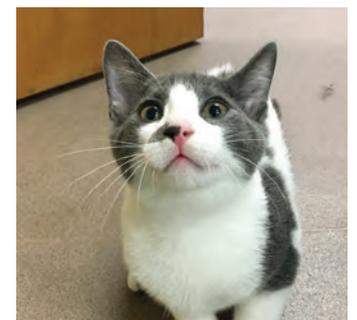
Echo is an affectionate, handsome 11-year-old cat. He is very mellow and nothing seems to faze him. Echo has previously lived as an indoor/outdoor cat and he loves the screened-in porch here at the shelter. He gets along well with all cats and seems unfazed by dogs.



Korra is a small, adorable 2-year-old cat. She likes to sleep and spends most of her time under her blankets where she feels safe. Korra is very playful and her tail gets puffy when she is frisky and happy. She rolls around like a gymnast when she wants affection and she lets out tiny meows. Korra has lived with cats and 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 and has shown fear of dogs.



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 are hoping to place them into 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.

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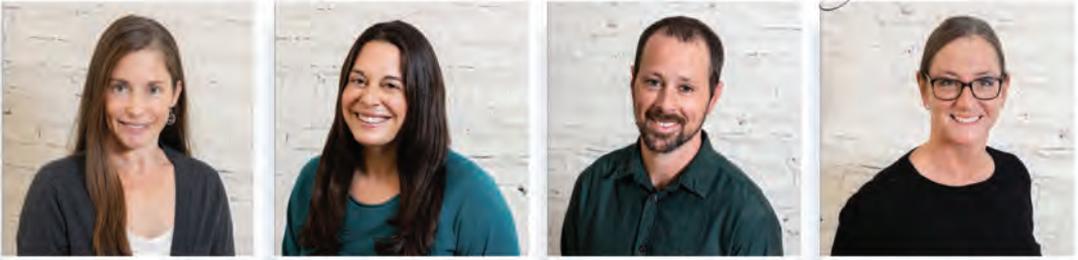



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will be on view through mid-October.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury
For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"Color" celebrates color photography with this exhibit, curated by Jeff Curto, who has selected 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for display in PhotoPlace's online gallery. On view through Sept. 23.

SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury
For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage."

Artists from Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Ukraine, and several US states created collages to explore how the archival material expresses an aspect of a community. On view Sept. 2 through Jan. 7, 2023.

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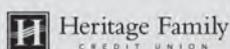
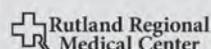
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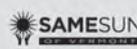
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21 | 7:30 PM

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LORRIE MORGAN
Friday, September 9 | 7:30 PM

LEWIS BLACK:
Off The Rails Tour 2022
Sunday, September 18 | 7:00 PM

BENNIE AND THE JETS:
ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE
Saturday, October 1 | 7:00 PM

BUDDY:
THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY
Friday, October 14 | 7:00 PM

JIM BRICKMAN:
Brickman Across America
Saturday, October 15 | 7:30 PM

EAGLEMANIA
Friday, October 21 | 7:30 PM

SIDEWALK PROPHETS:
I Believe It Now Tour
Sunday, October 23 | 7:00 PM

KIP MOORE:
Fire On Wheels Tour
Saturday, October 29 | 8:00 PM

THE FRONTMEN
Saturday, November 5 | 7:30 PM

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE:
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Saturday, November 12 | 7:00 PM

PHILLIP PHILLIPS:
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Special Guest American Authors (Acoustic)
Friday, November 18 | 8:00 PM

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Tuesday, December 13 | 7:30 PM

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