



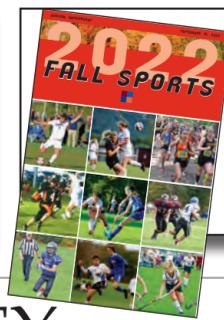
Visions of fall

Marrovbone celebrates autumn with theater in the woods of Lincoln. See Arts + Leisure.



Rivals duel

An intense Saturday soccer game ended with what both coaches called a fair result. See Page 1B.



Sports Report

Our special section inside takes an in-depth look at the local fall high school athletic teams.

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AIRPLANES PARKED AT THE MIDDLEBURY AIRPORT

Some see local airport as economic driver

There is big potential, entrepreneurs say

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series about proposed development at the Middlebury State Airport. Our Sept. 1 story focused on neighborhood concerns about the potential addition of nine new aircraft hangars, lighting, an improved aircraft taxi-lane and a new road at the East Middlebury facility. This story gives voice to those who see the airport as an important economic development tool for the community.

By JOHN FLOWERS

EAST MIDDLEBURY — Some East Middlebury residents have voiced concern that giving the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) permission to site nine

new hangars at the Middlebury State Airport will create a self-fulfilling prophecy.

To paraphrase the film "Field of Dreams": If you say it's OK to build the hangars, they will come.

But if you ask Middlebury Airport tenants and boosters, demand for new hangars at the property was already sky-high before VTrans filed its Act 250 permit request for one large, 120-foot-by-125-foot hangar; three medium-size hangars, in the 60-foot-by-80-foot range; and five small, 60-by-60-foot hangars.

VTrans's vision for the Middlebury Airport is contained in the Act 250 application and a proposed master plan that also recommends installation of precision approach path indicators lights to help pilots with nighttime (See Airport, Page 15A)

New Haven-based builder uses airplane to land additional jobs

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Most Addison County building contractors hop into a pickup truck to head to a job site.

But widening horizons on the business front have necessitated a different mode of transportation for Silver (See Builder, Page 16A)

Most at city meeting back Chief Merkel

Ask council to keep him; not all agree

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Most — but not all — of the more than 100 local residents who attended Tuesday's Vergennes City Council meeting came to support Vergennes Police Chief George Merkel and ask city officials to work things out with Merkel and ask him not to retire.

At least some of them came — about four dozen in person and

"I was looking for some give-and-take (with Merkel). I got none."

— Councilor Ian Huiuzenga

five dozen online — at the urging of former mayor Lynn Donnelly, who reportedly in social media posts and in person asked Merkel backers to attend and criticized the council and City Manager Ron Redmond for micro-managing the chief.

Merkel in an Aug. 23 email to Mayor Matt Chabot, the city council and Redmond said he would retire on Oct. 31. Merkel (See Merkel, Page 16A)

ANWSD: 6th grade to middle school in 2023

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Addison Northwest School District has committed to moving its 6th-graders into middle school at Vergennes Union High School starting next fall.

The change will be made unless voters in both ANWSD and the Mount Abraham Unified Union

District back merging the two districts on Nov. 8, ANWSD officials said.

The ANWSD board supported the change at its Aug. 24 meeting largely because research shows educational benefits to bringing 6th-graders into a middle-school model, according to Superintendent Sheila (See 6th-graders, Page 13A)

Midd. housing plan taking shape

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury community has a tremendous appetite for new details about a large, mixed-income housing development to be sited off Seminary Street Extension, and representatives of Summit

Properties on Sept. 7 shared some appetizers for a main course that could still be several months away.

Still, Summit officials' presentation provided a crowd of around 30 people with plenty of information to digest as they (See Project, Page 13A)



MIDDLEBURY INDEPENDENT PETER Bevere is hoping voters this November will give him a promotion from deputy prosecutor to Addison County State's Attorney. Independent photo/Steve James

Bevere makes new bid to win top prosecutor's post

Middlebury candidate outlines his priorities

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Peter Bevere in 2018 fell fewer than 10 votes shy of becoming Addison County's state's attorney.

The Middlebury independent and current deputy state's attorney is now hoping to win the position on Nov. 8, and in less of an election nail-biter than he experienced four years ago.

In 2018, Bevere narrowly lost to incumbent Addison County State's Attorney Dennis Wygmans, who subsequently offered Bevere a job as a deputy prosecutor. This past May, Wygmans stepped down to take another job, and Bevere has been serving as interim state's attorney since then. Bevere said he is enjoying his new responsibilities.

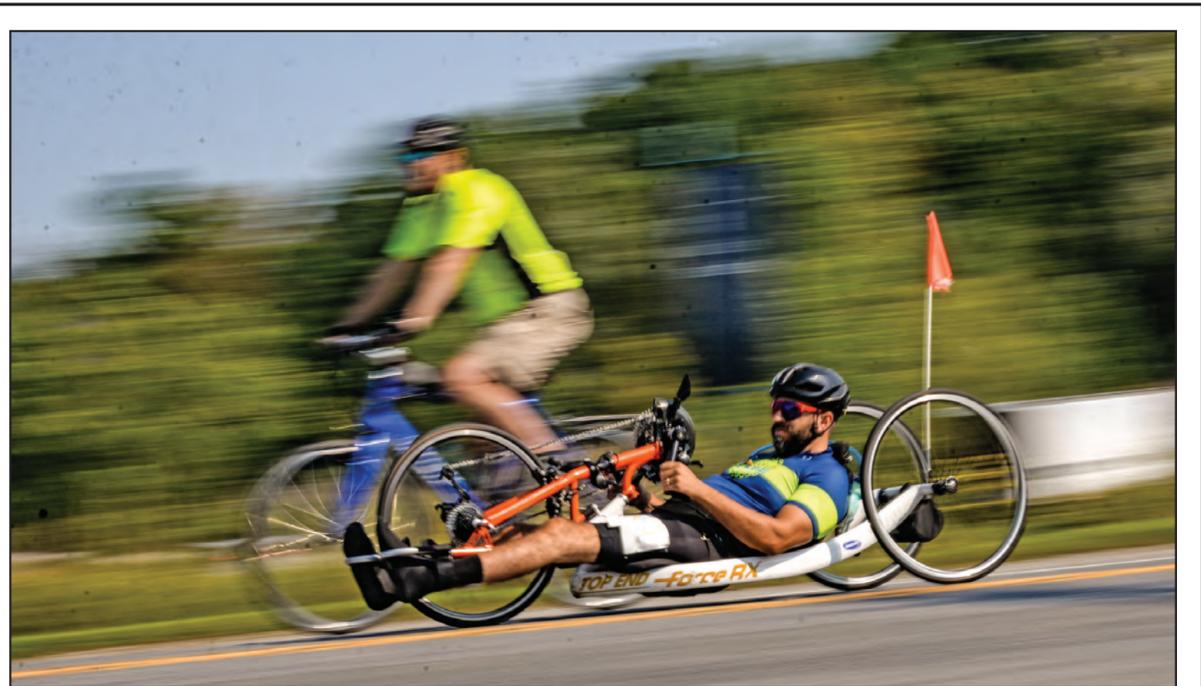
"The job — the caseload, the pace — is what I expected," he said during a Tuesday interview. "There is no one-size-fits-all job."

It's a job that involves working with crime victims and arguing for the conviction and punishment of those convicted of offenses ranging from minor misdemeanors to murders. It can mean calls from law enforcement officials at all hours of the day, arguing before a judge, negotiating plea agreements and mentoring fellow prosecutors in the office.

It's a challenging job with a current caseload in the 500 range. But Bevere likes it and wants to secure the top prosecutor's job. But to do that, he'll have to defeat Middlebury Democrat and attorney Eva Vekos, who already has an election win under her belt. She defeated fellow Democrat Tim Lueders-Dumont in an Aug. 8 primary for the right on to this November's General (See Bevere, Page 17A)

"It's important how we treat and respond to that defendant, but it's also important that the victim feels they're part of the process."

— Peter Bevere



Hittin' the road

TWO OF THE more than 800 riders registered to take part in this past Saturday's 17th Annual Kelly Brush Ride pull away from the event's Middlebury College starting point. The fundraiser featured routes from 10 to 100 miles long. Organizers hoped to garner nearly \$1 million to help people with spinal cord injuries lead active lives. See more photos on Page 14A.

Photo by Håkon Olsen

Mount Abe school renovations come into focus

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Renovations are still under way at Mount Abraham Union Middle and High School, where construction crews are renovating the lobby entrance, bathrooms and other spaces throughout the Bristol school.

Supply chain issues have made it difficult to nail down a definite end date for these projects, though school officials are pleased with

what's been accomplished so far and for what lies ahead.

"What's been done and what the final product will be is what we wanted, just not on the timeline that we were hoping for," Mount Abe Principal Shannon Warden said of the process.

The projects include a complete transformation of the school's lobby, largely focused on the creation of a two-part entry

vestibule requiring all visitors to be buzzed in twice by the front office before entering the building.

Warden said this security upgrade was the original premise of the lobby renovation.

"The main thing is being able to control who comes into the building," Warden said. "Now, we'll be able to have eyes on the door itself and who comes in."

Constructing the new entryway

created an opportunity to reimagine the school's lobby. New additions will include a large media wall with multiple TV screens displaying school announcements and possibly broadcasting the school's sports games. The right side of the lobby will have a new concessions area, seating for students and what's being referred to as a "genius bar" where students can sit and charge (See Renovations, Page 18A)



By the way

The annual Trail Around Middlebury (TAM) Trek is slated for this Sunday, Sept. 18. The TAM Trek is a trail race and fun-run to raise money for (See By the way, Page 10A)

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Mount Abraham staff excited for new mobile health unit

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — A new mobile health unit will soon be unveiled at Mount Abraham Union High School, offering students primary healthcare services every Wednesday.

A joint effort of Bristol's Mountain Health Center, the Body Online Lab at Middlebury College and the Mount Abraham Unified School District, the mobile unit is intended to make healthcare more accessible for students with the help of local, medical professionals.

"We spend a lot of time talking about this transactional form of buying healthcare or getting access to healthcare, but really what we're doing here is connecting people, resources and knowledge that exist already," said Kristin Bright, a professor of medical anthropology and public health at Middlebury College, who leads the Body Online Lab.

The mobile health center is just the first part of a larger school-based health center initiative within MAUSD, intended to address student absenteeism, meet student healthcare needs and assist school nurses in their work.

Mount Abe's Health Office has

played a major role in advocating for the creation of this mobile health unit. The team behind the initiative credits the school's lead nurse Wanda Bouvier. A Mount Abe alum with over 44 years of experience working as a registered nurse in Addison County, Bouvier has brought a familiar face to the operation.

"The expertise that she brings from multiple experiences in the healthcare community county-wide is important," Bright said. "She's the connection between not just multiple spaces of care, but multiple time points in peoples' lives and that builds multi-generational trust."

Bouvier's 15 years at Mount Abe have familiarized her with local students' needs. She's optimistic that the mobile unit will help address these needs while keeping kids in school.

"We're hoping to really decrease our absences, which were very high last year, in part because of COVID but not all of it was COVID. A lot of it was kids couldn't get into the doctor, kids were ill and didn't feel well. Now we have a venue they can access right here in their own school," Bouvier said.

Once opened, the mobile health

unit will operate every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clinicians from Mountain Health Center will provide services such as:

- Assessment of and treatment for acute illnesses including ear infections, strep throat, influenza and rashes.
- Care coordination for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, etc.
- Management of musculoskeletal and sports injuries.
- Laboratory testing such as for strep throat, mono, flu, urinalysis, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Sexual and reproductive health services.
- Wellness counseling on topics such as exercise, healthy eating, substance use, sexual health and mental health.
- Sports physicals.

With the introduction of these services, Mount Abe Principal Shannon Warden said she is excited for the additional care the school will be able to provide its students.

"To have that collaboration between our health office and the doctors (at MHC) to increase communication and meet the medical and wellness needs of our

kids is really incredible," she said. "Schools are essentially the heart of a community and they're relied upon for a lot of services. This is just another piece of that puzzle in education where we talk about the whole child and their whole well-being, so this will be a huge asset."

Collaborators hope to meet more students' needs by expanding

services down the road, such as offering dental care and serving the elementary schools in the 5-town area. Though for now, the team is focused on the launch at Mount Abe, which has already received a lot of support from the community.

"The kids are very stoked; they're looking forward to it. The AD team, the athletic director is

very excited because this opens a whole door of opportunities for him for educational purposes, because these folks are wonderful at doing education as well as regular care," Bouvier said. "It's a new concept for families. Once we get our brochures out and everything, parents will have a better understanding and I think it'll go far."



MOUNT ABE SCHOOL nurses and clinicians from Mountain Health Center stand in front of the new mobile health unit launching at the Bristol high school this fall. From left to right: Mount Abe school nurse Brenda Barsalou, MHC nurse manager Bridget Preston, MHC medical practice manager Roxanne Fucile, Mount Abe's lead school nurse Wanda Bouvier, MHC family nurse practitioner Lindsay White, MHC family care physician Kate LaMancuso and Kristin Bright, an assistant professor of medical anthropology and public health at Middlebury College.

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INSIDE THE NEW mobile health unit opening at Mount Abraham Union High School this fall. Once open, the unit will be staffed with clinicians from Bristol's Mountain Health Center and offer primary healthcare services for students every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Five vie for Middlebury selectboard seat

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Five local residents have stepped forward seeking to fill an interim vacancy on the Middlebury selectboard.

Vying for the right to step into a spot recently vacated by incumbent selectboard member Esther Charlestin are Gary Baker, Rebecca Hanley, Isabel Gogarty, Judy Wiger-Grohs and Rainwalker Winterpainter.

The board on Tuesday accepted all five nominees and will pick one at its next meeting (Sept. 27) who will serve in Charlestin's stead until Town Meeting Day

next March. At that point, the remaining two years on Charlestin's term will be on the ballot and up for grabs.

Baker has served the town in several capacities, including currently on the Development Review Board.

Hanley said she has a daughter and two stepchildren in the Middlebury school system, "which has been my incentive to become involved in committees and projects aimed to create an even better community for our children to grow in."

Gogarty currently serves on the

Middlebury Parks & Recreation Committee, coaches youth sports and volunteers her time "with various Addison County organizations."

Wiger-Grohs serves on the Middlebury Infrastructure Committee, Middlebury's ad hoc Tree Committee and is a former member of the Middlebury Conservation Commission.

Winterpainter is assistant manager of customer service at Hannaford's Supermarket in Middlebury and a barista at the Haymaker Bun Company.

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Water main repairs on Washington Street near completion

MIDDLEBURY — A major water-main replacement project that has temporarily torn up parts of Middlebury's Washington and High streets will continue into early October, according to the town Public Works Planning Director Dan Werner.

He said that employees of Belden Construction are due to lay a base layer of asphalt paving onto the currently graveled sections of Washington and High streets this Thursday and Friday (Sept. 15-16). Through-traffic will continue to be barred on Washington Street, from the five-corners intersection to the intersection where Washington meets High Street/Buttolph Drive (where Green Peppers is located), according to Werner.

Next week, workers are scheduled to lay base paving on previously excavated portions of Merchants Row and South Pleasant Street, as well as in the vicinity of the Seymour and Main streets intersection where new water main was installed this summer.

While this work will continue to create minor hardships for travelers during the next three-plus weeks, Werner urged folks to think about the town's updated water service and the fact the work is being covered by \$1.3 million in grants through the state of Vermont and the Northern Borders Regional Commission.

— John Flowers



WORKERS FROM BELDEN Construction continued the months-long process of replacing critical water main under Middlebury's Washington Street on Monday. Paving of the torn-up streets is due to begin on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Independent photos/Steve James

Ferrisburgh agrees to city fire contract

But town & city officials to talk new deal, regional service concepts

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — Ferrisburgh will pay the full amount requested by Vergennes for first-response fire protection for all of West Ferrisburgh and part of the town's southern end.

Selectboard members on Sept. 6 voted to pay Vergennes \$85,607 for that protection and also agreed to sign a contract with the city for a full year of first-response fire protection, to be paid in installments, according to Board Chair Jessica James.

Although the amount the board agreed to pay is \$2,607 less than the town ultimately paid Vergennes for that coverage for the past fiscal year, it is more than the \$68,900 in the Ferrisburgh budget approved by voters in March.

It is also more than the \$59,000 figure suggested in a study performed for the board by town workers, who studied Vergennes Fire Department call volume in Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Pantan and Waltham over the past decade. The city department is the first responder for all of Pantan and Waltham as well as its hometown.

At the Ferrisburgh selectboard's July 19 meeting, board members, according to minutes, had "agreed that call volume is the approach to take" in negotiating a new arrangement with the city. The board has been holding talks with the city for the better part of a year about restructuring the contract to make it, in members' view, fairer to all the towns.

Board members see looking at the number of calls to each of the four communities as a more equitable way to split the cost for fire protection. That cost is now

divided based on the proportion of the assessed values of property for which the city fire department serves as first responder in each community.

James said the Ferrisburgh board acted in good faith by agreeing to pay what the city requested based on the property value calculations. She added the payment did not hinge on more talks occurring, but the board believes they will and should be ongoing.

"We're definitely continuing our talks, but there wasn't a condition on funding," James said. "I would say there is an expectation."

James, who has been one of Ferrisburgh's point people in meeting with city officials in discussing a new arrangement, said she made it clear to her colleagues on the board she felt strongly the town should sign the contract and make the payments.

"I did say that if they did not move forward on signing this and paying this I would not attend any more discussions, or do any sort of brainstorming, on the fire discussion," James said.

According to Vergennes City Manager Ron Redmond and James, the discussions have begun to focus on the larger picture, including possibly regionalization of emergency services.

"The call volume calculation is going to be part of the city council discussion ... and a regionalization study, things like that," James said.

Redmond confirmed regionalization would be part of

the council's agenda.

And both Redmond and James said they have talked about finding a company that could perform such a study. Redmond added one firm he has reached out to conducted a study for seven Northeast Kingdom communities, for example, and it included examining collaboration on rescue services.

Said James, "We need to know what we really absolutely need."

Redmond late last week agreed a study could be a good next step to discuss, and said he also planned soon to meet with the Pantan selectboard.

"There are some good people out there who could help us," he said.

The Ferrisburgh selectboard last week also:

- Appointed Karen Peterson as a temporary, half-time office worker to fill in for an employee missing time for health reasons, and added Bonnie Barnes to the planning commission to replace Kristin DeBellis, who moved out of Ferrisburgh. The board continues to come up empty in its search to find someone to serve through March on the Addison Northwest School District Board.

- Declined to make a second contribution from the town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Maple Broadband. Maple Broadband is Addison County's nonprofit broadband provider that is in the initial stages of building out services, at this point mostly to towns in the county's southwestern reaches.

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

Four local students were named to the president's list at Southern New Hampshire University for summer 2022 semester: **Christina Wiles** of Brandon, **Anne Cioffredi** of New Haven, **Sasha Bradford** of Shoreham and **Karina Tarte** of Vergennes.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the list.



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Monkton hires its first town administrator

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — The town of Monkton recently hired its first-ever town administrator. At a Sept. 6 special meeting, the selectboard voted unanimously to have Stan Wilbur of New Haven fill the position beginning later this month.

Selectboard Chair Stephen Pilcher said the board chose Wilbur for the job due to his prior experience, which includes serving as town administrator in Proctor.

"This is our first time having a town administrator, so having someone that's already familiar with the ins and outs of what a town administrator does will be a very valuable asset to us," he said.

The selectboard made an offer of 24 hours a week with a salary of \$35,000 per year.

Prior to Wilbur's appointment, Bristol was the only municipality in the 5-town area with a town administrator. New Haven hired its first town administrator (a position that also included the zoning administrator's responsibilities) in 2019, though that position has been vacant since 2021.

Pilcher said Monkton decided to create a town administrator position in order to help the selectboard with an increasing amount of work.

"The selectboard has gotten more and more complicated and we've taken on more and more tasks," he said. "There's a lot of work the selectboard does, and we

could really use the help."

A town administrator supervises and coordinates town operations, largely through collaboration with the selectboard in carrying out the board's responsibilities. According to the job description composed by the town, some specific duties of the Monkton town administrator will include:

- Acting as a liaison between the selectboard and other town boards, commissions, committees, officials and employees as required.
- Acting with the approval of the selectboard as the town's agent in signing contracts, agreements, purchase orders, legal and similar matters.
- Acting on behalf of the town in identifying, applying for, and

administering any grants sought or received by the town after selectboard approval.

The work with grants will be especially helpful to Monkton, as Pilcher said the town has missed out on funding opportunities in the past without someone to seek out and apply for grants the town may be eligible for.

Pilcher also hopes the town administrator role provides some stability for the selectboard in the coming years, as three members of the board, including himself, plan to leave once their term is finished.

"I've been the chair for the last eight or 10 years," he said. "So really I'm hoping that the town administrator will take up a lot of work that I do."

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Editorials

Airport: Dueling arguments prompt call for task force

Two stories in today's *Addison Independent* focus on the business side of Middlebury's State Airport, and its economic development potential. Personal interviews shed light on the boon it provides to a select few businesses in the county and how it could help other existing businesses grow and attract new employees.

A previous story two weeks ago, focused on neighbors opposed to increased development, and a similar argument is presented by four East Middlebury residents (two state representatives and two selectboard members), who argue in a community forum on Page 5A that the Act 250 permit for increased development at the airport should be rejected because of the added burden such development would place on neighboring residents.

The battleground is a common theme between those who embrace economic development for all of its positive aspects, and those who oppose it because it would affect their personal peace and quiet.

From a purely Act 250 perspective, the facts likely favor the increased development at the airport. The airport is zoned for economic development; the state's mission for its airports clearly state that economic development is a key goal and expected outcome; and the scope of the proposed Master Plan over the next 20 years is to grow just less than a modest 2% a year. The increased burden on neighbors would not appear to be cross the threshold of being "undue," and other arguments against its development (impacts on the town's water quality, etc.) seem like a bit of a stretch.

And it should be emphasized that the proposed Master Plan at the airport calling for several additional hangers is for planning purposes only. The additional hangers would not be built unless the demand is present, and each project would require its own permit.

That said, one could reasonably assume, based on comments in the two stories in today's issue, that at least one or two new hangers would be built to meet existing demand. And it's quite possible, based on the fact that other regional airports also have a shortage of hangers, that the Middlebury Airport could attract regional traffic if additional hangar space were available. That, of course, is one way local aviation businesses could grow — by filling a need that other airports can't meet — and such growth could potentially help businesses in the greater Middlebury area.

It's also important to note that those against more development at the airport aren't against growth per se, just not at the existing location. If the plan is to grow airport business and traffic, they're advocating for a different location.

While we agree that argument makes sense in theory, such a suggestion is challenged by the reality of the high costs. It turns out that runways are far more expensive than just putting down a wide lane of asphalt on a rural field (that is, into the tens of millions), and if the costs are too high, there are other transportation priorities in town (like a roundabout at Exchange Street and Route 7) that should come first.

These dueling and likely complex arguments only add to the need for more research so decisions are based on a realistic assessment of potential growth at the existing airport, and how much increased burden any plausible development would pose for airport neighbors. A local task force should be able to come up with a report in a matter of a few weeks, producing basic data to help town officials better inform the Act 250 hearings and contribute to the pros and cons of whatever next steps make most sense.

Angelo Lynn

A \$700,000 goal to reach

As the United Way of Addison County launches its 2022-23 annual campaign with Days of Caring event this Thursday and Saturday, it is appropriate that the goal this year was raised to \$700,000 — after exceeding its static \$635,000 goal for the past three years. It's not the goal that's important, of course, but the needs to be met.

"We feel the needs are increasing and we've seen great response from our community during the past few campaign years," said United Way Development & Marketing Director Erin Reed in a recent *Addison Independent* interview. "We feel confident the community will step up and help us meet this goal."

Needs will be on the rise this year partly because state and federal aid that has supported services for those most in need since the onslaught of the pandemic is winding down on a number of fronts. Higher heating needs will also mean stresses for those households with tight budgets, and higher-than-normal inflation compounds the problem. Aid for housing, utilities, food and other essentials are all getting trimmed at the federal and state levels, leaving local nonprofits to help those who find themselves facing untenable circumstances.

And that's why the United Way and the community's support of its \$700,000 goal is so vital. That money helps over 20 area community nonprofits fill-in the gaps in funding where it's most needed.

This year's campaign motto is "Together We Can," a familiar theme that appeals to the broad community's belief that if we all pitch in and work together, we can find partial solutions to fight hunger and homelessness and other needs our neighbors sometimes face. The motto, UWAC Executive Director Helena Van Voorst says, "speaks to the power of collaboration, which is one of Addison County's greatest strengths."

Acting together, we can all help make Van Voorst's statement truer than ever in a time of increased need.

Angelo Lynn



Clean jump

FINCH GOETZ RIDING Rain Beau Creek clears a fence at the Twitchell Hill Farm Hunter/Jumper Show in New Haven this past Saturday. It was a beautiful day and a lot of riders and their mounts took part. Horse jumping returns to Twitchell Hill on Oct. 1.

Photo courtesy of Vicki Bronson

'Hard to place' label gets tiresome

Hercules and Atlas got a lot of notoriety for holding up the world, and admittedly, quite a feat it was.

But what of a modern heroine, one who doesn't hold up the world but one who straddles many? A less revered but still transformative shapeshifting power.

I was born in 1969 in Burlington, Vt., of mixed mystery race, and the adoption agency to which I was handed over labeled me: "Hard to Place."

I consider myself a lifelong Vermonter. I was born there, grew up on a dirt road for 10 years of my childhood, and then Middlebury, until I attended the University of Vermont. My mother still lives there. No matter where I've lived, I have always come home often.

Yet when I visit, I am still an outsider. I am still considered "Hard to Place." Almost everyone asks "where I'm from" and when I answer that I am a born and bred Vermonter, I'm accustomed to the skeptical looks which follow.

I now live in Los Angeles, after decades in the heart of New York City and the densely populated Bay Area in California. When friends in L.A. ask me what growing up in a small town in Vermont was like, I lean my head back and sigh, knowing there is no way for them to see the scenes that flash before me and the visceral feelings of a sweet familiar past, layered like a cairn.

I was a wild teenager in Middlebury. It was a small place to contain me, and I was bursting at the seams.

I couldn't wait to get out into the rest of the world, where I thought that I would surely find a place where I didn't feel so out of place.

I skipped my college graduation and took a Greyhound bus to New York City. I moved to Harlem, excited to finally "fit in".

I didn't. Instead I learned:

I'm not white enough or black enough to fit into any community like it felt like my own.

I loved city life as much as country life, in equal measure but in such different ways. Although many cultures "claimed" me in appearance, none fit culturally.

I can pass into almost any situation peripherally, rarely shunned from the proverbial cultural party. Yet I am never an actual insider.

Hard to Place.

Imagine a puzzle — a vast one depicting the people of the world — with tiny and markedly similar pieces spread throughout. There may be a single piece that you keep trying in different spots — sure that it is its correct placement. But when you try, over and over again, it doesn't quite fit anywhere.

I'm one of those pieces. One free of compartmentalization — so that my odd In-Between Hard-to-Place-ness may be of service to the world.

Some days I feel less like a bridge and more like a gymnast, legs spread to the max, trying to hold on (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

Ways of Seeing

By Jasmine Carey



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Letters to the Editor

Field Days can plan to go green

Now that the Addison County Fair Field Days are over, the results printed in the *Independent* and school is back in session, perhaps it is time to look at what a Field Days of the future might look like. Could Field Days become a model for fairs in a post fossil fuel world?

It's no secret that agriculture runs on fossil fuels — for diesel, fertilizer and chemicals and more. But what if Field Days was powered by solar panels installed on its very plentiful roof spaces? What if the ever-popular Demo Derby had only electric cars? Could Field Days survive without the spewing of toxic black smoke from the popular tractor pull? Could the proliferation of the tractor trailers and large RV's that bring many of the exhibitors and events to the fair be somehow limited without making the fair less of a fun and educational event that it is?

I don't have the answers but I think it is a good time to start asking these questions and to try and imagine Field Days as a leader in these endeavors. In this world being rapidly ravaged by climate change, we owe it to ourselves and future generations of fair goers to seek answers.

Ed Blechner
Addison

Grant touted for county sheriff

With the election less than 60 days away, Vermont voters have lots to consider before casting their ballots on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Each of us must weigh and balance what we know about each candidate as well as the issues and requirements of the position they are running for.

Many of you have seen signs for Gerald Grant as a candidate for Addison County sheriff. I have known Mr. Grant for 50 years and am hoping you will consider his candidacy when you vote on Nov. 8. Gerald was born and raised in Addison County and is known for his honesty, integrity and the respect he has for the people of this community. In addition, Gerald served as an Addison County deputy sheriff for 11 years, two years as a jail officer and has worked at a local school for the past 15 years.

With the complex times we find ourselves in, I will cast my votes for those who I believe can not only lead, but are grounded in who we are as a county and state.

Cookie Steponaitis
Waltham

Rebuttal needed for election lie

While I appreciate the *Addison Independent's* interviews with candidates for local and state elections, the Sept. 8 report on Peter Caldwell is a conduit for disinformation. By simply parroting Caldwell's version of the Big Lie about the 2020 presidential election and his false claims about the climate on Planet Earth without providing more truthful context, John Flowers falls short of his responsibility as a journalist.

It is important for voters to know about candidates' positions, even if they are based on falsehoods. Fortunately, there is a better option for reporters than mere stenography. To quote media expert Jay Rosen (on Twitter), "Some lies and acts of disinformation are too important to be ignored. But repeating them in news accounts only helps them spread. What to do? Position the troublesome claim between true statements, like a sandwich." You can call it a truth sandwich or a baloney sandwich as you wish. It might go like this: "The consensus among scientists is that human-induced climate change has gone well beyond natural climate variability. Still, Caldwell believes that [insert false statement here]. According to NASA (climate.nasa.gov/evidence), 'There is (See Bremser letter, Page 5A)

Broken fridge prompts new lifestyle

Lately, I've been embracing my European side. Why not? I have ancestors from Europe. I've been to Europe a couple of times. And, if pressed, I'd be able to identify up to three European countries on an unlabeled map.

But for the past couple of weeks, I've taken it to a new level, starting with eating European-style. Or at least grocery shopping European-style, meaning almost daily.

It's not so much because I want to be seen riding down a country lane with a baguette sticking out of my bike basket, although I think it's a look I could pull off. It's more because our refrigerator has died.

I should have known something was up a few months ago. Every couple of weeks, I'd open the freezer and find the Ben & Jerry's either the consistency of a creemee or, more often, firm but perfectly level and granular, sure signs it had melted and refrozen.

Each time, I'd chastise Mark for leaving the freezer drawer cracked open. He'd always deny any wrongdoing, but why would I believe him? This is the same person who cut his finger the other day and said he "didn't think" he'd left a Band-Aid wrapper on the counter. The man is a pathological liar.

The ice cream thing kept occurring, and the more I accused Mark, the more strident he got in his denials. Eventually, as the problem got more frequent, I knew in my gut Mark wasn't at fault. But yelling at him was

cheaper than calling a repairman, so I stuck with it.

Finally one day, I woke up to find condensation on everything in our not-very-cool fridge. Bracing myself, I opened the freezer to discover that the Phish Food had become less ice cream and more chocolate shake (and delicious, but that's beside the point). The refrigerator had had a literal meltdown, and this time it did not recover.

Later, moving the essentials into a borrowed dorm fridge, I noticed we had a startling number of condiments, most of which I wouldn't have room for. I had to give some careful thought to which items would make the cut.

I turned to Google with questions: Does mustard have to be refrigerated? *It depends.* How about strawberry jam? *Yes, unless you like mold.* When and why did I buy galangal, and is it more deserving of fridge space than the capers whose presence I also can't explain? *I have no answers to those, but I will now bombard you with cookware ads.*

It took five days to get a very busy repairman to come perform exploratory surgery on — and then solemnly pull a sheet over — the fridge. We are now observing a 12-day mourning period while we wait for a replacement.

I almost made Mark lug in a full-size loaner to get us through, but I'm finding we don't need one. What I thought was going to be a hassle has turned out to (See *Jessie*, Page 5A)



Around the bend

By Jessie Raymond

New spot needed for local airport

Dear Secretary Flynn and Chair Carpenter,

We are writing as the four elected officials who both reside in and represent the Village of East Middlebury within the Town of Middlebury to express our concerns with both the Act 250 permit application and master planning draft related to the Middlebury Airport.

Community Forum

This week's column is a letter written by four Middlebury civil servants and sent on Sept. 12 to Vermont Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn and Middlebury selectboard Chair Brian Carpenter.

As you know, the Middlebury Airport lies directly north of the historic East Middlebury Village and is surrounded by residential housing, including the Burnham Woods development. The Airport also lies directly above the aquifer recharge area for both Middlebury and East Middlebury and parallel to the base of the Green Mountains, close to the Middlebury Gap.

Due to the facility's proximity to essential community and natural resources, we oppose any plans or permits that could lead to increased air or ground transportation traffic, noise, emissions, or contaminants that could erode the quality of life, property values, or environment of the surrounding area. We believe that the Act 250 permit should be rejected and that the master plan should be clear that no further development, including lights or additional buildings, should be permitted at the Airport. If an expanded airport is determined to be a necessary resource for Addison County, then a new, more appropriate site should be established for the facility.

State and local officials must make protecting and expanding quality, affordable housing, similar to much of the housing near the Airport, a priority. As members of the selectboard know well, housing in Middlebury is already in short supply and unaffordable for many residents. East Middlebury and the surrounding area is one of the few places in town where middle and working class families can afford to live. While much of the housing has been built after the existence of the Airport, the Village center pre-dates the Airport by more than 150 years. Newer housing was built and purchased with the understanding that activity at the Airport would not increase. For many people, the long-standing housing shortage did not afford them the opportunity

to choose not to live near the Airport. On many days, noise from airplanes is noticeable and annoying, interrupting conversations, family gatherings and work meetings. With more development at the Airport, noise and other impacts would certainly increase, which would deteriorate the quality and value of area housing and have a negative impact on the town population and grand list.

The Airport lies directly over the aquifer recharge area for both the town and village water supplies. A community's water supply is one of its most valuable public assets and should be protected above almost all else. When a community's water supply is contaminated, the health, environmental and economic impacts are devastating. The two Act 250 development permit applications appear to substantially increase the allowable build-out and impervious surface area at the Airport, increasing potential runoff of toxic fuels and chemicals, directly proximate to wetlands and the community's water supply. This activity is in addition to the current pesticide use around the fenced perimeter of the Airport and the recent clear-cutting of trees at the north end of the Airport. While related water-source and environmental permits have apparently been secured, we believe the potential cost of a contaminated local water supply is far too great to justify any further development on this site.

While Vermont airport expansion has been promoted to generate economic activity and benefits, the Middlebury Airport houses only two businesses and minimal business activity. The primary users appear to be private individuals, most of whom are not Middlebury residents, who use the facility for personal use. A recent analysis calculated local property tax revenue generated from the airport facilities at less than \$20,000, whereas the surrounding residential housing generates significant local property tax revenue for the town and local schools. While the facility is occasionally used for public purposes, such as the one-time distribution of food during the pandemic, it very rarely offers a general public benefit to area residents.

There appears to be little compelling state or local interest for supporting Airport development. The small amount of tax and lease revenue generated from current or potential activity does not cover the cost of the airport operations, planning and community impact. As a public asset, the Middlebury Airport appears to have minimal public purpose. There are many more pressing state and local projects that are more worthy of public funding and support.

Both the master planning and development permitting work appear to be based on consultant-driven, cookie-cutter work that is not community-specific. The airport use data appears to be based on the assumption that the development permits will be approved and increase use at the Airport and therefore further justify more development. The Master Plan makes no case for any current or future public purpose for the Airport, nor does it assess any impact on the neighboring community and residents. Both processes seem to be based on the premise that generic airport development is inherently both desirable and beneficial, without making a case for either. We acknowledge that the permitting and planning work for the Airport are required under 2018 Act 108 and 2019 Act 78, however, we believe such planning should not result in an expansion of this and every airport, and that a more critical and cost-benefit approach to planning is appropriate and necessary.

The Airport is located on a gorgeous piece of property that, because of its proximity to the mountains, wetlands, town aquifer and a village center, would not likely be developed as an airport today. If it is deemed a necessary facility, a more appropriate site for a county airport could be found, and the current site could be used for additional affordable housing with a community park to protect the aquifer. We look forward to discussing these matters with you further and being involved in a more holistic approach to transportation and community planning.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Fuentes-George, Middlebury Selectboard Vice Chair
Ruth Hardy, State Senator - Addison District
Farhad Khan, Middlebury Selectboard Member
Amy Sheldon, State Representative - Middlebury

Bremser letter

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 unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming at an unprecedented rate. Human activity is the principal cause.”

Similarly, rather than repeating the Big Lie as a boldface paragraph header (ouch), you could have led with “Numerous lawsuits and investigations have found no evidence for Donald Trump’s claim that the 2020 presidential election was ‘stolen’ from him.” Then, after

the candidate’s adoring words about the former President, a conclusion such as “Even William Barr, Trump’s former attorney general, could not find evidence of widespread election fraud” could be the second slice of bread around the baloney.

Sea levels are rising at an accelerating rate, bringing the potential for stronger and more frequent hurricanes and endangering millions of homes. More than 2,000 rioters, incited

by Donald Trump’s false claims, stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, attacking journalists and police officers along the way, and threatening the lives of several elected leaders. Surely these truths are important enough to the future of our democracy and our planet to merit careful contextualization of demonstrably false statements made by your interviewees.

Priscilla Bremser Middlebury

Ways of Seeing

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 with every emotional muscle to the different worlds in which I have tenuous footholds.

On the days that I am a bridge — one rising between mountains and cities, cultures and lives, with sunlight streaming from my puzzle piece shaped cloud in the sky — on those days I’d want people outside of Vermont to feel:

How quiet the world is after a snowstorm on a Vermont dirt road. The calm of a calf nuzzling your fingers with its nose.

The collective smell of freshly cut summer lawns.

Eating food straight out of a teeming garden.

The feeling of knowing your neighbors for as long as you can remember.

The moon cresting over a mountain as it trades places with the dawn of a new day.

A deep belief that your children are safe when you send them out in the mornings.

And I’d want Vermonters to remember that as welcoming and familiar as small towns feel to you, they may feel almost the opposite to others, especially those who look or behave culturally different than the norm.

