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Candidates discuss farming and climate

But were split on addressing issues

By MARIN HOWELL

VERGENNES — Sixteen of the local candidates vying for seats in Vermont's General Assembly participated in a public forum hosted by the Addison County Farm Bureau this past Thursday evening.

Candidates agreed on the importance of supporting the state's farmers; gave mixed views on the ongoing climate crisis, and were split on how they would approach these issues if elected.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Over three dozen Addison County residents attended the public forum, held at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Vergennes. One attendee asked the candidates

to identify one positive and one negative aspect of the Global Warming Solutions Act, passed by the Legislature in 2020. The act transforms Vermont's stated goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions into legal requirements, pushing the state to meet its reduction targets and prioritize economic and environmental resiliency.

Overall, the law seeks to address the scientific consensus that humans are causing climate change by dumping greenhouse gasses into the air.

During their allotted two minutes of speaking time, some candidates claimed that the Global Warming

(See Candidates, Page 10A)



How's it look?

MARIA DELOPEZ TRIES out one of the hand-woven hats for sale, along with hand-made baskets, in a booth at the Bristol Harvest Festival on the town green on Saturday afternoon. The Harvest Festival featured more than 70 vendors, sidewalk sales, a sack race, pony rides and great food.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

VUHS honors U.N. Day of Peace

Event a tradition for two decades

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — On Sept. 21 Vergennes Union High School took part in an annual celebration largely organized by students and inspired by the United Nations International Day of Peace. The school has done so every year since 2004 except when interrupted by COVID.

Traditionally an all-school assembly and other events are dedicated not only to peace in the broader community, the nation and the world, but also in students' lives and at the school.

Peace One Day at VUHS takes (See VUHS, Page 14A)

Board backs dismissal of Eagle coach

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Unified School District Board lined up behind school administrators on Tuesday evening when pressed about the June dismissal of high school basketball coach Connie LaRose.

LaRose is not just any coach. During her tenure her Eagle girls' (See LaRose, Page 2A)

Report backs city PD, seeks changes

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Around 90 people heard former Vermont State Police Col. Jim Baker outline the findings of a lengthy study of the city's police force on Sept. 22.

The report from research conducted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) made 14 recommendations to improve the department's community relations and operations while praising its quality and professionalism. (See details in related story.)

Baker, who also answered

questions from the 50 or so people in person at the Vergennes Opera House and three dozen more online, encouraged communication among community members unsure of what to expect from the police department. He also advocated for more communication between community members and Vergennes Police officers, who he said feel isolated and "traumatized" as the city's police-funding debate swirls around them.

Baker also worked as Rutland Police Chief among other roles (See Vergennes, Page 9A)

14 recommendations made

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — After almost a year since the International Association of Chiefs of Police began working on it, the \$30,000 "Vergennes Police Department Staffing and Workload Report" commissioned by the Vergennes City Council is complete. The IACP discussed it at a meeting in Vergennes last week (See story on Page 1A).

Some of the central points the report makes are that the department is professional and well-run, that the community is unsure what it wants and expects from its police force and, in its own words, "The City of Vergennes is facing a similar challenge that many smaller cities are facing across the United States — balancing (See Changes, Page 9A)



MICHELLE STEELE

Steele will bring Morocco to MUHS

Fulbright enables teacher to expand her school's horizons

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Michelle Steele knows languages can open doors. Her acquisition of French as a young student led to her appreciation of other countries and cultures, not to mention her current job as a language educator at Middlebury Union High School.

Now, at age 41, her language skills and a very exclusive award are opening another door for Steele

— a door that leads to Morocco.

Steele will head to that North African nation next year to research Morocco's educational programming and complete a research project that could pay big dividends for MUHS students. Her trip is made possible through her recent selection as a Fulbright Distinguished Teacher for 2022-2023. She's one of only 20 educators nationwide to be so honored.

Steele at MUHS currently teaches French 1, 2 and 3, as well as IB Diploma French for grades 11 and 12.

She will be based in Rabat, Morocco, from September through December of 2023. During that time, Steele will partner with university professors, visit and collaborate with local public schools, take courses, lead seminars (See Morocco, Page 12A)

Bristol couple both run for Vermont legislature

Aim to balance state government

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — For the past three decades, Lloyd and Lynn Dike have enjoyed doing things together. The Bristol couple's shared interests include square-dancing, spending time with their six grandchildren, and, now, running for public office.

Both Lynn and Lloyd will appear on this year's General Election ballot as Republican candidates. Lynn, 71, is competing for one of Addison-4's two seats in the Vermont House of Representatives, a race that includes Monkton Republican Valerie Mullin and Democratic incumbents Caleb Elder of Starksboro and Mari Cordes of Lincoln.

Lloyd, 74, is running to represent Addison County, Huntington, Buel's Gore and Rochester in the state Senate. He joins in that race Rochester Independent Mason Wade, Cornwall Republican Richard Burton and incumbent Democratic Sens. Christopher Bray of Bristol and Ruth Hardy of Middlebury.

The Dikes were motivated to run for office by their feelings of being unrepresented by the Legislature, which is largely made up of members of the Democratic Party. They're hoping, if elected, they can help balance Vermont's General Assembly.

"It seems like my way of life that I want isn't being preserved or protected. In Addison County we had one Republican (retiring state Rep. Harvey Smith), so I feel like we were not represented and so our perspective was not being heard," Lynn said of her decision to run as a Republican.

Lloyd decided to join the senate race this summer, executing a successful write-in campaign in mid-July to get his name on the ballot after the Aug. 9 primary. His disagreement with a lot of the work Addison County's elected representatives have done in the Legislature prompted him to join the state senate race.

"We could stand there and (See The Dikes, Page 14A)



LLOYD AND LYNN Dike of Bristol have their eyes on seats in Vermont's General Assembly. Lynn Dike is running to represent the Addison-4 district in the House of Representatives. Lloyd is one of five competitors in Addison County's state senate race.

Independent photo/Steve James



By the way

Commercial housing spaces in Vergennes and Middlebury were among the businesses sharing some of the \$4 million in funding announced by Gov. Scott on Tuesday (See By the way, Page 10A)

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WEATHERVANE UNITED BOARD members David Wood and Rhonda Hutchins stand with a model of the Weathervane housing project. The model is part of the "Housing a Town" display at the Lincoln Library, which celebrates Weathervane's 40th anniversary by chronicling its history and the contributions of former Lincolinites.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

Lincoln's Weathervane turns 40

Board members hope anniversary inspires more volunteerism

By **MARIN HOWELL**

LINCOLN — More than four decades ago, a group of Lincoln folks got to thinking about how they could meet the town's needs. The fruit of their efforts was Weathervane United, the town's volunteer-run, elderly housing project.

Now, the Lincoln Historical Society is hoping to use Weathervane's 40th anniversary to encourage younger Lincolinites to continue the legacy of community involvement.

"Almost all of our various committees in Lincoln are run by volunteers and we're looking to get some of our new residents involved in that," Lincoln Historical Society President Rhonda Hutchins explained.

To celebrate the project's anniversary, the Lincoln Historical Society has put together a display in the Lincoln Library. From now

through October, visitors can stop into the library to this "Housing a Town" exhibition. A model of the housing project sits in the center of the room and the walls are filled with informational posters that detail Weathervane's history and display the faces of current and former residents of the project.