Diversity will bring change. Vermont’s demographics are shifting. Between migrant workers, refugee populations, and moves prompted by the pandemic, the landscape of the people is transforming, slowly but surely.

My goal is for Vermont and small hometowns like my own to welcome this change and to see it for all the richness it will bring. I also want to be a reminder that many folks, in the place that you feel so at home, will feel out of place. I know that Vermont waves the flag of inclusion in many regards, yet I also know that it starts with each of us internally.

While I continue to work to find a place that feels like home to me, my fervent wish is that the place that I first called home will roll out its welcome wagons for those who are coming or have newly arrived

so that they may feel less displaced and more honored for the changes that they bring.

Jasmine Carey grew up in Cornwall and Middlebury, Vt., and now lives beachside in Venice, in Los Angeles, Calif. She joyfully works with children and is writing her first YA book series,

a diverse fantasy tale based on growth mindset. She also hails as Associate Editor of LiT, a global entrepreneurial magazine. Her heart beats extra fast when immersed in dancing, diversity, comedy and homemade Vermont apple pie.

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Jessie

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 be more of a fun exercise in saving space.

I began cooking smaller portions to avoid leftovers. I crossed watermelon off my shopping list. I jettisoned the celery.

I started buying small amounts of groceries every day or two. And when I (naturally) vented to the checkout clerk about how my appliance woes required frequent shopping, she said, “How European.”

Yes, that was it! I wasn’t a poor loser without a working refrigerator; I was a cultured woman who demanded only the freshest food. How European, indeed.

In that spirit, I went full continental. I gave up our top sheet in favor of a duvet. I started smoking — Gauloises, of course. I even tried serving two-hour dinners at 9 p.m. (but had to stop because Mark and I kept falling asleep during the antipasto).

I was enjoying my new European lifestyle so much, I hardly missed having a full-size fridge.

Until things got worse. A few days after the Big Thaw, the motherboard of my laptop spontaneously combusted. And shortly after that, our hot water heater gave its two weeks’ notice. With these added disasters, neither of which I’ve been able to plausibly blame on Mark, I’m stressing out.

Sure, we’ll have everything repaired or replaced soon enough. For now, however, all I want to do is light up another Gaulois and pour myself a nice soothing pint of Phish Food.

Your Middlebury State Representatives invite you to COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

COME SHARE WITH US YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Date:

September 20

October 5

October 11

October 18

October 20

October 26

Location:

Ilsley Library Community Room, 75 Main Street

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Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road

East View at Middlebury (Zoom link for nonresidents)

Zoom

Ilsley Library Community Room, 75 Main Street

Time:

8-9:30 AM

4:30-6 PM

2-3:30 PM

10:30 AM-12 PM

7-8 PM

12-1:30 PM

Note: Links for Zoom meetings will be posted on Front Porch Forum a few days in advance. Or you can email Robin or Amy for the link.



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ADDISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Patricia (Beers) Mraz, 84, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Patricia (Beers) Mraz passed away peacefully on Sept. 10, 2022, at EastView at Middlebury. She was born on Oct. 21, 1937, to Dorothy Brown Beers and Ernest Fonda Beers in Barre, Vt.

Pat spent her childhood in Barre and graduated from Spaulding High School in 1955. In 1959 she graduated from Wellesley College with a B.A. in Economics. Pat returned to Vermont and worked for the Montpelier National Bank and New England Telephone Company in Burlington.

She married William A. Mraz on April 30, 1960, at St. Monica's Church in Barre. They made their home for many years in Georgia, Vt., where they raised their four children.

Pat returned to school and earned a Vermont Teacher Certification and a Master of Education degree from the University of Vermont in 1976. She was the first librarian at Georgia Elementary School. In 1977 she became the Library Media Specialist at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS), where she worked for 25 years. She also taught in the Continuing Education Library Media Program at UVM. After retiring she worked part-time at Leicester Central School and Ilsley Library in Middlebury.

Pat excelled professionally and used her strong intellect and passion for learning to serve thousands of students during her long career. Her "Excellence in Teaching and Devoted Service to Youth" was recognized in 1997 when she was selected for an Outstanding Vermont Teacher Award. CVUHS honors Pat's legacy, and its qualifying students, with the Pat Mraz Library Scholarship.

Pat's remarkable intelligence, organizational skills, and a capacity to care for others underpinned her career successes but were boundless in her family life. During her children's adolescence



PATRICIA (BEERS) MRAZ

she managed parenting, a long commute, full-time work, and summer school, while her husband, Bill, was often employed out of town. She became the matriarch of the extended Mraz family and hosted many holidays and other celebrations, including Thanksgiving, Easter, Fourth of July, and the hallowed venison-stew dinner to kick off deer season. She united her extended family with unwavering love, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

Pat's circle of friends was deep and worldwide. Her coworkers from the telephone company met and played bridge for over 60 years. She hosted her friends, her children's friends, in-laws, visiting musicians, and countless others for meals and longer stays at their home in Middlebury and at their camp on Lake Champlain.

Pat was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Vermont Wellesley Club, the Wellesley College Alumni Association, and the Vermont Educational Media Association. After moving to Middlebury, she was a devoted parishioner of St. Mary's Church and choir and contributed her many skills to the board of directors of Vermont Adult Learning and the Opera Company of Middlebury.

Pat was an avid reader,

accomplished knitter, and an eager traveler. Her homemade pies and aspics are legendary. When her grandchildren were young she was their biggest hockey fan and cared for them for weeks of each summer. She was bonus mother to many, including Bill's younger half-sisters, Marna, Laurie, and Michelle Mraz; the Krizek cousins from the Czech Republic; and her exchange-student daughter, Cristina Lemos, from Portugal.

Pat is survived by her husband, William, and beloved Vizsla, Edi; children, Katherine Mraz (Victor Ferguson) of Oakland, Calif., Sarah Mraz (John MacKenna) of Arlington Mass., Charles E. Mraz (Isabel) of Middlebury; and daughter-in-law Judie Mraz (Stephen Dion), of Newfields, N.H.; grandchildren, Benjamin Heitmann, Derek Mraz (Sophie), Curtis Mraz, Stefan Mraz, Tyler Stewart, Georgina Mraz, and Charles P. Mraz; sister, Sarah Beers, and Patricia Connelly and Mildred Reardon; and cousins, nieces and nephews, all of whom loved her and will miss her. She was predeceased by her parents, and her son William B. Mraz.

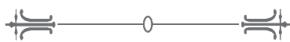
The family wishes to thank the skilled and caring staff of EastView at Middlebury for their compassion, and support during Pat's residence.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Vermont Adult Learning, 77 College St., Burlington, VT 05401 (vtadultlearning.org); or Ilsley Library, 75 Main St., Middlebury, VT 05753 (ilsleypubliclibrary.org).

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Sept. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., all at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's), 326 College St., Middlebury, Vermont.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, Middlebury, Vermont.

Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com



Bernice L. Gonzalez, 92, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Bernice L. Gonzalez, 92, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 7, 2022, at Porter Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born March 9, 1930, in Vergennes, the daughter of Lawrence and Phlinda (Garrapy) Keyes.

Bernice had worked for many years as a waitress in Addison County prior to her retirement.

She was of Methodist faith and

was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

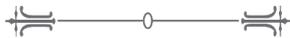
Survivors are her daughter, Marilyn Shores, of East Middlebury; her sister, Laurel Sarkowski, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; her two grandchildren; her seven great-grandchildren; and her one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her parents and by her husband, Alfred J. Gonzalez.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 11:30 a.m., in Case Street Cemetery, East Middlebury.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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



Harmon Thurston celebration of life

BRANDON — The celebration of life for Harmon Franklin Thurston, who passed away Aug. 3, 2022, at Porter Hospital in

Middlebury, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 1-4 p.m., with stories at 3 p.m., at the family home, 2973 Hemenway Hill Road

(the farm) in Shoreham.

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

Sandra Pierpont, 80, formerly of Salisbury

CHRISTIANSTED, St. Croix — It is with heavy hearts and many fond memories that we share the passing of Sandra Pierpont on Aug. 21, 2022. Sandy died peacefully in her own bed, surrounded by her family, just as she wanted.

Sandy was a 24-year resident of St. Croix. Her ready smile and social nature will be remembered by many on the island. Before moving there she lived in Vermont and Connecticut.

Sandy grew up in Connecticut and she began her family there with her husband David Pierpont. In 1971 she and David moved to Salisbury, Vt., along with their first three children. Their fourth child was born in Vermont.

Throughout her life Sandy always sought outlets for her creativity. She was an artist, primarily a painter, but she also worked in enameled jewelry and various knitting and craft projects. On St. Croix she made a name for herself as the woman who made the colorful Coconut Fish composed



SANDRA PIERPONT

of natural supplies found while beachcombing with her husband of 61 years.

While in Vermont Sandy was a 4-H leader and helped to raise funds to build the horse barn at Addison County Farm and Field Days.

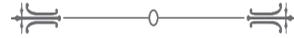
Sandy loved to travel. In recent years she enjoyed trips to Italy, England, and Scotland with some

of her children who cherish their memories of those adventures.

Another facet of Sandra's personality was her deep love of animals. She was particularly fond of horses, dogs, and cats. She leaves behind a small menagerie for David to care for.

Sandy was deeply loved and will be missed by many. She is survived by her husband, David Pierpont, as well as her children, Kelly, Bamby (Tony), Morton (Michele), and Jacob (Becky). She will be greatly missed by all of her grandchildren, Spencer, Tyler, and Ashton Bates, Silas and Shilpa Pierpont-Hale, and Sawyer and Fraser Pierpont. She is also survived by her sister, Elaine Guerrero. She was predeceased by her parents, Daniel and Phyllis Guerrero; her brother, Daniel Guerrero; and her daughter-in-law, Abby Hale.

Family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate her life at the St. John's Club, 9 Central Avenue, in Burlington, Vt. on Oct. 8, 2022, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



Bonnie Totten Adkins, 95, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Bonnie Totten Adkins, 95, passed away peacefully at her home on Sept. 9, 2022, surrounded by family. Born March 25, 1927 in Marion, Ind., to Donald R. Lewis and Thelma Guy Lewis, her family moved soon thereafter to Wells, Vt., where her dad started his ministry in the Methodist church. Her family moved around a lot as she was growing up, but grew its deepest roots in the Middlebury, Vt., area during her dad's tenure as pastor to both the West Salisbury Methodist Church and the Salisbury Congregational Church in the 1930s.

Although she started her adult life as a math teacher after graduating from Albany State Teachers College (now University at Albany, SUNY), Bonnie soon met and married her first husband, Howard Q. Totten, in 1950. They eventually settled in Fayetteville, N.Y., where they lived together for 34 years. As a "preacher's kid," Bonnie learned at an early age the importance of service to community, and a strong drive to serve made her a somewhat unusual homemaker. While raising three children, both Bonnie and Howard were integral members of the Fayetteville United Methodist Church, but Bonnie's service expanded beyond that when she became active in the Civil Rights movement, with particular interest in peace and social justice issues in the Syracuse, N.Y., area. Her commitment to the movement led her to participate in the march in Selma, Alabama, in 1965.

During the late '60s and '70s, Bonnie and Howard were active in refugee resettlement, providing personal support to many families and individuals resettling in the U.S.



BONNIE TOTTEN ADKINS

from around the world, including Africa. Her interest in Africa continued in the '70s and '80s, when she served as a member of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, traveling to Africa and the Middle East, reviewing infrastructure and modernization projects supported by the church.

After Howard passed away suddenly in 1984, Bonnie moved to Leicester, Vt., where she quickly became active in the Middlebury United Methodist Church, and continued serving the church globally.

In 1990, Bonnie married her second husband, Reverend Leon (Lee) M. Adkins, Jr., who had recently lost his wife to cancer, expanding her family to include his four children and their families. In the years that followed, Bonnie and Lee continued serving the church together, by leading volunteer work groups around the world, and spending a year in New York City as co-directors of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). During that time, they were also active locally, working on various projects, including

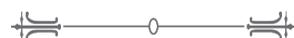
founding the MidSummer Lunch and Recreation Program, which sadly closed earlier this year. In 2017, they moved to EastView in Middlebury, where Lee passed away in 2018.

Bonnie considered herself lucky to have had two strong marriages over the course of her life, but it was her generous and welcoming nature that drew her widespread family together and helped sustain those marriages. She was cherished in life by family and friends around the world, and while her death leaves a hole in our hearts, hers was a life well-lived, and she has left us a legacy of treasured memories to support us in our grief.

Bonnie is survived by her three daughters, Deborah Novelli (Chad) of Ithaca, N.Y., Daveyne Totten of Middlebury, Vt., and Carrie Au (Ben) of Dripping Springs, Texas; Lee's daughter Rachel Adkins MacDougall (Doug) of Willsboro, N.Y. Lee's three sons, Mark Adkins (Sue) of Charlton, N.Y., Grant Adkins (Norma) of Galway, N.Y., and David Adkins (Margaret) of Willsboro, N.Y. an honorary daughter, Lorraine (Maggie) Seeley of Weybridge, Vt.; and an honorary son, Namik Kirlic (Hill) of Tulsa, Okla. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Middlebury United Methodist Church on Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the UMCOR (visit their website to donate: umcmisson.org/umcor/), or any other charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home; online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com



Lawrence D. Condon, 73, formerly of Middlebury

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Lawrence D. Condon, 73, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, at home with his wife and sister by his side.

Larry was born in Middlebury,

Vt., the son of Stephen and Elizabeth Condon, the youngest of seven children.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam era. Larry worked at the Star Market in Guilderland and for many years as a clerk at the Albany County Jail.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cindy Lussier Condon, and a sister, Joyce Zawistowski, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m., at Daly Funeral Home Inc., 242 McClellan St., Schenectady, NY. Calling hours were held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Luke's



LAWRENCE D. CONDON

Church at 1 p.m. with interment at the most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna, N.Y., with military honors.

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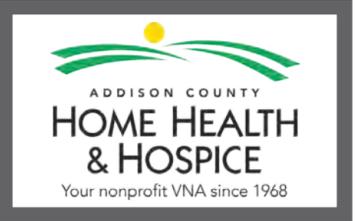
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Marian Laura (Dunn) Salls, 62, of Starksboro

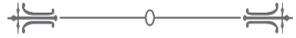
STARKSBORO — Marian Laura (Dunn) Salls, age 62, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 2, 2022. She is survived by six siblings who will miss her greatly. As a young woman, Marian took great pride in her Martial Arts training, which helped her embrace

the strength of helping others. She then went on to become an EMT in the Waterbury area for several years.

Graveside services were held at Prosper Cemetery, 318 Prosper Rd., Woodstock, VT 05091, on Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. In lieu of

flowers, please consider donating to your local Humane Society.

Arrangements under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, Middlebury, VT. Online condolences at: www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.◇



Jeffery "Animal" Torrey, 61, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — Jeffery "Animal" Torrey, 61, died at his residence Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

He was born March 27, 1961, in Middlebury, the son of Duane A. Torrey and Diane (Duchesne) Torrey.

He was a graduate of Middlebury Union High School.

Jeffery worked as a farmer for many years in Addison County. He enjoyed playing softball in a rural league for many years; he also enjoyed N.A.S.C.A.R., fishing and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his sister, Linda Laberge of Shoreham; his

brother Patrick Torrey (Nicolee), of Shoreham; three nephews; one niece; two great nieces; and one great nephew.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Tim Torrey, and a nephew, Corey Torrey.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m., at Ma's Last Chance Camp on Torrey Island, Shoreham.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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JEFFERY "ANIMAL" TORREY

Raymond T. Forgues, 80, of Benson

BENSON — Raymond T. Forgues, age 80, died Saturday evening Sept. 10, 2022, at Porter Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Shoreham, Vt., at the farm home of his parents Lucien Forgues and Emma (Quenneville) Forgues on Feb. 3, 1942.

In 1967, Raymond met the love of his life at a Saint Patrick's dance. He married that girl, Paula Mercey, on May 2, 1970, in East Charlotte, Vt. As a couple they farmed and worked together for more than 52 years. Dancing was a passion Raymond and Paula enjoyed with family and friends for many years.

Raymond was a dairy farmer for most of his life. After retiring from milking, he continued to stay busy by working in the hay fields, tending his horse and his favorite cat, Tiny. When Raymond wasn't farming he spent time with his



RAYMOND T. FORGUES

family and friends, which he loved to do.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Forgues, of Benson; his son, Lucas Forgues, of Wells; his daughter, Raylene Gwaltney (Lance) and beloved Grandson Haiden of

Villa Rica, Ga.; his siblings Roger Forgues (Beverly) of Middlebury, Henry Forgues (Sally) of Alburg Springs, and Louise Forgues of Rutland; and also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends and family can stop in at Paula and Raymond's home (3588 Route 144, Benson, VT 05743) to express condolences between 2-5 on Sunday Sept. 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benson First Response at P.O. Box 199, Benson VT 05731 or to the Middlebury Future Farmers of America (FFA) at Hannaford Career Center 51 Charles Ave, Middlebury VT 05753.

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Seven receive McCardell Citizen's Awards

By ANGELO LYNN

MIDDLEBURY — In a ceremony delayed for the past two years by the COVID-19 pandemic, Middlebury College President Laurie Patton on Tuesday presented the recipients of the 2020 and 2021 Bonnie and John McCardell Citizen's Awards in recognition of their "remarkable contributions to the community."

Cited at the Kirk Alumni Center event for the 2020 honorees were Glenn Andres, Sadie Brightman, Emily Joselson and Amy Mason. The honorees for 2021 were Laura Asermily, Kelly Hickey and Tom Scanlon.

"This celebration is a public recognition of the historic connections between the citizens of Middlebury and the college that grew from the town leaders' vision more than two centuries ago," Patton said. "During the College's Bicentennial celebration in 2000, several community members received the first Citizen's Medals in honor of their many contributions to the quality of life in Addison County. Since then, the college has continued to host a dinner each year where it honors outstanding local citizens with medals. These awards were renamed the Bonnie

and John McCardell Citizen's Awards in 2009 to recognize their generosity and their remarkable contributions to this community for over 30 years."

Patton noted that due to the pandemic, the college had to postpone the celebration of the 2020 and 2021 medalists, adding "we are so happy to be able to finally honor all the recipients in person! With the addition of these honored

"What does it mean to be a good citizen? I believe that good citizenship is about creating and managing a wise partnership between self and other, balancing multiple interests and understanding the complexities of the community in which you live. It's about embracing different cultures and ways of thinking and being reflective about your own mindset..."

— Middlebury College President Laurie Patton

towns for their service in fields including medicine, education, business, philanthropy, government, the arts, and civic contributions. The selection committee particularly seeks to honor those who have contributed through their volunteerism, community service and engagement of issues facing our community. Nominations come from members of the community, and a committee

of faculty and staff makes the final selections. Every recipient of the Citizen's Award receives a locally crafted medallion from Danforth Pewter.

After dinner, Patton reminded the audience that Middlebury College "is very much a product of the community that surrounds it. The college did not move here, it was born here. It was the vision and dedication of a small group of Middlebury citizens that created this college in 1800. These citizens realized that an institution of higher education would bring distinction, economic advantages, and a better quality of life to their community. Throughout the past two centuries, the town and the college have grown together, benefited from each other's presence, and supported one another in many ways."

Patton listed several ways in which that mutual effort is beneficial, adding, "in short, the college and the community are good citizens to each other and share a common educational purpose — i.e. Sheldon Museum, Town Hall Theater, Middlebury Community Music Center, Addison County schools, Porter Hospital Urgent Care and Habitat for Humanity. What does it mean to be a good citizen? I believe that good citizenship is about creating and managing a wise partnership between self and other, balancing multiple interests and understanding the complexities of the community in which you live. It's about embracing different cultures and ways of thinking and being reflective about your own mindset — which is why I believe that a liberal arts education continues to be a most powerful way to foster the mindset of good citizenship."

relationship between Middlebury College and its community by honoring individuals who have made notable contributions to the life of Addison County with no expectation of reward or recognition," Patton said, adding, "their selflessness and dedication is inspiring."

Patton's comments of each honoree followed:

2020 HONOREES

• **Glenn Andres**, professor emeritus of the Department of History of Art and Architecture, you have shared your love of the buildings of Middlebury and of Vermont with residents for over 50 years. You have been a champion of community planning, historic preservation, and thoughtful development in our beautiful state; given lectures and organized exhibitions to inspire the public to appreciate and protect their historic buildings; and served on the Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation for 30 years and on the Middlebury Design Advisory Committee.

You have also served in leadership positions for many other state and local organizations, including the Center for Research on Vermont and the Henry Sheldon Museum, where you have created several exhibitions, including one on Shard Villa. Through your two books, *The Walking History of Middlebury and Buildings of Vermont*, which you coauthored with Curtis Johnson, you have given us comprehensive examples of the richness of our Vermont heritage, which we could so easily

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be blind to but for your laudable efforts to bring this important topic to the foreground.

Your love for your community has extended to numerous projects you have undertaken to make your town and this county a better place. You have been centrally involved in the ongoing adaptation and restoration efforts focused on Salisbury's historic town hall and library, and you spearheaded the restoration of the Salisbury Congregational Church, where in 1979 you founded—and have since organized for over 40 years—the annual Summer Performance Series. Your interest in the performing arts has extended to involvement in the Middlebury Community Players and its productions, and participation in the early planning for the Town Hall Theater.

• **Sadie Brightman**, as founder and director of the Middlebury Community Music Center (MCMC), you have played a critical role in offering opportunities for the people of Addison County to develop their musical talents. You long had a vision for a thriving local music center where you could bring together as many people as possible around the joy of music making and developing their creative potential.

When the board of the Community House put out a request for proposals for use of the building, you designed and pitched the idea of the center as a tenant, an idea that was well received by the board and soon embraced by the whole community. Founded in 2014, the MCMC has become an important artistic and educational asset in our county and beyond, offering year-round lessons in instruments and voice, classes, camps, and workshops for all ages. You have brought in talented teachers of a multitude of instruments and built a musical ecosystem where music learners and teachers can inspire one another. Believing that performance brings out the best in the students, giving them

confidence and a chance to reach for new levels of mastery, you have consistently set up ways for them to perform at places such as EastView, Project Independence, Town Hall Theater, and school assemblies, among others, and in the process have augmented the quality of life for community members as well as musicians.

Along with the vision of a flourishing music center, you have loved the idea of people of all ages engaging with one another in a space where they gather around a shared interest. You relish seeing adults greeting each other's children, making them feel like they belong, or teachers developing musical collaborations with one another and among their students. Your vision has been a gift to so many who love music, and their eager participation in the center is certainly a big part of its success.

For your tenacity and determination to create this space that has come to be such an important part of our community, we are happy to honor you tonight.

• **Emily Joselson**, partner in the law firm Langrock Sperry & Wool, you have long been a champion for those members of our community who are typically underserved and in need of help. Your concern for the hungry, sick, homeless, and mistreated is evident in the many local organizations that have benefited from your service as a volunteer or on their boards. You were a board member of the Parent/Child Center for over 20 years, served as a co-chair of the Addison County Hunger Council, served on the board of Addison County Home Health and Hospice, and have consistently volunteered for Standing Up for Racial Justice and the Middlebury Task Force on Homelessness.

Recognizing your dedication to just causes, Governor Madeleine Kunin appointed you to the Vermont Human Rights Commission, which you chaired from 1991 to 2000. Your care for your neighbors has extended to your law practice, where you have consistently represented vulnerable individuals and groups of people who have needed your calm strength and knowledge to advocate for them



KELLY HICKEY



SADIE BRIGHTMAN



FIVE OF THE seven winners of Middlebury College's Bonnie and John McCardell Citizen's Medal posed with College President Laurie Patton at a ceremony on Tuesday. Shown are, from left, Emily Joselson, Amy Mason, Tom Scanlon, Laurie Patton, Glenn Andres and Laura Asermily.

and help bring about justice.

As a dedicated, perceptive member of our community, you realized when a need to address factious disputes and incivility within our midst became urgent. You co-created a series of events in 2017 called Community Conversations, public meetings where an expert or panel of experienced and knowledgeable citizens led discussions on issues ranging from racism and gun violence to hate speech and protection for migrant farmworkers. You also saw a need in the community for a place for young people to gather and cofounded Addison Central Teens in 2008. You found space, staff, and funding to start it, an effort that included visiting every select board in Addison County and attending town meetings to garner support. You have also served on the board of Havurah, the Jewish Congregation, for almost 30 years.

You are an exemplary model of what a caring, concerned citizen should be, and for your work addressing inequality and division in our town and state, it is our pleasure to honor you tonight.

• **Amy Mason**, you have been

a strong leader in our community, adept at organizing people and events and getting things done. As a need for your expertise has arisen, you have consistently stepped forward and addressed issues with compassion and competence. A clear example is action you quickly took with others when the pandemic hit to launch a neighbor-to-neighbor support system by cofounding Addison County Mutual Aid and serving as its countywide coordinator.

Collaborating with the United Way, you responded to the many needs of the people of our community during that difficult time with a website run by volunteers that connected our vulnerable neighbors with those who could help with everything from grocery shopping and chores to finances. Another need you recognized was for families to learn how to react to the fast-paced world of technology that was affecting their children; you responded by cofounding Parents Supporting Thoughtful Technology, a support and programming organization for families and educators around intentional technology use for children and teens.

Your leadership has truly shone through in your work as the board chair of the nonprofit WomenSafe. Taking the reins in 2016, you launched and managed a capital campaign that raised more than \$1 million to expand the nonprofit's facilities and deepen its capacity to serve people across the gender spectrum who experience sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. With your professional skills in marketing, communications, and education, you strengthened community relations with the organization, resulting in unprecedented major

gifts and productive business partnerships. Your passion for helping those in crisis resulted in positive benefits for all who seek the help of WomenSafe.

In all the work you have done for our community, you have always gone far beyond just showing up to help — you have dived deep into the issues and challenges at hand and found ways to lead others toward solutions. For your dedication to your neighbors in need, we take pleasure in honoring you tonight.

2021 HONOREES

• **Laura Asermily**, you are by nature a true coalition builder who knows how to bring people together for action. Since you arrived in Addison County in 1998, you have worked to make our community a better place by facilitating conversations, supporting those affected by alcoholism and addiction, and fighting climate change.

One of your first actions on moving to Bridport was to organize "open space" meetings where residents could gather to have respectful debates over the divisive issue of whether to send the seventh and eighth graders to Middlebury Union Middle School. You also recognized a need in Addison County for addiction services, and in 2003 founded the longest-running chapter of Alateen in Vermont, attracting participation from Burlington to Rutland. You have served as the state's Alateen coordinator and have been in leadership positions with Al-Anon at the local and state levels, continuing to help those whose lives have been ravaged by the disease of alcoholism.

Your concern for our environment has resulted in a long history of working to make our community aware of how serious a problem climate change is. Asking what actions could be taken, you founded the Earth Day Fair—which became the Middlebury Co-op's Spring Festival—to raise awareness about global warming. You trained volunteers to conduct home energy audits for the Home Energy Challenge and founded the ACORN Network and ACORN Renewable Energy Co-op, serving as its manager for several years. Appointed Middlebury's energy coordinator, you implemented the town climate action plan and formed the Middlebury Energy Committee. Realizing you could do more good for your community through town governance, you ran successfully for the town selectboard, served two terms, and have been an inspiration for other women running for office.

Your many actions taken for the benefit of your neighbors and our environment are a shining example of what a faithful public servant can accomplish, and we honor you tonight for all you've done.

• **Kelly Hickey**, you took your strong background in art and put it to good use for your community when the downtown was struggling through massive construction and the pandemic. You realized how demoralizing it was for residents to see businesses leaving empty storefronts on Main Street, so you conceived of a plan to bring light and energy to this distressing scene. You created Bundle, an innovative way to use these empty spaces, and later village greens, for pop-ups that ranged from storytelling events to art shows to writing workshops to classes on hand-

drawn mapmaking. Into the chaos permeating the downtown, you brought creation and fulfillment to your neighbors in Addison County.

By 2021, when the grant-funded project wrapped up, you had developed and marketed 80 Bundle events as well as advised individuals, entrepreneurs, community groups, and government agencies on successful pop-up programming. An outcome of your dedication was the opportunity to become a design team member for the United Way's "Reimagine Addison County" task force.

And your work for the residents of Middlebury didn't end with Bundle. You are constantly looking for ideas to enrich our downtown area in ways that will bring people joy. You have collaborated with Find Your Wings, an interactive, community-driven public art installation project whose goal is to enhance Middlebury's beauty and appeal while simultaneously serving as an economic driver. You have found ways to bring the community together and have helped forge links between artists, nonprofits, grant makers, and businesses. You are the kind of citizen who makes people feel excited to belong to a community project.

For your positive energy in finding ways to stimulate our hopes and enthusiasm as well as our economy during what have been very challenging times, we are pleased to honor you tonight.

• **Tom Scanlon**, you saw a need in Addison County during the pandemic and took the action required to fill that need. As COVID-19 was taking lives and a vaccination became available, you collaborated as the adjutant of the American Legion Post 27 with the Vermont Department of Health and Porter Medical Center to set up vaccination clinics at the Legion. Realizing that you had a space large enough to accommodate social distancing and serve many people at once, you offered the Legion as a place where residents could feel comfortable coming to receive their vaccinations. And come they did. Between January 11 and June 18, 2021, more than 19,300 vaccinations were administered, with more than 300 people a week receiving their doses. You were always the first to arrive each day and the last to leave, opening and closing the building, making sure the parking lot was plowed and salted when necessary, and making sure the building was clean. In no small part, due to your efforts your neighbors were made safer and fewer lives were lost.

But these actions were consistent with your deep desire to serve your community. You also are an active volunteer for many organizations, including the Middlebury Sports Commission, Addison Regional Planning Commission, Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee, Town of Middlebury's Public Safety Committee, and Addison County Local Emergency Planning Committee. You serve as the emergency management director of the town of Salisbury, where you live. You are generous with your talents and your time, and as a result, our community benefits from all that you do for us.

You are a true example of a faithful public servant who cares deeply for his neighbors and their welfare, and we are happy to honor you tonight.



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Climate matters

Perspectives on Change

We should be feeling our feelings

27th in a series

By OLLIE CULTRARA

I don't know about you, but I hate talking about climate change. When I hear a story on the radio about the latest record-breaking severe weather event, I want to plug my ears. Or when I read a news article summarizing the most recent dire scientific report, my eyes glaze over. I think to myself, "Yes, we already know. Everything is very bad and getting worse."

Can we take a moment to acknowledge that climate change just sucks?

It's a wrenching, intractable situation that feels crappy to even think about. Most of the time, I just don't. But it's not going away — and neither are my feelings about it.

I'm 26. I've known about climate change for as long as I can remember, back when we called it global warming and worried mostly about distant polar bears and coral reefs. I don't recall when it changed from feeling like an alarming possibility to an unfortunate inevitability, but it has never felt acceptable to me.

Growing up, I felt frustrated, indignant and confounded as to how we could have gotten into this mess. Then in college, as I learned about the economic, industrial and political systems that have driven the climate crisis, I got angry. I channeled my anger into a burst of climate activism — meetings, marches, protests — that never seemed to lead anywhere.

And now? Honestly, I feel stuck. I don't like feeling angry. The emotion and the activism didn't sustain me. I've been told and I believe there's a role for everyone in this struggle, but I haven't found mine quite yet.

I suspect that's true for a lot of us.

Most of us aren't activists or scientists who spend our days thinking about what the world is facing. Nor are we national leaders or corporate CEOs who have the responsibility and power to make major policy changes to address it. So where does that leave us?

You may notice I'm asking more questions than offering answers, but I'll start here: I think we need to get real about our feelings.

It's the responsibility of our age to tackle the climate crisis head-on — to do everything we can to slow, reverse, mitigate and adapt to it. But we can't do any of that if we're stuck feeling total despair

or numbly ignoring it all.

How I feel on a given day doesn't really affect how changeable the situation is or is not. Except that it does. Our emotional state affects what we feel capable of doing — and therefore what we are capable of doing.

While we continue taking everyday steps, as we're able — voting for reps that take the problem seriously, voicing our support for needed policies, switching to renewables and energy efficient everything — climate change keeps raging on. As we are bombarded with crisis after crisis, losses large and small, how are we going to keep our heads above water, emotionally?

Acknowledging and accepting, for one. Not knowing about a problem doesn't make it go away, just as knowing about it doesn't make it any worse than before we were aware. I'm practicing bearing witness more and looking away less.

Grief, despair and anger are all appropriate responses to what's happening to our world and our fellow human and non-human beings. Rather than stuffing those emotions down, I'm working on noticing, accepting and really feeling each of these emotions as they come so that I can move through them. Recently, this has looked like taking time to process between listening to episodes of a podcast series about the origins of the climate crisis. I'm letting myself curse when the host points out something infuriating and allowing tears to bubble up at the heart wrenching narratives of loss. Rather than forcing myself to listen to the next episode, then getting overwhelmed and giving up, I'm returning when I have the bandwidth to be present with the feelings it brings up.

And next? Let's create and embrace the cultural transformations this moment demands. Taking climate action includes changing the way we live our lives. Many of the fundamental changes we need — resisting consumerism and rejecting the right of corporations to extract profit at any cost — aren't fun or convenient. But I believe that we have a lot to gain.

Can we trade convenience for the social connectedness we receive from carpooling and public transit? Delight at the beauty we see when we take life at the pace of a walk or bike ride? Satisfaction in buying used clothes, and making them last as

long as possible? Creativity in sharing tools, vehicles, homes, land. Generosity in growing food and sharing it with others.

It's easy to feel that if I'm not participating in political activism or putting up solar panels, I'm not being part of the solution.

That couldn't be further from the truth. This thing is too big and far-reaching for anyone to be left out. I love the model put forward by Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson to help everyone find their personal path to climate action. She says to ponder three questions: What brings me joy? What am I good at? What needs to be done? Each of our unique roles can be found at the intersection of the answer to those three questions (see a great graphical representation of this online at ayanaelizabeth.com/climatevenn).

I feel excitement and joy when I envision a world that has "solved" climate change, and my role in it. What I see is not just solar panels, heat pumps and electric cars. It's also thriving people who care for and are deeply connected to each other and the landscape. How about you?

I recently came across an interview with scholar, writer and activist Mike Davis, who said: "I don't think that people fight or stay the course because of hope, I think people do it out of love and anger." Anger doesn't sustain me. Hope comes and goes, depending on the day. But love? I think we all have experience acting out of love. And it sure does feel good.

Ollie Cultrara works at two local farms and serves on the board of the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op. They are beginning a Master's in Leadership for Sustainability program at the University of Vermont this fall.



Moose are on the move, so drive with caution

MONTPELIER — Moose are on the move, so drivers need to be alert and cautious, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Moose are more likely to be crossing roadways at this time of year, especially after dark or early in the morning because this is their breeding season.

"Motorists hit 49 moose on Vermont highways during 2021 and 23 so far this year," said State Game Warden Major Justin Stedman. "We are asking drivers to be especially careful and for people to enjoy watching moose from a distance. Moose can be unpredictable and dangerous if you get too close and they feel cornered or get irritated."

Moose are a threat to motorists, but there are measures you can take to avoid hitting them:

- Always be aware of the danger



IT'S BREEDING SEASON for moose, so take extra care driving, particularly in the early morning and evenings, when moose are most active and likely to be crossing roads.

Photo courtesy VT Fish & Wildlife

— moose cross the road randomly, as well as at their regular crossings.

- Increase your roadside awareness and reduce your speed when you see "Moose Crossing" signs along the highway. When on secondary roads, the recommended speed is 40 mph or less in these areas.

- Drive defensively and don't overdrive your headlights. Moose are more active at night and early morning, and they are difficult to see because of their dark color.
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Regulator cuts hospital increases

By PETER D'AURIA
VTDigger.org

The Green Mountain Care Board trimmed commercial insurance rate increases at two University of Vermont Health Network hospitals Monday, drawing a sharp response from the state's largest hospital operator.

Earlier this summer, the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) requested a slate of commercial insurance rate increases — effectively, seeking to charge private insurance companies more for services provided at its Vermont hospitals.

But on Monday, expressing concern about affordability of medical care for Vermonters, the Green Mountain Care Board

approved smaller hikes for those hospitals — University of Vermont Medical Center and Berlin's Central Vermont Medical Center.

"Every year, we work hard to balance cost containment with the need to ensure that Vermont's hospitals have the resources necessary to provide high-quality care in their communities," Jessica Holmes, the interim chair of the Green Mountain Care Board, said in a press release Monday. "This year, we paid close attention to restoring the financial stability of the hospital system and preserving access to care."

The UVMHN in July projected increases of requested commercial insurance rate increases of 19.9% for the UVMHC and 14.52% for

CVMC.

But on Monday, the board voted to approve increases of 14.77% for the former and 12.5% for the latter.

Earlier this month, the Board voted to approve Middlebury's Porter Medical Center's request for an 11.5% rate increase. All three hospitals are part of the UVM Health Network.

Other Vermont hospitals saw their proposed rates approved as requested or reduced by only fractions of a percentage point.

The board's decisions drew a swift rebuke from the UVMHN. In a statement, John Brumsted, the network's outgoing president and CEO, called the decisions "a severe blow to our ability to serve our patients, improve access, and increase health equity."

The board's decisions, Brumsted warned, could "have a negative effect on access to care."

The Green Mountain Care Board for weeks has been weighing proposed budgets for Vermont's 14 nonprofit hospitals.

Hospital administrators submit their projected changes in patient revenue and changes to commercial insurance charges to the board.

For commercial medical insurance — as opposed to Medicare or Medicaid — rate increases can be passed onto consumers through hikes in insurance premiums.

Board members expect increases in Medicare reimbursement and increased funding from the Department of Vermont Health Access to offset some of the cuts to rate increases.

The body has also grown increasingly concerned about "the impact of health care costs on Vermont's commercial rate payers and patients' access to care," according to the Monday press release.

ADDISON COUNTY School News

Bree Cotroneo of Middlebury has been named captain of the women's tennis team at St. Michael's College. A senior at St. Mike's, Cotroneo is a graduate of Middlebury Union High School.

Three local residents have earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University in Jersey City, N.J. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Awardees include: **Melissa Laurie** of Bristol, College of Business; **Molly Struhammer** of Ferrisburgh, Teachers College; and **Kellie Savoulidis** of Middlebury, College of Health Professions.



Curb appeal

GIDEON PALMER OF Vergennes Boy Scout Troop 539 recently completed his Eagle project. He provided a new sign for Vergennes Union Elementary School and planted perennials around the base of it. Palmer, 17, is the son of Joel and Kimberly Palmer of Vergennes and a senior at Vergennes Union High School

Photo courtesy of Kim and Joel Palmer

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.