The story of Weathervane starts in 1981, back when the United Church of Lincoln burned down. The town rallied together to restore the building, bringing it back to usable condition without acquiring any debt.

David Wood, who served as pastor of the United Church of Lincoln for 38 years beginning just before the fire, said that the group's success got them thinking about what else they could accomplish.

"After the church our first thought was, 'OK, we can do these things, but what should we be doing?'" he said. "Housing was

one of the biggest needs for seniors in the community."

The answer for meeting those housing needs was Weathervane, a project that transformed three buildings in Lincoln's village center into 10 apartments for the area's older population. Over the years, these apartments have housed around 50 residents. The housing project is run by a volunteer board, which helps keep rent affordable for tenants.

Hutchins, who also serves on Weathervane's board, said many of these residents have been invested community members.

"They're active in town. The older people that want to stay in the community do contribute to it," she said.

In recent years, Lincoln has joined other Vermont towns in welcoming a wave of young families into the neighborhood.

(See *Weathervane*, Page 3A)

LaRose

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teams compiled a 462-222 record, reached 11 Division II finals and won five titles, one of them this past March. She is a member of two halls of fame.

At a Tuesday meeting, board members listened for about 15 minutes behind closed doors to LaRose tell her side of the story about how Mount Abraham Union High School Athletic Director Devin Wendel told her on the last day of school that she would not be rehired for the coming school year.

After another roughly 40 minutes of a secret session on their own, Board Chair Dawn Griswold read a statement a little after 8 p.m.:

"Upon review, the MAUSD Board supports the action taken by the administration. The Athletic/Activities Department practices were implemented with integrity and they relied on appropriate evidence to make their decisions. The Board thanks Mrs. LaRose for her service and wishes her well on her future endeavors."

The *Independent* asked Griswold to describe which athletic department practices the board was referring to and how they were implemented. Specifically, Griswold was asked if those practices call for an employee to be "counseled or made aware of any performance shortcomings?"

Griswold's response: "I am not able to provide any additional info."

After Tuesday's meeting LaRose described department practices from her point of view.

LaRose was fired at a meeting three months after her season ended and after she had spent many hours preparing her team for summer activities. It was only her and Wendel at the meeting.

"I said in the school board meeting last night, common sense would dictate that if you know you're about to fire somebody who's not suspecting it, why would you go into a one-on-one meeting?" LaRose said. "Why wasn't there a third person?"

She also said she heard "absolutely nothing" from Wendel about any issues with her coaching before the June 13 meeting.

LaRose shared with the board her 35-year Mount Abe personnel file that contained no criticisms of her coaching or complaints about her interactions with her players.

"I said here it is if any of you would like to take it, have at it and look at it," LaRose said.

While details about Mount Abe's recommended athletic department employment practices remain murky, what is known is that LaRose and other coaches work on year-to-year "at-will" contracts.

According to the National Conference of State Legislators' website, "At-will means that an employer can terminate an employee at any time for any reason, except an illegal one, or for no reason without incurring legal liability."

LaRose acknowledged that because of that status she had low expectations heading into Tuesday's meeting.

"Whatever decision was going to come out of that meeting, it wasn't going to help me. But maybe it would help to ensure it doesn't happen to some other unsuspecting coach," LaRose said.



CONNIE LAROSE, SHOWN at this past winter's state championship game, on Tuesday asked the Mount Abraham Unified School District board to hear her complaints about being let go in June.

Photo by Mark Bouvier

"It's the at-will contracts, and all it takes is one or two complaining parents, and depending on how supportive your AD is, or not, and you can be dismissed in a heartbeat," she continued. "This issue has been discussed for years with the (Vermont Basketball Coaches Association) executive board. Nobody has the back of the coach."

MAKING HER CASE

Still, LaRose said she felt better

and particularly appreciated the support of her guest on Tuesday, David Wolk, the former Vermont Commissioner of Education, Rutland mayor and Castleton University president who has taken an interest in LaRose's case and was there to support her.

Wolk said in a Wednesday phone call he preferred to let LaRose do almost all of the talking, but that he had reached out to her in June after reading media reports and had been impressed.

"My role was just to settle her down (before the meeting) and be kind of a voice of moderation," Wolk said. "But I told her from when I first met her this summer is all you have to do is tell the truth. And tell it well, and that's what she's done. And she addressed ageism with them ... and all the reasons why she's still on her game."

LaRose was 78 when she was dismissed.

Wolk's impression of the meeting?

"They looked at us and never said a word," Wolk said.

LaRose said she spoke for 12 or 13 minutes, and then Wolk said a few words on her behalf:

"David just jumped in very quickly at that point and said, 'I would just like to say a couple of sentences here. In my lifetime in

education I have hired hundreds of people. I'll tell you one thing. If Connie LaRose's name had come across my desk, I would have hired her in a heartbeat.' And then he said something about she has a great moral compass."

Wolk confirmed that account. LaRose told the board that it was untrue she was offered one more year with the understanding she would then retire. She has said Superintendent Patrick Reen even asked her after the meeting why she did not accept that offer.

LaRose at the meeting read an email from a player, a card from a parent and an end-of-season speech from this past season by one of her captains, all to show that her coaching was appreciated. She told the *Independent* those were a small sample of what she has received, and provided other examples.

One parent of a current player wrote, for instance, that her daughter "felt proud of the times you'd call her out and tell her she could do something better because she believed that if you were taking the time to invest in her you saw her potential. That truly inspired her. And if you gave her a compliment it meant the world to her because she knows your standards are high."

WHY?

LaRose revisited with the *Independent* the two reasons she said Wendel gave her at the June 13 meeting: that her numbers were down because students didn't think it was fun to play for her, and her alleged negativity with the athletes.

As for the allegedly low numbers, she notes there were 31 athletes and three teams in the girls' basketball program, more than either the successful Eagle field hockey or softball programs and more than any other Division III program in the state.

As for "negativity," LaRose said making typical coaching corrections, such as reminding players to cut in front of a defender to receive a pass during a game, are done by every coach at every level.

"I spoke about that a bit last night. I said making corrections, fixing things, changing the way players are

playing, that's called coaching," she said. "That's not being negative with them. You have to instruct."

LaRose said she understands there probably have been families complaining about athletes' playing time, but there are mathematical realities that sometimes leave some unhappy.

"If you've got five starters, you've got five on the bench," LaRose said. "And you've got parents who wish their daughters were starters, too. It's not a perfect world in sports."

Wendel and other school officials have consistently declined all comment on the question of why LaRose was fired, except what was said between Wendel and LaRose at the June 13 meeting, even when LaRose herself has asked for clarification.

"This is the thing that has kept me awake night after night," LaRose said. "What could I have possibly done that is so bad? I just don't get it."

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— *Connie LaRose*

New to the board

ON MONDAY THE Middlebury selectboard unanimously chose Isabel "Izzy" Gogarty from among five local candidates to fill an interim vacancy on the board made by the recent resignation by selectboard member Esther Charlestin, who moved out of town. Gogarty, a graduate of Castleton University and a Wellness/PE teacher at Middlebury Union Middle School, will hold the position until Town Meeting Day next March, when she will be free to run for the remaining two years on Charlestin's term. Look for more on Gogarty in a future edition.