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

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By the way

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Middlebury's popular TAM. This trail is more than 18 miles long, encircles the village of Middlebury and links hundreds of acres of town land, conserved properties, schools and other local landmarks. Each year, it costs the Middlebury Area Land Trust nearly \$18,000 to maintain the TAM, and your trek entry fee will help underwrite these expenses. Various courses and distance lengths are available for this Sunday's trek; all distances start and finish at Wright Park in Middlebury. The 10K course is entirely on single-track trail through Wright Park and the Otter Creek Gorge Loop (trail maps available at maltvt.org), with around 400 feet of elevation gain and several fairly technical sections. The 2-mile fun-run is family-friendly and is ideal for walkers and runners alike. For more details and to register, log on to tinyurl.com/ykhrmh8.

Age Well is seeking volunteers to provide regular social interaction and assistance to seniors in their homes. Help older Vermonters by delivering Meals on Wheels, providing friendly visits, grocery shopping, errands, assistance with medical appointments, organizing, bill paying, respite, minor home repairs, veterans visiting other veterans and more. Volunteers feel an incredible sense of satisfaction and reward seeing the impact they have on those they support. Time commitment is based on your availability — it can vary from one day a week to two days a month (Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.). Email volunteer@agewellvt.org, or log on to agewellvt.org for more information.

Save the Date: The 47th annual CROP Hunger Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 2. Join friends and neighbors as they walk to raise awareness of and

collect money to end hunger in Addison County and around the world. Walkers and supporters will gather on the Middlebury Green between noon and 1 p.m., with the walk beginning at 1 p.m. Visit crophungerwalk.org/middleburyvt, or call Ellen McKay Jewett at 802-443-5626 to receive a pledge envelope or make a donation.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have fallen 6.3 cents per gallon during the last week, averaging \$3.87 per gallon now, according to GasBuddy's survey of 626 stations in Vermont. Prices in this state are 45.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 79 cents per gallon higher than this time last year. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest gas in Vermont this week is priced at \$3.47 per gallon; the most expensive is \$4.29 — a difference of 82 cents per gallon. Meanwhile the national average price of gasoline has fallen 7.6 cents per gallon during the last week, averaging \$3.67 per gallon on Wednesday. The national average is down 26.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 52.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering more than 150,000 gas stations across the country.

The 5 Town Partnership will sponsor "Share the Warmth: A Winter Outerwear Giveaway" on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bristol Town Green. Anyone is invited to come take whatever they need for the upcoming winter season. There will be winter coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. And thanks to the generosity of donors, it's all free. For those looking to provide items for this event, stay tuned for more details about when and where organizers will be accepting donations. Organizers will accept any size of winter items (coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves). They will also accept new socks. Children's sizes are always in high demand and are always appreciated. Only items that are in good, clean condition will be accepted. The 5 Town Partnership is a collaboration of churches, nonprofits and philanthropic folks serving residents of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro. Check out 5townpartnership.org for more info, or email familylife@bristolfederated.com or call 802-453-2321



2022 Garden Game

The weather is getting cooler but the Garden Game is still in full swing. We had SIX new entries this week!

Phyllis Bowdish kicked off the week with a colossal cabbage. At 32.75" C, Phyllis's cruciferous veg was destined for [lots of] coleslaw at Farmall Hill Days in Shoreham. The first cabbage this year, Phyllis takes the top spot.

Next, **Sue Galipo** brought in a 20" L x 8.25" C cucumber, knocking **Peter Demong** out of the lead.

Ted Foster toted in a giant cantaloupe. At 24.25" C, his melon steals the lead from the current reigning champ by just 1.25".

Rounding out the week was **Barbara Pelton** with three awe-inspiring, and heavy, entries. Barbara's lengthy 14" L x 7" C purple potato, raised from her own slip, is the first spud this year. She also takes the lead in the winter squash category, with help from **Lloyd Raymond**, with a 25" L x 30" C green giant. Her 24" C Giant Bullet Head Wax Melon didn't top the current melon title holder but it was quite a sight to behold.

Until next week!

Play the Garden Game!

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

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- Asparagus (length x circumference) - Laura Asermily, 17" x 2.25"
- Beet (circumference) - Barbara Pelton, 13.75"
- Broccoli (diameter) - Ed Blechner, 12"
- Cabbage (circumference) - Phyllis Bowdish, 32.75"
- Cantaloupe (circumference) - Ted Foster, 24.25"
- Carrot (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 17.5" x 5"
- Cauliflower (diameter) - Ted Foster, 13.5"
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Sue Galipo, 20" x 8.25"
- 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) - Barbara Pelton, 14" x 7"
- 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) - Barbara Pelton & Lloyd Raymond, 25" x 30"
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Ed Blechner, 19.5" x 13.25"

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

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Agriculture News

Working lands grants applications available

MONTPELIER — Farm, food and forest businesses can apply now for Working Lands Enterprise Initiative Business Enhancement Grants. The Working Lands Enterprise Board is accepting requests for applications (RFA) totaling \$450,000 that will allow Vermont farm, food and forest businesses to invest in business enhancement initiatives, such as market, infrastructure and workforce development. Application submissions open on Sept. 23 and must be received by Oct. 28.

Business Enhancement Grants, given in amounts from \$20,000 to \$35,000, cover the same types of eligible projects as the former

Standard Business Grant, but with an increased maximum allowable award to account for inflation and rising business costs. To review the Business Enhancement Grant request for applications, head online to workinglands.vermont.gov/document/FY23-Business-Enhancement-RFA.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in January.

There will be an additional funding opportunity released this fall specifically for primary producers. More information about this grant go to s.workinglands.vermont.gov/grant-contract-opportunities/arpa-primary-producer-impact-grant.

Climate-smart commodities has awarded \$30 million to landowners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Marking a transformative investment in forests, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program has awarded \$30 million to the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) and its partners to help forest landowners implement climate-smart forest practices that also protect ecosystem health and biodiversity.

The partnership includes more than 20 companies, organizations and institutions from across New England that represent forest-related industries and have climate interests at the forefront of their concerns. The proposal is also strongly supported by New England's congressional delegation.

"This award creates game-changing incentives for improving forest health, increasing carbon storage, and growing climate-oriented economic development and investment," said Robert Penschel, executive director of the

New England Forestry Foundation.

The accepted proposal identifies the following goals:

- Climate-smart forestry incentives for practices that accelerate carbon storage in working forests for a pilot group of forest landowners on large commercial forests, smaller family woodlots and First Nation woodlands across all New England states.
- Market-building for climate-smart forest products, with a focus on mass timber construction.
- Monitoring, verification and reporting to document and ensure additive carbon benefits.

"We're deeply grateful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for recognizing the enormous potential of New England's private forestlands to deliver urgently needed carbon removal through nature-based solutions at a nationally significant scale," adds Andrea Colnes, NEFF deputy director and climate fellow.

(See *Climate*, Page 12A)



HINESBURG'S KATHLEEN AND Aaron Stine recently purchased Boyer's Orchard and Cider Mill, renaming the 32-acre Monkton property Stine Orchard. They plan to bring their expertise in the food industry and event planning to this year's apple season, hosting a series of live music events in addition to offering all the traditional apple season goodies.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

Stines take over former Boyer's Orchard

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — Kathleen and Aaron Stine are veterans of the Vermont food industry. Their combined résumés include restaurant management, working in casual and fine dining establishments, catering and, now, running an apple orchard. The Hinesburg couple purchased Boyer's Orchard and Cider Mill in Monkton earlier this year, reopening it under the name Stine Orchard with traditional apple-affiliated goodies and new live music events.

The Stines are lifelong Vermonters, both having grown up in the Colchester area. They've brought their shared passion of food and drink together for a

business venture before, opening their catering company bevo in Colchester in 2008. For years they served up original treats and signature cocktails, until COVID hit in 2020 and the couple was forced to temporarily close their business.

"We just saw how you're vulnerable, after being shut down," Kathleen said. "We started looking for other avenues and a change of lifestyle."

"A mid-life crisis," Aaron jokingly explained.

That search for something new led them to the 32-acre apple orchard at 1823 Monkton Road, which they purchased in April from Genny Boyer.

(See *Stine Orchard*, Page 12A)



How's the aftertaste?

THIS COW ON a Middlebury farm showed how little respect she has for authority by licking the No Trespassing sign on a farm gate recently.

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Climate

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The Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities award funds a pilot project that will implement and demonstrate the impact of climate-smart forestry on 100,000 acres, and NEFF will work to leverage this investment to bring climate-smart forestry to more than 10 million acres of working forestland across New England using public and private

funding sources.

New England's forests contribute more than \$13 billion annually to local and regional economies, sustaining over 50,000 jobs in the woods, mills and supporting services.

Through the application of its core expertise in conserving forestlands and advancing Exemplary Forestry, the New England Forestry Foundation helps

the people of this region to sustain their way of life, protect forest wildlife habitat and ecosystem services and mitigate and adapt to climate change. In partnership with land owners, New England Forestry Foundation has conserved more than 1.2 million acres of forest since its founding in 1944. It also owns and manages more than 150 Community Forests across the region.

Stine Orchard

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"It just felt right," Kathleen said of the decision, adding that the couple will continue running bevo in addition to the orchard.

As they settle into their first apple season in Monkton, the Stines are keeping a lot of things the same at the orchard, such as pick-your-own apples and the much-loved cider doughnuts.

"We have the exact recipe,"

Aaron promised.

But they also plan to bring their event-planning expertise to town, hosting live music events every Thursday and Saturday through October. These "pickin' parties" will feature music from Vermont talent, like acapella group Root 7 and singer-songwriter John Daly, along with seasonal cocktails and local eats from Folino's Pizza, Hinesburg's Bushel Market and

the Stines' original cider-brined pork-chops.

Kathleen said the couple is excited to bring these events to Addison County and begin their new business venture.

"Talking to people, everyone seems hungry for something like this," she said. "It feels so good to be out here. It just feels like the right place to be."



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MONTPELIER — The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAF) is releasing a new round of funding through the Capital Equipment Assistance Program for phosphorus removal equipment or technology and for general conservation equipment to be used on farms.

The Capital Equipment Assistance Program (CEAP) will help farmers pay for equipment that aids in the reduction of surface runoff of agricultural wastes to state waters, improve water

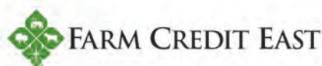
quality, reduce odors from manure application, separate phosphorus from manure, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and reduce costs to farmers when they apply manure or implement a Nutrient Management Plan. Eligible applicants include custom applicators, nonprofit organizations, businesses, Vermont farms required to comply with the Required Agricultural Practices, groups of farms and Phosphorus Separation Equipment Providers.

Examples of eligible equipment include conservation tillage

equipment, no-till grain drills, roller crimpers, precision agriculture equipment and more.

Generally, the program will cover 90% of the equipment cost with varying limits depending on the type of equipment. Applicants are limited to one application per individual operation/organization/entity.

Applications close Nov. 1. For details on the program and on how to apply, head online to agriculture.vermont.gov/ceap.



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6th-graders

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Soule. Essentially, Soule said, 6th-graders have more in common with their 7th- and 8th-grade peers than other elementary school students.

"They're entering into a stage in their lives that is just unique and different. What the research shows, too, is that it's a time from a developmental standpoint like no other since probably their first couple years of life, where they're developing so rapidly," she said. "So their needs change, and it makes sense to create a learning environment that can really support them through this transition period."

Soule offered a couple specifics.

"For example, they're very peer-oriented in this age group, so engaging them in a way that allows them to interact more with their peers (is effective)," she said. "They're very motivated by ideas of fairness, social justice, so giving them more leadership opportunities to be involved as peers with each other ... and leadership of the school, those are all really wonderful, appropriate experiences for them."



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— Superintendent Sheila Soule

More interdisciplinary learning is another benefit to the middle school approach for 6th graders, Soule said.

"Teachers in the middle school tend to team around learning opportunities for students," she said. "They go from a self-contained single classroom at the elementary level to unique and discrete courses at the high school level. And there's this middle school level where it can be much more interdisciplinary and team-oriented."

Despite benefits that also include creating potential expansion space for the Pre-K program housed in Ferrisburgh Central School and a new classroom for a big Vergennes Union Elementary School 2nd grade, Soule said the district would call a halt to the plan if ANWSD and MAUSD residents back the merger proposal on Nov. 8 to avoid more than one change.

"We would want to avoid a situation where we would be moving our 6th grade over and in another year's time or two years' time there's a merged middle school or merged high school option," she said.

"So we would want to find out in a newly merged district how they want to proceed with middle school, and we wouldn't move our students over until that collaborative planning could start to happen."

QUESTIONS, PLANNING

Soule addressed the pushback that occurred a few years back within the district when one reconfiguration plan under consideration suggested creating a grades 5-8 middle school

at VUHS.

"We're not at this time considering moving 5th to middle school. It will be 6 through 8. So we did hear that apprehension around that," Soule said. "Comfort level just didn't stretch that far (to 5th grade), so I think that this is a good first experience, and if it is successful it is something we could consider in the future."

Soule said that in the district's initial outreach efforts there was at least tentative understanding of the 6th-grade change.

"People were very curious about bringing 6th grade over. I think there was more support for that idea," she said.

That support came with conditions. Families want to make sure the change is handled properly, Soule said.

"There's definitely a desire for the needs to be provided for, for that transition to be well managed," she said.

Parent feedback has focused, for example, on preparing the current 5th-graders for their altered futures, Soule said.

"Parents want to make sure ... there are opportunities early and often throughout the year to help them adjust," she said. "We're already making plans to do that."

Those opportunities might consist, at least in part, of including 5th-graders in "end-of-year milestones" typically reserved for 6th-graders and of making visits to VUHS.

ANSWD officials and teachers will also speak to their counterparts in the Addison Central School District to learn what did and did not work in the transition of ACSD 6th-graders to Middlebury Union Middle School. That school at times struggled with its culture in the 2021-2022 academic year and added a Dean of Students position this fall to help address issues.

"We are definitely going to be talking with them. We already have been," Soule said. "We want to formalize an opportunity for our teacher teams to be able to talk to their teams to be able to learn from their experience and hear from them what, if anything, they would do differently."

The ANWSD board's Community Engagement Committee is set to meet on Sept. 15 to start planning for a formal process to let families and students know more about the plans.

Soule said that process would probably include in-person forums, an FAQ based on an earlier "Thought Exchange" that gathered the initial feedback, family visits to the middle school facilities and parent participation on any relevant hiring committees.

ANWSD stakeholders who would like to participate in the Thought Exchange may log onto tejoin.com/scroll/221205806. Soule

said responses are confidential.

CONFIGURATIONS

Also to be decided is how the revamped VUHS middle school will look physically and educationally.

Soule said decisions must be made about how to organize teams — whether, for example, they should be single- or multi-grade, or if a "house model" should be considered. She said all options will be researched.

Some reorganization of the administration and teaching staff will also be required. Overall teaching numbers will not increase, but some 6th-grade teachers, for example, will most likely move to the high school. "Some of that is dependent on the teaming configurations," Soule said.

The board and administrators also saw a presentation at the board's Monday meeting from Black River Design on one possible way to reconfigure the middle school at VUHS.

It's essential elements were:

- Flipping where the middle school and high school classrooms are in the main classroom wing on the left (east) side, moving the middle school rooms from the first to the second floor, and vice versa.

That change would create a middle school space with 11 classrooms, one devoted to special education; two science labs; a health room; and an administration office. The high school wing would have 17 classrooms and an office. Both would retain dedicated rest rooms.

- Creating separate entries for the middle and high school students in the lobby. Black River architect John Hemmelgam said middle school students could enter on the left of the lobby and access the stairs directly, and high school students could enter via the central doors.

- Possibly moving the central office into a 1,725-square-foot basement space, a move that would result in the loss of two high school classrooms, but, according to Soule, not affect programs.

The office would displace weight and CAD rooms that would in turn displace nearby wrestling and special education rooms, but officials said other spaces are available.

Soule said no decision has been made whether to relocate the central office, which now pays about \$62,000 a year for roughly 3,000 square feet in the Kennedy Brothers building on Main Street. But she said in an email it might take 10 times that amount or more to pay to renovate the space for the new purpose. At the meeting Soule said the smaller space would be adequate.

"I think in the end it will be a matter of the cost to renovate the space vs. the cost of continuing to pay rent," she wrote.

The renovations necessary to relocate 6th graders to VUHS do not currently have a price tag, but on Monday board members voted to ask Black River to research the cost even with the uncertainty about the Nov. 8 vote given the difficult current construction market.

Hemmelgam said the work necessary to accommodate the extra students "could be easily done over a summer," but it would be necessary to have a contractor lined up and ready to go when school lets out this coming June.

Project

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continue to refine their building plans for 35 acres of Middlebury College-owned land located east of Seminary Street Extension's intersection with Washington Street. Among other things, they showed rough plans for 147 units of housing grouped in buildings ranging from duplexes to 36-unit structures, much of it served by underground parking.

Mike Buscher of the company T.J. Boyle Associates is helping design the project. He stressed the graphics unveiled at last Wednesday's meeting could change significantly by the time Summit files its application, as issues like financing, traffic studies and site exploration will influence the final product.

"This is a conceptual plan," Buscher told the crowd. "We're testing theories, looking at densities. It's going to go through the town review process. It's going to evolve."

It's a project that's being facilitated by Middlebury College, which recently purchased the South Street Extension land in question and will sell it to Summit Properties in increments as the company develops it into a new neighborhood that will include market-rate, workforce and affordable housing. The town of Middlebury is sorely lacking in all three of those categories, and the college's friendly financial agreement with Summit will give the company more leeway for incorporating affordable abodes.

Summit officials in June held an initial informational meeting about their plans, during which they underscored Middlebury's housing needs; announced a goal of pricing half of the new neighborhood's units at market rate, the other half with affordability restrictions; and noted the ease by which the new residents could access nearby stores, schools, recreation trails and municipal services.

Feedback from that June gathering helped shape the conceptual plans presented by Summit at this Sept. 7 meeting.

Summit Properties Chief Operating Officer Zeke Davisson displayed graphics showing all the proposed housing centered in an 11-acre portion of the parcel. Davisson explained the siting was in part predicated on avoiding wetlands. Summit officials hope to eventually get permission to develop additional units on buildable areas in the northeastern (1.4 acres) and southwestern (3.8 acres) corners of the parcel, which are currently set off by wetland areas that can't be developed.

Davisson presented a project layout of four, two-story duplexes (eight units); four, two-story

townhouses (31 units); two, two-story "six-plex" buildings (12 units); two, two-story "12-plex" structures (24 units); and two, three-story "36-plex" units (72 units).

"We're really trying to envision architecture that orients in different directions and brings in a pedestrian scale that allows people to have direct access to their homes and the different green spaces," Buscher said.

Plans show a village green, community green, play areas, a pavilion and green spaces surrounding most of the buildings. The interior of the development would be served by a tree-lined (and sidewalked) road with entrance and egress via Seminary Street Extension.

SMART GROWTH

Davisson noted the many recreational amenities near the site, including segments of the Trail Around Middlebury, Means Woods and Chipman Hill Park. Tri-Valley Transit is exploring a bus stop at the development, which is also about a mile from the new Middlebury passenger rail station, Mary Hogan Elementary School and downtown.

"That's really why the opportunity at this parcel is so great," Davisson said. "It's one of the few (undeveloped parcels) left in the town of Middlebury that has these attributes of smart growth."

"Smart growth" is a principle coined by the Vermont Natural Resources Council that speaks to development that's compact, walkable and transit-accessible, with a wide range of affordable housing options.

Summit will apply for local permits under a revised set of Middlebury zoning bylaws that, among other things, facilitate the creation of affordable/workforce housing through a "traditional neighborhood" planned-unit development process.

"The new zoning is pretty prescriptive on the types of streets, the size of the right of ways, the setbacks and trying to rear-load garages off of alleys," Davisson noted.

Davisson and Summit CEO Tom Getz promised to aggressively look for grants that could in part subsidize the affordable housing component of the project. They also voiced a willingness to work with local affordable housing groups — like the Addison County Community Trust.

Those who attended the Sept. 7 meeting shared a variety of

concerns about the project, including potential impacts of the bigger buildings on neighbors' viewsheds and the prospect of scores of new vehicles being released onto Seminary Street Extension, which empties into an already problematic five-corner intersection.

Resident and former planning commissioner member Nancy Malcolm suggested installing a roundabout intersection at the five corners to help traffic flow.

"The amount of traffic that comes in off of Washington Street Extension and Seminary Street Extension is huge, and the roundabout works," Malcolm said.

John Barstow, also a former planning commission member, suggested traffic calming measures — such as stop signs and sidewalk bump-outs.

Summit officials promised traffic studies to determine how the project will affect surrounding roads.

Representatives of Middlebury's energy committee encouraged Summit to consider equipping the new buildings with geothermal heat pumps and orienting them in a way that could capitalize on solar energy opportunities.

"It's in mind," Davisson said of solar energy potential, "I think what the balance is getting in the density and the number of units while trying to do (solar) as much as possible. Those (panels) can only front on one side."

Middlebury Planning & Zoning Director Jennifer Murray noted Summit's conceptual drawings show the buildings facing inward, towards each other and the green spaces. She suggested positioning the buildings so they're facing outward, toward the sidewalks and streetscape, to make them appear more integrated with the overall community.

"This subdivision is very inward looking," she said. "It feels like it's being created for the people who already live there."

Current plans emphasize underground or garage-style parking, in order to minimize impervious surfaces.

Davisson said the road and sidewalks within the subdivision will be built to town specifications, allowing the town to put them on its winter maintenance schedule. Middlebury Selectwoman Heather Seeley — who also chairs the town's infrastructure committee — said the town needs to carefully budget for what is an expanding road network.

"When this is 100% online, does that push us into a situation where we need more personnel and equipment, and if it does, we should anticipate that and get that into our budgeting sooner, rather than later," she said.

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THE 17TH ANNUAL Kelly Brush Ride, which started and finished near Middlebury College's Alumni Stadium, was held on Sept. 10. Kelly Brush herself, pictured above left, took part on an adaptive bike. She and other riders pictured were on the teams that had raised about \$1 million heading into the event, according to the Brush Foundation. That money will go toward the foundation's goal of "empowering people with spinal cord injuries to lead active and engaged lives."

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Vt. Fish & Wildlife news

Grouse and Woodcock season starts Sept. 24

MONTPELIER — A quiet walk down a hidden woods road, bright fall foliage coloring the canopy overhead and the crisp, cool air of an early morning — these are just some of the elements of a great Vermont upland gamebird hunting experience. Hoping to see the dramatic flush of a grouse or woodcock is, of course, another reason hunters try to get out into Vermont woodlands in the fall.

Vermont's hunting season for ruffed grouse is Sept. 24-Dec.31 this year. The daily limit is four grouse with a possession limit of eight.

The Vermont woodcock hunting season is Sept. 24-Nov. 7. The daily limit is three woodcock with a possession limit of nine.

Woodcock are often found in alders along brooks and near beaver ponds as well as in new-growth small timber where old fields are reverting to forest or recent timber harvests have occurred. Ruffed

grouse also frequent the same habitat, and they are particularly fond of the apples they find under wild apple trees.

All migratory game bird (woodcock, common snipe, ducks, and geese) hunters must also be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) in each state they hunt. You can register on Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's website or call toll-free 1-877-306-7091. After providing some basic information, you will receive your annual H.I.P. registration number, which is then recorded on your hunting license.

For more information on hunting in Vermont, be sure to get a copy of the 2022 Hunting & Trapping Guide and Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Game Birds in Vermont available free from license agents statewide and from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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Muzzleloader permit winners named

MONTPELIER — Deer hunters who applied for a Vermont muzzleloader season antlerless deer permit by the Aug. 3 deadline can now go to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) to see if they won a permit.

Permit winners are listed in two categories: regular lottery winners

and landowners. Landowners who apply for a landowner antlerless permit are prohibited by law from posting their land against hunting.

Permit recipients will need to reprint their licenses, which have been reformatted to include their antlerless permits. Paper "post card" permits will not be sent in regular mail.

Airport

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landings and take-offs, an improved aircraft taxi-lane and a new road. "There's been a need for hangars for years," said Mike Vincent, owner and co-founder of J&M Aviation, a company that maintains aircraft and has been based at Middlebury State Airport for 22 years. "I have a list of around 20 people that want a hangar. There isn't an area (in the existing hangars) that you could fit another airplane in."

At this moment, the lack of hangars is forcing several local plane owners to park their machines at other airports, including in Burlington and Highgate, Vincent said.

"Every (Vermont) airport is in need of hangars," he added. Though there's a national shortage of commercial airline pilots, Vincent said some locals chose to earn their wings during the downtime of the pandemic. Consequently, more folks have invested in small aircraft for recreational and business purposes and want a covered place to park them.

There are 10 hangars at the northern end of the airfield, and another two next to the facility's fuel farm, according to Vincent.

He noted J&M currently uses two hangars and could use additional space to accommodate the mini procession of planes that scoot in for painting, fixes and other work.

Vincent lives with the airport 24/7. He not only works there, he also resides just over a mile away from — and in the flight pattern of — the facility. So he hears the takeoffs, landings, helicopter hovering and other noises the rest of the neighbors experience. He used to live on Water Street, within easy earshot of freight trains moving through downtown

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— Bill Hanf, Green Mountain Avionics

Middlebury. He sympathizes with neighborhood concerns, but also noted the Middlebury Airport has been operating since around 1950.

"I know that change and worries are always on people's minds," he said, "but I didn't live at Water Street or move to my current house without checking to make sure of the area I'm living in."

It wasn't that long ago that the airport was a lot more active, according to Vincent. J&M once offered flight school, which at times saw three training planes circling the airport throughout the day.

That flight school was grounded in 2010. "It just became financially hard to sustain," Vincent said. "And right now, there's a pilot shortage and a mechanic shortage."

At one point, J&M employed more than 20, but the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the 2008 stock market crash and the COVID-19 pandemic have all played a role in trimming the company's workforce to the current 2.5 positions.

"We've had our ups and downs with aviation through the years," Vincent said, gazing out at the 3,600-foot runway that was unpaved when J&M first took flight. But he said business is now picking up and he's having to turn down jobs because he can't find qualified employees to do the work.

"Aviation changes, and we change with it," Vincent said.

AVIONICS COMPANY
Bill Hanf, a Bristol native, has spent most of his life in aviation, beginning with his enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from Mount Abraham Union High School. He trained as an avionics technician and as a helicopter gunner. After his service, he

joined the Cessna Citation aircraft company and worked on business jets in Long Beach, Calif., and Newburg, N.Y.

It was a nice life, but he felt the pull of Vermont during periodic drives from New York to Bristol. So he founded his own business, Green Mountain Avionics (GMA), at the Middlebury Airport in 2011. The growing company now has 10 workers and could easily add more, according to Hanf.

The GMA staff dutifully checks, finetunes and installs avionics systems into airplanes that are flown into the Middlebury Airport for that service. Avionics include critical electronic communications and navigation equipment that help aircraft fly safely.

Some GMA clients fly their airplanes into the Middlebury Airport to have the work done. Hanf can use his personal plane to fly the client back home, or he'll come out and fetch the customer's aircraft himself. Most of his clients hail from the Northeast.

Individual jobs can last a single day, or months, depending on the complexity.

Hanf operates GMA out of two hangars that were a beehive of activity during a Sept. 9 interview. A few employees busily ferreted out parts while others were acrobatically wedged into the cockpits of two small airplanes, installing and repairing avionics.

GMA has been growing steadily, at a clip of around one new worker per year.

"I could probably put a few more people to work immediately," Hanf said. But, like Vincent, he's finding a very shallow pool of experienced aviation maintenance personnel.

"There's more work than there are skilled technicians," he lamented.

So a big chunk of GMA's workforce is made up of fairly recent graduates of tech centers stretching from Burlington, Vt., to Missouri. These employees — most of them in their late teens and 20s — learn on the job under the guidance of senior management,



GREEN MOUNTAIN AVIONICS owner/founder Bill Hanf, right, and employee Seth Armstrong stand in front of one of the airplanes the growing company is currently servicing at the Middlebury State Airport. Hanf would like to see his company grow in Middlebury.

Independent photo/John Flowers

developing skills that increase their responsibilities at GMA while preparing them for other jobs in the aviation industry.

The Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center doesn't have an aviation program, but GMA occasionally invites local auto/diesel education students for field trips.

Seth Armstrong graduated from the Burlington (Vt.) Tech Center in 2014 with a specialty in avionics. But he was living in Burlington delivering pizzas when Hanf gave him a call about an entry level job with GMA. He went from being a trainee to avionics installation and repair, fabricating wiring harnesses, operating panel cutting and powder coating machinery.

"I tried it, decided I liked, and here we are seven years later," Armstrong said with a smile.

Jasper Shattuck, from Richmond, joined GMA around a year ago. He called it "a great place to work" that continues to offer welcome challenges.

"Every day you come across something new that you don't think you're necessarily going to run into," he said, adding, "the standard here is pretty high."

Hanf has been able to further raise the profile of his company as chairman of the Aircraft Electronics Association board, which represents avionics manufacturers, vendors and businesses throughout the world. He'd like to continue to grow GMA at the Middlebury Airport, where the company is outgrowing its two hangars.

Ideally, Hanf would like to see GMA operating out of a single hangar.

"We're at a point where we're becoming facilities-limited again," Hanf said.

"The airport needs to be maintained and occasionally improvements need to be made," he added. "We're maxed-out on hangar space. Every single week, someone asks me about hangar availability."

ENCOURAGING BUSINESS

Fred Kenney is executive director of the Addison County Economic Development Corp. He, too, would like to see the Middlebury Airport become more of a jobs-creator in the future.

"(The airport) is a vital economic development asset of the region. Existing hangar space is at capacity and they're anticipating growth in based aircraft. The ACEDC would support additional hangars and facilities — especially a general aviation building... It will encourage more use of the airport and it will encourage more businesses to locate here."

A "general aviation building" would host restrooms, a computer station, refreshments and other basic amenities for those arriving at, and transiting through, the airport.

While Kenney acknowledged a need for new hangars at the airport, he believes the property is well-suited to host new buildings for local startup companies that have outgrown garages and rented space. Such structures would be especially helpful for businesses that have an aviation bent, or could benefit from easy access to air travel, he reasoned.

"If there were space available at the airport, or the ability to build quickly a 4,000-square-foot facility for someone, that would be very helpful," he said.

Kenney stressed those living around the airport must play a role in how future development is vetted.

"We want it to be responsible development and take the neighbors' concerns in hand," he said.

Those concerns are plentiful and were reiterated this week in a letter authored by state Sen. Ruth Hardy, state Rep. Amy Sheldon D-Middlebury and Middlebury selectboard members Lindsey Fuentes-George and Farhad Khan.

All four reside in, and represent, East Middlebury.

The Sept. 12 letter — addressed to Middlebury selectboard Chair Brian Carpenter and VTrans Secretary Joe Flynn — related to VTrans' Act 250 permit application and master plan for the Middlebury Airport.

"Due to the facility's proximity to essential community and natural resources, we oppose any plans or permits that could lead to increased air or ground transportation traffic, noise, emissions, or contaminants that could erode the quality of life, property values, or environment of the surrounding area," reads the letter, a full version of which is on Page 5A. "We believe that the Act 250 permit should be rejected and that the master plan should be clear that no further development, including lights or additional buildings, should be permitted at the Airport. If an expanded airport is determined to be a necessary resource for Addison County, then a new, more appropriate site should be established for the facility."

How does Middlebury College view the airport's potential role in economic development and future service to the college community?

"Middlebury College is committed to the economic vibrancy of the town of Middlebury and Addison County," reads a statement from Sarah Ray, the college's director of media relations. "We trust the governance and deliberative processes of the town and county to determine the best way to serve the transportation needs of our community."

Francisco Herrera, in charge of operations maintenance for the airport, declined comment for this story.

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MIKE VINCENT, CO-FOUNDER of J&M Aviation, repairs and maintains small airplanes at the Middlebury State Airport. He also used to operate a flight school at the airport.

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Merkel

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wrote he had planned to retire in November 2024, but “due to the events of the past four years, the continued and unwarranted disrespect and treatment of myself and the Vergennes Police Department” he would step down earlier.

Merkel has declined to expand on that written expression of discontent.

Councilor Mel Hawley spoke during the hourlong discussion devoted to Merkel, first praising what Merkel has done for the city during his more than 13 years as city chief.

“We were an absolute embarrassment from a police department standpoint” before Merkel, Hawley said. “We went on a mission to rebuild the Vergennes Police Department, and we did that, and it’s very much to George Merkel’s credit.”

Hawley said Merkel would have stayed on until November 2024 if he had been shown respect, something he described as lacking in recent years.

“That’s the reason why George left working for the city of Vergennes, OK. It’s because he felt he was not being listened to. And I’m talking about you, Matt (Chabot), when he’s talking about overtime and he gets cut off,” Hawley said. “I’m talking about Manager Redmond. There’s times where he feels he’s not being listened to and not being respected.”

Hawley also pointed to Councilor Ian Huizenga’s successful motion to cut \$31,000 from the police budget “at the last minute” during 2022 budget deliberations.

“That was an arbitrary decision,” Hawley said. “And I knew it wouldn’t be received well by Chief Merkel and his officers ... They receive that as the city council doesn’t support us.”

But Huizenga disputed Hawley’s description of his motion. Huizenga instead offered a picture from the council’s point of view what it could be like working with Merkel.

Huizenga said before the council budget session in question he spoke to Merkel for three hours

on the phone seeking a mutual understanding on where savings in the police budget could be realized, a call similar to ones he said he made to other department heads. Huizenga said he found Merkel unresponsive.

“I was looking for some give-and-take,” Huizenga said. “I got none.”

RESIDENTS SPEAK
Donnelly spoke first on Tuesday about management issues.

“It is the department head’s responsibility to manage budgets within the parameters approved by the city council. It’s not the city manager’s responsibility to dictate where the department heads place their priorities,” she said.

Donnelly then called for a prompt public meeting to persuade Merkel to stay on.

“We are respectfully asking this city council and the city manager resolve the differences between the manager and the chief and let the chief run the department,” she said.

“The discussion should not be adversarial in any way, but asking the questions necessary to ensure Chief Merkel is able to establish a working relationship with his officers and not interfered with by the council or the manager within the approved budget ... We are asking for the mayor to call a session as soon as possible to resolve the situation quickly and to the chief’s satisfaction.”

Donnelly also asked the city to name the police station after Merkel “in recognition of his outstanding work and dedication.” Several others said the city could be a less safe place if Merkel was allowed to leave.

Resident Brenda Logee said the entire state’s reputation is “rapidly changing to a destination for prostitution, late-term abortion and drugs,” and said she was concerned “our most vulnerable young people could be exploited with increasing frequency” along with “an inevitable increase in

violent crime.”

She said she did not want to see Vergennes go down that path.

“One need only look at Burlington to know this is true,” Logee said, adding she objected to potential cuts that would leave no officers on duty during overnight hours and to one-officer shifts.

Nicole from Ferrisburgh (her last name was inaudible online) emphasized Merkel and his department had unflinching responded to help local communities in support of Vermont State Police, help she said she would not want to lose.

Former VSP station commander Mike Manley echoed her and said the council should focus on “getting George Merkel to stay,” in part because of the risk of further defections, especially if officers could be asked to work alone.

“This is one of the best police departments in the state,” Manley said. “A lot of the reason the department functions so well is George Merkel.”

Tim Buskey, a former longtime owner of a downtown eldercare home, cited the positive impact of the department under Merkel.

“His department came to our rescue on more than five occasions I can count off the top of my head, and it was the kind of policing we want in this community,” he said.

Like others, he called Burlington unsafe, and he did not want to see the same in the smaller city.

“We don’t want that to happen to Vergennes,” he added.

A resident of Booth Woods said she had a bullet go through her shed close to her bedroom, and was worried limited patrols could be cut further if the department was downsized, and she added, “We have some concerns with drugs in our city.”

COUNTERPOINT

Not all saw Merkel’s departure as the end of the world. Deputy Mayor Dickie Austin said people were not giving enough credit to

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“This is one of the best police departments in the state ... A lot of the reason the department functions so well is George Merkel.”

— Mike Manley

Builder

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Maple Construction co-founder Sean Flynn and his leadership team. Instead of climbing into a Chevy or a Ford, Flynn often finds himself hopping into his Cirrus SR22t, a five-person aircraft he keeps sheltered and fueled at the Middlebury State Airport.

Simply put, as the goalposts have moved on construction opportunities, Flynn has found a way get to them quickly and conveniently on a plane that he’s learned to pilot.

“To accomplish this, I trained to become a pilot, then an instrument pilot and now a commercial pilot and made a significant capital outlay for a capable airplane that has become my ‘pickup truck’ in the sky,” Flynn said. “It is a rare week that I am not in the air somewhere in New England.”

Having wings has allowed New Haven-based Silver Maple to supplement its local portfolio with three kinds of out-of-state contracts:

- Residential and commercial projects, run at a distance. Flynn manages those projects from here, and his New Haven-based team can pre-fabricate much of the construction at its panel shop at 227 Pond Lane and its woodshop on Route 7.

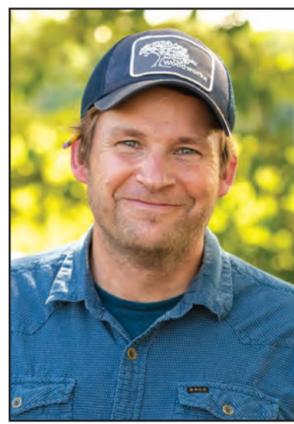
Silver Maple employs a team of subcontractors to drive to the project site and work in four-day increments to finish off the work.

“Right now, the largest of those projects is in New Hampshire, where we’re working on a \$20 million project, and most of it is being done by Addison County trades,” Flynn said proudly.

- Work done in Silver Maple’s cabinet shops for projects that might be in New York, Massachusetts or New Jersey. That sometimes involves trips in the plane with Flynn and a work crew. Thanks to Silver Maple’s expansive workshops, much of the cabinetry work can be done in advance.

Most of the cabinetry measure-ups, the back and forth with the client and the design work is accomplished by Flynn through air commutes.

- Project management and owner’s agent for major, out-of-state projects throughout the country. This calls for Flynn to consult and act on the owner’s behalf on project design,



SEAN FLYNN

construction and other related matters.