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KAREN AND GERALD Posner opened Swaying Daisies Honeybee farm, farmstand and café on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh earlier this year. The couple sells raw honey harvested from their hives, along with honey-filled goodies, fresh produce and pollinator plants.

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Swaying Daisies sells honey, helps bees

By MARIN HOWELL

FERRISBURGH — Karen and Gerald Posner, owners of Ferrisburgh's Swaying Daisies honeybee farm, market and cafe, have brought their apiary expertise to Addison County and hope to please both local pollinators and people with their business. Last year, the couple purchased the former Lamoille Woodcraft stand at 5075 Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, and this summer they started selling raw honey, honey-filled treats and goods from local farms and businesses under the new name.

In addition to these edible offerings, the Posners are providing plenty of information about the importance of our pollinators.

"Honeybees are our passion," Karen said. "We are dedicated to saving the bees as well as educating children and adults about the important environmental services bees provide to the world's ecosystem and our food supply chain."

The Posners are newer residents of Vermont, moving to South Burlington from Connecticut in 2020 during the early days of the pandemic. They both had fond memories of the Green Mountain State from visits during their college years and their son's, who attended the University of Vermont.

"We used to visit here a lot, but when we came up here for a two-week stay that turned into six months, we really thought 'OK, this is where we belong,'" Karen said.

The couple then decided to create a foothold for themselves in the community by turning their recreational beekeeping operation into a business venture.

"We thought we'd expand our beekeeping business because it's what we believe in and what we're involved in," Karen explained.

Gerald does the beekeeping himself, tending to the couple's 53 hives in Hinesburg and Morrisville. He's been beekeeping since the 1980s, when he was a student studying agriculture at Cornell University.



THE POSNERS' SWAYING Daisies farmstand, in the former Lamoille Woodcraft off Route 7 in Ferrisburgh, is filled with herbs, tomatoes, berries and other pollinator plants. Customers can purchase these plants as starters or head inside to buy the fresh fruits and veggies.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

As a longtime beekeeper, Gerald knew the couple would have to offer customers something unique in order to run a successful business.

"Beekeepers can't do the same old same old," he said. "There's got to be something special about it. Otherwise, the value of the product is not enough to support you."

Karen had an eye for what kinds of products might do well with local customers, as her honey lemonade and honey-filled treats sold well at local farmers markets in previous summers. The couple now sells these goodies at their farmstand, along with their raw honey, which Karen infuses with CBD, ginger and lavender.

"It provides an added value to the product, so it makes honey more than honey," Gerald said.

The Posners have also sought to implement "bee-friendly" and sustainable practices into their work when possible.

They achieve this largely by keeping the processing simple, handcrafting and jarring their honey in small batches based on what their bees produce. Gerald uses a two-micron screen to process the honey, which Karen then uses to create the couple's products.

The couple also avoids pesticide use in keeping their hives healthy, especially when it comes to eradicating the destructive varroa mite, a parasite that attacks and

feeds on honeybees.

"I go into the hives in the spring more often than most commercial beekeepers do to kill the mites. If I kill the mites before they hatch, I kill the mite at the same time," Gerald said. "So, we're not using any pesticides, we're using a holistic approach."

In addition to honey, the Posners' farmstand is filled with a plethora of herbs, tomatoes, berries and other pollinator plants. The couple sells starters for these plants along with the produce they harvest. They supplement these offerings with fresh produce and kitchen staples like bread and eggs from local farms and try to keep an ear out for what other products customers may want to see in stock.

"What we don't make or grow ourselves, we get local," Karen said. "We're getting feedback from the community about what they want, and if it's within our philosophy, we're willing to add more as we expand."

The couple plans to keep the Swaying Daisies farmstand open through the fall and winter months, and is excited to continue settling into the community that has already given them a warm welcome.

"For me, it's just so rewarding to see the positive feedback we're getting from people," Karen said. "It's just saying to me that we're doing the right thing."

Monton seeks ideas for old town hall

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — Those hoping to preserve Monkton's former town hall are seeking community input on what to do with the historic building. The Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MMHS) and other invested townspeople are working to secure support and funding that would make the purchase of the building possible, though MMHS President Kristen Farrell said the future of the 1859 building will be decided by the community.

"We really want it to be a space that people are excited about," she said. "So, we're looking for ideas to keep the conversation going so people know that nothing's been decided."

Discussion of what to do with the old town hall began last year, when the town relocated its offices and library to the new town hall building at 92 Monkton Ridge Road. The MMHS considered purchasing the building to convert into a museum, though Farrell said that purchase proved to be nonviable.

"We as a (historical) society realized we couldn't buy the building and sustain the building as an operational manager," she said.

At this past March town meeting residents approved a referendum to delay the sale of the building and allow for community discussion. Now, Farrell and other townspeople are inviting Monkton residents to imagine what the space could be used for.

Their efforts have included hosting a brainstorming pizza party for residents last month, where people came up with ideas for how to preserve the building and keep it sustainable without burdening taxpayers. Some of the ideas included selling products made in Monkton or take-out meals.

Other ideas included using the space as a musical venue, a daycare or childcare space, or a place to host wildlife talks and other speaking events.

Farrell has been looking into programs that would make



MONKTON MUSEUM AND Historical Society President Kristen Farrell stands outside the former Monkton Town Hall, built in 1859. The society has been working to start a conversation with the community and figure out how use the old town hall.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

transformation of the space possible, largely by trying to secure a Municipal Planning Grant through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. This planning grant would support the process of figuring out what to do with the building. After that, the town could apply for programs like the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board's Rural Economic Development Initiative, which would help the town navigate grant applications and other funding options.

The town is also working on getting village district designation for the Monkton Ridge area. District designation would open up additional funding opportunities for the former town hall. Selectboard chair Stephen Pilcher said the town could receive this designation by the first week of November.

These efforts are aimed at making future use of the space possible, but the path forward will be decided by conversations with the community. There are a few important questions to answer, such as finding someone to serve as an operator/manager for the building and finding a way to use the space that produces revenue and makes running the building sustainable.

Pilcher said there's lots of possibilities for how to do this. Now the task will be working with the community to decide which one is best for Monkton.

"It's a beautiful building and it's got a lot of potential," he said. "We'll see where we end up, it's a community discussion."

Those with ideas for how to use the old town hall are encouraged to reach out to Farrell at monktonmhs@gmail.com.

Weathervane

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Lincoln Library Director Wendy McIntosh said the "Housing a Town" display educates these families and other residents about Lincoln's history of community involvement, an important part of continuing the trend.

"We have to really work hard on promoting the town culture of volunteering to people that move in, because they might have moved in from a place where you didn't really volunteer," she said.

One part of the display asks Lincoln residents to think about

community-centered ways to meet housing needs, much like Weathervane has. Hutchins said she's hoping the exhibit encourages residents to volunteer in other ways around town, such as by joining the Weathervane board.

"We're trying to sort of advertise the volunteer committees in town," she said. "(Weathervane) has 74 people on the waiting list for apartments. We do feel like we could probably expand but we need a younger board to do that, so it's time to turn things over to other people."

Wood underscored the importance of showcasing these volunteer efforts. He said that community involvement is an intrinsic part of Lincoln's character and remembering this can have lasting impacts.

"We're not the only special place, but (Lincoln) is a special place because of the things people have done here. As folks get to know that and say, 'We can do this, we can be a part of this,' it becomes a nice place to live because people are all involved," he said.

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Editorial

The voters' vital role

As we enter the final six weeks before the Nov. 8 elections, both state and national, let's all reflect on one point that should, by now, be uncontested: Who you vote for and who's elected makes a difference. Never think it doesn't.

On the national stage, ex-president Trump was first elected in 2016 by a few narrow victories in key states, with less than 11,000 votes (47.5% to 47.3%) votes separating Trump's win over Hillary Clinton in Michigan out of 4.8 million votes cast. While Clinton beat Trump in the popular vote by 2.8 million, Trump won the electoral count 306 to 232.

In 2020, Biden beat Trump by 7 million (81,268,773 to 74,216,728, or 51.3 percent to 46.8%) in the popular vote. Biden also won the electoral college 306 to Trump's 232.

Back up a few years to the election of 2000, and the contest was razor thin. In that election, Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote 50,992,335 to 50,455,156 (about 500,000 votes) with tight elections in swing states that split the electoral college 271 for Republican George W. Bush to 266 for Gore. In what came down to a few hanging chads (spoiled ballots) in the drawn-out Florida recount, Bush won the state (and the presidency) by just 537 votes, 2,912,790 to 2,912,253, out of almost 6 million votes cast.

Had Gore won Florida, and because he was an ardent believer in the negative effects of a warming climate, the world may well be a different place and the United States could have been a global leader in renewable energy and the jobs it creates — and the economic damage being wrought by today's climate might have been mitigated.

And it doesn't take much of a political historian to recall that Sen. Bernie Sanders launched his political career as mayor of Burlington in 1981 when, as an Independent, he defeated Democrat incumbent Gordon Paquette by just 10 votes — 4,330 to 4,320.

In short, votes matter — and who we elect matters far more than we might think. Imagine if Bernie had never gotten his start on Vermont's political scene, or if Gore had defeated Bush, or if the GOP, and the nation, would have escaped Trump's corrosive influence.

That's all a prelude to the elections Vermonters face on Nov. 8 as we elect statewide and congressional leaders, legislative representatives, and make important decisions on town and school issues.

This past week, most of the 16 Addison County candidates seeking legislative seats showed up at an Addison County Farm Bureau forum that featured just three questions: one on climate change and two on agricultural issues.

While the forum is unwieldy with more than a dozen candidates trying to address each of the issues in two-minute clips, it offers a glimpse into the importance of learning more about each candidate.

On the climate change issue, for example, candidates were asked to identify one positive and one negative aspect of the state's Global Warming Solutions Act, which was passed by the Legislature in 2020. The Act, as *Addison Independent* reporter Marin Howell wrote in today's lead story, "transforms Vermont's stated goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions into legal requirements, pushing the state to meet its reduction targets and prioritize economic and environmental resiliency."

The question challenged candidates to know the law and to see both sides — the pro and the con. Candidates, unfortunately, had only two minutes to answer, but in that two minutes there was much to learn. Republican Richard Burton, who is running for one of two state Senate seats, said the law would not accomplish what proponents sought and, moreover, that "it (climate change) is not man-made, and it is not going to be man-solutioned."

Agree with him or not, voters know where he stands and, partly, how he thinks. Valerie Mullin, a Monkton Republican in the Addison-4 House race, countered that she thought the Act's goals were worthy, but the hard deadlines were a detriment to Vermonters. Again, agree with Mullin or not, voters know where she stands and the little tolerance she has for taking firm action to curb carbon emissions.

Three Democrats, on the other hand, supported the Act and the requirements needed to ensure state goals are met.

Jubilee McGill, the Democratic nominee for state representative in Addison-5, put it plainly: "Science has recognized it (climate change) exists. It's a problem and we kind of haven't done anything about it. The... Act requires us to do *something*."

Incumbent Rep. Matt Birong, D-Vergennes, said the Act was a catalyst for needed change and would work well to push the state to invest in resilient infrastructure. Incumbent Rep. Caleb Elder, D-Starksboro, was more emphatic: "We have faced so much denial about climate realities, whether it's blind denialism or whataboutism. The good thing about the Global Warming Solutions Act is, for the first time ever, we did something binding about climate. The bad thing is we didn't do it 30 years ago."

Those are but a few of the comments made in a forum of 16 competing voices; all candidates of good intention, no doubt, but of sometimes vastly different ideas on how to serve their districts and the outcomes they expect.

To that end, voters must roll up their sleeves to do the necessary work of democracy: learn about each candidate that represents your district, discuss the issues with them and with your friends and neighbors, and then vote for the candidate you think will move the state forward with the best possible outcome.

The *Addison Independent* will continue to run stories about these races each week, and we'll have an Election Guide that will be published on Oct. 20. In that Guide, we'll feature each race in the county with side-by-side stories of the various candidates and where they stand on the issues. We'll also cover the various local issues requiring a public vote, and a wrap-up of the state races.

But don't wait for the Guide. Start now by visiting with the candidates when they host community events; instead of watching the television for one or two nights, check each candidate's website and review what they represent with a critical mind (question, think, don't just believe); know the issues; and then use the Guide as a way to compare candidates side-by-side before making up your mind. That's the due diligence needed of each citizen and of every voter.

Angelo Lynn

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A VERMONT FISH and Wildlife sign on this gate on Gage Road in Addison prohibited access to hunters, trappers, hikers, birdwatchers and (get this!) photographers. The dirt road near Dead Creek is part of a state wildlife refuge.

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English offers constant challenge

Why is it that you can say "a big old white house," but "an old white big house" is clearly wrong?

English is one of the most frustrating languages. Native speakers may not realize this, but the spelling and grammar of English are capricious to the extent that they seem to be flaunting how nonsensical they are. People who have learned English as a second language are well aware of how difficult it is and how hard it is to become fluent.

It is interesting to try to uncover why English makes so little sense. The reasons often stem from the fact that English borrowed from so many different languages during its evolution. The Germanic language of the Anglo-Saxons was sprinkled with Old Norse through Viking invasions in the 8th-11th centuries, and borrowed heavily from Latin and French after the Norman invasion in 1066. These are a few of the influences that all had different grammatical rules and different ways to pronounce similar letters in the alphabet.

Many spelling anomalies can be traced back to the "Great Vowel Shift," an actual event that took place over only a few centuries, where most of the vowels in English began to be pronounced differently but the spellings never changed. This happened concurrently to an era when English spelling was being standardized after the invention of the printing press in the 1400s. The various pronunciations of "ough," for example, probably show us the way in which those letters were being pronounced at the time the word's spelling was standardized. This explains why though, through, cough, bough, and tough

are all pronounced differently.

Other examples of illogical English spelling can be traced to Renaissance scholars trying to show off their knowledge of the Latin roots of English words by inserting silent letters into them. For example the Latin word *debitum* had become the Middle English word *dette*. Scholars decided to insert a silent "b" to get the word we now have: *debt*. The "b" was never pronounced.