“That’s what’s putting me in the air quite a lot,” he confessed.

It’s work that’s also exported Silver Maple’s name and reputation, to a point where Flynn is bringing back more work for his own staff to do.

“As of today, I just came back with what looks like another \$10 million in commercial projects, all within eight hours of (Addison County),” he said. “That work will be run by us — our panel shop, our wood shop and my project management, along with commercial subcontractors in the project area.”

It can be tricky balancing out-of-state commitments, local projects and family life, but Flynn manages.

“I wouldn’t have taken the work if I couldn’t guarantee I could be on these multiple projects at a distance,” he said, estimating he’s in the air three or four times a week for flights that usually span two to four hours.

All of this flight time has made Flynn bullish on the Middlebury Airport, which he’d like to see grow in hangars and in pilot amenities.

He currently rents hangar space here from Green Mountain Avionics. But that rental will soon end, as Flynn has received permission to build a five-bay hangar at the southern end of the airfield. He’s keeping one of the bays and has pre-sold the other four.

“People know there isn’t any availability,” he said of Middlebury Airport hangars, “but I bet I had at least 25 people reach

out and say, ‘I heard you were going to build a hangar, what’s the update on that?’”

Some local airplane owners are content with uncovered tie-down spots near the runway. That’s not an option for Flynn, whose airplane is made of carbon fiber and fiberglass, and thus can’t be stored outdoors.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has filed an Act 250 application seeking approval of nine new hangars at the Middlebury Airport, ranging in size from 3,600 to 14,400 square feet. The agency’s vision for the Middlebury Airport also includes installation of precision approach path indicators (PAPI) lights to help pilots with nighttime landings and take-offs, an improved aircraft taxi-lane and a new road.

Flynn is confident the state will follow through with at least some of the improvements, and hopes new hangars and lighting are part of the mix. He’s a particular fan of the PAPI lights, designed to not reflect into the surrounding neighborhoods.

“I’m desperate for (airfield lighting),” said Flynn, who doesn’t have the option of making nighttime landings in Middlebury right now. “It’s also a safety issue. With the Adirondack Mountains and the cloud cover that can sometimes come between those two points... we sometimes lose light a lot sooner than anticipated and I’m landing darned near in the dark, which is not a safe choice without lights.”

His current fallback is to divert to the Ticonderoga, N.Y., airport and get a ride to Addison County.

Having a thriving local airport would allow companies to offer employees the quality of life of Vermont and the ability, like Silver Maple, to cast their mercantile nets beyond state borders, according to Flynn.

Use of the local airfield has, by Flynn’s estimates, allowed Silver Maple to create 12 new jobs, has yielded around \$12 million in additional revenue, strengthened the company’s panel division, and provided more work to county subcontractors.

“It has allowed me to have a business in Vermont that has a New England-wide presence,” he said. “That’s huge.”

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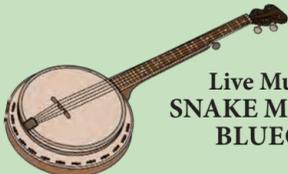


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Vergennes

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 the rest of the department.
 “We have an incredibly talented and highly trained police force, an entire department that is more than just one man,” Austin said. “The idea that George is retiring at the end of October after a long and well-done career does not mean that this city of Vergennes is going to fall into a lawless wasteland.”
 A city resident named Sam (inaudible last name) said police spending and activity should be overseen like that of any other department.
 Resident Tim Cook said although most people speaking on Tuesday favored the police status quo, that’s not necessarily how the majority voted in recent council elections.
 “Most of the people on this city council ran talking about city budget, and the police budget in particular,” Cook said. “It is high per capita for what we have here. We can talk about disrespect and feelings. That’s not how we need to run. We need facts. We need

money. We need balanced budgets. And we need money for other things than guns on the right hips on the streets.”
 Resident Catherine Brooks said Merkel leaves “a terrific legacy,” and expressed hope about what might come next.
 “What happens when things change is the bar can go up,” Brooks said. “And given that Vergennes continues to be a better and better place to live I would love to see some confidence and faith that everything that George has done, that that will be honored, and that we will move forward from there.”
 Former councilor Mark Koenig suggested Merkel could have been more receptive as “an employee who reports to the city manager” and also given weight to recommendations made this year by the Citizen Review Board Exploratory Committee and International Association of Chiefs of Police.
 “The Vergennes chief in place

should be willing to engage with those suggestions and findings,” Koenig said. “The accomplishments that George Merkel has made should be acknowledged and commended ... The fact he did the job so well should be no surprise to anyone who ever worked with him. But now is the time to honor George’s decision to retire.”
 Resident Jeremy Holm said he supported a smaller department, but that was not the “major point” he wanted to make.
 “We need to come together and find ways to agree,” he said. “All of us love and care about this community ... We need to maintain respect and entertain the idea that the person arguing against us could be right.”
 The session ended with Donnelly pressing Chabot again for what she called “a slim chance” that Merkel could be persuaded to stay on: “Are you going to set a meeting?”
 “Not at this time, I’m not” Chabot said.

Bevere

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 Election.
 Bevere, 47, and his wife Kelly have lived in Middlebury since 2003. Both are Middlebury College graduates. Kelly Bevere is an assistant athletic director at her alma mater and is in her 13th season as head coach of its softball team. She’s the winningest coach in program history.
 Peter Bevere graduated from the New England School of Law in Boston in 2001. His first job out of law school was as an assistant district attorney with the Cape & Islands District Attorney’s office. After two years in the role, he followed Kelly to Middlebury after she landed her job at the college.
 His first job in Vermont was as an attorney with Rutland-based Meub Associates, where he did his clerkship requirement for admission to the Vermont Bar. He quickly moved on to the role of domestic violence prosecutor for the Chittenden County State’s Attorney’s Office. After three years

in that job, he transitioned back to private practice, as an associate with English, Carroll & Boe in Middlebury.
 But in 2011, Bevere decided to return to prosecuting. He joined the Rutland County State’s Attorney’s Office, where he served prior to joining the Addison County state’s attorney’s office in January 2019.
 Bevere has settled into his new role in the state’s attorney’s office. He believes the hands-on experience of a 20-year career as an attorney, including his 16 years as a prosecutor — have groomed him well for the promotion he is seeking from county voters.
 Like Wygmans, Bevere has had to prosecute cases and manage the state’s attorney’s office during the COVID-19 pandemic. In-person court activities have been slow to return to Vermont courthouses, but the work has continued according to Bevere.
 “I had the last trial before COVID shut us down, and then Dennis and I did a trial in November (2021). That was the first trial we had had post-COVID,” he said. “But when we got shut down, Dennis made sure we were continuing to work our cases, that we were still gathering discovery and sharing it. We were still doing remote depositions, still making offers on cases and resolving cases.”
 Consequently, the Addison County prosecutor’s office isn’t carrying a big, pandemic-related backlog of cases, according to Bevere.
 He heaped praise on all his office colleagues, including deputies Kim McManus and Michael Novelli. He routinely asks their opinions on cases and litigation strategy, a process he said will continue if he’s elected to the top job.
 “It’s important that the state’s attorney’s office works as a team,” Bevere said, likening the office to a small law firm. “I think I’m pretty open to dialogue, and I am always learning, myself.”
 The office’s current workload is steady and typically includes a number of retail theft, disorderly conduct, DUI, DUI-drugs and domestic violence/assault cases, Bevere noted.



PETER BEVERE

that the victim feels they’re part of the process.”
 Prosecuting these kinds of cases can be emotionally draining, but Bevere said he makes sure to separate his home life from his work life. He used to use his daily 45-minute drive from Middlebury to Rutland to decompress. He has no big commute these days, but gets a big boost from his family life, which has included Little League and football coaching. He and Kelly have two children.
 His overarching goal for the office is “To make sure our community is safe.”

If elected, he pledged to continue an “Alternatives Program” established by Wygmans that offers DUI offenders the opportunity to complete a six-month program culminating in dismissal of their case. The program includes counseling, a driving class and community service.
 In addition, Bevere wants to continue to work with Addison County Restorative Justice (ACRJ) on diversion programs that, among other things, provide a more direct path for driving-with-suspended license offenders to regain their driving privileges.

“The (ACRJ’s) programs are excellent, and they work,” he said.
 Another one of Bevere’s top priorities is to marshal more resources for the court system to better deal with people experiencing mental health challenges. He explained that a case must temporarily be set aside when a defendant is deemed not competent to stand trial. That person must then be evaluated, and in the most serious circumstances, hospitalized.
 There’s currently a shortage of mental health counselors and beds for mental health patients.

“It’s a huge problem,” Bevere said. “The criminal justice system isn’t equipped to handle people who are deemed ‘not competent.’”
 Bevere is again running as an independent, saying it’s a moniker that best describes the way he approaches issues.
 “I’ve made my decisions based on what I think is best (rather than what fits into a political party’s playbook),” he said. “I especially think it’s important when it comes to the state’s attorney’s office. Whether you’re a defendant, a victim of a crime or another attorney, everyone deserves to be treated fairly and equally. I don’t think the state’s attorney’s office should be politically motivated or considered an arm of a political party. It’s important that we’re neutral and independent.”

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PART OF MOUNT Abe's lobby renovation includes the installation of new windows and the creation of a two-part entry vestibule at the entrance of the Bristol school. Together, these two improvements will provide a more energy efficient way of heating the lobby.

Renovations

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The lobby project also includes extending the second-floor balcony, adding catwalks on either side and usable space where the balcony meets the front of the building. The balcony's wooden railing will be replaced by glass with frosted mountain landscape depictions, and the added space will create alcoves with lounge and study areas for students.

New windows have also been added to the space, which in conjunction with the renovated entryway, allows for a more energy efficient way of heating the lobby.

"We should see a big difference with the heat and just the feel of the lobby as well," Mount Abe facilities manager Mike Orvis explained.

Student input has played a big role in deciding the details of the lobby project. Warden and Orvis met with representatives

from each grade to discuss what students wanted out of the space. Suggestions for more seating and charging spaces have been incorporated when possible, and Warden has sought out additional student input for furnishing areas such as the balcony extension.

"It's really been the students that are picking out the furniture and the seating and what they want that space to look like so that it's a space kids want to be," Warden said.

NEW BATHROOMS

Students have driven the course of the renovations in other ways as well, as Warden said meeting students' privacy and accessibility needs was the impetus for creating new single-user, gender-neutral bathrooms in the high school.

"Every time we do a project, we're increasing accessibility," she said. "I also think of accessibility in terms of student needs, the need for privacy for students who are

transgender or non-binary and feel uncomfortable going into a restroom that's designated for men or women and for kids who just don't want to go into a public bathroom."

Seven new single-user, gender-neutral bathrooms have been created in the high school, five of which are ADA accessible. Multi-user bathrooms in the high school have also been remodeled as part of the project, with new tile and all new fixtures.

School officials have been able to achieve some additional, smaller construction projects in the building while the lobby and bathroom renovations are under way. These projects include renovating the front office and the faculty room in the high school wing and bringing the central staircase up to a higher fire safety standard.

Administrators have also worked to maintain a productive learning



NEW DISPLAY CASES at Mount Abraham High School provide a new, permanent home for trophies and awards previously displayed in the lobby. A major renovation of the lobby entrance is one of many construction projects under way at the Bristol school.

Independent photos/Marin Howell

environment for students while construction continues at the high school. Warden said this has been achieved by having the louder parts of the construction take place outside of school hours. A second shift of contractors works until midnight each day in addition to work done on the weekends in order to keep the projects moving forward while avoiding distractions.

"Hallways are accessible, and the contractors are all doing a great job of working in a way that minimizes disruptions. We are in daily communication about how things are going, changes that need to be made, etc.," Warden said.

This approach has allowed for a lot of headway on the projects since school started last month, and school officials expect to see more progress in the days ahead.

"I think things will start to fall into place rather quickly," Orvis said. "In another two weeks, I think things will be changing a lot."

The final bill for the construction is not yet in.

The lobby renovation was originally expected to cost \$1.62 million, with the bathroom renovations totaling an additional \$510,000. Warden said the cost of materials for the projects has



MOUNT ABE PRINCIPAL Shannon Warden holds an illustration of what the renovated lobby will look like when completed. New additions include a two-part entry vestibule that will provide the school with additional security, an extended balcony with study and lounge areas for students, and a large media wall with multiple TV screens.

been coming in around 20% higher than expected, and with the extended project timeline paying the contractors has cost more than anticipated as well.

The completed renovations will be revealed in phases as specific projects are completed, with the new and renovated bathrooms expected to be finished first. In the

meantime, students and staff are eagerly awaiting the big reveal.

"I just want to be there the moment the first wave of students starts to come in, to watch their faces," Warden said. "I'm just excited to see the kids' reactions, the community's reactions and how the kids are able to use the space."

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9/9 St. J vs MUHS42-14
 9/8 Milton vs MAV14-0
 9/11 Mill River vs OV12-7

Field Hockey

9/8 OV vs Rutland3-2 (OT)
 9/8 Burlington vs MUHS6-0
 9/8 CVU at Mt. AbePostponed
 9/10 Woodstock vs OV4-0
 9/10 Rice vs Mt. Abe2-1
 9/12 OV vs Windsor2-1
 9/14 Burlington at Mt. AbeLate
 9/14 MUHS at RiceLate

Girls' Soccer

9/9 MUHS vs OV4-0
 9/9 Missisquoi vs VUHS5-0
 9/10 South Burlington vs Mt. Abe1-0
 9/12 Randolph vs VUHS5-4
 9/13 Mt. Mansfield at Mt. Abe...Postponed
 9/14 West Rutland at OVLate
 9/14 VUHS at EnosburgLate
 9/14 MUHS at Fair HavenLate

Boys' Soccer

9/7 VUHS vs Winooski4-1
 9/7 Colchester vs MUHS5-2
 9/7 OV vs Proctor3-1
 9/8 U-32 vs Mt. Abe4-1
 9/10 VUHS at Mt. Abe1-1
 9/10 MUHS vs Mt. Anthony3-3
 9/13 Mt. Abe at Colchester... Ppd. to 9/14
 9/13 Woodstock at OVPostponed
 9/14 Mt. Mansfield at MUHSLate

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/10 Midd vs Amherst3-1
 9/11 Midd vs UNE4-0

Men's Soccer

9/10 Midd at Amherst1-1
 9/13 Midd at NorwichPostponed

Women's Soccer

9/10 Amherst vs Midd4-3
 9/11 Midd vs Wheaton3-1
 9/14 Midd at PlattsburghLate

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football

9/17 Springfield at OV 1 PM
 9/17 MAV at Missisquoi 1 PM
 9/17 St. Albans at MUHS 7 PM
 9/23 Rutland at MUHS 7 PM
 9/24 MAV at OV 1 PM

Field Hockey

9/16 MUHS at Mt. Abe 4 PM
 9/17 Brattleboro at OV11 AM
 9/20 OV at Burr & Burton 4 PM
 9/20 South Burlington at MUHS 4:30 PM
 9/22 Mt. Abe at South Burlington 4 PM
 9/24 MUHS at Essex10 AM
 9/24 Springfield at OV11 AM

Girls' Soccer

9/17 Mt. Abe at Colchester10 AM
 9/17 MUHS at Rutland11 AM
 9/20 VUHS at Rice 4:30 PM
 9/20 Mt. Abe at MUHS4:30 PM
 9/22 Milton at Mt. Abe4:30 PM
 9/23 Hartford at OV4:30 PM
 9/23 MUHS at Rice4:30 PM

Boys' Soccer

9/16 Fair Haven at VUHS4:30 PM
 9/17 Hartford at OV4:30 PM
 9/17 Mt. Abe at MUHS10 AM
 9/19 MUHS at Rutland 6 PM
 9/20 Hartford at Green Mt.4:30 PM
 9/21 MUHS at Missisquoi4:30 PM
 9/21 VUHS at Rice4:30 PM
 9/21 Mt. Abe at Milton4:30 PM
 9/24 VUHS at Missisquoi10 AM
 9/24 Fair Haven at OV10 AM
 9/24 MUHS at Mt. Abe10 AM

Cross Country

9/17 ...MUHS/Mt. Abe at U-32 Invitational
 9/20 VUHS/MUHS et al at Mt. Abe
 9/20OV at Hartford
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COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey

9/17 Hamilton at Midd Noon
 9/18 Midd at Babson 1 PM
 9/24 Midd at Bowdoin 11 AM
 9/25 Midd at Bates Noon

Men's Soccer

9/17 Hamilton at Midd Noon
 9/20 Framingham at Midd 4 PM
 9/24 Midd at Bowdoin Noon

Women's Soccer

9/17 Hamilton at Midd 11 AM
 9/21 Midd at Castleton 7 PM
 9/24 Midd at Bowdoin Noon
 9/25 Midd at Bates Noon

Football

9/17 Midd at Amherst 2 PM
 9/24 Wesleyan at Midd 1 PM



EAGLE MIDFIELDER JACK Breault has eyes on the prize as Commodore middle Jack Wyman, to his left, tries to slow Breault down. The two rival soccer teams battled to a 3-3 deadlock in Bristol on Saturday.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

Eagle, VUHS boys battle to tie

Intensity, highlight goals mark duel

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The rivalry between the Mount Abraham and Vergennes union high school boys' soccer teams sparked again on Saturday in all its intensity, but despite highlight-reel goals for both sides and 100 minutes of effort the teams settled for a 3-3 stalemate.

Three times the Eagles took

one-goal leads, but each time the Commodores answered in kind in a game that both coaches agreed probably reached a fair conclusion.

"It was a good Vergennes-Mount Abe game," said Commodore Coach Kevin Hayes, whose team stands at 2-0-1. "The way we played, a tie is fine."

Also fair enough, according to Mount Abe coach Rider

MacCrellich, whose team was 0-1-1 after dropping its opener at U-32 two days before.

"It felt good that we scored first every time, and they responded well," MacCrellich said.

Hayes did put a slightly different spin on the same pattern.

"We showed resilience to come back each time," Hayes said. (See Soccer, Page 4B)



EAGLE CENTER BACK Chance Denecker breaks up a rush by Commodore midfielder Rider Messinger during Saturday's 3-3 tie between the soccer teams on Saturday at Mount Abraham.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

College teams go 1-1-1 against Amherst, win other contests

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury College teams had mixed results on NESCAC rival Amherst's fields on Saturday before winning non-league games in subsequent action.

The field hockey and men's and women's soccer teams will all entertain Hamilton on Saturday.

FIELD HOCKEY

On Saturday the Middlebury field hockey earned a 3-1 victory at Amherst. The Panthers took the lead 1:18 into the game on a Katherine Lantz backhanded score, but the Mammoths evened the score in the first minute of the second period, when Muffie Mazambani one-timed home a cross.

Caroline Segal gave the Panthers the lead 1:16 before halftime. Picking up the rebound of her own shot off a defender and whipping it home. Amy Griffin made it 3-1 on a penalty stroke at 11:37 of the third quarter. Grace Harlan stopped four shots in the Panther cage, and Sara Nidus made three saves for the Mammoths.

On Sunday four Panthers scored in a 4-0 win at the University of New England (1-3). The Panthers extended their winning streak to 33.

In the first quarter Caroline Haggerty tipped in a Griffin shot to open the scoring. Griffin made it 2-0 with a second-quarter penalty stroke.

Katie George scored on a solo effort in the third period, and in the fourth Ellie Harrison banged home a Grace Keefe rebound.

Harlan and Thea Rosenzweig each made one save for the 3-0 Panthers, and UNE goalie Lindsay Pych stopped a dozen shots.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team battled

Amherst (1-0-1) to a 1-1 tie on Saturday. The Mammoths broke into the scoring column 28 minutes into the game, when Niall Murphy scored on an assist from Aidan Curtis.

Middlebury's Jordan Saint-Louis knotted the match in the 67th minute. Tyler Payne sent a through ball to Saint-Louis down the left side. Saint-Louis warded off a defender and sent a left-footed blast into the lower left corner. Panther goalie Ryan Grady made three saves, and Amherst's Bernie White denied five shots.

The Panthers had been scheduled to host Norwich on Tuesday, but that game was postponed due to an unfavorable forecast.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday host Amherst hung on for a 4-3 decision over the Panther women. Amherst controlled most of the first half took the lead with two goals midway through from Abby Schwartz and Liza Katz.

Middlebury got one back six minutes into the second half, when Joely Virzi intercepted an Amherst pass in the offensive zone, beat a defender down the right six and found the lower left corner.

The Mammoths responded with two quick goals. Isabel Stern took advantage of a Panther giveaway in the back to score from the 18, and Ally Deegan finished off a two-on-none counterattack two minutes later.

The Panthers scored twice in the late going. Maddie Schin ripped home a Carolina Espinosa back pass in the 82nd minute, and with just under five minutes remaining Roshann Purcell headed home a Kiley Bertos free kick from outside (See College, Page 2B)



EAGLE SENIOR CENTER midfielder Madi Gile does battle with two Rice players on Saturday at Mount Abraham. Visiting Rice edged the Eagles, 2-1.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

Field hockey: Eagles fall, OV takes 2 of 3

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY —During the past week of high school field hockey action, defending Division II champion Mount Abraham team took its first loss; Otter Valley

knocked off D-I and D-III teams but came up short against its only D-II foe; and Middlebury remained in search of its first victory.

EAGLES

On Saturday, visiting D-I Rice

hung on to deal the Eagles — and new Coach Jen Myers — their first setback, 2-1.

Rice scored first, the Eagles equalized, and then the Green Knights snuck in a goal early in the fourth quarter before dodging a late bullet (a missed penalty stroke) to escape with the win.

Myers was happy with stretches of strong play from her 2-1 team, but said they didn't start as strongly as they had in their victories.

"I would have liked to have definitely seen us come out the way that I have seen us come out before," Myers said. "Now it's figuring out how to go to that every game."

She expects that to occur. "We have a great group of kids who can control the tempo of games," Myers said. "I'm ready to watch that flourish as we work through the season."

After Sophia Chan's unassisted strike gave Rice the lead at 8:07 of the first quarter, Lily Case converted the Eagle goal at 8:41 of the second period with an assist from Paden Lathrop. Lathrop controlled on the endline and set up Case near the stroke line for the score.

"It was total execution of what we are looking for," Myers said. "There were other opportunities we had. We just couldn't capitalize on them."

Rice took the lead at 11:53 of the final period. Maddie Shaw found the cage, with the set-up coming from Clara Hershey.

The Eagles then put the pressure on. Olivia Campbell created (See Field hockey, Page 2B)



MOUNT ABE SENIOR forward Olivia Campbell moves the ball past a Rice defender toward the attacking circle during Saturday's home game. Rice dealt Mount Abe its first loss, 2-1

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

H.S. golfers vie locally

ADDISON COUNTY — Visiting Essex prevailed on Sept. 7 in the first golf match hosted by the Middlebury Union High School golf team at Ralph Myhre Golf Course in several years.

The Hornets, led by medalist Bryce Terborgh with a 37 over nine holes, coasted with a team score of 157. Burlington followed at 200, with the Tigers at 214.

Kellan Bartlett carded a 40 to lead MUHS, followed by Colin MacGuffie, 57; Ben Fuller, 58; Fynn Whitlock, 59; and Willem Berry, 63.

Mount Abraham independent Brenden Oxford and Vergennes non-scoring two-man team of

Devon Pierce and Nate Muzzy also played nine.

Oxford came in at 43, Pierce at 66, and Muzzy at 76.

The local players were back in action on Friday, when the two-player VUHS team hosted at the Basin Harbor Club Course. CVU (154) won, followed by Colchester (180) and MUHS (205).

CVU's Kaiden McClure earned medalist honors with a 36.

The Tiger scores were: MacGuffie, 42; Fuller, 48; Bartlett, 52; Whitlock, 63; and Berry, 65.

Pierce and Muzzy came in at 60 and 69, respectively, and Oxford fired a 41.



EAGLE MIDFIELDER MORGAN Barnard takes on a trio of Green Knights during the Mount Abe field hockey team's 2-1 home setback to Rice on Saturday.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

Field hockey

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the two best opportunities, twice stealing the ball deep in Rice territory. Her drive rolled wide right after the first steal, and the second turned into the penalty stroke. On that play, Campbell fed Case, whose shot beat Rice goalie Samara Plunkett, but was illegally saved by a defender's foot.

That brought senior center middle Madi Gile to the stroke line at 3:06, but one of the most clutch scorers in program history shot just wide left, and Rice held on for the victory. Plunkett made nine saves, while Eagle goalie Greta Jennison made seven.

Myers said Case played well, as did Campbell and Lathrop up front. Myers said Campbell, the group's senior veteran, has "definitely been a great leader" as the forwards have clicked early on.

Myers said Morgan Barnard and Sarah Heath are adapting as first-year starters at midfield, where they are flanking Gile, a four-year

starter.

Despite Saturday's Metro Conference loss, Myers believes the Eagles will hold their own.

"The competition has continued to increase since we started, as we expected," Myers said. "But I definitely think we're a competitive team in this league."

Mount Abe's Sept. 8 game vs. CVU was postponed. The Eagles were set to host Burlington on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

OTTERS

On Sept. 8, the visiting Otters defeated D-I rival Rutland, 3-2 in overtime, when Ryleigh Laporte netted a feed from Breanna Bovey after a Mackenzie McKay insert on a penalty corner. Laporte also scored in regulation, as did teammate Hannah Desabrais.

Rutland goalie Emma Cosgrove finished with 16 saves, while OV goalie Lily Morgan made three.

On Saturday, visiting Woodstock dealt the Otters their first loss, 4-0.

Four Wasps scored, and goalie Audrey Emery made four saves. Morgan denied seven Woodstock bids.

On Monday, the Otters improved to 3-1 with a 2-1 win at defending D-III champion Windsor.

The Yellowjackets scored first, but the Otters knotted the game with 27 seconds left in the first quarter on a LaPorte goal set up by Bovey.

After scoreless second and third quarters, McKay buried the game winner with 5:27 left in the fourth. Morgan made three saves.

OV next hosts Brattleboro on Saturday at 11 a.m.

TIGERS

On Sept. 8, visiting Burlington blanked the Tigers, 6-0. Maria Worden (three goals) and Lola Rubin (two) did most of the damage for the Seahorses. MUHS goalie Michaela Charbonneau made three saves.

The 0-3 Tigers were set to visit Rice on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

Of rain and glaciers: an Alaskan arts residency, part 1



MATTHEW DICKERSON

I'm sitting in Resurrect Art, a little cafe in Seward, Alaska. Sitting a few feet away are my daughter-in-law McKenna Dickerson and her sister, Sophie Poppenga, both Middlebury Union High School graduates. McKenna earned a bachelor's degree studying art and environmental studies at Saint Michael's College. Sophie is a junior at Colorado State University studying early childhood education. Sophie came to Alaska to surprise her sister. (She succeeded.) McKenna is here because she and I were selected as artists-in-residence by Alaska State Parks. Our residency ended yesterday. McKenna will be headed back to Vermont later today, and Sophie will start back to her studies tomorrow. I will remain in Alaska a little longer, visiting a remote, off-the-road-system high school in the middle of Lake Clark National Park.

It's raining steadily in Seward. It's supposed to rain steadily over

the next 48 hours, accumulating up to five inches. The National Weather Service warns of possible stream flooding. As I look out the window, the bases of the mountains surrounding Resurrection Bay are just faint shadows in the gray. The glaciers and the mountaintops are invisible altogether. I am not at all tempted to go outside and look for sea otters or seals (though I have seen them both here on previous trips.) I'm happy to stay dry. I've experienced enough rain during the past week and a half.

This morning, despite the predictions, we had three hours without rain as we drove down from Anchorage across the Turnagain Pass through the Chugach National Forest. The sun poked through the high clouds several times and the lower clouds were mere wisps clinging to the mountain slopes around us, like cotton grass fluttering in a tundra meadow. The textured mountains were beautiful. Yellow hardwood foliage accenting dark green spruce on the lower slopes led up to red patches of blueberry bushes, then to lichen, and finally to craggy gray rock interspersed with patches of

white snow. We caught glimpses of several glaciers including Portage Glacier and Spencer Glacier, before ending up at Exit Glacier off the Harding Ice Field in Kenai Fjords National Park, where we got out of the car and hiked as close as we were allowed.

Sitting in an arts-oriented cafe in the rain, surrounded by currently hidden glaciers, seems like a fitting end to our state parks arts residency even though it took place in two state parks in the Juneau area far down in southeast Alaska. One of those parks was Ernest Gruening State Historic Park, where we stayed at Eaglerock cabin built for Gruening when he served for 14 years as territorial governor. Guests of the Gruenings at the very cabin where we stayed included Earl Warren, Adlai Stevenson and John



F. Kennedy (when he was a senator). It was at the cabin that Gruening wrote many of the magazine articles as well as the book, "The State of Alaska" that helped lead to the territory becoming the 49th state (for which Gruening then served as senator for two terms.)

The history of the place was inspiring, and I soaked in as much as I could. But it was the surrounding scenery and landscape that moved me the most. Looking out the front deck of the cabin across Lynn Canal, we could see in the distance the 4,000-foot, snow-capped peaks of Tongass National Forest and Glacier Bay National Park. Behind us on the same shore rose the 6,000-foot peaks of the Juneau Ice Field and its numerous glacier arms: Herbert, Eagle and the more famous Mendenhall glaciers.

Closer in front of us was the calm water of Amalga Bay. During our stay, we had regular visits from a seal, a passing raft of otters, more bald eagles than we could count, and even a brief sighting of a humpback whale and a longer sighting of a pair of minke whales. A sea lion even passed by one day when I was inside writing, but I missed it.



MATTHEW DICKERSON, MCKENNA Dickerson and Sophie Poppenga stopped during a recent drive through southern Alaska to get as close as they could to Exit Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park.

Photo courtesy of Matthew Dickerson

I could see why Gruening fell in love with the place and could be so inspired to argue for its statehood.

But if it had been me arguing for statehood, I might have devoted even more words to the "salt chuck" lagoon on other side of the cabin (and not only because I had never heard of a "salt chuck" before), and

to the Peterson River flowing into it. Because that was not only where I saw the tundra swans and the family of river otters, but also where I caught a lot of silver salmon, coast cutthroat trout, and sea-run Dolly Varden char. But that is the subject of my next column.



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College

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the 18 on the right side.

Panther goalies Carolyn Kelley and Sydney Poppinga combined for 10 saves, and Amherst's Mika Fisher made eight.

On Sunday the Panthers moved to 2-1 by defeating visiting Wheaton, 3-1. The Panthers scored twice in the second half to snap a 1-1 halftime tie.

The 3-2 Lyons got on the board in the 13th minute on a Kate Wickenheisser goal. Middlebury answered a minute later, when

Sophia Cole converted after Ella Gagnon sent her in alone on goal.

Middlebury took the lead in the 61st minute, when Elizabeth Jack netted a Carolyn Days serve into the box. Cate Woolsey found the lower left corner a minute later from six yards out to add a pad goal. Jack's and Woolsey's goals were their first as Panthers.

Kelley and Lucy VanNewkirk combined for three saves for Middlebury, while Patricia Bandrup made 10 for Wheaton.

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Tiger girls' soccer tops OV; Eagles, VUHS fall

ADDISON COUNTY — In high school girls' soccer action between Sept. 7 and 13, Middlebury topped Otter Valley, while Mount Abraham lost to an undefeated Division I team, and Vergennes dropped a pair of contests, one of them a high-scoring shootout.

MUHS VS. OV

On Friday, the Tigers eased past OV, 4-0. **Lia Robinson** led

the way with a goal and an assist, and **Jazmyn Hurley**, **Harper Werme** and **Meredith Horne** also found the net. Goalies **Kassidy Brown** (two saves) and **Georgia Peach Parmelee-Varkoutas** (one) shared the shutout. Otter **Linnea Faulkner** denied 13 Tiger bids.

The Tigers (2-1) were set to visit Fair Haven on Wednesday, while the Otters were scheduled

to host West Rutland at the same time. Those games were played after the deadline for this edition.

EAGLES

On Saturday, the Eagles held their own with an undefeated D-I South Burlington squad, but the Wolves prevailed, 1-0, on a Rachel Kelly goal with 11 minutes remaining. SBHS goalie Taylor Desjardin made four saves, and the Eagles' **Joanna Toy** blocked 11 shots.

The Eagles' Tuesday game vs. Mt. Mansfield was postponed, with no makeup date immediately set.

COMMODORES

On Friday, visiting Missisquoi blanked the VUHS girls, 5-0. The T-Birds outshot the Commodores, 19-6; got goals from five players; and took at 3-0 lead into halftime.

On Monday, visiting Randolph outscored VUHS, 5-4. The Ghosts' Libby Cooper score three times, and Shiloh Lake had a pair of goals. Cooper's goal seven minutes into the second half made it 5-3 and held up as the game-winner. Randolph goalie Rosa Barden made four saves.



EAGLE SOPHOMORE BACK Brailey Livingston shuts down a South Burlington attack during the Mount Abe girls' soccer team's 1-0 loss to the visiting D-I Wolves on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Buzz Kuhns

Commodore freshman **Ava Francis** broke loose for three goals and an assist, and classmate **Ashtin Stearns** scored her first varsity goal. **Tryphene Miguel** and **Alaina LeBeau** chipped

in assists, and goalie **Faith McAllister** stopped four shots, as VUHS dropped to 0-3.

The Commodores were set to visit Enosburg on Wednesday.

Ralph Myhre golfers active

MIDDLEBURY — Four Ralph Myhre Golf Course members competed in a Vermont State Women's Golf Association tournament at the Vermont National Country Club on Sept. 6.

Susan Rand fared best, firing the first-place net score in Flight 2.

In Flight 3, Nicole Laberge finished in a tie for second-place gross, and Kathy Allbright was sixth-place net. In Flight 6, Kathy Mackey earned a tie for sixth-place gross.

In regular Thursday Afternoon Bill Davidson Men's Golf, the foursome of Steve Maier, Tom Maxwell, Donald Dayton and Pete Damone prevailed.

Eric Bergland, David Zarowin, Matthew Biette and Ken Roth were second, with Dave Campbell, Marsdin Van Order, Tom McGinn and Uwe Luksch in third. Campbell's 72 was the best low net score.



MOUNT ABE JUNIOR goalie **Jo Toy** sprawls to make one of her 10 saves against visiting South Burlington on Saturday. The visiting Wolves edged the Eagles, 1-0.

Photo courtesy of Buzz Kuhns

LaDuc, Provencher win at Bowl

WEST HAVEN — Orwell's Tim LaDuc and Bridport's Gage Provencher were among Saturday's winners on Devil's Bowl Speedway's dirt track.

LaDuc picked up a 30-lap victory in the top Sportsman Modified division. It was his fourth in the division and fifth at the track this summer, having also taken an Enduro Series race in July. LaDuc edged runner-up Dylan Rabtoy for his 60th career win at Devil's Bowl, second all-time behind Kenny Tremont Jr. (90).

Leicester's Adam Piper took fifth, Bridport's Troy Audet was sixth, Brandon's Vince Quenneville was seventh, Shoreham's Brent Warren was eighth, and Middlebury's Justin Comes was 10th.

Quechee's Jason Quenneville prevailed in the Limited Sportsman division. Quenneville outdueled runner-up Fred Little of Salisbury for the win in a 25-lap race. New Haven's Steve Miller was fifth.

New Hampshire's Camden Duffy picked up his third win in the Rookie Sportsman division, running a competitive 20-lap race. William Lussier Jr. was second. Orwell's Daryl Gebo and Salisbury's Nick Austin-Neil ran 5-6.

With point leader Chris Sumner out due to mechanical problems, Fair Haven's Matt Wade prevailed in the 15-lap Mini Stock A feature. Wade, second in the point standings, edged Cornwall drivers Jake Barrows and Brian Blake

in second and third, respectively. Bristol's Griff Mahoney was fifth.

Granville, N.Y.'s Jake Mallory won the 10-lap Mini Stock B Feature, with East Middlebury's Joe Malzac in second and Cornwall's Brian Barrows in fifth. Bridport's Provencher, 13, scored his third win of the season in the 500cc Mini Sprint division. Defending champion Ray Hanson of Orwell took second, and Whiting's Logan Denis was third.

Colchester's Andrew Lopes was a first-time winner in the 50-lap Enduro Series race. The Enduro veteran scored after about a decade of trying, followed by previous Orwell winners Eric Leno and Tim LaDuc.

High school football teams fall short

ADDISON COUNTY — None of the local high school football teams emerged with a victory this past weekend, as Middlebury and Otter Valley lost on the road, while the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative squad dropped a home contest.

TIGERS

On Friday, host St. Johnsbury pulled away in the fourth quarter to defeat the Tigers, 42-14. The Hilltoppers took a 28-0 halftime lead before third-quarter rushing touchdowns by **Cole Schnoor** and **Gavin McNulty** put the Tigers within striking distance. But the Hilltoppers converted a third-and-24 play on their next drive, which was capped by Alex Orozco's scoring run, his second TD of the game, and St. J also added a late score.

Hilltopper quarterback Quinn Murphy rushed for two touchdowns and three TD passes to Orozco,

Caleb Pontti and Gavynn Kenney-Young. St. J moved to 2-0.

The 0-2 Tigers will next host St. Albans at 7 p.m. in a rare Saturday night game.

EAGLES

On Saturday, visiting Milton prevailed in a defensive battle with MAV, 14-0. The Yellowjackets' Caleb Barnier scored the game's only offensive touchdown on a 30-yard run, and Milton's Addison Tenny sealed his team's win by returning an interception 60 yards for a touchdown.

The 1-1 Eagles will visit Missisquoi this Saturday in another Division III contest.

OTTERS

In a rare Sunday game, host Mill River got past the Otters, 12-7, in another D-III game. OV thought it had taken a fourth-quarter lead on **Caleb Whitney's** long interception return for a touchdown, but it was called back for an illegal block

during the runback.

Mill River's Taylor Patch then intercepted Whitney on a fourth down play as the 2-0 Minutemen sealed their win and dropped the Otters to 0-2.

Mill River had already picked off a pass in the end zone before launching its long go-ahead drive, scoring the winning touchdown on a 6-yard toss from Anthony Cavalieri to Toby Pytlik. That score wiped out OV's 7-6 lead.

Pytlik also scored in the second quarter on a 25-yard pass from Cavalieri.

Otter Valley answered before halftime on a 1-yard Whitney run, a play set up by a toss from Whitney to **Luca Polli**. That remains the Otters' only score through two games.