This is in contrast to the "k" in *knight*, which at one point was pronounced in English.

English grammar follows a similarly convoluted path to its current hodge-podge of rules that are mostly made up of exceptions.

While English, and languages in general, are not static but constantly evolving over time, it is interesting that these changes come mainly in the form of new words added to our dictionaries or changes to what is perceived as correct grammar. Somehow all our antiquated spellings have persisted. It is not a problem to routinely split infinitives anymore. And it is acceptable to begin a sentence with a conjunction. Periods can be used. For emphasis. But we are still spelling *island* with an "s." (Incidentally, this "s" was added to the word because those pesky Renaissance scholars assumed it was related to the word *isle*. They added an "s" to *isle* to make it look more like its Latin root word *insula*, but the word *island* actually comes from the Old English word *ieglend*.)

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By Claire Corkins



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Autumn chores fall by the wayside

"I have so much to do before the weather turns cold," I told a friend a couple of weeks ago.

"You mean like stacking the rest of that firewood?" she asked, looking out the window.

"Huh?" I said. "Oh, yeah, that. But there's something more urgent."

She waited.

"What I must do first, above all else," I said, speaking slowly to emphasize the enormity of what I was about to tell her, "is weave a fall table runner."

After a pause to process this exciting news, she let out a long breath and said, "You do know you're not like other people, right?"

What a lovely thing to say.

But wait. Was she suggesting that I'm the only one whose mind, now and then, gets consumed by a creative impulse, to the exclusion

of "important" things? My obsession, this month, was to make an aesthetically pleasing, if useless, piece of cloth to lay on the kitchen table for a few weeks.

Was that so odd?

Before this year, I'd never had a table runner, or felt the need for one. But circumstances had changed.

We recently bought a kitchen table, the first new, not-banged-up one we've ever owned. Lacking the gouges, water stains and flecks of sparkle nail polish I was used to, this table's glowing wood surface cried

out for embellishment.

I have a friend who, every September, puts a pumpkin-shaped doormat on her stoop and flanks it with sheaves of cornstalks. She puts out rust-colored coffee mugs and sets a bowl of gourds on her table. It looks nice. I've just never cared much about seasonal decorations. At best, I'm *gourd-neutral*.

Yet here I was, hyperfocused on designing my first autumnal home accent. I would make it with my rigid-heddle loom, a wooden tabletop contraction that, in the hands of a skilled weaver, can yield beautiful textiles.

I am not a skilled weaver.

The setup — or warping — always gives me fits, and the results are never great. Thus, after a couple of years, I've only made a few things — mainly a cardboard-stiff scarf and a series of trapezoidal tea

towels and dish cloths. In the early days, I'd struggle with the loom for an hour or two, getting more frustrated by the minute. When my rage levels peaked, I'd banish it to the spare bedroom where it could sit for a few months to think about what it had done.

Fortunately, over time, I've made real progress. For instance, I no longer believe the loom is actively persecuting me. I've leaned into the learning process

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Letters to the Editor

Ripton's voice could be lost

At our Ripton School Board Meeting about our upcoming Sept 29 vote, many in our community came together to hear and ask questions about the current situation. While there is no easy solution, we were able to come together and feel heard.

Sadly, this has not and will not be true if we rejoin ACSD. The current structure does not allow for us to be heard. We have tried for over four years to work within that structure, and (at best) have been given lip service to change. Forming another subcommittee is *not* actual change.

According to Charles Billing's "A History of Ripton," we have had a school here at least since 1826. Especially considering this deep history, our town should have the right at least to decide if our school stays open or closes. The only way we are going to have a say on such impactful community decisions is by voting No on Sept 29. Let's not make that Ripton School Board meeting at the Ripton Community House one of the last.

John Wetzel
Ripton

McGill would help affordability

We have a tremendous affordable and workforce housing shortage in Addison County and in Vermont. I believe that shelter, having a home, is a basic human right and that is why I am voting for Bridport Democrat Jubilee McGill to represent Addison 5, my district, in the Vermont House.

If you care about affordable housing it is really a "no-brainer" to vote for the person with the drive, dedication, and experience (both professional and personal) to bring about real change in this area; that person is Jubilee McGill.

Since early 2020 Jubilee has served as property manager and coordinator of rental housing for Vergennes-based John Graham Housing & Services. Prior to her moved to John Graham she worked as senior property manager and compliance chief for Addison County Community Trust (ACCT), the county's largest affordable housing provider.

Jubilee, a native Vermonter, who grew up in Addison County, came to the career path that gives her so much joy because as a young single mom she, herself, was almost homeless when she got a project-based (housing) voucher from ACCT. She was then able, with the support of other community programs, to get her life back on track and she has been "giving back" ever since.

Jubilee will be a strong advocate for houseless people in the Statehouse. An advocate for small schools, Jubilee knows that we need more affordable housing if young families are to move to Vermont to fill our school systems. If you live in Weybridge (as I do) or Bridport, most of New Haven or the new, tiny chunk of Middlebury that includes the Marble Works and Seymour Street neighborhoods please vote for Jubilee McGill to represent Addison 5.

Rebecca Strum
Weybridge

Airport 'status quo' falls short

Kudos to Mr. Lynn for kickstarting a valuable debate in our editorial of September 1 "Middlebury Airport: How big is too big? Are there options?" It's a discussion that the Town of Middlebury selectboard should be willing to engage in. However, selectboard chairman Carpenter seems unwilling to do so. At the recent selectboard meeting of September 13, he simply dismissed this point of view without addressing or responding to any of the important issues it raises. The option to move the Middlebury airport was also addressed in a

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Letters to the Editor

Time has passed for yet another airport 'task force'

It was refreshing to see some factual articles about the Middlebury State Airport written and printed in the *Independent*. But I would like to address the suggestion in your editorial to have a task force review the state's plans. I'd suggest you contact the state and retrieve the historical timeline.

The master plan has been in planning now for likely over three years. In order to address and current or potential concerns the state hired consulting firms for numerous studies in all areas, including environmental, impact, and demand, to name a few. All this information was already

known, but due to suggestions like yours, the state spent quite a lot of money to ensure any impact was realized.

Two years ago, the State of Vermont told potential builders that permits were in place on selected lots for hangars. Then they withdrew that statement as applications were submitted, to say they needed to update the master plan before issuing actual build permits. Owners were told it would take less than six months. That timeframe came and went while more planning and "task force" processes took place. Some potential hangar owners gave up and went to

other airports that actually wanted their money. Others had building material sitting on site waiting for the promised permit.

And now here we are, with every stone turned over and inspected, in the final hour of having a master plan in place after millions of hours were spent solidifying it, by numerous state and outside consultants. And you suggest without any knowledge of it, that perhaps a "task force" should review it. Stop stirring the pot without acknowledging all the history.

**Peter Brown
Shoreham**

Sambrook letter

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letter to Transportation Secretary Flynn and Chairman Carpenter, authored and signed by Senator Hardy, Representative Sheldon, Selectboard members Fuentes-George and Khan.

This may be a challenging and difficult option — challenging the status quo often is — but it starts an important debate about an alternative that could economically benefit the town, its residents and the users of the airport. Mr. Carpenter is wrong to vilify the local representatives for a letter which reflects viable constituent concerns in the way he did at the selectboard meeting.

Most everybody — pilots and neighbors — agrees that the Middlebury Airport would never be built where it is today. It is an historical anomaly that flies against all rational decision-making. The state airport was set atop aquifers that feed two town water systems (Middlebury and East Middlebury); is within the foothills of the Green Mountains with, according to FAA, oftentimes difficult wind shear to the east; it is near a large residential population center of East Middlebury with a nursery school, library and a recreational park directly in the flight path of the planes; it is proximate to an ecologically important area for threatened bat species and important wetland areas.

The view that homeowners had notice of all past and future

airport development merely by choosing to purchase homes nearby, turns history on its head. The town of East Middlebury was in existence long before the airport was either in its original or its current iteration.

How on earth did the airport become what it is today? The answer is because of a slow unchecked developmental creep driven by the easy accessibility of federal funding. This pattern will continue if the latest draft Master Plan is adopted. We've also witnessed VTrans' intent to continue to drive development creep via a recent Act 250 Master Permitting filing relating to hangars. VTrans is undertaking this via the mechanism of a partial findings Master Permitting. Without getting into the details, a partial finding hearing is usually reserved for developers who, before they spend a great deal of money on a project, wish to get a quick read on one or two of the "harder" Act 250 criteria.

It was not meant for the purpose that VTrans is using it. It has the effect that VTrans avoids providing detailed plans or justifications for their development plan at the airport — and they can get a valuable placeholder for development without disclosing the detailed plan or its medium- or long-term implications that will be hard to reverse once it is in place. This is not fair to the town nor the

neighbors.

Given this, what can the selectboard do? We urge them to be expansive and brave.

As the selectboard often says — the two key issues for the town are affordable housing and affordable, high-quality childcare. The airport Master Plan does little to push that agenda forward. But they could put forward an alternative vision for the airport that does. There are 136 acres of prime real estate at the airport. Imagine a new parkland, recreation parks, affordable and mixed housing, new childcare facilities — all within four miles of downtown Middlebury. It could be a glorious legacy for the airport. And there is a precedent. Colchester Airport Park, which had some of the same environmental and development constraints as Middlebury, has since 1983 been transformed into a gem of that area, mixing residential and recreational parkland.

Let's take this great opportunity of the Master Plan — to do this planning properly and benefit the town, the state, the pilots, the aviation businesses, the residents of East Middlebury, the new families attracted to the area, the wildlife, the aquifer protection zone. All it needs is some courage by the selectboard, VTrans and the executive.

**Andrew & Andrea Sambrook
Middlebury**

Silver Lake hut scope clarified

I want to share some facts about the proposed Silver Lake Hut in Leicester.

Founded in 2016, the Vermont Huts Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of creating an enriching and immersive outdoor experience for everyone. Over the past six years, we have been working with federal, state, and private land managers, as well as land conservation organizations, to build a statewide backcountry hut network for anyone seeking refuge in the outdoors. This includes skiers, hikers, birders, mountain bikers, kayakers, hunters, writers, etc... The 11 huts in our network have hosted guests as young as three months and as old as 82. They transcend generations, abilities, and user groups to connect people with their natural environment as they share stories of their day's adventures under a

warm roof.

There have been a number of misleading and patently false claims made over the past few months regarding the construction of a year-round hut in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (MNRA). Many of the statements could be interpreted as libelous, and it is disturbing to see these tactics deployed in a way that deliberately attempts to undermine the credibility of organizations that are working to create meaningful opportunities for all Vermonters.

The term "hut" can be confusing — ask 10 people what it means and you'll receive 10 different answers. Some huts in nearby states such as Maine and New Hampshire are large, capable of hosting 30-40 or more guests. Others are tiny, with accommodations for only four guests.

The proposed Silver Lake Hut is a partnership with the Moosalamoo

Association, a nonprofit that is a "friends of" organization that advocates and provides trail stewardship for the benefit of the MNRA. Our two organizations worked together to identify a conceptual hut site and will cooperatively manage the structure once it is operational.

The hut design calls for a building that is 1.5 stories tall (the upper level has a knee wall, much like a lofted space) and capable of hosting up to 10 guests in a footprint that's less than 600 square feet.

There is no plumbing. Guests would use an existing vaulted privy, located a few hundred yards from the hut site. The privy, which can be more precisely described as a Forest Service outhouse, has ample capacity to handle 10 new guests — which is equivalent to adding two more campsites to the Silver Lake Campground. There are currently 15 sites in the campground, each with a six-person capacity limit. We know the privy's capacity would be adequate because the same privy design is being used at Chittenden (See Forum, Page 7A)

Community Forum

This week's writer is *RJ Thompson, co-founder and executive director of the Vermont Huts Association.*

Jessie

(Continued from Page 4A) and now have brief periods where, between mishaps, I find the weaving almost enjoyable.

So once the idea of a table runner took hold, I spent hours delighting in the possibilities. Did I want stripes? A solid? Plaid? Houndstooth? And in what colors?

It's all I thought about for days. I searched for weaving patterns. I watched weaving videos. I got up in the middle of the night to arrange cones of yarn in potential color palettes. Many people put less planning into their weddings.

I could hardly wait to start the weaving, and I was determined, for once, to produce something that didn't look like a summer camp project made by a third-grader with a sprained wrist.

I spent two full evenings just warping and tensioning the loom to my satisfaction — that's longer than the weaving took, in fact.

I still cursed a lot, but in the end, I got what I had been aiming for: a simple striped table runner (or at least part of one; it's more like a three-foot-long placemat). The dimensions vary, depending on where you measure it, but it's nearly rectangular, and the fabric is almost uniform. At last, I'm getting the hang of it.

I laid the runner in the middle of the table last night, and it is, frankly, adorable.

Every time I walk by it, I get a little surge of pride. Sure, there was a moment during the weaving when I threatened to use the loom for kindling. But I worked past that, and the result is a cheerful

piece of autumn décor.

Now I can get back to stacking wood.

But first I have to run to the farm store. The warm colors in the table runner have put me in a weird fall decorating mood. I don't know what's gotten into me, but suddenly I'm feeling very pro-gourd.

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how to teach English and then spent about five years teaching English as a second language. Perhaps this little bit of knowledge makes it rattle a bit more when I see so much incorrect English — mostly on the internet or in text messages. I understand wanting to be quick and to avoid writing a novella in your message, but it makes me wonder if we are losing the ability to write and spell correctly. How long until the grammar and spelling we use in our text messages become accepted everywhere? R we going 2 be ok

with this, lol? And as our language continues to evolve, will I have to learn to live with it?

Claire Corkins grew up and lives in Bristol and studied Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic in Maine. After college she worked abroad teaching English as a second language. She currently works with her father in such various endeavors as painting houses, tiling bathrooms, building porches, and fixing old windows. She hikes, reads, plays ice hockey, travels, and wishes she could wear flip flops all year round.

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Obituaries

Donna Beatrice Doty, 84, of Brandon

BRANDON — Donna Beatrice Doty, age 84, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at her sons' home in Brandon.