Whitney threw for 117 yards and rushed for 48. **Keevon Parks** added 36 yards on the ground for OV, which will host Springfield on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Nyna Cole

Middlebury Union High School introduces Nyna Cole as its first Student of the Week for the 2022-23 academic year. Nyna resides in Weybridge with her parents, Dave Cole and Robin Foster Cole. Her older brother, Aiden, is a student at Washington University in St. Louis.

Academically, Nyna has seen solid success and her name regularly appears on the Honor Roll. She believes that her teachers have consistently encouraged her and she's appreciated their enthusiasm even during the challenges of the pandemic. She is especially grateful for Mr. Harrington who "always makes learning fun" and assists with homework and when she finds an assignment to be challenging. An avid athlete, Nyna has captained the girls ice hockey team and will lead the girls lacrosse team in the spring. She also serves as a Peer Leader at MUHS.

MUHS honored Nyna by awarding her the Dorey Cup at the June 2022 graduation ceremonies. This award is given each year to a male and female student based on their athletic abilities, leadership and academic achievement. Nyna's commitment to her studies, participation in Tiger athletics and involvement in a wide range of school and community service, made her a natural choice for this honor. She was also recently honored by the College Board with a Rural and Small Town Recognition Award.

She has a wide range of interests and hobbies, but a personal favorite is making pies, especially raspberry pie from a family recipe. She spent the summer working as a nanny and assisted in her father's machine shop. Nyna values her participation in the Congregational Church's youth group and their annual service trips. She and her peers have done work on Vermont's Long Trail and this year they traveled to Farmington, Maine and did home repairs.

Nyna is a candidate for the full International Baccalaureate diploma and is looking ahead to college with enthusiasm and adds that senior year is going to be full of fun activities and interesting coursework. She's concentrated her college search on small to mid-sized institutions in the northeast. In a prior summer she participated in RYLA, a youth leadership program sponsored by Rotary and has continued to be involved with the local Middlebury club.

Everyone at the high school wishes Nyna well in the years to come as we know a bright future awaits!



Nyna Cole
MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Jackson Bennett

Jackson Bennett of Vergennes is Vergennes Union High School's first Student of the Week for the 2022-2023 school year. He is the son of James and Kim Bennett. He also has "an awesome sister (but don't tell her I said that)," Lizi. He also has a fair number of animals — a dog and cat, six chickens and two goats.

He says that though many people may shake their heads in disbelief, he absolutely loves going to school. He values socializing with people his age, learning awesome and useful material, and connecting with his community. He finds that school is not only a place to learn, but also to grow as a person — and it is also fun. He thinks school is a great opportunity to challenge oneself academically, physically and socially with potentially great rewards. Jackson finds it hard to narrow down his favorite class because he loves them all, but he's especially fascinated with science and literature, so his AP Language class is great fun, and he's sure that physics, which starts next semester, will be too. Jackson made the honor roll last year and hopes to do so again. He has been inducted into the National Honor Society. As a finalist in the Senator Sanders State of the Union Essay Contest, he went to the State House to meet Bernie Sanders. He says overall, there have been many valuable opportunities to develop his academic and leadership skills while at VUHS, which he is grateful for.

Jackson has been rowing for VUHS since middle school and did chess club last year. He had also been involved in student government serving as secretary of the student senate last year. He's considering running for an office again this year. Jackson has forgone getting a job, wanting to focus on doing his best in academics, and making sure he completes all his homework. He does, however, help his dad out in the stone mason business from time to time. When not doing any of these things he reads voraciously, particularly fantasy novels, plays Dungeons and Dragons with friends, shoots his bow and arrow, and gardens.

Jackson wants to be a research scientist or chemical engineer, and is looking at several colleges, including RPI. With all his drive and enthusiasm, VUHS is sure Jackson will flourish wherever he goes.



Jackson Bennett
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Boys' soccer teams see solid results

ADDISON COUNTY — In recent high school boys' soccer action, Middlebury dropped its opener to a Division I team, but bounced back to defeat another D-I side; the Eagles fell on the road in their opener; VUHS coasted in a D-III game; and Otter Valley improved to 2-0.

The Eagles also hosted VUHS on Saturday; see story on Page 1B.

TIGERS

On Sept. 7, the Tigers dropped their opener to host Colchester, 5-2. Jacques Alfani scored twice for the Lakers, Ethan Gamelin set up three scores, and goalie Stephane Mujomba made five saves. **Zach Wilkerson** and **Iver Anderson** scored for MUHS, with assists from **Ollie Anderson** and **Trey Bosworth**, and goalie **Owen Lawton** made 10 saves.

On Saturday, the Tigers bounced back to defeat D-I Mount Anthony, 4-2. The 2-1 Patriots had earned road wins at Burlington and St. J before falling to MUHS. "Middlebury was

the better team throughout," said Coach Chris George.

Ronen Silberman gave the Tigers the early lead with a penalty kick, and Wilkerson and Ollie Anderson, from **Bronson Schoelzel**, made it 3-1 at the break. The teams traded goals in the second half, with Silberman, assisted by **Eddie Fallis**, scoring for MUHS. Collin Bevin netted both MAU goals, and two Patriot goalies combined for 10 stops. Lawton made seven saves.

The Tigers were set to host Mount Mansfield on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

COMMODORES

On Sept. 7, the Commodores scored four times in the second half to defeat host Winooski, 4-1. **Henry Anderson** led the way by scoring two goals and setting up another, **Shamus Rooney** recorded a goal and two assists, **Elijah Duprey** scored, and **Xavier DeBlois** picked up an assist. Goalie **Devin Brisson** made six saves.

Emmanuel Omar scored a late

goal for the Spartans, and Ahmad Abdilah made four saves.

After winning their opener, the Commodores head to Mount Abe next on Saturday.

EAGLES

On Sept. 8, host U-32 defeated the Eagles, 4-1, in their season opener. Four Raiders scored, and goalie AJ Moore made seven saves. **Jonah Howell** found the net for Mount Abe, and goalie **Domenic Denapoli** stopped six shots.

The Eagles' Tuesday game at Colchester was moved to Wednesday.

OTTERS

On Sept. 7, the Otters bested host Proctor, 3-1, getting two goals from **Owen Thomas** and one from **Thomas Politano**, plus an assist from **Conor Denis**. Isaac Parker spoiled the OV shutout in the 77th minute.

The 2-0 Otters' scheduled Tuesday home game vs. Woodstock was called off, with no makeup date immediately set.



COMMODORE FORWARD ELIJAH Duprey makes a play on the ball as Eagle center back **Owen Frizzell** (No. 1) moves in and VUHS middle **Jack Wyman** (No. 2) looks on. The Eagles and Commodores soccer sides tied, 3-3, in Bristol on Saturday.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

County schools run at BHS invite

ST. ALBANS — The Middlebury Union High School girls' and boys' cross-country teams each finished second in Division II at the Burlington Invitational on Saturday, which the Seahorse team hosted in St. Albans.

Beth McIntosh led the Tiger girls by taking second in D-II, while Baxter Harrington paced the Tiger boys in third.

Kayla Friend and Sean Davison led the Mount Abraham girls and boys, respectively, while Calder Rakowski and Torrey Hanna paced

the non-scoring Vergennes boys and girls, respectively. Only three D-II schools fielded scoring girls' teams: Harwood (29 points) edged the Tigers (36) with the Eagles in third (55).

In the boys' competition, Montpelier scored 32 to edge the Tigers (40), followed by Harwood (55), Mount Abe (112) and Missisquoi (128).

GIRLS' RESULTS

Harwood's Charlie Flint was the top female D-II finisher with a time of 20:28.2.

Local runners and their D-II finishes and times were: 2. Beth McIntosh, MUHS, 20:37.8; 3. Mary Harrington, MUHS, 21:01.9; 5. Ava Schneider, MUHS, 21:33.6; 7. Kayla Friend, Mt. Abe, 22:46.2; 12. Isabella Shea, Mt. Abe, 24:09.1; 16. Ruby Jean Hall, Mt. Abe, 27:21.1; 17. Sarah Benz, MUHS, 27:55.6; and 18. Maisy Hill, Mt. Abe, 28:43.

Also, 19. Mary Conklin, MUHS, 28:56.2; 20. Emily Fritz, Mt. Abe, 29:10.3; 22. Torrey Hanna, VUHS, 30:04.5; 24. Jasmine Little, VUHS, 30:50.5; 26. Isabella Shackett, Mt. Abe, 32:12.9; 27. Zoe Reid-St John, VUHS, 34:42.5.

BOYS' RESULTS

Montpelier's Avery Smart was the top male D-II finisher with a time of 16:20.5.

Local runners and their D-II finishes and times were:

3. Baxter Harrington, MUHS, 17:31.0; 15. Baker Nelson, MUHS, 17:54.9; 9. Kaden Hammond, MUHS, 18:54.7; 11. Matias Citarella, MUHS, 19:05.3; 12. Ethan Spritzer, MUHS, 19:10.1; 14. Matthew Berg, MUHS, 19:19; 16. Sean Davison, Mt. Abe, 20:04.2; and 17. Norman Benoit, Mt. Abe, 20:06.9.

Also, 21. Calder Rakowski, VUHS, 20:45.7; 24. Carter Mcguire, VUHS, 21:23.9; 26. Elliot Senecal, Mt. Abe, 21:27.2; 31. William Iliff, Mt. Abe, 22:56.8; 32. Dustin Lavigne, Mt. Abe, 23:00.7; 33. Chance Koenig, VUHS, 23:12.3; 39. Morgan Barnes, Mt. Abe, 24:39.3; 41. Ryan Cross, Mt. Abe, 24:42.3.

Soccer

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"That's a really good quality, fighting to come back."

MacCrellich was pleased how his team reacted against another tough opponent after a 4-1 loss at U-32.

"We had a lot of guys step up into their positions today and get the nerves out from that opening game at U-32," he said. "We're on our home field and the ball moves a little faster here, and we were just a little more confident."

Hayes praised the Eagles for their hard work, which gave them an edge for stretches of the first half.

"I thought they were much more energetic than us, winning 50-50s early on. It took us a while to get into the game. But you've got to hand it to them. They took the game to us at times," Hayes said. "We started settling later on in the game, started getting more possession in their half."

Despite the overall flow of the first half the Commodores threatened more in the initial going, with senior forwards Elijah Duprey, Shamus Rooney and Xavier DeBlois combining well.

In the fourth minute a DeBlois one-timer from near the penalty strike, set up by service from the left side, sailed just high. VUHS back Gideon Palmer also almost got a head on another serve from the left from senior middle Jack Wyman.

But the Eagles began to win balls and settle in, with juniors Noah Ladeau and Judah Jackson in particular making strong runs, setting up plays and challenging the VUHS defenders.

At 19:29 Ladeau gave Mount Abe the lead. The Eagles took a

throw in from the right side, and Jackson headed into along into the box. The ball pinged around briefly and fell to Ladeau, and he volleyed it solidly out of the air back inside the left post.

Seven minutes later junior middle Rider Messinger equalized for VUHS. Messinger found a loose ball just inside the top of the box and drilled it into the lower left corner.

The Eagles answered quickly with a brilliant goal finished by freshman middle James Graziadei. Jackson sent a clever through ball to Jack Breault down the left side, and he lofted a perfect cross to the far post for Graziadei to nod into the back of the net.

Before the half the Commodores responded with an equally pretty strike off of one of many dangerous restarts from VUHS junior center back Oakley Francis, this one to Rooney. Francis sent a 40-yard ball from the right side toward the left post, where Rooney outmaneuvered a defender and headed the ball back inside the right post. The half ended at 2-2.

The second half started with Francis making a defensive save in a scramble following an Eagle corner kick, but Mount Abe soon afterward took the lead. Jackson made a strong run that the VUHS defense stymied, but the ball popped to Ladeau in the box, and he knocked it home in the fourth minute.

About three minutes later the game was tied again. The Commodores earned a direct kick from 24 yards straight out. Wyman took it, and it deflected off a defender into the left side. Eagle senior goalie Domenic Denapoli

had no chance.

Denapoli (five saves) and VUHS junior keeper Devin Brisson (four) did not rack up stops, but could not be faulted for any of the goals. And both did well coming off their lines to break up plays and snag serves into their boxes, especially Denapoli in the second half and OT, when VUHS had eight corner kicks and a number of threatening restarts from Francis and Wyman.

Eagle center backs Chance Denecker and Owen Frizzell also had strong games. MacCrellich said the Commodores are tough to defend on set pieces.

"They were super dangerous in the air. They're so tall. But we did a good job stopping them on the corner kicks," he said.

In all, MacCrellich said he would still like to see a little bit more buildup through the midfield, but he saw his team take a step forward on its journey.

"I was really happy to compete with them (the Commodores) the way we did," MacCrellich said.

"We're just trying to improve each game little by little... We're better than the last game."

Likewise, Hayes overall said he is happy with where his team stands three games in.

"We're doing OK, winning the games we're meant to win, and then these away battles, they can go either way," Hayes said. "A tough schedule after the Fair Haven coming up, but I'm feeling good about the year so far."

CORRECTION: An earlier online version of this story incorrectly identified the Commodore who scored the second goal. The author apologizes for the confusion.

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community calendar

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.

Fish Fry in Middlebury. Friday, Sept. 16, 5-7 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. \$14/person.
"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.

Ariadne auf Naxos in Brandon. Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera, 1321 Pearl St. The new Barn Opera production centers around "The Richest Man in Vermont" who, for a dinner party, rents out the most spectacular event space in the region for a dinner party. With only half an hour to organize, and with many competing interests, sparks fly and hijinks ensue. Tickets \$50, available at barnopera.com.

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 rmillard@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.

Customer appreciation party in Middlebury. Saturday, Sept. 17, noon-3 p.m., rain or shine, Middlebury Natural Foods Coop, 9 Washington St. Grab a Local Burger Slider — local beef, local buns, and even local ketchup — and wash it down with local apple cider and apples.

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 Pedo 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 Pedo 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.

Ariadne auf Naxos in Brandon. Friday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera, 1321 Pearl St. See Sept. 16 listing

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.

Champlain Valley Fiddlers in Brandon. Sunday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., American Legion, Franklin St. 50/50 raffle, door prize, refreshments available. \$3 cover charge.

Apple Fest in Shoreham. Sunday, Sept. 18, noon-4 p.m., town green and gazebo. A rain or shine family event to benefit Platt Memorial Library. Homemade lunch with apple desserts, apple pie baking contest, farmers' market, 50/50 raffle, children's activities, tennis and pickle ball, and live



All about the pie

DO YOU BAKE? Enter your apple pie in the best pie competition at Apple Fest in Shoreham on Sunday, Sept. 18, from noon-4 p.m., on the town green. It's a rain or shine family event to benefit Platt Memorial Library which, in addition to the pie contest, includes homemade lunch with apple desserts, a farmers' market, 50/50 raffle, children's activities, tennis and pickle ball, and live music from Snake Mountain Bluegrass.

Photo courtesy of Shoreham Apple Fest

music from Snake Mountain Bluegrass. Free. For contest rules and entry forms visit plattlib.org or call Cora Waag 802-897-5160.

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.

sept 19 MONDAY
Age Well grab-and-go meal in Bristol. Monday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Turkey tetrazzini, Scandinavian vegetables, roll, apple berry crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Addison County BIPOC picnic in Ferrisburgh. Monday, Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m.-sunset, Kingsland Bay State Park. A community group for self-identified Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and family members (+) living/working in and around Addison County, our early fall picnic will have lawn games, and beach time. Snacks and refreshments provided. Bring your own picnic with blankets, beach chairs, or any swim/sports gear you'd like. RSVP to addisonctypoc@gmail.com or our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/addisonbiopoc. Carpooling and park admission subsidies available.

sept 20 TUESDAY
Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in person meal in Vergennes. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at 11:45 a.m. of chicken and biscuit, mashed cauliflower, peas and carrots, apple berry crisp and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Thursday, Sept. 15, 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.

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.

"The Homefront: Patriotism, Propaganda, Protest, and Poetry," Virtual lecture in Middlebury. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 3-4:30 p.m., Zoom. The third installment 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.

"What you were never told, but need to know about your postpartum body" in Orwell. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Join us in this 1-hour hands-on workshop with Davida Murray, PT, DPT to learn what's normal and not-normal after having a baby, no matter how long ago it's been. You will leave this workshop knowing foundational exercises that will give you an excellent start to feeling your best again. You will also have the knowledge about what can be done to make you feel ready to be as active as you want comfortably.

sept 21 WEDNESDAY
Age Well grab-and-go meal in Monkton. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. Drive up, check-in, 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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Benefit concert set Oct. 1 in Salisbury

SALISBURY — The Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas will host Patti Casey and Colin McCaffrey for a fundraising concert to benefit the Atlas on Saturday, Oct. 1. The concert will be at the Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St., from 7-9 p.m.

Patti Casey and Colin McCaffrey are two of Vermont's most treasured musicians. They have worked together and individually to create beautiful vocal harmonies and acoustic instrumental work. Both are internationally known and award-winning songwriters and singers, and both are native Vermonters.

Through five majestic, award-winning albums, Casey has pioneered the creation of a unique New England genre of folk-storytelling-bluegrass with a signature sound that has since been imitated yet remains unmatched. She has performed at such elite levels of artistry for so many decades — songwriting, musicianship, performance, and social advocacy — that words like “acclaimed,” “magical,” and “transformative” only begin to capture the scope and reach of her talents.

Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas fundraising concert is on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Salisbury Congregational Church, from 7-9 p.m.

McCaffrey is a native Vermonter, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and record producer who has worked on hundreds of regional recordings and live productions. Lending his smooth voice and string wizardry to the best music coming out of these hills, McCaffrey is what the *Burlington Free Press* calls “A Green Mountain treasure worth unearthing.”

More details are available at the Vermont Reptile and Amphibians Atlas website at VtHerpAtlas.org. Tickets cost \$22 (\$23.32 after sales tax); price at the door will increase to \$25 (\$26.50 with tax), cash only. They encourage people to buy tickets in advance through their website (VtHerpAtlas.org) since the church will only hold 140 people.

Lincoln

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NEWS

LINCOLN — The Lincoln Historic Museum will only be open for two more Sundays this season. Stop by for a visit on Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. The historical society will also be holding their annual business meeting at the museum on Friday, Sept. 23, and it is open to the public.

FROM THE TOWN

According to new election law, All active voters will be mailed a ballot for the Nov. 8 General

Election. For military or overseas voters, please visit the online voter registration page at mvp.vermont.gov/ and enter your preferred way of receiving your ballot as you will not be automatically sent a ballot. We must hear from you directly — please reach out to us ASAP! The target date for sending ballots to overseas voters will be Sept. 24 and all others will be mailed beginning on Sept. 26.

School is now back in session and that means students walking

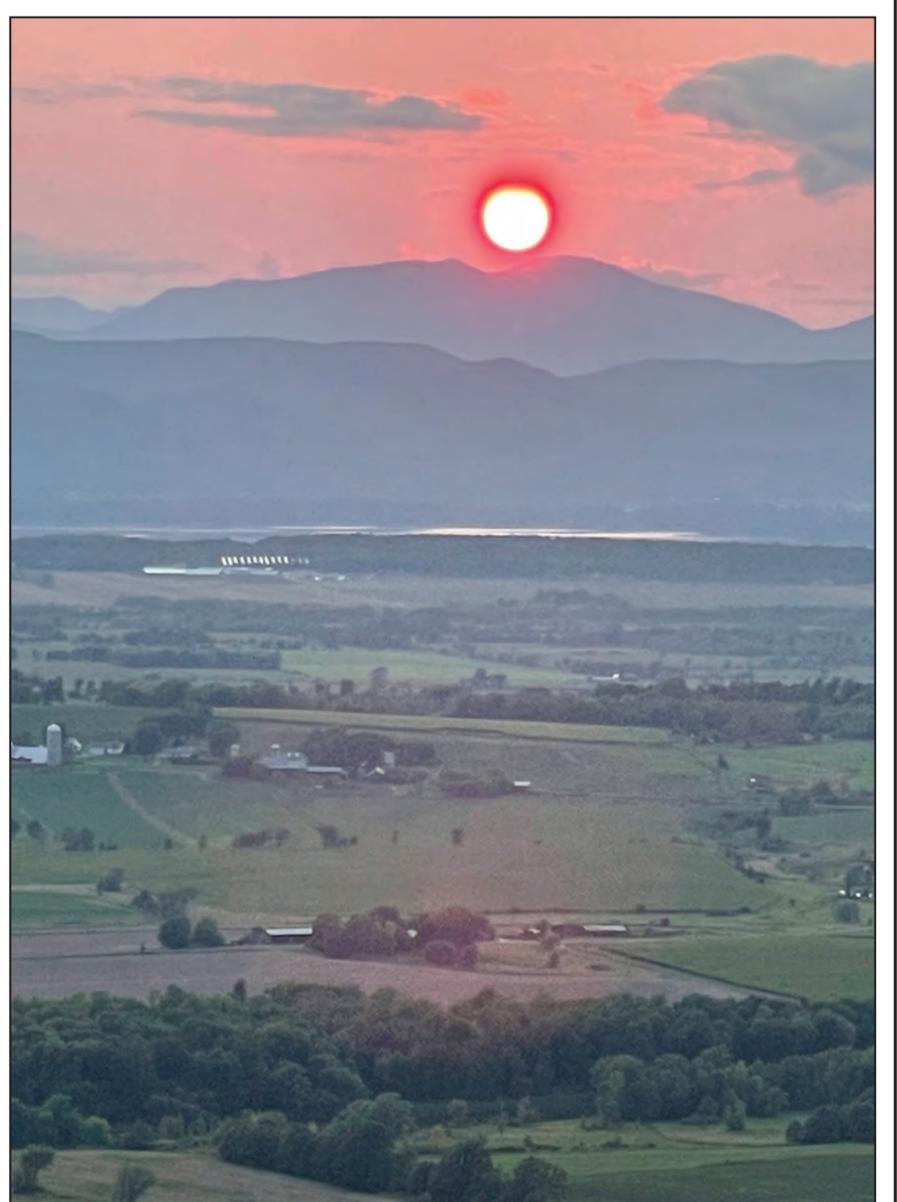
and biking to and from Lincoln Community School. Thank you for driving slowly and being aware during the before- and after-school hours.

The library has added new science-oriented books for younger elementary students thanks to AARPA funding they received last year. These are wonderful books for doing introductory STEM activities with parents, grandparents and friends.

Weatheravene Senior Housing is celebrating 40 years! The Historical Society is displaying an informative presentation about Weatheravene in the community room at the library. Stop by and check out this wonderful display.

While you're at the library, you'll want to check out the amazing collection of handmade masks in the display case. The collection is called Paper Forge and is made by Ezaia Herben.

Until next time ... Nothing Can Dim The Light Which Shines From Within. If You Fell Down Yesterday, Stand Up Today. Do Not Give Your Past The Power To Define Your Future.



Day's end

THE SETTING SUN, with a red aura enhanced by the atmospheric pollution thrown up by wildfires in the West, glows red above Pantown and Lake Champlain just before it dips below the Adirondack Mountains in this view from Waltham's Buck Mountain on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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Vt sports hall of fame book in libraries

VERMONT — Copies of the book “Green Mountain Gold: Vermont Sports Hall of Fame” will be placed in all libraries and schools throughout Vermont thanks to a recent donation by the Pizzagalli Foundation of Burlington.

The 237-page book highlights more than 100 top sports figures from the state who have been inducted into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame since it was founded in October 2011.

Among those in the Hall are ice hockey standouts Carol Weston of Bristol and Middlebury College coach Bill Beaney, Bridport native and UVM football star Bobby Mitchell, successful Middlebury College coaches Tom Lawson and Missy Foote.

On behalf of the Foundation, Lisa Pizzagalli said it is important for Vermonters, especially younger children, to read about the achievements of the top sports figures in the Green Mountain State over the past century.

“We were so moved by the tributes to the athletes that we wanted to be part of sharing their success and hard work with fellow Vermonters,” Pizzagalli said.

John Maley, chairman of the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, echoed the thought that the book could inspire young Vermonters to “Go for the Gold.”

“This is a ‘must read’ book for any Vermont sports fans interested in the greatest athletes, coaches and pioneers in Vermont sports history,” Maley said.

The plan is to place the new edition of “Green Mountain Gold” in every town and city library in the state, along with colleges and universities, in the coming months, Maley said.

The book also will be presented to all middle and high schools across Vermont, he said.

The Vermont Sports Hall of Fame Board is looking to have a few public presentations at some local libraries with possibly a hall of famer stopping by to share comments with library users at a special event.

The book has a chapter dedicated to each of the 106 inductees in the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame. Photographs of the inductees are included with each chapter. The plan also is to provide a copy of

the new edition to each inductee or family.

Alan Rubel of Barre, a member of the Hall of Fame board, produced the original book with several Vermont writers in 2020 and it was updated to include the latest inductees in 2022.

The book features a special 10-page historic introduction by former *Sports Illustrated* Senior Writer Alex Wolff, who lives in Cornwall. There also is a brief history of the hall of fame and its founding.

Also featured are the annual *Burlington Free Press* High School Athletes of the Year — male and female.

“Green Mountain Gold” is available at local bookstores and also can be purchased through the Hall of Fame’s website, vermontsportshall.com.

Proceeds from the book sales — much like the annual Vermont Sports Hall of Fame induction banquets — go to the Hall’s official charity: Prevent Child Abuse Vermont. The Hall has presented more than \$21,000 to PCAV, which offers important statewide services.

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Public Meetings

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

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

Public Meetings

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

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GARAGE SALE Saturday, September 17th 8am. Wagner Rd, Brandon/Forest Dale, 2 families. 6 board grain box, freezer, linens, oil lamps, Tonka, metal ware...seasonal decorations, artwork, books, bath hardware, tent, rugs, sewing accessories. etc.

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

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These positions require working at the Middlebury Learning Center at least two days a week.

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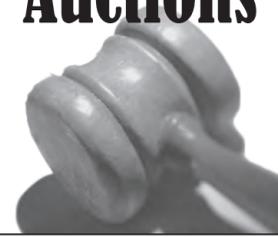
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Auctions



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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.
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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-for-section-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).

The many songs of the Gray Catbird

By MEGHAN MCCARTHY MCPHAUL

Several years ago, I was awakened nearly every day of late spring by a recurring — and very loud — bird sound. I say “sound,” rather than “song” because this particular noise was not as melodious as the cheery and whistling of the robin or the musical trilling of the hermit thrush.



It was more of a short squawk, repeated over and over again. This, I discovered, was the call of a gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*). Over the years, catbirds have returned each spring to our yard, and I have come to enjoy their sounds — and the antics of these curious and loud birds.

Our yard offers much to attract catbirds, which prefer thickets and dense shrubs for foraging and nesting. There is a cove of old lilac bushes along one edge of the driveway and an unruly stretch of rugosa on the other, and we see many birds of various species darting into and out of the bushes and brambles. From my summer perch on the front porch, I’ve seen catbirds flit, both morning and evening, from the lilac bushes to the rugosa hedge, and hop through the perennial garden and along the lawn, which comprises mainly clover and other native ground cover. Sometimes a catbird will alight on one of the granite posts nearby and eye me sideways, flicking its long tail before flying off. Other times, it hides amid the foliage of the highbush cranberry and mew-squawks for a long time.

That mew-ing can sound quite like a cat, which is where the catbird gets its familiar name. This was that sound that first caught my ear. Other catbird calls are

described as sounding like “quirt” and a chattering “chek-chek-chek.” It is the catbird’s propensity for singing, however, that I find most impressive.

Gray catbirds are members of the Mimidae family, which also includes mockingbirds and thrashers. The whole family are talented mimics. The catbird’s repertoire includes its species’ own calls and songs, impersonations of other songbirds, and even imitations of frogs and man-made noises. In 2010, Greg Budney, a former audio curator at Cornell’s Macaulay Library, recorded a catbird in California adeptly copying the sounds of more than a dozen other bird species, as well as a tree frog.

As its common name implies, the gray catbird is not the most colorful of birds, and a male’s ability to sing multiple songs may be related to its success in attracting a mate. Both males and females are gray with black caps and tails, and a rufous patch, often hidden, below their tails. Without bright feathers to flaunt, a male catbird may rely on its singing prowess instead.

Researchers speculate that a male with a broader singing repertoire is showing females that he’s been around the block — or thicket — a few times and is therefore a good choice of mate. Once he gets a female’s attention, though, he may turn away and raise his tail to show off those chestnut-colored feathers.

After a male has established a territory and attracted a mate, the pair finds a nesting site, typically within the protection of tangled vegetation, dense foliage, or briars. (The birds’ genus name — *Dumetella* — means “little

thicket.”) The female takes charge of nest-building, piecing together a bulky cup from twigs, grasses, and leaves and lining this with softer materials such as hair and pine needles. She lays a brood of about four greenish-blue eggs, which she’ll incubate for just shy of two weeks.

A mother catbird will examine her first-laid egg carefully and take notice if brown-headed cowbirds, notorious nest parasites, try to leave their eggs in the mix. The parent catbirds will puncture and remove unfamiliar eggs from the nest. Both parents feed the nestlings a diet of insects until they fledge, about 10 days after hatching.

Adult catbirds are omnivorous, consuming beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers, spiders, and other invertebrates, as well as various fruits and berries, with cherries, elderberries, and blackberries among their favorite menu items. Gray catbirds breed throughout the eastern and midwestern United States and winter as far south as Central America. Banding records of the species suggest that the catbirds I see in my yard likely spend winters in Florida or on a Caribbean island. Those records also indicate that catbirds often return year after year to the same breeding grounds. Perhaps, then, the mewling male bird that flits and hops about my yard this summer may be the same one who woke me up each morning several springs ago.

Meghan McCarthy McPhaul is assistant editor for Northern Woodlands. The Outside Story is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: www.nhcf.org.

Middlebury Police Log

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Ashleigh Hickey, 30, of Middlebury for retail theft and violation of her conditions of release, following an incident at Hannaford supermarket off Court Street Extension on Sept. 8.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Checked the welfare of a woman and child in the Court Street area, at the request of the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF), on Sept. 5.
- Assisted state police in arresting a man in the Jayne Court neighborhood on Sept. 5.
- Helped a person possibly victimized by an investment scam on Sept. 5.

- Responded to a report of a loud party in the downtown area at 12:23 a.m. on Sept. 6.
- Assisted DCF in taking custody of a child in the Court Street area on Sept. 6.
- Helped a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis on Main Street on Sept. 7.
- Investigated a minor crash in the Middlebury Union High School parking lot on Sept. 7.
- Helped resolved a family dispute on Sept. 7.
- Assisted Counseling Service of Addison County with a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis in the Lindale Circle area on Sept. 7.
- Returned, to Middlebury Union Middle School (MUMS), a student who had left campus on Sept. 7.
- Responded to a two-car accident, with minor injuries, at the intersection of Court Street and Charles Avenue on Sept. 7.
- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) with a person experiencing a mental health crisis at Porter Hospital on Sept. 7.
- Received a call on Sept. 8 from a local person who reported being threatened.
- Issued a no-trespass notice on a woman who had been caught shoplifting from Hannaford supermarket on Sept. 8.
- Received a report that someone had spray-painted the underside of the newly painted Cross Street Bridge on Sept. 8.
- Responded to report of juveniles skateboarding at the Jolly Short Stop gas station off Court Street Extension on Sept. 9.
- Assisted a local woman who had been victimized by an internet scam on Sept. 9. Police caution that if a person poses as a police officer or any other profession and requests gift card codes via phone, don’t do it, and notify your local law enforcement agency.

- Investigated a reported theft from the Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects resale shop on Boardman Street in Sept. 9.
- Assisted a man who was having a mental health crisis on Mill Street on Sept. 9.
- Found a student in possession of marijuana at MUMS on Sept. 9.
- Begun an investigation on Sept. 8 into a suspected retail theft from TJ Maxx.
- Responded to a report of an angry customer at the Verizon store off Court Street on Sept. 9.
- Responded to a report of financial fraud at a Water Street address on Sept. 9.
- Responded to a noise complaint in the Seminary Street Extension area on Sept. 10.
- Responded to a report of a motorcyclist operating erratically on Main Street on Sept. 10.
- Arrested Stephan Belanger of Middlebury for violating the

conditions of his release, in the Seymour Street area, on Sept. 10.

- Assisted MREMS on a service call in Sugarwood Court on Sept. 11.
- Responded to a report of a woman having a mental health crisis on Case Street on Sept. 11.
- Assisted Vermont State Police at the scene of a fatal ATV accident on Cove Road in Bristol at a little before 8 p.m. on Sept. 11. State police report that Matthew White, 54, of Bristol died in the accident.
- Received complaints about a loud Middlebury College student-related party at a South Main Street residence at 10:17 p.m. on Sept. 11.
- Investigated a report of an unwanted person at a Court Street Extension business a little after midnight on Sept. 12.
- Responded to a report of someone yelling near the Sunoco gas station on Court Street at 3:32 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Public Notices can be found in this ADDISON INDEPENDENT on Pages 10B and 11B.

TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Town Office (62 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT) and virtually using Zoom

The Lincoln Development Review Board will hold a public hearing for Waiver Application # 22-057, as requested by Donna Wood for Parcel I.D. # 01070179 at 233 East River Road, Lincoln, VT. The hearing is for a waiver of the property’s rear setback for the construction of a new solar timber frame canopy.

Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please call the Town Office at (802) 453-2980 to arrange a time to view the complete application.

The Zoom link will be included in the agenda which can be found on the Town’s website the week prior to the hearing: <https://lincolnvermont.org/zba>
Emmet Moseley, Lincoln DRB Clerk

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).

Disability Services-Developmental Services
Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P023

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)

CONCISE SUMMARY: The purpose of this rule is to fulfill the requirements of the Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act), to include specific details for its implementation. The effective date of the last adopted rule was October 1, 2017. Since then, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186 eliminated the requirement in 18 V.S.A. § 8725 that certain categories of the Developmental Services System of Care Plan be adopted by rule. Further, the federal rules relating to Medicaid grievances and appeals have been amended. Finally, the Vermont Supreme Court’s decision in *In re: R.R., 2019 VT 31*, requires that the Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) for IQ tests, including IQ scores of 75 or below, be considered when determining eligibility for services. The proposed language includes IQ scores of 75 or below when accounting for the SEM. Other amendments to the rule include formatting, as well as updates to align with current practice in the administration of the Developmental Services program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Clare McFadden Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living / Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DAIL/DDSD), 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-2030 Tel: 802-585-5396 Fax: 802-241-0410 Email: clare.mcfadden@vermont.gov URL: <https://www.dail.vermont.gov>

FOR COPIES: Stuart Schurr, General Counsel, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, 280 State Drive, HC2 South Waterbury, VT 05671-2020 Tel: 802-241-0353 Fax: 802-241-0386 Email: stuart.schurr@vermont.gov

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

Bristol man killed in ATV accident

BRISTOL — A Bristol man was killed in an ATV crash Sunday evening.

Vermont State Police said that they did not suspect alcohol to be a factor in the death of Matthew White, 54, of Bristol.

Troopers said White drove a 2020 CF Moto ATV up a hill on a dirt trail in the woods off Colin Drive (a side road off Cove Road near New Haven Mills) while marking the trail for later hunting. The ATV turned over and landed on him, police said.

Someone called the state police at 7:48 p.m. on Sept. 11 for help.

White was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Troopers were assisted at the crash site by members of the Bristol Fire Department, Bristol Rescue Squad and the Bristol and Middlebury police departments. This incident remains under investigation.

In other recent activity, troopers: • On Sept. 11 at around 6:40 p.m. received the report of a family disturbance at the Blaise’s Trailer Park in Bristol. After investigating state police alleged that Sarah Waite, 35, of Bristol caused bodily injury to a domestic partner. Police took Waite to the New Haven barracks and cited her for domestic assault.

• On the morning of Sept. 12 asked for the public’s assistance locating a missing 81-year-old Ferrisburgh woman who was said to have dementia and additional mobility issues. At about 2 p.m. that

Vt. State Police Log

day the woman was located safe and in good health by the Vergennes Fire Department technical group and a police dog. Vermont State Police thanked the responding agencies and members of the public for their assistance with this search.

• On Sept. 13 at 10 minutes before 10 p.m. logged a report of a motor vehicle crash into a Monkton Ridge Road home in Monkton. Troopers responded and determined that Adam Rutherford, 19, of Williston was driving a 2013 VW Jetta northbound on Monkton Road approaching the intersection of Monkton Ridge and Bristol roads. Police said Rutherford was distracted and failed to stop at a stop

sign, crossed through the three-way “T” intersection and collided with the front porch of an apartment building.

Rutherford’s Jetta bounced back after impact, striking a parked 2003 Saab and causing minor cosmetic damage. Debris that scattered from the collision struck another parked vehicle, a 2022 Kia Seltos, causing minor cosmetic damage.

The Bristol Rescue Squad took Rutherford to UVM Medical Center for treatment of unspecified injuries. Troopers deemed Rutherford’s vehicle a total loss.

The Monkton Fire Department assisted police.

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022-2023

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of the Month - 4:00 P.M. – A208 with remote access option

JULY – NO MEETING
AUGUST - NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
OCTOBER 5, 2022
NOVEMBER 2, 2022
DECEMBER 7, 2022

JANUARY 4, 2023
FEBRUARY 1, 2023
MARCH 1, 2023
APRIL 5, 2023
MAY 3, 2023
JUNE 7, 2023

BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of the Month - 6:00 P.M. – A208 with remote access option

JULY – NO MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2022
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
OCTOBER 20, 2022
NOVEMBER 17, 2022
DECEMBER 15, 2022

JANUARY 19, 2023
FEBRUARY 16, 2023
MARCH 16, 2023
APRIL 20, 2023
MAY 18, 2023
JUNE 15, 2023

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 24 VSA §4464, a public hearing before the Development Review Board of the Town of New Haven will be held at the Town Clerk’s Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

1. Site plan approval and conditional use application from Sean Flynn of Silver Maple Construction Permit # DRB-2022-12-CU per New Haven Zoning Bylaws Sections 341 and 352 related to the proposed development of three new buildings on Belden Falls Road currently subdivided and owned by Steve and Marcia Dupoise.
2. Amended site plan approval application from Sean Flynn of Silver Maple Construction Permit #DRB-2022-13-SP per New Haven Zoning Bylaws Sections 350-352 related to an addition to the offices located at 46 River Road.

Please note that participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. The hearing will be held as a hybrid meeting, either in person at the Town Clerk’s office or by remote:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkNkZGcyYUF3dz09>

Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190

Passcode: 4jYbTA

An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator at: newhavenzoning@gmavt.net; a hard copy is available at the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours, or on the Town’s website: <https://www.newhavenvt.com>.