Donna was born in Middlebury on June 6, 1938. She was the daughter of Howard A. and Beatrice (Kirby) Foster. She grew up on the family farm in Salisbury. She received her early education in Salisbury schools and graduated from Middlebury High School, class of 1956. She earned her degree from Becker Junior College in Worcester, Mass. Following college graduation, she began her working career with The Pentagon in Arlington, Va.

She returned to Vermont, where she married Art Doty on Dec. 23, 1958. She and her late husband owned and operated the Credit Bureau of Rutland for over 30 years. Following their retirement they enjoyed traveling, from Nova Scotia to Florida, for several years. She was a member of the United



DONNA BEATRICE DOTY

Methodist Church of Middlebury, where she was very active in church affairs. In addition to traveling, she enjoyed antiquating, auctions, cooking and baking, and was an avid stamp and Beanie Baby collector.

She is survived by her son, Paul Doty and his wife, Jacqueline of Brandon and their children, Nathan

Doty and his companion, Shannon Cookson, and Emily Doty and her companion, Christian Leggett; and a daughter, Susan Marie Hinton of St. Johnsbury and her children, Michael Alger, Christopher Alger and William Marcoux; great grandchildren Benjamin Alger and Kiersten Alger; special family friends Elizabeth and Samantha; and a nephew, David Dewey and his family. She was predeceased by her husband, Art Doty on July 2, 2019, and two sisters, Reta Andrews and Leta Dewey.

The memorial service in celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Middlebury.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to Brandon Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 237, Brandon, VT 05733.

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

Verna Rose Thomsen, 63, Whiting

WHITING — On a frosty, bright autumn morning, surrounded by her four close friends, Verna Rose Thomsen passed on to her next great adventure peacefully and without pain.

Verna Rose Thomsen was born March 31, 1959, to Vernon and Edna (Sholly) Bindner on her father's birthday.

Verna spent her early years growing up on a Midwest farm. She loved spring with the birth of chicks and bunnies and was always eager to start planting her garden no matter what else was going on in her life.

Verna was employed for thirty-seven years at Porter Medical Center and its affiliate family practice in Brandon, Vt. The last several years of her work life were spent in the Ambulatory Surgery Unit at Porter Medical Center. At

Porter Medical Center, she worked as a Special Care Unit nurse, Relief Nursing supervisor, and finally, among her family of co-workers in Ambulatory Surgery. She was an office nurse for Brandon Primary Care for several years before returning to Ambulatory Surgery, where she finished her career.

Verna also studied to be a life coach through DreamBuilders.

No matter what she did, whether it was nursing, being a licensed lay minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Proctor, Vt., or being with her friends, Verna left a mark on all with her love, compassion, and no-nonsense ways.

Verna was predeceased by her parents. She leaves behind her sisters, Donna, Barb, and Mary and their husbands; many nieces and nephews; thirty-seven first cousins, and many more cousins.

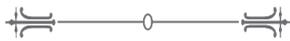
She is survived by her feline companions, Kit Kat, Barty, and Pepper, who have all found new, loving homes; her friends Tammy Snyder, Alice Leo, Janet Mosurick, and Annie Wilson; her Porter Hospital family, and her church family at St. Paul's.

Many thanks to everyone who supported Verna throughout her illness. She fought hard, relentlessly optimistic that she would beat the illness that took her life.

Donations in Verna's memory may be made to the Activities Department at Helen Porter Health and Rehabilitation and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Proctor, Vermont.

The scattering of her ashes will be held privately at a later time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. ◊



Alberta "Bert" M. Sargent, 76, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Alberta "Bert" Sargent 76, died peacefully in the early morning of Sept. 24, 2022, at the University of Vermont Medical Center following a recent stroke.

She was born March 8, 1946, in Burlington, the daughter of Howard and Hattie (Martell) Clark.

Bert attended Warren High School.

She was employed as an office manager for Joe Roberts Trucking and Vermont Adult Learning and retired as the store manager of the New Haven Jiffy Mart.

Bert was a member of the Middlebury American Legion Auxiliary and the V.F.W. of Middlebury. She enjoyed watching NASCAR and visiting with family and friends, but her greatest joy was spending time with her great-grandbabies.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Gary English Sr.; her son Donald Sargent Jr. and wife Lisa of Lincoln; her daughters



ALBERTA M. SARGENT

Donna Sargent of Bristol and Patsy Munson and husband Scott of Shoreham; her grandchildren, Britney Clodgo (Charlie LaDuc), Miranda Birkett (Ryan), Cheyenne Cinotti (Erick), Rochelle Sargent-Smith (Cody) and Andre Lyons (Kari Envik); and her three great-grandchildren, Hudson Cinotti, Avery LaDuc and Blair Birkett; her siblings Sandra Jewell (Kevin) of Shoreham, Robert Clark (Delmar)

of Wallingford and Randy Clark (Linda) of Midland, N.C.

She was predeceased by her parents, brothers Francis Clark and Michael Clark; and a granddaughter, Amanda New.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Sept. 30, with a calling hour from 9-10 a.m. prior at the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home, located at 117 South Main Street, Middlebury. The Rev. David Wood will officiate. Burial will follow at the Maple Cemetery in Lincoln. A Reception with luncheon will be held at the American Legion in Bristol from noon-3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Homeward Bound, Addison County Humane Society at 236 Boardman Street Middlebury, VT 05753.

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

Ronald C. Maynard, 69, of Ferrisburgh

FERRISBURGH — Ronald C. Maynard of Hanksville, Vt., passed away at his daughter's home with his loving family by his side on Sept. 17, 2022.

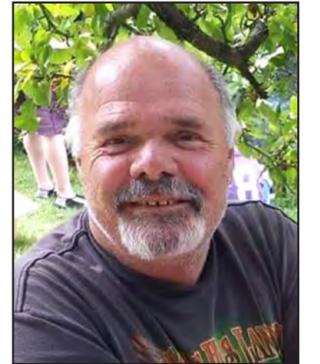
Ronnie was born on Dec. 23, 1952, the son of Arthur Maynard and Elaine Irwin. He attended CVU High School, graduating with the class of 1971.

Ronnie leaves behind his daughter Maryrose and her fiancé Dale; grandchildren Harlee (Rell), Tyler (Jess), Abby, and Liam; great-granddaughter Amiah; brother Arthur; sister Eileen; nieces, nephews, many friends and his beloved cat Rufus.

He is predeceased by his parents, sister Sandy, brother Red, and some very close friends.

Many thanks to the Addison County Home Health and Hospice for their dedicated care during my dad's last couple months. He will be dearly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him. Per his request there will be a celebration of his life at the Vergennes American Legion on Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. If you would like to make a contribution in his name send them to Addison County Home Health and Hospice.

I will end this in Ronnie fashion "Give a Dog a Bone." ◊



RONALD C. MAYNARD



Adam John "Sprout" Larrow, 52, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Adam John "Sprout" Larrow, 52, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at his home in Vergennes, after a long illness.

He was born May 11, 1970, in Burlington, the son of David Larrow and the late Helen (Wood) Larrow.

Adam is survived by his daughter, Sabrina Larrow, and her mother Tonya Larrow; his father, David Larrow; stepmother Sheila; two aunts, Estell Bouffard and Kelly Durway; three uncles, Chris and Margie Wood, Jim Wood, Mike and Barb Durway; and several cousins and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, at Prospect Cemetery in Vergennes with a reception following at St.