New Haven Zoning Administrator
(802) 453-3516

LAKE VIEW CEMETERY, SHOREHAM

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 at 7pm
Platt Memorial Library

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION MEETING

Alternatives Presentation Meeting Notice for the Middlebury Planning Study to Improve Pedestrian Connectivity between Boardman Street & Hannaford Plaza Project – September 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm

The Town of Middlebury will hold an Alternatives Presentation Meeting for the Middlebury Planning Study to Improve Pedestrian Connectivity between Boardman Street & Hannaford Plaza Project on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm. This will be an in-person and Zoom meeting held at the Middlebury Municipal Office Building, 1st Floor conference room, 77 Main Street, Middlebury, VT.

Zoom Meeting info:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84053455463?pwd=emJlUWhQakK5eEZKeWJZbNlPTEJlUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5345 5463
Passcode: 440278

Dial-in number (long-distance charges may apply): (929)205-6099

The purpose of this meeting is to present alternatives for a potential future pedestrian facility along Route 7 in Middlebury between Boardman Street and the Hannaford Plaza. This project is being funded in part by a grant through the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. If anyone has any questions about the project they can contact Jennifer Murray, Town Planner at jmurray@townofmiddlebury.org or Jenny Austin, P.E., DuBois & King, Inc., at jaustin@dubois-king.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents of Addison County are hereby given notice of the annual meeting of Addison County Fair & Field Days, Inc., to be held at the Weybridge Congregational Church, 2790 Weybridge Road, Weybridge, VT 05753 on October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
- Review of 2022
- Financial Report
- Audience Comments and Questions
- Election of Board Members and Officers

Cara Mullin-Mosier
Business Manager

MNFF8 is a wrap

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival (MNFF) has wrapped up its eighth annual event, successfully concluding its largest festival to date.

MNFF, which ran Aug. 24-28, screened 138 films at five venues on six screens over its run. Attendance was strong at MNFF8, with nearly 1,000 pass and ticket holders in Middlebury for some or all of the event and 2,800 filmgoers attending at least one screening during the Fest.

Also joining the festivities were 55 filmmakers from around the world who participated in Q&As for their films, networked with fellow filmmakers and interacted with attendees during their stay. Growth over 2021 in all relevant categories was evident, and festival organizers were especially pleased with the enthusiasm and involvement of attendees.

“Each edition of MNFF provides resonant moments that endure,” said Jay Craven, the festival’s artistic director. “And each round is different, owing to the unique mix of films, emerging filmmakers, special guests and audience members. From the entertaining and culturally relevant opening night screening of “The Automat” and through a series of events with our special guests, who took us deep into their work as groundbreaking filmmakers, I felt each day brought fresh revelation and enjoyment of what makes this world so captivating. Thanks to all who made this year’s festival come to life.”

“After struggling through two years of a profound COVID overlay on the vitality of the Festival, we were thrilled to see the significant revival of attendance and engagement at this year’s event,” noted Lloyd Komisar, MNFF producer.



CHRIS SPENCER OF Vergennes won the MNFF8 Shouldice Family Prize for best Vermont-made film, “The Life of Stephen Bates,” a story about Vermont’s first black sheriff.

Independent photo/Steve James



PASANG, THE FIRST Nepalese woman to summit Mt. Everest, is the subject of Nancy Svendsen’s “In the Shadow of Everest,” which won the Audience Award for Best Feature Film at MNFF8.

“With the 5th Annual Fest in 2019 still representing the peak of our journey thus far, it was nonetheless really encouraging to see this year’s numbers coming close to that pre-COVID high water mark. As planning for next year’s fest begins, we have a lot of wind in our sails.”

At the close of MNFF8, the Festival announced winners of the coveted VTeddy Awards and Prizes:

- Best Documentary Feature: The High Rock, directed by Ellen Moore
- Best Documentary Short: Freedom Hill, directed by Resita Cox
- Best Narrative Feature: The Unknown Country, directed by Morris Maltz
- Best Narrative Short: Lunch

Break, directed by Nina Kopek

- Audience Award, Best Feature Film: Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest, directed by Nancy Svendsen

“Each day brought fresh revelation and enjoyment of what makes this world so captivating.”

— MNFF Artistic Director Jay Craven

- Audience Award, Best Short Film: Monsieur Le Butch, directed by Jude Dry
- Vermont Symphony Orchestra Award for Best Integration of Music into Film (two awardees): The Social Chameleon, directed by Alex Ross, and Born Under Pitches, directed by Gaoyang Ganjin
- AICEF Prize for Cross Cultural Filmmaking: Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest, directed by Nancy Svendsen
- Hernandez/Bayliss Prize for Triumph of the Human Spirit: Charm Circle, directed by Nira Burstein
- Clio Visualizing History Prize for the Advancement of Women in Film (two awardees): The Automat, directed by Lisa Hurwitz; Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest, directed by Nancy Svendsen
- Gaia Prize for Environmental Filmmaking: Hiding in the Walls, directed by David Sebastiao and Angel King Wilson
- Shouldice Family Prize for Best Vermont-Made Film: The Life of Stephen Bates, directed by Chris Spencer
- Thaddeus Stevens Prize for Social Engagement (two awardees): Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America, directed by Emily and Sarah Kunstler; Bad Axe, directed by David Siev
- Ralph Steiner Prize for Poetic Cinema: The Unknown Country, directed by Morrisa Maltz

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ART & LEISURE

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September 15, 2022



Justine Jackson, Sara Granstrom, Marianne Lust and Sophie Pickens are the organizers of this year's Marrowbone. The outdoor theater experience in Lincoln will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2, at noon.

Marrowbone is back to rejuvenate another fall

Marrowbone, an outdoor theater experience in the woods and fields of Lincoln, is back this year and will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, beginning at noon each day. This fall tradition, which organizers describe as a theater

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

of stories in word, gesture and song, has deep roots dating back to the first performance in 1991, when Marianne Lust launched her vision.

"I did it for 20 years," Lust said, remembering how a haunted forest she went to with her daughter inspired Marrowbone's format. "The idea of leading a group through the woods must have come from that haunted forest."

But like all good borrowed ideas, Marrowbone quickly developed its own unique character. The title, for instance, comes from a W.B. Yeats poem:

*God guard me from the thoughts
Men think in the mind alone
He who sings the lasting song
Thinks in the marrowbone.*

After two decades of leading Marrowbone through the woods in Lincoln, Lust retired the project until 2019, when Sara Granstrom, Justine Jackson and Sophie Pickens picked up the reins.

"In 2019 we did the first show in over a decade," explained Pickens, who also co-runs the Vergennes art gallery Northern Daughters with Jackson.

"We were so fed by the process in 2019," added Granstrom. "Then the pandemic hit."

SEE MARROWBONE ON PAGE 3

Vergennes Opera House plans robust season

The all-volunteer Friends of the Vergennes Opera House has announced a full slate of shows for their 2022-2023 season.

"This upcoming season is turning into the most robust season we have produced in many years," said Gerianne Smart, President of the Friends of the Vergennes Opera House. "After working through the challenges of the past few years, due to the pandemic, we are eager to present a season of shows that offers a wide variety of entertainment for all to enjoy."

This upcoming season opens on Friday, Oct. 7 with a night of acoustic excellence provided by three groups: Champlain Brass Quintet, the Dead

Creek Reeds and the Calamellus Trio. The season ends on Saturday, May 20, 2023, with the return of Vergennes' native Patti Casey accompanied by Colin McCaffrey. In between the opening show and the closing show, there are a variety of music and performance offerings including a very special Wednesday night concert by NRBQ (New Rhythm and Blues Quartet) on Nov. 16.

The Vergennes Opera House is managed and operated by volunteers and relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations to underwrite each season of shows.

For details about each show and to reserve tickets, visit VergennesOperaHouse.org.

Season Line Up

FRIDAY, OCT. 7, 7:30 P.M.

Brass & Reeds

A night of acoustic excellence with Champlain Brass Quintet, Dead Creek Reeds and Calamellus Trio.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 7 P.M.

Scarefest Vergennes

A night of frightful fun with a screening of the film "Depraved" which includes a visit from Director Larry Fessenden, a costume contest and dancing to the tunes courtesy of DJ Fatty B.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, 7:30 P.M.

NRBQ

New Rhythm and Blues Quartet — a mid-week concert.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 7:30 P.M.

Broadway Direct #17

An annual community favorite with local Broadway pros singing Broadway tunes.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 2 P.M.

Alyx Magic Show

A fun family event with magic tricks.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 7:30 P.M.

LC Jazz Free Community Concert

An annual benefit to raise funds for the LC Jazz High School Music Scholarship fund.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 7:30 P.M.

Stealing from Work

A hilarious sketch comedy show featuring Vergennes' own Jory Raphael.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 P.M.

The Stragglers

A local Americana/Bluegrass band ready to rock the opera house and help shake off any left over winter blues.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 7:30 P.M.

Patti Casey and Colin McCaffrey

Hometown gal Patti Casey returns to Vergennes with great music and hometown pride.



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Grab a bite from the Full Belly Food Truck during Groovin' on the Green, Friday, 9/23, from 6-9pm, in Vergennes City Park. For info, visit VergennesDowntown.org



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MARROWBONE

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So 2020 was out, and 2021 felt too volatile.

This year, Granstrom,

Jackson and Pickens (all working parents with young children) looked at the reality of their busy lives and decided organizing Marrowbone just wasn't in the cards. That is, until Lust approached them with her idea.

"I had no intention of doing it this year," Lust said. "The inspiration came almost overnight — like lightning. So I got in touch with them and they said 'yes,' they would handle the logistics of producing the event, and I could handle just the creative."

This year, Yeats's overarching theme is particularly strong, offering scenes of great complexity and depth though not without humor abounding. Lust is focusing the theme of the six performances on "composting, in all manners of speaking," she explained. "Literally — the transmogrification of used mater into rich soil again; and metaphorically — composting old paradigms, old legacies, old family histories, old stereotypes..."

The performances this year feature work by artists such as Wendell Berry, Deborah Lubar, Eula Biss, Hector Villa-Lobos, and Antonio Machado translated by Robert Bly, among others.

"It's a really collaborative process with the performers," Lust said. "It involves a lot of trust."

Lust only meets with the performers two or three times at most, then there's one group rehearsal and then the on-site run through before it's time to go.

This year's Marrowbone will be held in the "hidden meadow" out on Geary Road. Somewhere around 30-40 mostly volunteers make up this year's cast and crew.

"Part of our work as producers is to coordinate the whole group of marvelous volunteers," Granstrom said. "We couldn't do this without them. From the ticket table at the beginning, to the sets, costumes, props and guides through woods and fields, to the people at the end keeping the fire and selling the food

or helping with parking... all of those folks are essential to putting on the production."

Performances are outside, rain or shine, with the audience walking a guided path to different scenes coming to life in and on the edge of the autumn woods. The walk is half a mile long. Kids are welcome, but this is an adult performance and material is definitely not geared toward children.

"I have a distinct memory going to Marrowbone with my dad as a kid," Granstrom remembered. "It was pouring rain and I was wearing a jean jacket — it was so cold and heavy, but still such a beautiful memory and way to experience theater..."

The event this year is rain or shine, and it can be just as beautiful, if not as comfortable, in the rain."

I'm really excited for Marrowbone especially after the past few years we've had," Jackson said. "From performers to attendees, I think Marrowbone offers us access to so much we have been missing."

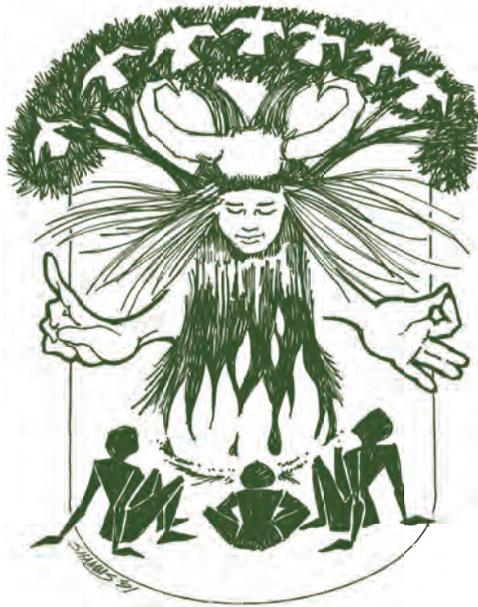
"It's a little bit beyond words to ask why Marrowbone is special,"

Pickens added. "It gives us the opportunity to slow down and listen; the format gives us time to digest what we're experiencing, and a place to land at the end. There we can share refreshments and be with people who were just in a similar space — it's an opportunity to really sink in. I love that we get to create that container."

Granstrom, Jackson and Pickens hope that this is the start of more regular annual Marrowbone events, and they expressed immense gratitude to Lust for returning this year with her creative energy.

"I love theater," Lust said simply. "It's what I love more than anything — it is my art form and I delight in watching it... I am totally surprised to be here and doing Marrowbone again, but I can't help myself when I get an idea."

Advance tickets are encouraged to better balance the guided tours. Tickets cost \$10 adults, \$5 children, \$25 family; sliding scale tickets are available. Visit marrowbone.org or stop in Emerald Rose in Bristol and Northern Daughters in Vergennes to buy tickets. For any questions email marrowbonevt@gmail.com. Directions to the "hidden meadow" can be found online (marrowbone.org) and are printed on all tickets.




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UPCOMING MUSIC

Rally for reproductive rights with Ripton's Sarah King at Higher Ground, Sept. 23

— details —

What: Concert with 5 VT women-led bands

When: Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

Where: Higher Ground, South Burlington

Tickets: \$20/\$25

Benefit: National Network of Abortion Funds

Step out and rally for reproductive rights at a benefit concert on Friday, Sept. 23, at Higher Ground in South Burlington. Ripton's own Sarah King will be performing along with Kat Wright, Francesca Blanchard, Acquamosa and Father Figuer. The evening's ticket sales (\$20 advance, \$25 day of show) will benefit the National Network of Abortion Funds.

The musicians will be joined by speakers and local organizations that support access to safe reproductive health care for all.

"When news broke of Roe v Wade being overturned, I alternated crying and feeling outrage, and after a couple hours of that, I started thinking about what I, as a musician, could do that would actually help," King said in a statement earlier this week. "I'm fortunate to use my voice every day as my job, and I knew I needed to stand up and use my voice to speak out for what's important to me. Reproductive rights are human rights, and abortion is healthcare. I'm excited we created an event where five Vermont women-led bands can all lend our voices to a cause close to all of our lives."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m.

ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

Sarah King

NEMA's 2021 Songwriter of the Year Sarah King inhabits the dark side of Americana, creating "high-powered blues-Americana-rock" (Burlington Free Press) anchored by her atmospheric voice and rhythmic blues guitar. Her 2021 debut EP "The Hour," produced by Simone Felice and David Baron (The Lumineers, Jade Bird), marks her stunning arrival with "Nightstand" named 2020's No. 1 Best Song in Vermont by County Tracks. King's live show crackles with energy and devil-may-care attitude, earning her support slots for Blues Traveler in 2022, The Steel Woods in 2021, an official showcase at Folk Alliance International in 2022, performances at the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Philadelphia Folk Festival, a night at legendary Caffè Lena in 2022, and a main stage slot at Black Bear Americana Fest 2021.

Kat Wright

Kat Wright, whose voice is both sultry and



Ripton's Sarah King will be performing as one of five groups at Higher Ground in South Burlington on Friday, Sept. 23, for a Reproductive Rights Rally. The concert will benefit the National Network of Abortion Funds.

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dynamic, delicate yet powerful; gritty but highly emotive and nuanced, has been described as "a young Bonnie Raitt meets Amy Winehouse". Add to that voice enough stage presence to tame lions, and the combination of feline femininity proves immediately enchanting. There's soul flowing in and out of her rock 'n' roll with a serpentine seduction. Some of soul music's sweet, grand dames belt, shout, seethe, and succumb, while Wright sings gently like a heartache's apology. It's funky in spots and beautiful all over. And it hurts a little ... like it should.

Francesca Blanchard

Francesca Blanchard is a French-American singer-songwriter and producer based in Burlington, Vermont. Her work blends soaring pop arrangements with complex emotional subtleties — most recently demonstrated in her critically acclaimed 2020 full-length album "Make It Better" and its "Redux EP" follow up, both co-produced with fellow Vermonter and musical collaborator Christopher Hawthorn; a record that redefined Blanchard's sound and style since the release of her 2015 debut bilingual LP "Deux Visions." Her work has been featured on WBUR's syndicated program "Here and Now," Los Angeles NPR music affiliate KCRW, and on a number of hit tv shows

including Grey's Anatomy, Workin' Moms, and Trinkets. When Francesca isn't on stage or in the studio, chances are she's hiking a mountain somewhere.

Acquamosa

Acquamosa is an ethereal electric pop ensemble from Burlington. Born from a mission of dissolving the separate worlds of music and dance, the group performs their live show as a cohesive spirit, blending synthscapes and soulful melodies with evocative movement. With frequent sit-ins and guest appearances, and a variety of dance styles including pole and contemporary movement, their live show is a truly unique and exciting experience not to be missed.

Father Figuer

Father Figuer is a sirencore indie rock project based in Burlington. Distinguished by a relentless culmination of tidal emotion, the group focuses on the capture and release of human experience. These hunts are characterized by ambient, folk and post-rock influences while grounded in a shoegaze delivery. The trio oscillates between vocal and instrumental focus, seeking to pull from both primal roots and societal understanding.

ART ON EXHIBIT

BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

7 Center St, Brandon

Visit brandonartistsguild.org or call 802-247-4956 for more info.

"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.

EDGEWATER GALLERY AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"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

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Be Still" a solo exhibition of paintings by Rory Jackson, is on view through Sept. 27. Jackson's latest collection of landscapes invites us to pause, take a deep breath and appreciate the nuanced beauty of the skies that frame the rural landscape of our state.

JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant Street, Middlebury

Visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery 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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4472 Basin Harbor Rd, Vergennes

Visit lcmm.org or call 802-475-2022 for more info.

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ARIES: March 21–April 20. Teaching what you know to others is a continuous theme for you this week, Aries. You want to impart wisdom any way that you can and you'll have the opportunity to do so.

TAURUS: April 21–May 21. Taurus, you'll finally gain greater control over your thoughts this week when someone close to you helps you see the bigger picture. Now you can focus on important things.

GEMINI: May 22–June 21. Your love life may seem confusing this week, Gemini. It may wax and wane from fevered passion to apathy. Rough patches are not unusual and you need to see this through.

CANCER: June 22–July 22. Cancer, a change in routine is necessary. Lately you may have been feeling overwhelmed by responsibilities, so take time to figure out what you need to do.

LEO: July 23–Aug. 23. A turning point in your love life may come this week, Leo. It may hit you in a most unexpected way. Even a relatively simple gesture may sway your feelings.

VIRGO: Aug. 24–Sept. 22. Virgo, your social circle could open up this week and expand your prospects even further. Use the new connections to get out of the house more than ever before.

LIBRA: Sept. 23–Oct. 23. An unexpected financial windfall could come your way this week, Libra. While it could be tempting to spend all this extra money right away, save some for a rainy day.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24–Nov. 22. Your desire for excitement could lead you on a wild goose chase, Scorpio. You may find that it's not excitement you need, just a change of scenery. Book a trip.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23–Dec. 21. Sagittarius, this week you may find that one day you are calm and collected, and the next you are all riled up. Find a balance between them both to get through the days.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22–Jan. 20. Capricorn, though making sudden changes in your life seems like a good idea, it's best to take some time mulling things over before you dive into any new situations.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21–Feb. 18. Even the best plans can use a little tweaking from time to time. Go with the flow, Aquarius. Enjoy this more laid back approach and consider taking it more often.

PISCES: Feb. 19–March 20. Pisces, a professional change will happen soon. All that hard work you have been putting in is sure to pay off in the weeks ahead.

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

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SEPT. 16 — Ching Shi, Pirate (d)
SEPT. 17 — William Carlos Williams, poet (d)
SEPT. 18 — Jason Sudeikis, actor (47)

SEPT. 19 — Sunita Williams, astronaut (57)
SEPT. 20 — Red Cloud, First-Nation politician, (d)
SEPT. 21 — Faith Hill, singer (55)

CALENDAR

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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

SOLO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION BY JAY

LAGEMANN IN CORNWALL. Friday, Sept. 16, 5:30-7 p.m., Sunrise Orchards, 1287 N. Bingham St. Celebrate autumn and the harvest with Edgewater Gallery's outdoor exhibit of sculptures by Jay Lagemann, presented on the grounds of Sunrise Orchards. An opening reception will be

held on Friday with an artist talk and tour. Food and drink will be available, and of course, apples!

"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.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

HORSE DAY IN BRISTOL. Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-afternoon, Bristol Riding Ring, Liberty St. Celebrate all thing horses at the 2nd Annual Bristol Horse Day. Demonstrations of breeds and styles of riding, driving and games with horses from Polo to a Kid's Hobby Horse Race, with much more in between. Learn about horse history in Bristol. Snacks, restrooms on site. Free. Please park at the Bristol Rec. Field or Mount Abe, and walk across the field to the ring. More info at 802-349-2301.

MOOSE CROSSING IN BRANDON. Saturday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Moose Crossing plays youthful, energized takes on classic jazz tunes from Miles Davis, Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington and beyond. They also perform funkier jazz-infused takes on rock and pop tunes from the Beatles, Stevie Wonder, Bruno Mars, the Doors and more. Tickets \$8 adults/\$6 seniors and students.

SNAKE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Brandon Music, 62 Country Club Rd. Come hear authentic and

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091

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toe tapping Bluegrass with harmonies and songs that vary in tempo from hard driving 'breakdowns' to softer, folk-type arrangements. Tickets \$25. Preconcert dinner available for \$35. Reservations required for dinners and recommended for the show and can be made online at brandon-music.net. Venue is BYOB. More info at 802-247 4295 or info@brandon-music.net.

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COMEDY SHOW IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Sept. 17, 6-8 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Mountain Mac Cider Company presents a PG-13 Comedy Show featuring Ben Kirschenbaum and guest acts. Tickets available online or at the door. This is an outside event, please feel free to bring a chair and your own picnic. Grub, hard cider, apple cider and donuts will be available. While we love furry friends, this is not a dog-friendly event. More info at 802-388-2411.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

MUSHROOM WALK IN ORWELL. Sunday, Sept. 18, 1-4 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mount Independence Rd. Mushroom expert Meg Madden is back to lead another of her popular mushroom exploration walks. Look for and learn about mushrooms. 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.

"39 STEPS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. See Sept. 15 listing. Tickets \$17, available at townhalltheater.org.

ZIG ZAG RELEASE PARTY IN MONKTON. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m., Willowell Foundation, Bristol Rd. Zig Zag celebrates its seventh year serving the Addison County community. The outdoor location allows attendees to learn about Willowell, walk the sculpture park, with other guests, and hear 13 contributors read from their work. Free and open to the public.

APPLE FEST IN SHOREHAM. Sunday, Sept. 18, noon-4 p.m., town green and gazebo. A rain or shine family event to benefit Platt Memorial Library. Homemade lunch with apple desserts, apple pie baking contest, farmers' market, 50/50 raffle, children's activities, tennis and pickle ball, and live music from Snake Mountain Bluegrass. Free. For contest rules and entry forms visit

plattlib.org or call Cora Waag 802-897-5160.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

HOBBIT DAY IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5-6:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Did you know that Sept. 22 is National Hobbit Day? Come celebrate with us — a day early. Lord of the Rings trivia; flower crown with Elanor the Fair; battle Shelob with light of Galadriel and Sting; and enjoy hobbit treats. For ages teen to adult. Register on the Adult Program page at www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

BOOK DISCUSSION IN ORWELL. Thursday, Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. The second of two discussions of "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Books available to check out at Orwell Free Library.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

ATLATL WORKSHOP IN ADDISON. Friday, Sept. 23, noon-5 p.m., Chimney Point State Historic Site, 31 Route 17. Atlatl experts Bob and Cheryl Berg of Thunderbird Atlatl teach traditional and modern techniques of atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping, hafting stone points, and cordage making. Enjoy atlatl lore and coaching on the use of your new atlatl. Pre-registration required. Call 802-759-2412. Fee, \$70, includes instruction and materials.

UNRULY ALLIES AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, Sept. 23, 5-8 p.m., Blueberry Hill Inn and Outdoor Center, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. BYOB.

GREEN HERON PERFORMS IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Sept. 23, 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 to. While we love furry friends, this is not a dog-friendly event. More info at 802-388-2411.

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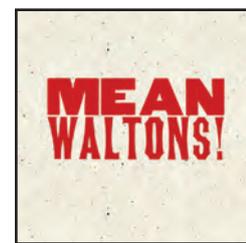
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A cat in the corn maze

A maze is inherently full of surprises, but my family and I got a particularly delightful one when we visited the Lester Farm & Market Corn Maze in New Haven last weekend. We had been walking through the tall, winding rows for only about 10 minutes when we heard a faint meow coming from inside the corn.

Out popped a very friendly yellow cat, whose name, we later learned, is Freddy. My daughters giggled with joy when he rubbed against their legs, and we all agreed he must know his way around the maze better than we did. So we

followed him.

"Show us the way, Corn Cat!" we implored at every turn. And sure enough, Freddy led us to several of the 10 scavenger hunt markers, disappearing into the corn every once in a while, then popping out again to everyone's delight. Look for Freddy if you go!

The maze is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weather permitting, and costs \$10 per adult, \$6 per child.

— Megan James



Fall hikes & more

Want to get out and explore before winter comes? Branbury State Park Interpreter Jill Brooks is offering several guided hikes and activities for all ages around the region this fall — from a moonlit excursion to Ethan Allen's

Cave to a beaver-themed story hour and dam expedition up at Blueberry Hill, to an all-ages plein-air watercolor session with materials provided at the Voter Brook Overlook. Find more details at MiniBury.com.

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Shoreham Apple Fest

Sept. 18, noon to 4 p.m. in Shoreham.

Bristol Harvest Festival

Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Bristol Town Green.

OMYA Quarry Open House

Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Middlebury.

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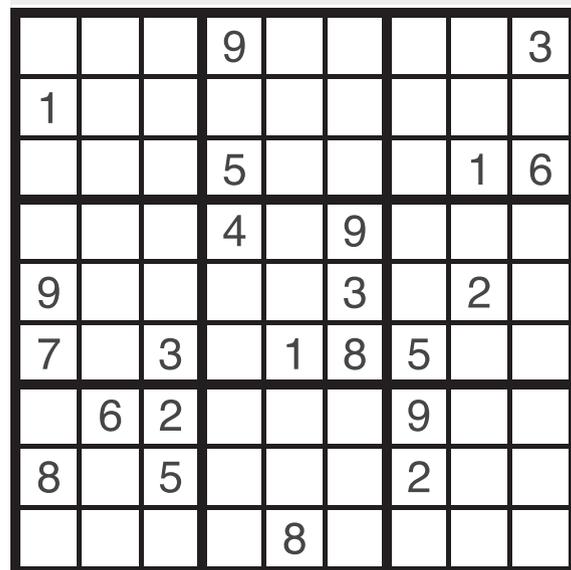
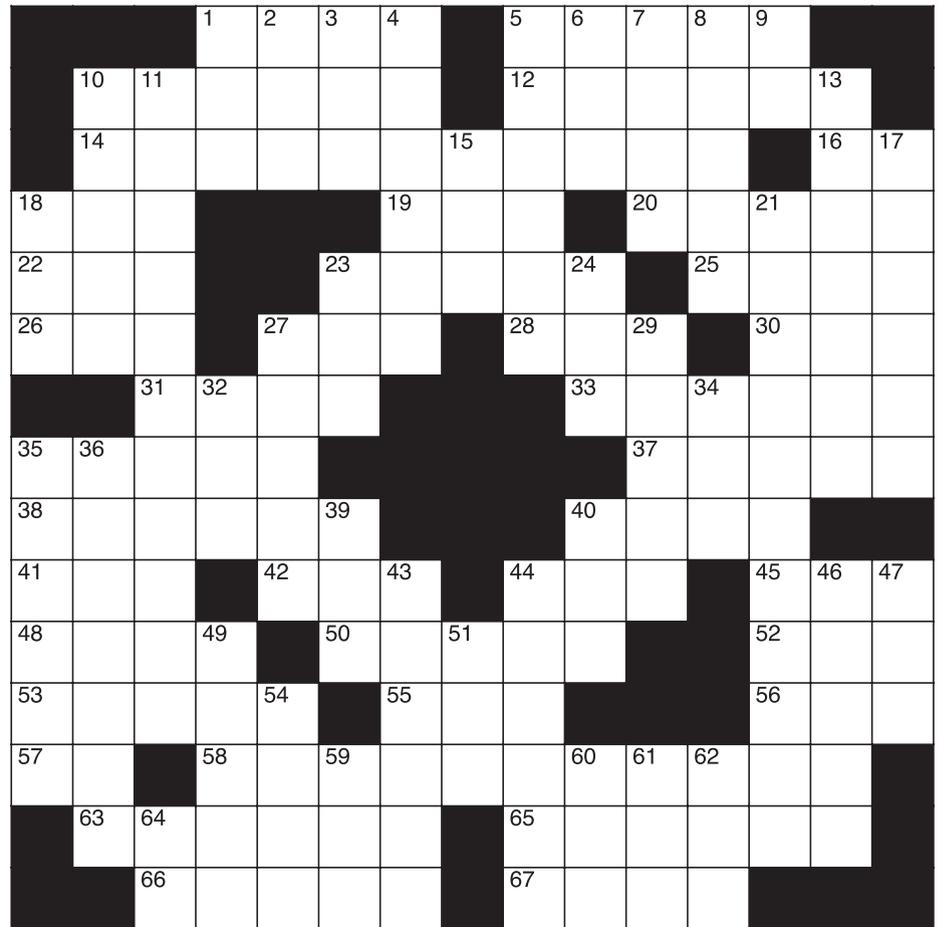
- 1. Crops sown in winter in India
- 5. Nursemaids in East Asia
- 10. Investigates
- 12. Treated like a child
- 14. About religious belief
- 16. Widely used exclamation
- 18. Car mechanics group
- 19. Not good
- 20. Indigenous people of Alberta
- 22. Everyone has one
- 23. Fencing sword
- 25. Soaks
- 26. The human foot
- 27. Of she
- 28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)

- 30. Soldiers
- 31. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 33. Playwright O'Neill
- 35. Stone parsley
- 37. Small stones
- 38. Gas descriptor
- 40. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 41. Jeans manufacturer
- 42. NHL great Bobby
- 44. Cool!
- 45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 48. Winged
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 52. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 53. Coated
- 55. Furry household friend
- 56. Chinese principle

- underlying the universe
- 57. Prefix meaning "within"
- 58. Makes easier
- 63. Transferred property
- 65. Branched
- 66. Hillsides
- 67. Abba __, Israeli diplomat

DOWN

- 1. Eggs in a female fish
- 2. Military mailbox
- 3. Unit to compare power levels
- 4. Line on a map connecting similar points
- 5. One who accepts
- 6. Partner to cheese



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. Ancient Greek sophist
- 8. About hilus
- 9. Southeast
- 10. Where actors ply their trade
- 11. Beloved Philly sandwich
- 13. Intend
- 15. Talk excessively
- 17. Bronx cheers
- 18. Drain
- 21. Renews
- 23. Monetary unit in Asia
- 24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Carthaginian statesman
- 29. Aged
- 32. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 34. Firearm
- 35. Consolation
- 36. An island in the north Atlantic
- 39. Pitching statistic
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Call it a career
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades someone
- 47. Health insurance
- 49. Recommend
- 51. Baltic peninsula
- 54. Father
- 59. After B
- 60. Bar bill
- 61. Doctors' group
- 62. 2,000 lbs.
- 64. Equal to one quintillion bytes



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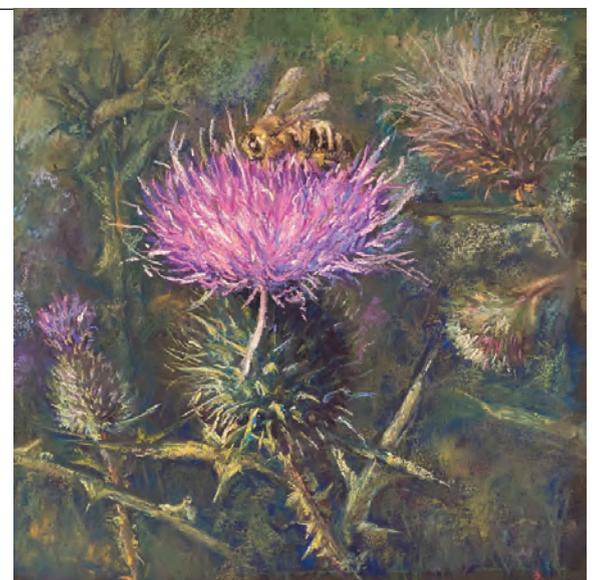
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— HOW TO TEND AN ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE GARDEN —

It's September, and to many gardeners, that means it's time for end-of-the-year garden maintenance. This includes cutting back plants, clearing out leaves and composting most of the vegetation that grew this season.

Before continuing the normal routine, it's a good time to step back and think about the

BY **BONNIE KIRN DONAHUE**

bigger picture. A question to consider is why do we clear out our gardens before the winter? What's the purpose?

One of the reasons that we put our gardens to bed is that herbaceous plants (like annuals and many perennials) will not hold up through the winter. Foliage turns brown and crispy, and the moisture from snow breaks down leaf structure.

Perennials store energy in their underground root systems and regrow fresh vegetation in the spring. Annuals are just that, and need to be

replanted in the spring. The foliage of both is often cut back before the next growing season.

Additionally, cutting back certain foliage in the spring can be a wet, gooey mess, and it is often easier to cut back plants when the soil and plants are dry.

A final reason for cleaning up garden foliage is to eliminate those diseases and pests that may overwinter on the dead plants or in the soil. Since pests and diseases can build up if plants are grown in the same place every year, make notes or a map of where your crops were in the garden this year and rotate them to a new spot next growing season.

I suspect that another reason for fall garden maintenance is the desire to have a tidy-looking garden at the end of the season. This is an opportunity to look at the bigger picture, and change our thinking.



Bonnie Kirn Donahue is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and landscape designer from central Vermont.

In this case, appearance and ecological function are at odds. Many beneficial insects and caterpillars overwinter as eggs, larvae or adults in leaf litter. Bees and other beneficial insects create homes in hollow plant stems until spring. Birds feast on seeds to survive the long winter.

Take a look at a natural area near where you live, and think about how it changes through the seasons. Nature is not tidy or clean. It is beautifully messy, regenerative and evolving.

If we can adjust our expectations about what is beautiful, and follow the lead of nature, we can cultivate gardens that are both lovely and ecologically sensitive.

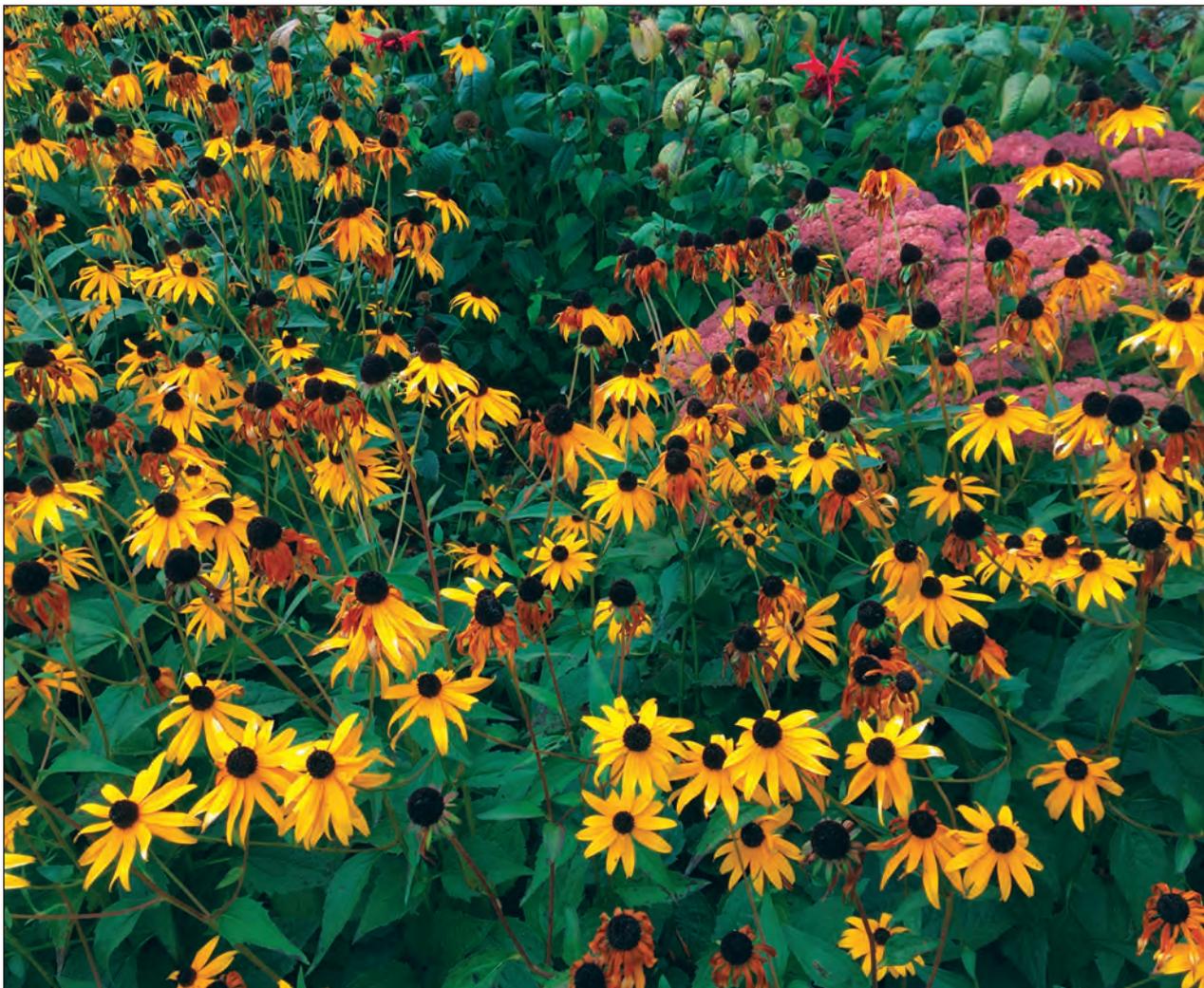
How can we do this?

Start by leaving the plants with seed heads up through the winter. See which plants withstand snow loads, and which plants birds visit. Use this to decide what to do next year.

In my garden, plants such as sunflowers (*Helianthus spp.*), purple coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) and black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia spp.*) hold up to the snow.

Leave plants with pithy, hollow stems such as milkweed, asters, goldenrod, bee balm,

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Although perennials such as black-eyed Susans could be cut back in the fall for a tidier-looking garden, they hold up to the snow so could provide visual interest and food for birds in winter.

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Leaving plants with seed heads up through the winter is one way to provide a source of food for birds. .

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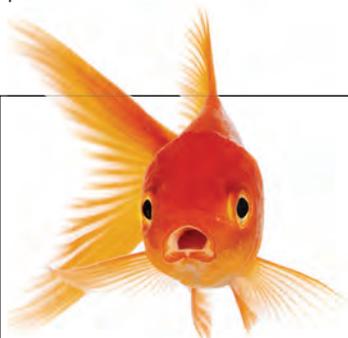
raspberry, elderberry, rose, ornamental grasses and many wildflowers. These stems will provide beneficial insects, including butterflies and bees, with homes throughout the winter.

For information on adjusting your maintenance practices to create habitat in your garden, see Nesting and Overwintering Habitat for Pollinators and Other Beneficial Insects (go.uvm.edu/overwintering).

Don't remove all the leaf litter in your garden. This natural blanket not only provides food sources and a home for butterflies and moths during cold months, it also provides nutrients to the soil as it breaks down.

Ideally, a layer of leaf litter could be left in your garden forever. But if you need to remove it, wait until after the insects have had a chance to emerge and relocate in late spring.

While many of the traditional fall-maintenance practices are valid, they are not applicable in all cases. Essentially, garden maintenance should be performed on a plant-by-plant basis.



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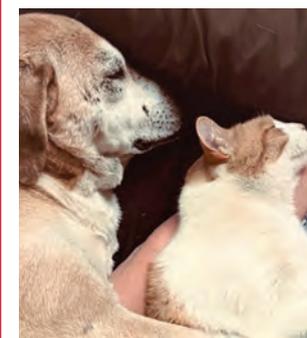
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Amber is a sweet and loving 5-year-old who likes to snuggle up on your lap! She came in as a stray and it has taken her some time to get used to shelter life. She's on the right path to becoming more trusting and relaxed. Amber needs a family that has dog-ownership experience. She's working on her leash training and how to stay calm when passing other dogs. Amber loves playtime. She's curious about cats, but should be the only pet in a home for now. Amber needs a home without young children.



Aster is a 3-year-old, 50+ pound mix. She is high energy and would make a fantastic hiking/walking buddy! Exercise is key for her. She loves playing fetch and has excellent agility skills. She is strong on a leash but walks well with proper positive reinforcement and harness equipment. Aster is very treat-motivated, housebroken, and knows basic commands. She absolutely loves snuggle time. She has the most beautiful eyes and her wagging tail will make anyone smile! Aster is human affectionate and dog selective, and she reacts negatively to cats. Older kids would be fine.

Fresca is a 2-year-old who is still working on her confidence. She is a bit timid at first but warms up quickly when food is involved. Fresca loves being out for walks and enjoys outdoor playtime. A fenced-in yard would be perfect for Fresca to burn off some energy. She's still working on good manners and would be best suited for a home without young children. Fresca has previously done well living with other dogs, but is selective as to what dogs she will accept to spend time with. Proper introductions are key for her.



Nikki is a sweetheart who we estimate to be about 10 years old. She loves car rides and cuddling up with the cats and dogs in her foster home. Nikki can be shy when meeting new people, but once she knows you she won't want to leave your side. She has a calm presence and would do well in a home that allows her to work on her confidence. The way to Nikki's heart is by showering her with treats.

Frida and Liam are a bonded pair and need to be adopted together. Liam is about 5 years old and Frida is only 6 months old. They were abandoned and left behind so we aren't sure about their history other than they really depend on each other! They are spayed and neutered and will go home with a certificate to see a vet of choice for a post-adoption exam.



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Make a dining room more elegant for entertaining

The kitchen may be the heart of a home, but when it comes to entertaining, a dining room — if one is present in a house — tends to be the prime gathering spot for meals.

Dining rooms may not be top on the list of spaces to renovate, as they tend to be used infrequently.

But a dining room makeover may still be a worthy endeavor. Here are some simple ways to make the dining room more elegant and functional.

CLEAR OUT THE CLUTTER

The first step toward improving a dining room eating area is to remove any extraneous items from the space. If the dining room table is not used very often, it likely has become a catch-all for other items, such as bills, newspapers or kids' homework. Rather than using the dining space as a makeshift office or homework station, invest in a rolling cart to store those papers and other items. Simply roll it into a closet or another room when it's time to host a party.

HANG A STATEMENT LIGHT

Few decorative items add as much drama



and ambiance to a dining space as a new overhead light. People hear chandelier and think a bejeweled or crystal design. But various chandelier styles can fit the

aesthetic of a home. The light will be a focal point and instantly make the dining area more elegant. Install the light on a dimmer

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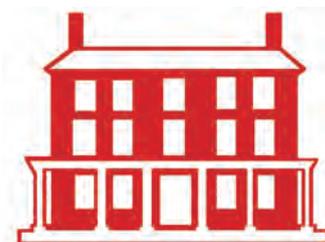
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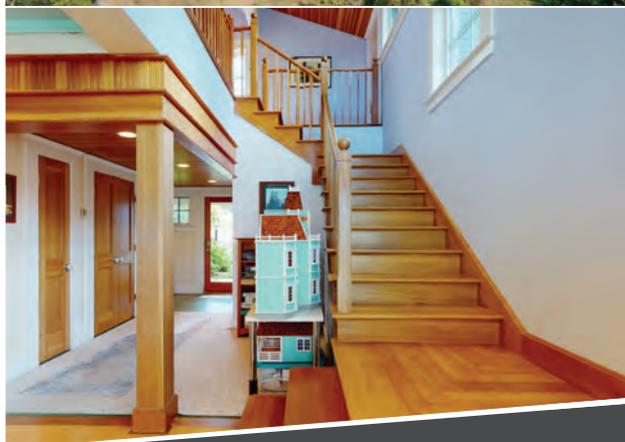
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DINING

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to adjust the illumination as needed to set the mood.

INVEST IN NEW LINENS

Purchase coordinating table linens that will be

used for special occasions. A decorative table cloth or table runner coupled with cloth napkins and placemats helps to set the scene of the dinner party.

ADD A PIECE OF ARTWORK

Many modern homeowners have eschewed the China cabinet that once was standard in dining rooms. Rather than a bulky piece of furniture, a large piece of statement-making artwork or framed photos over a more minimalistic buffet table or small service bar is preferable. Choose artwork that complements the colors in the space.

INCLUDE A CENTERPIECE

Centerpieces add sophistication to the table and tie into the event. Floral arrangements, a bowl or basket of fruit, pine cones or greens from outdoors, or collectibles like shells in a tall canister can serve as centerpieces.

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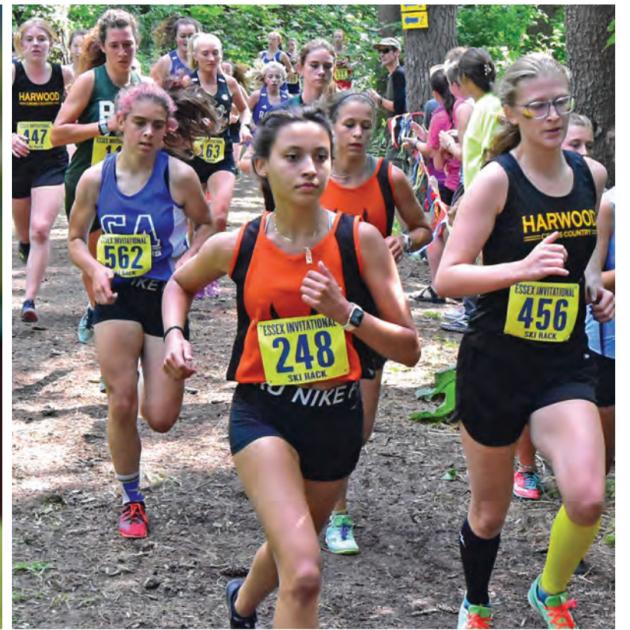


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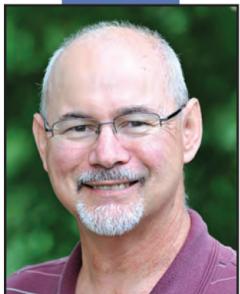
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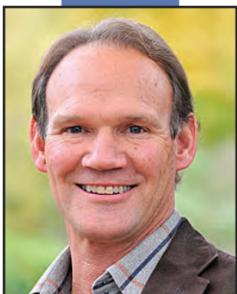
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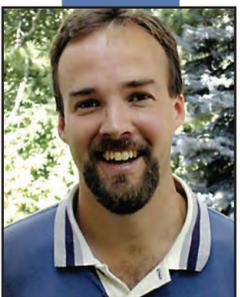
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MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BY ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The most successful teams at Middlebury Union High School in the fall of 2021 were cross country and boys' soccer, and both appear poised to do well again.

Football will be looking to bounce back both from a mid-pack Division I finish and a tough opening loss; girls' soccer will look to once again host a D-II playoff game; and a young field hockey team will seek to find its footing.

Meanwhile, bass fishing appears to be hooking on at MUHS, while the school's golf program has re-established itself.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Tiger cross-country program is coming off another solid campaign, with the boys' team finishing behind only powerhouse U-32 at the Division-II title meet, and the girls' squad taking a respectable third in 2021 competition.

Coach Chris Anderson is looking for more of the same, particularly for the boys. They return four of the five scorers at the 2021 state meet, losing only a senior who led the way, one place ahead of now junior Baxter Harrington in 13th.

Three runners who are now sophomores rounded out the 2021 scorers, Baker Nelson (16th), Haaken Olsen (22nd) and Matthew Berg (32nd).

"On the boys' side we've got a strong group coming back," Anderson said.

The boys' team has also gained senior Ben Seaton, an accomplished 800- and 1,500-meter track athlete who signed on. And that's not all, according to Anderson.

"We have two freshman boys who are running pretty well, and we want to get them into the rotation," he said, naming Matias Citarella and Kaden Hammond, while also noting other runners could work hard and emerge.

The cupboard is not as full on the girls' side, but it is far from bare.

Sophomores Beth McIntosh and Ava Schneider and senior Seina Dowgiewicz all cracked the top 15 at the 2021 state meet. Anderson is confident freshman Mary Harrington will join that trio as a scorer.

"She's running right along with those other three," he said.

The most likely candidates for the other three starting varsity spots are three seniors, Ari Graham-Gurland, Mary Conklin and Dahlia Harrison-Irwin, and one sophomore, Sarah Benz. Anderson again would not rule out other runners surprising.

Overall, Anderson said the boys could nip at U-32's heels this fall, and the girls could finish high in the standings as well.

"U-32 is usually well out ahead of the field, but I would almost expect Middlebury might be a little closer to them this year," he said. "Four girls should be right up there near the front. So, yeah, I'm encouraged on both the boys' and girls' side."

BOYS' SOCCER

Boys' soccer for the second straight season reached the Division II semifinal round before again bowing out to nemesis Milton.

Coach Chris George hopes this year's team can clear that semifinal hurdle.

"We've got a lot of experience coming back, and I think their biggest strength is ambition. They know what a semifinal looks like, and they want to see what the next step looks like," George said.

The Tigers return veteran players on defense, at midfield, and on the attack. Senior Owen Lawton is a four-year starter in goal, where freshman Lyle Carey will serve as backup. Senior Toby Wells-Spackman returns at one of the center back positions, and in the preseason George projected junior Noah Doherty-Konezal to pair with Wells-Spackman in the middle. Junior Eliot Heminway can spell them.

Junior Gus Hodde, who can slide into the middle, and senior Henry Hunsdorfer will line up on the flanks, with seniors Graham Mattrick and Trevor Schnoor and sophomore Ian Sinclair ready to step in there.

Central midfield starters are seniors Oliver Anderson and Trey Bosworth and sophomore Ollie Choudhury, all returners although Bosworth assumes a new role, with senior Zach Wilkerson and junior Eddie Fallis, also veterans, running wide. Juniors Iver Anderson and Milo Rees and senior Bronson Schoelzel will back them up.

George said he is confident in both those groups. "We're going to be able to knock the ball around and possess it," he said. "And it's going to be hard to score against us."

Senior Ronen Silberman will run up top, with classmate Eliot Schneider probably the first off the bench at striker, with seniors Nathan Bingham and Carter Lee also in the mix.

"We have plenty of goals in the lineup. If those guys start firing we're going to be tough to beat," George said.

George added if the Tigers believe in themselves they should be tough to defeat.

"I think the sky is the limit," he said. "There's nothing but ourselves preventing us from another deep run."

FOOTBALL

Coach Dennis Smith's football team will be looking to bounce back

from a campaign that by program standards was disappointing — a .500 regular season and a first-round playoff loss.

Smith, speaking before a tough first-week setback to 2021 finalist CVU (after which he remained reasonably upbeat), said the potential should be there for Tiger football to step forward.

"It's been a good two-week preseason," he said. "We moved the ball well. We didn't turn it over ... Defensively we didn't give up anything."

Smith listed a couple strengths. "We've got a lot of quickness. We've got a lot of kids returning that are hungry," Smith said.

Offensively, the Tigers also bring back junior quarterback Jackson Gillett, who had to jump off the dock and learn to swim last year — he had never played a game of tackle football, thanks to COVID — after being pressed into action following an injury to the starter.

Smith said Gillett is more prepared to run the offense and can also throw the ball well when asked.

"Jackson has come a long way, and he's really accepted the role this year," he said. "He's had to make a big jump, and he has."

Gillett will hand off most often to senior fullback Cam Stone and running backs Cole Schnoor, a senior, and Gavin McNulty, a junior. Sophomore Avery Carl will back up Stone, and junior Cole Warren got a few carries vs. CVU. Senior Charlie Stone, if healthy, could also be featured in the backfield; he sat out

the opener with an injury.

When Gillett throws the top targets will be the backs; wideouts Cole Ashelin, a senior, and Brady McDonough, a junior; and tight ends Penn Riney, a senior, and Angus Blackwell, a sophomore.

The starting line features sophomore Kyle Stearns at center, senior Sawyer Cadoret and junior Tim Whitney at guard, and senior Kagen Besser-Jones and sophomore Joseph Bergevin at tackle.

The program has tweaked its defense to a set with three down linemen, four linebackers, and four in the secondary.

Smith said the move was made to take better advantage of the quickness of his personnel and to combat the spread passing attacks many other teams have adopted.

Cam Stone (and Charlie Stone if healthy) will see plenty of time up front defensively, along with senior Matt Brown, Besser-Jones, Bergevin and Cadoret.

The linebackers are Carl, junior Aiden Laduke, Whitney, Schnoor, Blackwell and McNulty.

Junior Jacob Kemp and sophomore Tucker Morter will start at corner, with Gillett and McDonough at safety. Sophomores Luke Nuceder and George Devlin provide depth in the secondary.

Looking back, Smith said some of the inconsistency of the 2021 team can be traced in part to the lack of contact and running plays of the 7v7 all-passing 2020 season, a problem for a program that emphasizes a (See MUHS, Page 4C)

TIGER CROSS COUNTRY



ROSTER

COACH Chris Anderson
ASSISTANT COACH Micaela Young

Narges Anzali	12	Maeve Roche	12	Henry Weston	11	Gabe Schmitt	10
Melody Berenbaum	12	Vivian Ross	12	Sarah Benz	10	Ava Schneider	10
Helen Brayton	12	Ben Seaton	12	Matthew Berg	10	Ethan Spritzer	10
Aidan Chance	12	Eleanna Sellers	12	Jessie Bodette	10	Matias Citarella	9
Mary Conklin	12	Lewis Suchomel	12	Keil Broderson	10	Berkeley Graham-Gurland	9
Maddie Crowne	12	B Porter	11	Aaron Carr-Perlow	10	Kaden Hammond	9
Seina Dowgiewicz	12	Asa Baker-Rouse	11	Avery Hamilton	10	Mary Harrington	9
Megan Gemignani	12	Mahina Elchibekova	11	Lucas Flinner	10	Nathan Stefani	9
Ari Graham-Gurland	12	Baxter Harrington	11	Beth McIntosh	10	Alixis Williams	9
Dahlia Harrison-Irwin	12	Ben Seaton	11	Baker Nelson	10		
Finn O'Neill	12	Reese Valley	11	Haakon Olsen	10		

SCHEDULE

9/10	@ Burlington Invitational	2	p.m.
9/17	@ U-32 Invitational	10:15	a.m.
9/20	@ Mt. Abraham	4:35	p.m.
10/1	@ Woods Trail Run, Thetford	11:15	a.m.
10/8	@ Harwood Invitational	1	p.m.
10/15	@ NVAC Champs, Mississquoi	11:30	a.m.
10/29	@ State Champs, Thetford	11:30	a.m.

TIGER GIRLS' SOCCER



SCHEDULE

9/3	Montpelier	10	a.m.
9/6	@ Enosburg	4:30	p.m.
9/9	OVUHS	4:30	p.m.
9/14	@ Fair Haven	6	p.m.
9/17	@ Rutland	11	a.m.
9/20	Mt. Abraham	4:30	p.m.
9/23	@ Rice	4:30	p.m.
9/28	Rutland	4:30	p.m.
10/1	VUHS	3	p.m.
10/4	@ Milton	4	p.m.
10/7	@ Mt. Abe	4	p.m.
10/12	Rice	4	p.m.
10/18	@ Rice	4	p.m.
10/21	Milton	4	p.m.

ROSTER

COACH Reeves Livesay

Stella Andrews	12	Cady Pitner	12	Simone Duquette Hoffman	11	Kassidy Brown	10	Naomi McConville	10	Solstice Binder	9
Elisabeth Crawford	12	Lia Robinson	12	Caroline Nicolai	11	Elsa Burrows	10	GeorgiaPeach Parmalee-		Cooper Cannon	9
Mary Johnson	12	Abigail Stafford	12	Amelia Quesnel	11	Lily Dame	10	Varkoutas	10		
Lily Lapiner	12	Audrey Carpenter	11	Harper Werme	11	Meredith Horne	10	Ada Weaber	10		
Becca Orten	12	Cat Carpenter	11	Isabella Wilbur	11	Jazmyn Hurley	10	Esra Anzali	9		

TIGER BOYS' SOCCER



SCHEDULE

9/7	@ Colchester	4:30	p.m.
9/10	Mt. Anthony	11	a.m.
9/14	Mt. Mansfield	4:30	p.m.
9/17	Mt. Abe	10	a.m.
10/19	@ Rutland	6	p.m.
10/21	@ Missisquoi	4:30	p.m.
10/24	@ Mt. Abe	10	a.m.
9/27	VUHS	4:30	p.m.
9/30	Milton	4:30	p.m.
10/5	@ Rice	3:30	p.m.
10/8	@ Missisquoi	10	a.m.
10/14	@ VUHS	4	p.m.
10/19	@ Milton	4	p.m.
10/22	Rice	10	a.m.

COACH **Chris George**

ROSTER

Oliver Anderson	12	Owen Lawton	12	Bronson Schoelzel	12	Zach Wilkerson	12	Edward Fallis	11	Ollie Choudhury	10
Nathan Bingham	12	Carter Lee	12	Trevor Schnoor	12	Iver Anderson	11	Eliot Heminway	11	Ian Sinclair	10
Trey Bosworth	12	Graham Mattrick	12	Ronen Silberman	12	Caleb Burrows	11	Gus Hodde	11	Lyle Carey	9
Henry Hunsdorfer	12	Eliot Schneider	12	Toby Wells-Spackman	12	Noah Doherty-Konczal	11	Milo Rees	11		

TIGER FOOTBALL



SCHEDULE

9/2	CVU	7	p.m.
9/9	@ St. Johnsbury	7	p.m.
9/17	St. Albans	7	p.m.
9/23	Rutland	7	p.m.
9/30	Essex	7	p.m.
10/7	@ Hartford	7	p.m.
10/14	@ Burlington/South Burlington	7	p.m.
10/21	@ Burr & Burton	7	p.m.

COACH **Dennis Smith**

ASSISTANT COACHES **John Nuceder & Jed Malcolm**

ROSTER

Cole Ashelin	12	Berkley McDermott	12	Makayla Swan	12	Gavin McNulty	11	Joseph Bergevin	10	Luke Nuceder	10
Kagen Besser-Jones	12	Penn Riney	12	Jeremiah Tinker	12	Dylan Odell	11	Angus Blackwell	10	Heath Odell	10
Matthew Brown	12	Cole Schnoor	12	Jackson Gillett	11	Wyatt Stearns	11	Avery Carl	10	Alex Sperry	10
Sawyer Cadoret	12	Nick Sheldrick	12	Jacob Kemp	11	Jeremiah Tellier	11	George Devllin	10		
Layne Chant	12	Cameron Stone	12	Aiden LaDuke	11	Cole Warren	11	Tassilo Luksch	10		
Kaleb Huestis	12	Charlie Stone	12	Brady McDonough	11	Tim Whitney	11	Tucker Morter	10		

MUHS

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rushing attack. He expects better continuity this year.

"When you're a running football team there's so much verbiage and learning the kids have to comprehend from one year to the next, and we just lost all that," he said.

As for an outlook?

"I feel as we get a couple of weeks under our belt we're just going to get better and better, and the kids will just get more confidence in themselves," Smith said. "We're looking for a good season."

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach Reeves Livesay's girls' soccer program in 2021 did well enough to earn, and win, a home playoff game. But about half the starting lineup received their diplomas in June, and the team has a new look this fall. Livesay remained hopeful about the Tigers' prospects, however, as he expects a half-dozen returning seniors to set the tone for the team — and they did split their first two games.

"I think we have a really nice group of seniors who are excited to take on new roles and are doing a really good job leading the team and helping bring us together," he said.

He has asked the Tigers to use their quickness to play more

aggressively on offense rather than always rely on a patient buildup.

"The team is really excited to explore playing a little bit of a different style this year and really play to our strengths," he said.

The Tigers will have a reconfigured back line.

Sophomores Meredith Horne, who has played at least some in the back in the past, and Elsa Burrows are new starters in the middle of that defense, with junior Harper Werme returning on one flank and probably junior Simone Duquette-Hoffman on the other. But Livesay said he could shake things up by moving senior Elisabeth Crawford into a starting role in the back.

Senior Stella Andrews, sophomore Amelia Quesnel, and

freshmen Cooper Cannon and Esra Anzali will back up the defenders.

Livesay expects his defense to steadily improve.

"We have some new people on defense," he said. "But every practice they're learning and improving, and they're coming together very well."

Sophomore Kassidy Brown takes over in goal, with classmate Georgia Peach Parmalee-Varkoutas her backup. "Kassidy has really stepped up and embraced being in goal after playing in the field last year," Livesay said.

Senior Lia Robinson returns to coordinate the attack at center midfield, where also freshman Solstice Binder will line up. Versatile senior veteran Cady Pitner will start either at center midfield, forward or flank midfield. Also in the midfield mix are senior Rebecca Orten and juniors Audrey Carpenter, Caroline Nicolai and Isabella Wilbur.

Senior Lily Lapiner, Crawford and sophomore Jazmyn Hurley are the top forwards, with senior Mary Johnson, junior Max Carpenter and sophomore Lily Dame ready to step in.

Livesay said he hopes the Tigers will peak after the leaves turn.

"Our goal is the same every year," he said. "We want to build toward the end of the season and feel like if we can get the process right, we'll be at our best in the postseason."

FIELD HOCKEY

Coach Brandi Whittemore's field hockey program was more competitive game to game in 2021, but she acknowledges after the graduation of a number of starters and a roster this year with only two seniors and two juniors the program is looking at a reboot.

Whittemore said the Tigers discussed what they hoped to accomplish during the preseason, and much of it had to do with laying the groundwork for success.

"Growth will be huge," she said. "Effort, communication and confidence were things that they wanted to focus on this year."

Leadership will help keep the Tigers on an even keel, and Whittemore expects to see that from her veterans, notably senior central midfielder Hana Doria, junior flank midfielder Erin Mulcahy, and sophomore central defender Lila Cook Yoder.

"We have a young team, but we also have strong leaders to help set the tone," she said.

Yoder will lead a defense that Whittemore said will see senior Adelaide Riche on one side and freshman Maya Breckenridge on the other, with sophomore Meredith Cameron the first off the bench and freshman Marolyn Bingham and Elizabeth Bunt spotting in.

Returning starting goalie Jolee Heffernan was injured as the season began, and sophomore Michaela Charbonneau took over.

Joining Doria and Mulcahy at midfield will be freshman Quinn Doria. That leaves an all-freshman front line, with Kenyon Connors, Navah Glickman and Ireland Hanley the likely starters and Ivy Gates spotting in. Another freshman, Stella Gray, is new to the sport.

Whittemore has faith her younger players will develop their skills.

"There is strong talent in the underclassmen," she said. "They're very coachable."

But it might take time, even if it will be boosted by what she saw as good team camaraderie in the preseason.

"The dynamic they have already created off the field, the friendships, I think will help them work together on the field," Whittemore said.

And Assistant Coach Lindsay Lalonde added another goal for the program this fall.

"Something Brandi just told them is 'Have fun.' Don't forget to also

have fun," Lalonde said.

GOLF

MUHS golf Coach Joe Crodelle is disappointed no girls signed up, but was happy about the program's numbers, which roughly doubled from the fall of 2021. In part he believes VPA's move of the sport to the fall a couple years back is beginning to boost participation, at least at MUHS.

"We have 12 active kids on the boys' team," Crodelle said, adding, "And I'm very happy with the incoming players."

And some of them should be consistently strong scorers, Crodelle said, naming senior returner Colin MacGuffie, junior Kellan Bartlett and sophomore Landon Kean.

Most likely to join them scoring at meets might be returning sophomore Ben Fuller, senior Willem Berry, and juniors Riley Disorda and Dylan Stowe.

Several of the others are newcomers and are learning fast, Crodelle said, and could make an impact.

"I would definitely say we will be more competitive than last year," Crodelle said.

Crodelle also noted the Tigers were set to host two regular season events early in September.

He also said only one Tiger went to the state championship qualifying tournament in 2021, and the program hopes to send a full five-player slate this fall. And that qualifier is at Ralph Myhre Golf Course on Oct. 6.

"It's at home, which is another added bonus," he said. "So we're really hoping to have five there and show and do well and see what happens from there."

BASS FISHING

MUHS this year is also launching bass fishing, a new VPA-approved activity as of 2021, as the school's (See MUHS, Page 5C)

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TIGER FIELD HOCKEY



SCHEDULE

9/2	@ Mt. Mansfield	4	p.m.
9/6	@ Colchester	4	p.m.
9/8	Burlington	4:30	p.m.
9/14	@ Rice	4	p.m.
9/16	@ Mt. Abe	4	p.m.
9/20	South Burlington	4:30	p.m.
9/24	@ Essex	10	a.m.
9/28	Essex	4:30	p.m.
10/1	Mt. Abe	10	a.m.
10/6	@ OVUHS	4	p.m.
10/12	@ Burlington	4	p.m.
10/14	Mt. Mansfield	4	p.m.
10/18	Colchester	4	p.m.
10/20	CVU	4	p.m.

ROSTER

COACH Brandi Whittemore Correia

Hana Doria	12	Erin Mulcahy	11	Lila Cook Yoder	10	Elizabeth Bunt	9	Ivy Gates	9	Ireland Hanley	9
Adelaide Riche	12	Michaela Charbonneau	10	Marolyn Bingham	9	Kenyon Connors	9	Navah Glikman	9	Callie Rees	9
Jolee Heffernan	11	Meredith Cameron	10	Maya Breckenridge	9	Quinn Doria	9	Stella Gray	9		

TIGER GOLF



SCHEDULE

9/6	Girls open @ Sugarbush	9/16	@ Rocky Ridge
9/7	Ralph Myhre	9/20	@ Links at Lang
9/9	@ Basin Harbor	9/2	Girls Open @ West Bolton
9/12	Girls @ Links at Lang	10/6	Boys State Qualifier @ Ralph Myhre
9/14	Ralph Myhre	10/12	Girls Championships @ Williston

ROSTER

COACH Joe Crodelle

Willem Berry	12	Riley Disorda	11	Landon Kean	10
Shannon Gillett	12	Zach Jette	11	Berkeley Graham-Gurland	9
Colin MacGuffie	12	Jonas McDermott	11	Hunter Sunhawk	9
Clyde Malhotra	12	Dylan Stowe	11	Lucus Williams	9
Fynn Whitlock	12	Benjamin Fuller	10		
Kellan Bartlett	11	Dominic Jones	10		

TIGER BASS FISHING



SCHEDULE

9/17	VPA Classic @ South Hero	10/8	State Tourney @ South Hero
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ROSTER

COACHES Jason Betourney & John Fitzgerald

Willem Berry	12	Dylan Stowe	11	Makayla Warner	9
Carter Hubbell	12	Vance Larocque	10	Alyssa Warren	9
Iver Anderson	11	Rainie Kuebler Raymond	9		
Casey Calzini	11	Maren Shubert	9		

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charges into bass fishing's two

scheduled competitions, both to be held at the John Guilmette Access Area in South Hero. One is the VPA Classic High School Tournament on Sept. 17, and the other is the championship tournament on Oct. 8.



VERGENNES UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BY ANDY KIRKALOY

VERGENNES — This fall at Vergennes Union High School the boys' soccer team is looking to prolong a series of strong seasons, the girls' soccer team is hoping to bounce back after a rare down campaign, a former coach returns to lead cross country, and at least one of the newer varsity sports appears to be gaining traction.

BOYS' SOCCER

Coach Kevin Hayes's team has been in the title hunt for at least the past two seasons, with one-goal losses in the Division III boys' soccer semifinal round in both 2020 and 2021.

Hayes believes a team with nine seniors, most of them expected to play key roles this fall, has the potential to be right back in the mix.

"The outlook is positive," Hayes said. "The core is good. The midfield is strong."

Four of those seniors will start in that midfield. Jack Wyman as an attacking central midfielder and Parker Kayhart will line up in the middle with a defensive orientation. Classmates Shamus Rooney and Gideon Palmer will look to supply some oomph to the offense from the flanks, while junior Ryder Messinger is also likely to join them in the starting lineup in the middle.

Seniors Henry Anderson and

Connor Kelly and sophomores Ethan Croke, Spencer Grimm and Gabriel Scribner will all be in the midfield mix.

Hayes was planning to give seniors Elijah Duprey and Xavier DeBlois the starting nods at forward, with senior Abram Francis, Kelly and Scribner available to rotate in.

Between that group and the attacking middies Hayes expects production.

"We'll create some opportunities," he said.

The back line, hit hardest by graduation, will be rebuilt. Junior Oakley Francis saw time at center back a year ago, and now takes over full time. Senior Eli Brace and sophomore Spencer Gebo will flank him most of the time.

But Hayes could at times go with a four-back alignment, either by moving a center middle back or giving more time to the other defenders, junior Sawyer Leonard and freshman Ryker Mosehauer. Junior newcomer Devin Brisson takes over in goal.

How a defense with three new starters and a new goalie fare will be critical, but Hayes said he is confident they will grow into their roles.

Because the Commodores have a tough regular season against Division I teams in the Lake Division they will have to bring

their A game every day to compete, Hayes said, while also earning enough wins to get a favorable D-II seed would be helpful.

"We're looking to make a run again, like the last couple years," he said. "We've had 10-, 11-win seasons, so that's pretty good. We're trying to maintain that and get a better playoff spot than we did last year."

GIRLS' SOCCER

In 2021, a first-round playoff loss as a low seed snapped the VUHS girls' soccer program of four straight seasons making the D-III finals. With the team's usual tough schedule, Co-coaches Pete Maneen and Dwight Irish aren't saying the Commodores will bounce back to those heights even with an infusion of talented youngsters, but they are looking for better.

"We're going to get some nice solid young players," Irish said. "Our starting 11 is going to be pretty respectable. Right from there I think we're going to compete better, and I think that might translate into more wins."

It's not that the team doesn't have upperclassmen — there are seven seniors on the roster. But three have not played soccer in high school, and the coaches projected only three others will start — defensive central midfielder/defender and unofficial team leader Reese Germander,

outside midfielder Bee Eckels, and outside back Sam Hallock.

Meanwhile, all four freshman are likely to start: striker/outside middle Ava Francis, center back Amelia Giroux, goalie Quincy Sabick and center middle Ashtin Stearns.

Irish said the group is talented, but there could be some growing pains as they adapt to varsity play in the Lake Division.

"They are young, so they're probably going to have some bumps and ups and downs along the way," Irish said.

Amelia Giroux will have support at central defense, where she will pair either with her older sister, junior Madelyn Giroux, or Germander. The coaches said sophomore Jing Williams is likely to get the nod at the other flank on defense opposite Hallock. Seniors Siobhan Potter and Natalie Bergeron will spell the outside backs.

Junior Kaelin Sullivan returns as an offensive central midfielder to help control the middle of the field; she is coming off a strong sophomore season. Along with either Germander or Giroux and the two freshmen, junior Emily Lowe will rotate through at central midfield.

Along with Sullivan and Francis at flank midfield, seniors Carlyn Rapoport, Olivia Correia and Claire Hatch, plus sophomore Tryphene

Miguel, are in the mix. Junior Alaina LeBeau and Miguel join Francis at striker.

Irish said chemistry also looked like a plus in early going, with the seniors making newcomers feel welcome. He believes regardless of wins and losses the season should be positive, but the harmony could also help tilt the Commodores' record in a favorable direction.

CROSS COUNTRY

After a year off due to work conflicts, former VUHS cross-country and track coach Brad Castillo is back to take over the reins of the cross-country program. He inherits a program that once again has low numbers. As of the opening of school there were five boys, the bare minimum to compete at the D-III state meet, and only three girls.

"It's a small team, which is nothing new to us," he said.

But two more girls would at least allow that side of the team to score at all its meets, and also given the small margin of error on the boys' side Castillo was hoping for more recruits.

He does see potential in the

individuals. The team's only senior is Jasmine Little, a varsity basketball and softball player new to cross country who has ample athletic ability; Castillo believes she could thrive in cross country. He also believes junior Zoe Reid St. John will progress due to a strong work ethic. Sophomore Torrey Hanna is the team veteran, and he said she could "break through" this fall.

He sees juniors Calder Rakowski and Calvin Gramling as most likely to be the boys' top runners, with sophomore Grey Fearon and freshmen Carter McGuire and Chance Koenig showing promise.

The group made a good impression on Castillo in the early going.

"They're excited to be here," he said. "They're attentive. They're smart. They're a great group of kids. They appear to want to learn how to do it. Most of them run all year ... They're ready and they've showed up every day ready to work."

A D-III championship might be unrealistic, at least this fall, Castillo said, but working to improve and looking for personal bests are reasonable and laudable goals.

"My goal is to make sure they go to every meet with their own motivation to improve in some way," Castillo said. "We're going to see how we can improve

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COMMODORE BOYS' SOCCER

SCHEDULE

9/2	@ Northfield/Williamstown	4:30 p.m.
9/7	@ Winooski	4:30 p.m.
9/10	@ Mt. Abe	10 a.m.
9/16	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
9/21	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
9/24	@ Missisquoi	10 a.m.
9/27	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/30	Mt. Abe	4:30 p.m.
10/3	@ Milton	6 p.m.
10/6	@ GMVS	4 p.m.
10/8	Rice	1:30 p.m.
10/11	Missisquoi	4 p.m.
10/14	MUHS	4 p.m.
10/22	Milton	10 a.m.



COACH Kevin Hayes

ROSTER

Henry Anderson	12	Abram Francis	12	Jack Wyman	12	Sawyer Leonard	11	Spencer Grimm	10
Eli Brace	12	Parker Kayhart	12	Devin Brisson	11	Ryder Messinger	11	Gabriel Scribner	10
Xavier DeBlois	12	Gideon Palmer	12	Oakley Francis	11	Ethan Croke	10	Ryker Mosehauer	9
Elijah Duprey	12	Shamus Rooney	12	Connor Kelly	11	Spencer Gebo	10		

VUHS

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individually within each person. A lot of them have expressed some goals about running certain times."

GOLF

Only two golfers signed up to play this year for VUHS. Sophomore Devon Pierce returns after playing on the team in 2021, and senior Nathan Muzzy joins him.

They will work on their goal games under the tutelage of Basin Harbor professional Jason Hughes and look to compete as individuals in Metro Conference events.

They will have some company: VUHS 8th-grader Benjamin Hale and Mount Abraham senior Brenden Oxford will join them in learning the fine points of the sport from Hughes on the Basin Harbor course.

BASS FISHING

Meanwhile, the sport of bass fishing, which the VPA in recent years approved as a varsity activity, grew at VUHS in its second fall. As of the opening of school on Aug. 31, Coach Jack McGuire's varsity team boasted five members: junior Lizi Bennett, sophomores Zachary Norris, Brody McGuire and Felipe Sanchez; and freshman Harmony Stearns.

And nine middle schoolers signed up, even though they will not be allowed to compete in the sport's two VPA-sanctioned events, both at the John Guilmette Access Area in South Hero: the VPA Classic High School Tournament on Sept. 17, and the championship tournament on Oct. 8.

McGuire said he planned to reach out to coaches at other local high schools to set up scrimmages to give all his anglers a chance to compete.

But he said getting out on the water and learning to enjoy a lifetime activity was more important than winning.

"My goal is more participation than 'Vergennes wins the state championship,'" said McGuire, who is thrilled to see the program growing.

He is also grateful for his half-dozen assistant coaches, who provide the team's boats and fuel as well as guidance to the anglers. He said without them and their vessels and support the team could not thrive.

"It's a tricky thing, the logistics. There's the space on the boats," McGuire said. "Ideally, three people on boat is what you want to do. You have a coach, an angler on the front and an angler on the back of the boat. And then you need access to boats."

COMMODORE BASS FISHING



SCHEDULE

9/17	VPA Classic @ South Hero	10/8	State Tourney @ South Hero
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COACH Jack McGuire

ROSTER

Natalie Bergeron	12	Siobhan Potter	12	Tryphene Miguel	10
Olivia Correia	12	Carlyn Rapoport	12	Jing Williams	10
Bee Eckels	12	Madelyn Giroux	11	Ava Francis	9
Reese Gernander	12	Aliana Lebeau	11	Amelia Giroux	9
Sam Hallock	12	Emily Lowe	11	Quincy Sabick	9
Clair Hatch	12	Kaelin Sullivan	11	Ashtin Stearns	9

COMMODORE GOLF

COACH Jason Hughes

ROSTER

Nathan Muzzy	12	Devon Pierce	10
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SCHEDULE

9/3	Randolph	11	a.m.
9/6	Fairfax	4:30	p.m.
9/9	Missisquoi	4:30	p.m.
9/14	@ Enosburg	4:30	p.m.
9/20	@ Rice	4:30	p.m.
9/28	@ GMVS	4:30	p.m.
9/29	@ Milton	6	p.m.
10/1	@ MUHS	3	p.m.
10/4	Mt. Abe	4	p.m.
10/8	Rice	11	a.m.
10/10	@ Stowe	4	p.m.
10/15	Milton	11	a.m.
10/18	MUHS	4	p.m.
10/21	@ Mt. Abe	4	p.m.



ROSTER

COACHES Dwight Irish, Peter Maneen

Natalie Bergeron	12	Reese Gernander	12	Siobhan Potter	12	Aliana Lebeau	11	Tryphene Miguel	10	Amelia Giroux	9
Olivia Correia	12	Sam Hallock	12	Carlyn Rapoport	12	Emily Lowe	11	Jing Williams	10	Quincy Sabick	9
Bee Eckels	12	Clair Hatch	12	Madelyn Giroux	11	Kaelin Sullivan	11	Ava Francis	9	Ashtin Stearns	9

COMMODORE CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

9/03	@ Essex Invitational
9/10	@ Burlington Invitational
9/20	@ Mt. Abe
10/1	@ Thetford
10/7	@ Mt. Mansfield
10/15	@ NVAC Championships at MVU
10/29	@ State Championships at Thetford

ROSTER

COACH Brad Castillo

Jasmine Little	12	Grey Fearon	10
Calvin Gramling	11	Torrey Hanna	10
Calder Rakowski	11	Chance Koenig	9
Zoe Reid-St. John	11	Carter McGuire	9



MOUNT ABRAHAM UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BY ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The established team sports at Mount Abraham all started the preseason with a sense of optimism, and meanwhile two new activities joined the fold, even if sign-up for each was limited as school opened.

FIELD HOCKEY

The team that has made the most news at Mount Abe in recent years, and not only in the fall, has been field hockey. The Eagle stickers under the guidance of longtime Coach Mary Stetson have won 11 Division II titles since 2000, including the past four.

The program made another headline or two this summer: Stetson stepped down, and her daughter, Jen Myers, a program assistant for the past decade, was hired to take the reins.

Myers takes over a team with a different look: Six seniors graduated, most of whom played key roles over the past few seasons. But the new coach expects the Eagle upperclassmen to step up and put their own stamp on the program.

"I'm so excited to watch these juniors and seniors flourish into this. They've had such a great opportunity these past few years to play with a great group of six kids who graduated in the spring," Myers said. "But they learned a lot from them, and it's been fun even in the first week to make it their own a little bit and lead this group of kids that is so young."

A conversation about these Eagle seniors starts with central midfielder Madi Gile, a four-year starter, scorer of huge postseason goals, and an athlete recognized as one of Vermont's top two-way field hockey players.

Gile will anchor a midfield in which she is the only returning starter, although two speedy junior veterans will join her. Morgan Barnard will start on one flank, according to Myers's preseason plan, and saw significant time at

both midfield and forward in 2021. Sarah Heath takes over on the other side after serving as a key member of the forward line rotation a year ago.

The final midfield starter is freshman Maris LaPerle, who will line up at defensive central middle. Junior Grace Orvis will spell the midfielders, Myers said, unless she starts at flank defender.

About that defense: Myers believes it will be an Eagle strong point. Senior Payton Vincent is a multi-year starter in the middle, as is senior Natalie Adams on one flank. Either sophomore Bella Hartwell or Orvis will start on the other side.

"I am definitely looking forward to watching our defense," said Myers.

She added junior Greta Jennison is "totally ready" to take over in goal after working with the varsity for two years, and sophomore Rory Hendea will back her up.

Senior Olivia Campbell proved capable of scoring goals in bunches a year ago and should set the tone for a young group up front, Myers said. The rest of the forward crew includes sophomores Paden Lathrop and Lilyana Case and freshman Addison Wright.

Myers is mindful a new-look Eagle team will once again look to be competitive against a challenging Metro Conference schedule heavy with Division-I teams before it reaches the D-II postseason.

"It's a really tough league. So to compete might not look super successful on a piece of paper, but might be really successful just on things we're accomplishing on the field," she said. "I'm a firm believer they can totally get the job done. They can totally compete with everybody in our league. Now it's their turn to believe that."

FOOTBALL

The other big offseason news for Eagle fall teams was that Coach Jeff Stein's joint Mount Abraham-Vergennes football team was

moved down from D-II to D-III, where the Eagles have received some buzz as a potential contender.

Stein remains cautious, especially because key skill players graduated, and the program's turnout was modest. Fifteen players will do most of the heavy lifting, he said, with his plans calling for a number of freshmen to help out on special teams to lighten the starters' load.

But early on Stein liked what he saw.

"This has been a good offseason. Preseason has been going pretty good," he said. "Our numbers are small, but I like the 15 we've got. They're positive. They're working hard. And I think, knock on wood, if we don't have any injuries we've got a solid team."

Stein also noted the Eagles will be relying on a few younger starters, especially on the offensive line.

"As long as we can get a couple of our freshmen on the offensive line to step up and do what we think they can do, we should be very competitive," he said.

That said, Stein said the move to D-III does not guarantee MAV will have an easy path.

"There's a lot of good teams in Division III," he said. "And we lost a lot of talent. We lost 12 guys, and 10 or 11 of them all saw ample minutes so there's a lot to replace."

That search included finding a new quarterback, who will be senior Zeke Dubois.

"He's seeing the field real well and making good decisions," Stein said.

Dubois and senior offensive tackle Caleb Russell are providing key leadership, he added.

Stein hopes the younger linemen can hold their own and allow him to feature junior Jamison Couture as a lead running back. Junior Jordan McDowell is another top candidate for the backfield.

Catching the ball will be senior tight end/wide receiver Benjamin Brown; junior wideouts Ian Funke,

Connor Meacham and Jamison Huizenga; and sophomore wide receiver Tyler White.

Joining Russell on the O line will be senior Spencer White, juniors Connor Meacham and Wyatt Allenson, sophomore Gerrit Beenen and freshmen Tyson Hallock and Gabriel Roussin — and possibly Couture.

Especially if Couture lines up in the backfield, Stein said the Eagles might run a little more often than in recent years, maybe 40% of the time.

"We're going to still throw the ball around. But we understand our personnel and what we have and what our strength is. We have two or three good offensive linemen and making a move to Jamison to running back, we can obviously have more of a ground-and-pound running game," Stein said.

The MAV defense will use what Stein called "a little bit more of a spread scheme" that will rely on speed and aggression out of a base three-linemen look, with more blitzing incorporated.

Russell, Couture, Allenson, Beenen, Roussin and Hallock will rotate through the D line. The linebackers will be senior Lucas Allen (who can also play safety), McDowell, White, and possibly Allenson.

Brown, Dubois and White are the safeties, and Funke and Meacham are cornerbacks.

Stein said there are at least a half-dozen contenders in D-III, but the "bar is set" for the program to host a playoff game.

"But I think for us to do that, other than (avoiding) injuries, is just the kids going out there and playing hard. I know we have the skill level," Stein said, adding, "It's going to be a fun season, and a fun group to compete with."

GIRLS' SOCCER

After field hockey, the most successful program at Mount Abe in the fall of 2021 was the girls' soccer team coached by school

Physical Education teacher Dustin Corrigan, now the longest tenured varsity Eagle head coach. The Eagles shrugged off an 0-5 start against D-I competition to reach the D-II semifinal round, and Corrigan in the preseason saw what could be a better group this year.

"Our technical ability has improved a lot," he said. "We have some new players in the mix and players returning that have raised their level."

That schedule has not changed much, and the Eagles will again have to weather an early storm. Corrigan said as long as the athletes understand they won't emerge with a spotless record from that stretch that the tough competition should again help raise their level of play.

"I like starting the season off playing these Metro-level opponents that are really going to challenge us," he said. "That helps us, ultimately."

One key returner is Lake Division all-star goalie Joy Toy, a junior. In front of her senior Patricia McNeerney, sophomore Mackenzie Griner and freshmen Lillian McClain appeared to be locked into starting roles, with sophomore Brailey Livingston and senior Dakota Larocque challenging for time.

Senior Lucy Parker and junior Annie Dufault return and will start at central midfield, with junior Ellison Thomas and freshman Isla Underwood on the flanks, and Thomas ready to spell the center mids. Senior Abigail Stoddard, junior Piper Guilmette and sophomore Hazel Guilmette are also in the midfield mix.

Corrigan said he believes the Eagles should be solid in the back and middle with the newcomers getting up to speed quickly playing with their more experienced teammates.

Corrigan plans to start three veterans up front, senior Maia Jensen and juniors Natalie Atkins and Piper Guilmette, with sophomores Hazel Guilmette,

Safi Camoura and Hazel Stoddard spelling them.

"We have a lot of good attacking players," he said, adding, "I think we're going to be able to score goals."

If all goes well, Corrigan said those early games should prepare the team for another late-season surge.

"If the ultimate goal is to win a Lake Division championship, win a D-II championship ... we should be pretty battle hardened," he said.

BOYS' SOCCER

In 2021, Coach Rider MacCrellich's Eagle boys' soccer team mixed in tough setbacks with exhilarating victories, including a road win at Middlebury. But the Eagles lost a hard-fought rubber match with the Tigers in the first round of the D-II postseason.

MacCrellich hopes for more this year after his seniors took it upon themselves to run team training sessions this summer.

"This is a super dedicated group," MacCrellich said. "They came in with a lot of energy to have an improved season, especially the seniors."

The hard work carried over to the preseason, he said, and the Eagles appeared to have bonded.

"They show up to practice ready to work hard, and they take feedback really well," MacCrellich said. "And they get along with each other well."

The Eagles have leadership and experience on the defensive end, although there is also one health question. Captain Jake Lucarelli is one of two defensive central midfielder's along with sophomore Jonah Howell, and MacCrellich planned to deploy senior veterans Chance Denecker and Gavin Bannister as center backs.

But Bannister was nursing a preseason injury. Until Bannister might be ready, MacCrellich said junior Owen Frizzell will pair with Denecker.

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EAGLE GIRLS' SOCCER



COACH Dustin Corrigan

ROSTER

Natalie Atkins	12	Lucy Parker	12	Piper Guillemette	11	Hazel Guillemette	10	Brailey Livingston	10	Lillian McClain	9
Maia Jensen	12	Abigail Sturtevant	12	Ellie Thomas	11	Safi Camara	10	Louisa Painter	10	Isla Underwood	9
Patty McNerney	12	Annie Dufault	11	Joanna Toy	11	MacKenzie Griner	10	Hazel Stoddard	10		

SCHEDULE

9/3	Burlington	10 a.m.
9/10	South Burlington	11 a.m.
9/13	Mt. Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
9/17	@ Colchester	10 a.m.
9/20	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/22	Milton	4:30 p.m.
9/28	Rice	4:30 p.m.
10/01	@ Rutland	3 p.m.
10/04	@ VUHS	4 p.m.
10/07	MUHS	4 p.m.
10/10	@ U-32	4 p.m.
10/12	@ Milton	4 p.m.
10/15	@ Rice	10 a.m.
10/21	VUHS	4 p.m.

EAGLE BOYS' SOCCER



COACH Rider MacCrellich

ROSTER

Gavin Bannister	12	Samuel Tropp	12	Noah Ladeau	11
Domenic Denapoli	12	Luke Bleich	11	Sam Mangini	11
Chance Deneker	12	Jack Breault	11	Luke Mayer	11
Noah Kirshenbaum	12	Owen Frizzel	11	Jonah Howell	10
Jake Lucarelli	12	Judah Jackson	11	James Graziadei	9
Sawyer Shepard	12	Finley Keack	11		

SCHEDULE

9/08	@ U-32	4 p.m.
9/10	VUHS	9 a.m.
9/13	@ Colchester	4:30 p.m.
9/17	@ MUHS	10 a.m.
9/21	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
9/24	MUHS	10 a.m.
9/27	Rice	4:30 p.m.
9/30	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
10/5	Missisquoi	4 p.m.
10/8	Milton	10 a.m.
10/11	GMVS	4 p.m.
10/14	@ Rice	4 p.m.
10/20	@ GMVS	4 p.m.
10/22	@ Missisquoi	10 a.m.



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He added Sawyer Shepard and junior Sam Mangini were likely to start at outside back, while said freshman James Graziadei would start somewhere, either at midfield or defense, and junior Finley Kaeck is also available on D.

The defense will line up in front of two candidates to start in goal, senior Domenic DeNapoli or junior Luke Bleich.

Senior Sam Tropp will start at offensive central mid, with junior Noah Ladeau spelling him there as well as filling in on the flanks. Flank midfielders include senior Noah Kirshenbaum, juniors Luke Mayer and Jack Breault, plus Graziadei and Kaeck.

Junior Judah Jackson will start at striker, with the versatile Graziadei a top choice to spell him, according to MacCrellich.

As well as chemistry, the Eagles have skill and quickness, according to their coach.

"We have a lot of similar technical ability across everyone," MacCrellich said. "A lot of guys have good physical ability and speed."

And he described the team's mission.

"I really want to see these guys compete hard and grow consistently every game," MacCrellich said. "That's really what our goal is."

Achieving that goal should have a desirable side effect.

"That will pull us into the postseason with confidence," he said.

CROSS COUNTRY

Eagle cross country coaches Eva Friend and Brent Crum are looking forward to spending another season with a group of athletes they say are a joy to work with.

"We have an exceptional group of students out right now," Crum said. "As far as gelling as a group goes, they are an A team. They cheer each other on during hill workouts. When it gets difficult they are clapping for each other. It's a strong cohort of kids."

Most of the returners from the 2021 state meet are on the girls' side. Sophomore Kayla Friend cracked the top 30 in D-II, and she and seniors Ruby Jean Hall and Maisy Hill all came in under 30 minutes on the tough Thetford

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Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.

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9/6	@ Mt. Mansfield	4 p.m.
9/8	CVU	4 p.m.
9/10	Rice	10 a.m.
9/14	Burlington	4 p.m.
9/16	MUHS	4 p.m.
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10/1	@ MUHS	10 a.m.
10/6	Mt. Mansfield	4 p.m.
10/12	@ CVU	4 p.m.
10/14	@ Essex	4 p.m.
10/18	South Burlington	4 p.m.
10/20	Colchester	4 p.m.



ROSTER

COACH Jen Myers

Natalie Adams	12	Payton Vincent	12	Sarah Heath	11	Bella Hartwell	10	Maris LaPerle	9
Olivia Campbell	12	Morgan Barnard	11	Greta Jennison	11	Rory Hendee	10	Addison Wright	9
Madi Gile	12	Grace Bolton-Orvis	11	Lily Case	10	Paden Lathrop	10		

EAGLE CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

9/3	@ Essex Invite	
9/10	@ Burlington Invite	
9/13	@ Milton	
9/17	@ U-32 Invite	
9/20	Mt. Abe hosts at	3:45 p.m.
9/24	@ Richford Invite	
10/1	@ Thetford Invitational	
10/4	@ Rice	
10/7	@ Mt. Mansfield	
10/11	@ Fairfax Relays	
10/15	@ NVAC Championships at MVU	
10/22	@ Richford	
10/29	@ State Championships at Thetford	



ROSTER

COACHES Eva Friend & Brent Crum

Morgan Barnes	12	Ruby Hall	12	Tristan Pudvah	12	Elliot Senecal	10	Isabella Schackett	9
Norman Benoit	12	Maisy Hill	12	Owen Reynolds	12	Isabella Shea	10		
Sean Davison	12	William Iliff	12	Ryan Cross	10	Emily Fritz	9		
Ty Duell	12	Dustin Lavigne	12	Kayla Friend	10	James Mount	9		

EAGLE FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

9/3	@ Poultney	1 p.m.
9/10	Milton	1 p.m.
9/17	@ Missisquoi	1 p.m.
9/24	@ OV	1 p.m.
10/1	Fairfax	1 p.m.
10/8	@ Rice	1 p.m.
10/15	Mill River	1 p.m.
10/22	Oxbow	1 p.m.



ROSTER

COACH Jeff Stein

Lucas Allen	12	Spencer White	12	Jordan McDowell	11	Tyler White	10	Dekota Safford	9
Ben Brown	12	Wyatt Allenson	11	Payton Ball	10	Josh Bapp	9	Jack Senecal	9
James Buskey	12	Ian Funke	11	Gerrit Beenen	10	Tyson Hallock	9	Logan Stearns	9
Zeke Dubois	12	Jamison Huizenga	11	Ethan Hallock	10	Jackson Paquin	9	Noah Vartuli	9
Caleb Russell	12	Connor Meacham	11	Jamison Couture	10	Gabe Roussin	9	Ryan Wright	9

MAUHS

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Senior Norman Benoit is the only returner on the boys' side who scored at Thetford, coming in 60th in less than 22 minutes. Seniors Sean Davison and William Iliff also performed well last year for the boys' team.

Coach Friend said athletes, including Davison and Iliff, should step up to fill the scoring shoes after putting in time in the offseason.

"We've been working with other runners over the summer who've worked really hard," Friend said, citing, for example, Morgan Barnes, Benoit, Davison, Iliff, Dustin Lavigne and Ryan Cross on the boys' side. "I'm kind of excited to look at this varsity team."

Coach Friend also said her daughter has taken a step forward. "Kayla worked really hard over the summer," she said. "She's running currently with the top boys."

Crum said Hall and Hill help set the tone for the rest of the girls' team.

"They're great to have on the team. They push themselves hard," he said.

Crum said among those who could join the three veterans as scorers on the girls' side are freshman Emily Fritz, who excelled for the Mount Abe middle school team, and sophomore Isabella Shea, a qualifier for the D-II state meet in the 100-meter hurdles.

The coaches acknowledged the team is a little lower in numbers than in some years, but said the group had a strong preseason. And Friend said there are some pluses to a smaller group.

"We're down a couple runners, but we're able to work with the runners more individually. It's been great over the past week or so," she said. "The training plan coming into preseason was I think a little bit harder than I did last preseason, and everybody seems to be hanging pretty well with it."

Still, they would welcome more runners.

"We have room for so many more athletes to come out," Crum said. "It's a sport that's about personal growth and improvement and gelling as a team."

NEW SPORTS

Mount Abe is also launching two new varsity sports this fall, bass fishing and golf, but turnout was light. Three students signed up for bass fishing, which relatively recently earned VPA approval as a varsity activity. They are junior Jordan Schroeder, sophomore Riley Coffey and freshman Owen Jenkins.

Coach Phil Wade will lead the trio — and any late sign-ups into the sport's two scheduled events, both at the John Guilmette Access Area in South Hero. One is the VPA Classic High School Tournament on Sept. 17, and the other is the

championship tournament on Oct. 8.

Senior Brenden Oxford is the lone Eagle golfer, and he can compete as an individual in Metro Conference events this fall. Shawn Oxford, his father, will serve as the program coach, but plans reportedly call for Oxford to practice along with the Vergennes golfers under the tutelage of their coach, Basin Harbor professional Jason Hughes.



OTTER VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BY ANGELO LYNN

BRANDON — As the Otters' fall 2022 sports season heats up, a strong field hockey team looks to be competitive, the school's golf team has its eyes on getting back to the state championship to defend their 2021 title, and competitive soccer and football programs are in the making.

GOLF: REPEAT CHAMPIONS?

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

The boys had snagged OVUHS immortality in the fall of 2021 and qualified for the 53-team national tournament by absolutely crushing the Vermont Division II state tournament — winning their first title since 1969 by 22 strokes over second place Stowe — a victory that the Otters had predicted before the season began.

Though they may have liked to place higher in the national tournament (they finished 47th), the future this fall is bright for the Otter team as 2021 graduate Hayden

Bernhardt was the only team member not due back this season to defend its title.

Golf Coach Greg Hughes noted that four of the five state champions from last year (Lucas Politano, Thomas Politano, Matthew Bryant and Jordan Beayon) were back and that while “Hayden was a huge factor in team chemistry and leadership,” we have gained a freshman (Jackson Howe) who is doing very well so far in matches and should help the team score come time for states again. We also have Addison Boynton and Rowen Steen returning as sophomores and a new sophomore Jacob Tripp.”

A team goal, Hughes said, “is to get back to states and do it again. I think our guys have confidence and high hopes to repeat a state victory this year and success to them is reaching that goal. As a coach I would want nothing less of that mentality.”

The OV girls' golf team did not lose anyone, Hughes said, noting that Anna Lee and Elena Politano (all three of the Politanos are also playing soccer) are now seniors and “looking to improve from last year.”

GIRLS' SOCCER

In the girls' soccer program, Coach Tammi Blanchard has most of her team returning and is hopeful

for a stronger season.

“We are very fortunate to have lost only one senior to graduation, so we have a strong group coming back this year,” she said. “Some players to watch for will be our five seniors: Elena Politano, Bryn Blanchard, Emily Peduto, Ella Brytowski and Lexi Hedding. They are the spine of our team.”

The team will also have an experienced returning goalkeeper in junior Linnea Faulkner, Blanchard said, adding that other players to keep an eye on are juniors Brookelyn Kimball and Sierra Cormany, and sophomores Laura Allen, Randi Lancour, Mallee Richardson, Clara Ciphone, Miley Lape, Lauren Palmer and Savanna Cook. Joining the team this year are a couple strong freshmen, Jazzy Madrigal and Emma Stanley.

“A key to the team's success this year,” Blanchard said, “is playing together as one unit” while a team focus will be “making purposeful passes and passing to feet.”

“Communicating with one another on and off the field and improving each practice and game would be a ‘successful’ season for our team,” Blanchard added.

While the team “struggled last year (one victory) with injuries and having very few subs

on the bench... we made great improvements by the end of the season.” Still the team has its work cut out for them this year.

“There are so many great teams in our division the competition is tough,” Blanchard said. “I am hoping this year to be more competitive and to show our true potential.”

BOYS' SOCCER

For the OV boys' soccer program, new Varsity Coach Brian Thomas is taking over from seven-year coach Dick Williams. Thomas had been coach of the boy's JV program at OV and previously had been the assistant and head coach of the school's middle school soccer program (and previously coached the school's JV and middle school basketball programs.)

Thomas is looking at a rebuilding season as the team lost “seven outstanding seniors” to graduation and will be “filling the gaps with be seniors Ryden Richardson, Thomas Politano, and senior goalie Brian Stanley; juniors: Alden Decker, Max Derby, Owen Thomas, and goalie Isaiah Wood; and sophomores Lucas Politano, Logan Letourneau, Drew Pelkey, Luke Calvin, Haston Byrne and Kaiden Lee.

Joining the team, Thomas said, were “a highly energetic group

of freshmen” including Connor Denis, Brody Lathrop, Jacob Warrell, Timothy Baron, Benjamin McGuigan, Jason Hartwell and Taber Kerins.

Captains of the team are juniors Owen Thomas and Aiden Decker and senior Brian Stanley.

“A successful season would consist of carrying on Coach Williams's foundation of defending the heck out the ball, maintaining possession and consistently finding the back of the net,” Thomas said. “We just want to compete in every game, whoever we face.”

FIELD HOCKEY

After a stellar season last year in which OV went 11-3-1, OV field hockey Coach Jodie Keith admits the team has some big holes to fill this year as four starting seniors graduated. OV is nonetheless returning a strong team with good prospects.

“We definitely have some big holes to fill this year,” Keith said. “We had four starters graduate: Riley Keith, Alice Keith, Britney Jackson and Marissa Connors. All had been playing on varsity since 9th grade, so their leadership, skill level and experience at the varsity level will be missed.

“We have 10 returning players, all played on varsity last year. This

will be our goalie's third year on varsity, so having an experienced goalie in the net will be crucial to our success this season,” she added.

Getting more specific, Keith singled out several players to watch this season.

“We have four returning defensive players, one returning midfielder and four returning offensive players. Elizabeth Atherton and Matelin Laporte saw a lot of game time last season and are really stepping up and filling the leadership role on defense that was left when Marissa Connors graduated. Sydney Gallo and Alice Keith worked tirelessly at midfield last year, so having Sydney back this year to help mentor a new player in the midfield position is huge for us. Ryleigh Laporte and Mackenzie McKay started on offense for us last season and are returning this season also.”

The captains for this year's team are Sydney Gallo, Ryleigh Laporte and Mackenzie McKay.

“The keys to the team's success are going to be communication and teamwork,” Keith said. “One person playing well isn't going to win games for us. We need everyone to work hard every day in practice and in games, find each other's strengths and build on those. In 2021, we had one player

OTTER BOYS' SOCCER



SCHEDULE

9/2	West Rutland	4:30 p.m.	9/29	@ Hartford	6:30 a.m.
9/7	@ Proctor	4:30 p.m.	10/6	@ Green Mountain	4 p.m.
9/13	Woodstock	4:30 p.m.	10/8	@ Woodstock	11 a.m.
9/17	Hartford	11 a.m.	10/11	@ Bellows Falls	4 p.m.
9/20	@ Green Mountain	4:30 p.m.	10/15	@ Fair Haven (Proctor)	1 p.m.
9/24	Fair Haven	10 a.m.	10/18	@ Stratton	4 p.m.
9/27	Mt. Anthony	4:30 p.m.	10/21	White River Valley	4 p.m.

COACH **Brian Thomas**

ROSTER

Thomas Politano	12	Haston Byrne	10	Connor Denis	9
Ryden Richardson	12	Luke Calvin	10	Taber Kerins	9
Brian Stanley	12	Kaiden Lee	10	Jason Hartwell	9
Aiden Decker	11	Logan Letourneau	10	Brody Lathrop	9
Max Derby	11	Drew Pelkey	10	Benjamin McGuigan	9
Isaiah Wood	11	Lucas Politano	10	Jacob Warrell	9
Owen Thomas	11	Timothy Baron	9		

OTTER GIRLS' SOCCER



SCHEDULE

9/2	@ Proctor	6 p.m.	9/28	Mill River	4:30 p.m.
9/3	@ GM/L&G	6/8 p.m.	9/30	Springfield	4:30 p.m.
9/6	@ Woodstock	4:30 p.m.	10/5	Fair Haven	4 p.m.
9/9	@ Middlebury	4:30 a.m.	10/8	@ Hartford	6 p.m.
9/14	West Rutland	4:30 p.m.	10/12	Woodstock	4 p.m.
9/23	Hartford	4:30 p.m.	10/17	@ Springfield	6:30 p.m.
9/26	@ MSJ	4:30 p.m.	10/20	@ Fair Haven	6 p.m.

COACH **Tammi Blanchard**

ROSTER

Bryn Blanchard	12	Sierra Cormany	11	Miley Lape	10
Ella Brytowski	12	Linnea Faulkner	11	Lauren Palmer	10
Alexis Hayes	12	Brookelyn Kimball	11	Mallee Richardson	10
Emily Peduto	12	Laura Allen	10	Jazalynn Madrigal	9
Elena Politano	12	Savannah Cook	10	Emma Stanley	9
Clara Cifone	11	Randi Lancour	10		

OTTER FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

9/3	@ Rice	1 p.m.	10/1	@ Windsor	1 p.m.
9/11	@ Mill River	3 p.m.	10/8	Poultney	1 p.m.
9/17	Springfield	1 p.m.	10/15	@ BFA Fairfax	2 p.m.
9/24	Mt. Abraham	1 p.m.	10/22	MVU	1 p.m.

COACH **Jordan Tolar**

ROSTER

Tucker Babcock	12	Luciano Falco	11	Zachary Dragon	9
Carter Blair	12	Derek Li	11	Ethan Dukette	9
John Coleman	12	Cody Mulcahy	11	Brice Duslabon	9
Wyatt Fitzgerald	12	Luca Polli	11	Drake Felkl	9
Richard Lafontaine	12	Robert Hutchins	10	Robert Gilbert	9
Morgan Landesman	12	Mark Jackson	10	Thomas Given	9
Cody Pariseau	12	Tucker Maranville	10	Hunter Kehoe	9
Keevon Parks	12	Noel Pearsons	10	Ryan Li	9
Derek Raymond	12	Kyle Pockett	10	Thomic Moyer	9
Caleb Whitney	12	Isaac Whitney	10	Chase Razanoski	9
Matthew Cole	11	Colin Carroccia	9	Dominyk Waite	9
Gavin Disorda	11	Jaydon Connors	9	Derrick Walton	9

OTTER CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

9/6	@ Rutland	4:45 p.m.	10/4	@ Long Trail	4:45 p.m.
9/13	Otter Valley	4:45 p.m.	10/11	@ Rutland	4:45 p.m.
9/20	@ Hartford	4:45 a.m.	10/22	@ Hartford (SVL Cham)	10 a.m.
9/27	@ Mill River	4:45 p.m.	10/29	@ Thetford (State Ch.)	9 a.m.
10/1	@ Thetford Trail Run	9 a.m.	11/12	@ New Englands	TBA

COACH **Cameron Perta**

ROSTER

Kelsey Adams	12	Elisha Bagley	10	Sara Loyzelle	10
Isaiah Bagley	11	Luke Calvin	10	Jazmin Rivera	10
Dillon Ladd	11	Calvin Ladd	10		
Baker LaRock	11	Miley Lape	10		

OTTER CHEERING

ROSTER

COACH **Kassidy Buley**

Zoe Elliott	12	Grace Kenyon	10	Leah Chapin	7
Brookelyn Kimball	11	Noelle Seigle	9		
Lajay O'Connor	11	Chloe Thow	8		

graduate, so everyone returning last year was very familiar playing with each other. This year we have seven new players and four of them have earned starting positions. As the season progresses and the returning players and new players build relationships, we will begin to see how strong this team is.”

Looking ahead to the season, Keith noted the team was 3-1 currently with a 4-0 loss to a very good Woodstock team, but on Monday night this week defeated defending Division III state champion Windsor, 2-1.

“I feel that we could be as successful as last season,” Keith said. “This is a very talented group of players and they love playing field hockey — and that’s the most important thing.”

OV FOOTBALL

Two interceptions at key moments, and an unfortunate penalty that called back a winning touchdown run off an interception by OV senior Caleb Whitney, led the Otters to drop their second contest of the season 12-7 to Mill River this past Sunday. They lost to Rice in their season opener. The

Otters face Springfield at home this Saturday, Sept. 17.

This year’s team is being led by returning quarterback Caleb Whitney, a senior, and fellow seniors Richard Lafontaine, Cody Pariseau, Tucker Babcock, Kevon Parks, Carter Blair; juniors Gavin Disorda, Luca Polli and Cody Mulcahy; and sophomores Robert Hutchins, Tucker Maranville, Noel Pearsons, Mark Jackson and Isaac Whitney. Head Coach is Jordan Tolar, defensive coordinator is Ken Stanley and assistant coaches are Mitchell Caron, Bill Rose,

Alexander Polli and Dylan Stevens-Clark.

CROSS COUNTRY

For the OVUHS cross country team, Coach Cameron Perta said the team’s season “looks pretty similar to last year! We only graduated one senior, so the program did not lose too many runners. In fact, we’ve even added a few. That being said, we could certainly use a few more runners. Our numbers are pretty small still — especially with the lower grades. We only have one runner below 10th grade.”

Kelsey Adams is the lone senior

returning to the 11-person squad. He’ll be supported by juniors Isaiah Bagley, Dillon Ladd, and Baker LaRock; sophomores Luke Calvin, Calvin Ladd, Jiley Lape, Sara Loyzelle, Jazmin Rivera and eighth-grader Jonathan Johnson.

As for the team’s prospects, Perta pointed to improvements with each individual on the team.

“With a sport like cross country, I generally like to define success in terms of individual improvement — how much faster are you compared to last year or compared to the start of the season? Having

that kind of mindset always gives you something to strive for.”

The team will compete in 10 races this year.

CHEERLEADING

The Otter Valley Cheerleading squad this year consists of senior Zoe Elliot, juniors Brookelyn Kimball and Lajay O’Connor, sophomore Grace Kenyon, freshman Noelle Seigle, eighth-grader Chloe Thow and seventh-grader Leah Chapin.

Editor’s note: Not all team photos were available by press time; look for them in the Brandon Reporter.

OTTER FIELD HOCKEY



SCHEDULE					
9/3	@ Brattleboro	11 a.m.	9/28	Fair Haven	4 p.m.
9/8	@ Rutland	4 p.m.	10/4	Bellows Falls	4 p.m.
9/10	Woodstock	11 a.m.	10/6	MUHS	4 p.m.
9/12	@ Windsor	4 p.m.	10/10	@ Springfield	4 p.m.
9/17	Brattleboro	11 a.m.	10/15	@ Woodstock	3 a.m.
9/20	@ Burr & Burton	4 p.m.	10/19	Windsor	4 p.m.
9/24	Springfield	11 a.m.	10/22	@ Fair Haven	11 a.m.

COACH Jodie Keith		ROSTER			
Abigail Adamsen	12	Lily Morgan	11	Hannah Desabrais	9
Sydney Gallo	12	Matelin LaPorte	10	Marissa Dick	9
Ryleigh LaPorte	12	Charlotte Newton	10	Michaela Hobbs	9
Mackenzie McKay	12	Alexis Beaulieu	9	Mariana Trombetta	9
CaseySue Thompson	12	Breanna Bovey	9		
Elizabeth Atherton	11	Alice Bushee	9		

OTTER GOLF



SCHEDULE					
9/1	@ Lake Moree	3:30 p.m.	9/26	@ Rutland	3:30 p.m.
9/6	@ Bomoseen	3:30 p.m.	9/28	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.
9/7	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.	10/3	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.
9/8	@ Manchester	3:30 p.m.	10/5	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.
9/13	@ Lake Moree	3:30 p.m.	10/6	State @ Div. II Sectionals	9 a.m.
9/19	@ Bomoseen	3:30 p.m.	10/11	Girls State @ Williston	9 a.m.
9/20	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.	10/13	State Boys @ Orleans	9 a.m.
9/21	@ Killington	3:30 p.m.	10/31	New Englands	TBA

COACH Greg Hughes		ROSTER			
Jordan Beayon	12	Thomas Politano	12	Jacob Tripp	10
Matthew Bryant	12	Addison Boynton	10	Jackson Howe	9
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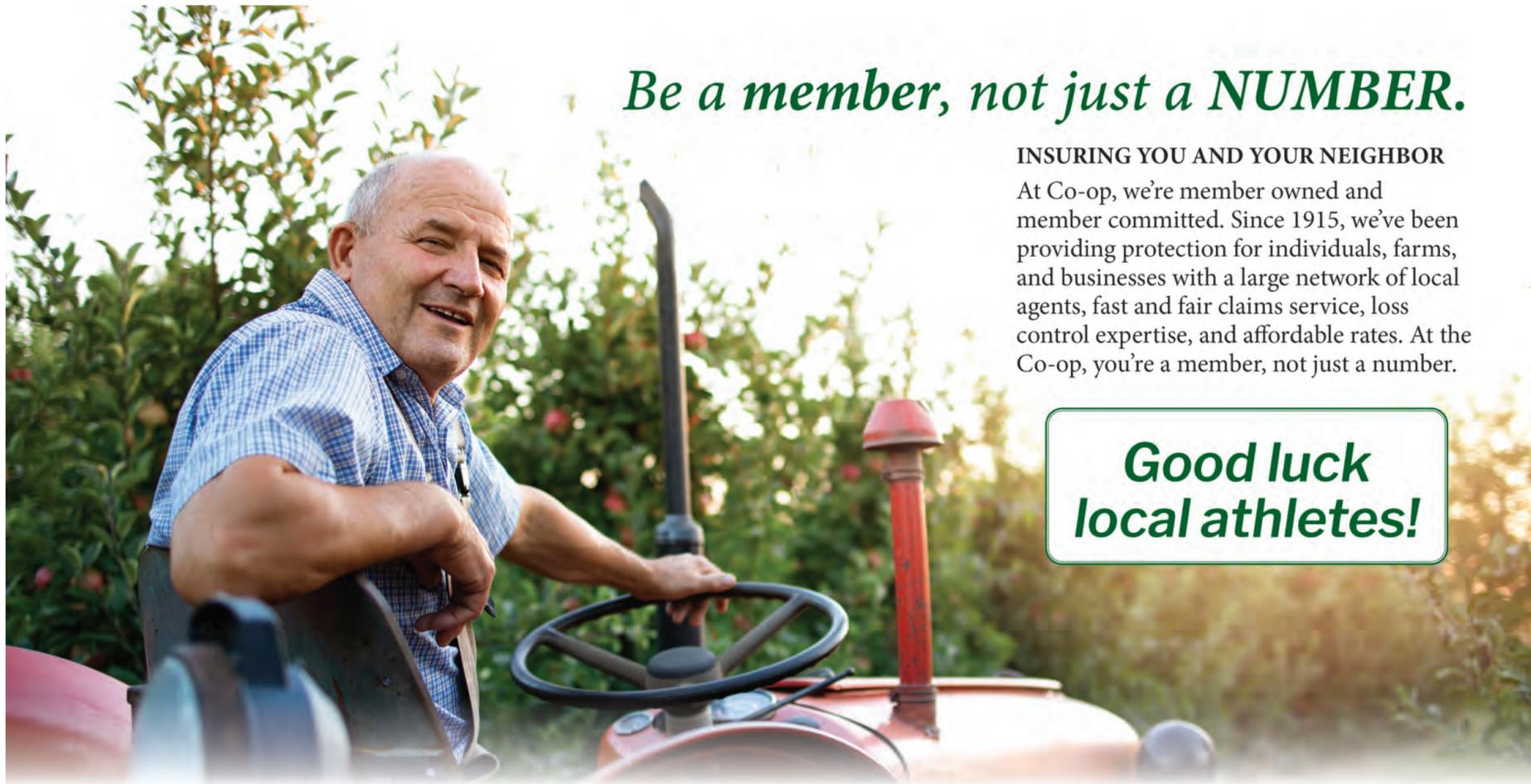
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