ADAM JOHN "SPROUT" LARROW

Peter Parish Hall in Vergennes. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to American Kidney Foundation, 1 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401, or Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 11, Vergennes, VT 05491. To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmclayfuneralhomes.com. ◊

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ORWELL'S SANDY KORDA receives the state's Emergency Management Director of the Year award from Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Jennifer Morrison, left, and Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann at an event in Killington last week.

Korda recognized for excellence

WATERBURY — Sandy Korda, an Orwell resident with more than 50 years of experience in emergency response, has been recognized as Vermont's Emergency Management Director of the Year. Korda was recognized for his commitment and excellence during the annual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference on Sept. 20.

Emergency Management Directors, or EMDs, are the key coordination link between residents, local governments, first responders and state officials. These individuals have direct responsibility for the organization and administration of emergency management resources in their community and county. This requires diligent work before, during and after emergencies.

"EMDs work hard to ensure their community's emergency response capabilities are strong, often on a voluntary basis," said Vermont Emergency Management Director

Erica Bornemann.

"Sandy is a dedicated EMD who truly cares about his community," Bornemann continued. "During the COVID pandemic, he spearheaded several initiatives to help his community, including organizing welfare checks for those in need of assistance and a volunteer effort to deliver medicines and essentials to those who were homebound."

Korda is also noted for his efforts to communicate with townspeople ahead of, during, and after emergencies. He uses social media and Vermont Alert to provide hazardous weather warnings and safety messages. He also works closely with the state and regional planning commission to provide prompt and reliable damage reporting following a storm to help expedite possible assistance.

"Sandy's efforts have undoubtedly kept Orwell, and all of Addison County, informed and reassured during the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to be

an important resource for hazard planning and responses that arise in the community in the future," his nomination noted.

Certified Emergency Management Directors

Four individuals were also recognized at the conference for completing the state Certified Emergency Management Director program. The designation provides leaders within emergency management organizations with the fundamental knowledge and skills to effectively manage disasters. Through 70 hours of training, which is a blend of online training, instructor-led training, and practical application. Those leaders recognized for this commitment to excellence included:

- Chance Payette, Vermont Emergency Management
- Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management
- Jonathan Scott, Central Vermont Medical Center
- Michael DesRosiers, St. Michael's College

The conference was held on Sept. 20 and 21 in Killington. Presentations from the event are posted on Vermont Emergency Management's YouTube page at youtube.com/user/VTDEMHs.

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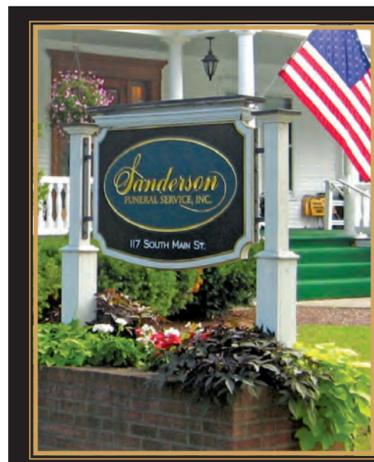
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Brook Campground, where our Chittenden Brook Hut resides.

Just like tent campers, hut guests must gather water and disperse grey water (from activities such as brushing teeth or washing camp dishes with provided biodegradable soap) away from any nearby streams or bodies of water. This practice is standard at campsites and huts across the U.S. The proposed hut is more than 315 feet from Silver Lake's shoreline, not "on" it, as some claims have stated. It will be ADA compliant (required for any new structure on USFS land) and, because it would be located along an existing USFS maintenance road, adaptive cyclists or other folks with mobility challenges could access the hut — not by motorized vehicle, but via human power. The only vehicle that would access the hut would be a propane delivery truck twice per year — once in the fall, and again in spring. The access road is already used by GMNF staff to manage the existing campsites.

While we'd prefer to use wood as a heat source for the hut, the risk of fire is too high, particularly as we seek to welcome newcomers into the outdoors. The operation of a wood stove is a barrier to some who are not familiar with its operation, so it is both a safety and inclusivity decision to use propane at this and other huts. Pellet stoves would require a large solar array and battery bank to operate the stove's blower, neither of which is feasible at this site or for a structure this small. That said, the hut would have two solar panels located on the roof that supply power to four batteries located inside the hut. Those batteries would power interior low-wattage LED lights, again, for safety reasons. To reduce the risk of fire, open flames are not permitted in huts we own and operate.

Speaking of newcomers, the Silver Lake Hut would also host our FOREST Program (Fostering Outdoor Recreation, Education, Sustainability and Teamwork) multiple times throughout the year. The FOREST Program brings underrepresented Vermonters into our huts for multi-night stays complete with gear, food, transportation and a field naturalist to lead educational workshops — all free of charge. The modest net revenues (roughly \$15,000 annually) generated from reservation fees and memberships help to support the FOREST Program. We believe the more folks we can introduce to the outdoors, the more likely they'll become stewards of the land.

Some folks may cringe at the phrase, "more folks outside," as we've all seen crowded trailheads across the state. This should not be seen as a problem. It is an opportunity to welcome newcomers and introduce them to the areas we love and cherish. If done correctly, we'll nurture the next generation of environmental stewards, enhance our existing recreational assets, and create new opportunities for land conservation. If we adopt the "I was here first, go find somewhere else to play" mentality, we will fail miserably (by the way, most of us were not here first). This applies to Silver Lake and the Green Mountain State in general.

Regarding the hut's permitting process, the Vermont Huts Association applied for a Special Use Permit with Green Mountain National Forest for the proposed Silver Lake Hut. There was never an attempt to, nor do we have any desire to circumvent a more stringent review process such as an Environmental Assessment. The Categorical Exclusion method of permitting on federal lands was simply how the Green Mountain National Forest's administrators chose to classify this particular project due to the abundant existing impact and infrastructure surrounding Silver Lake, which resides in a National Recreation Area — a classification that prioritizes recreation as one of the many uses that may occur on the parcel. We have gone through Environmental Assessments as part of larger Integrated Resource Projects and will inevitably go through others in the future.

We take seriously the site conditions of any hut we are proposing, and every one of our projects, whether on federal, state, or private land, goes through a natural resource inventory for the identification of sensitive flora and fauna in the vicinity. Should the proposed Silver Lake Hut site be found to contain anything ecologically or archaeologically sensitive, we will work with the

Forest Service to either mitigate impacts or identify an alternative location.

Like many nonprofit organizations, Vermont Huts Association has members. Any member of the general public can become a Vermont Huts member for \$35/year or \$65/year for a family of four. Members receive a 15% discount on hut bookings and a short, one-week window in which they can make bookings prior to the general public reservation opening. These types of benefits are common among hut operators both in New England and in western states. There is nothing exclusive about becoming a member — anyone can join.

Vermont Huts uses a secure booking platform to process reservations. Some individuals have suggested we are required to use the recreation.gov website to process reservations. This is false. Other hut operators on federal lands — using the same caretaker model as Vermont Huts — use their own reservation system. The 15 tent camping sites at Silver Lake use recreation.gov for reservations.

Questions regarding the proposed Silver Lake Hut's cost (estimated at \$290,000) have also been raised and compared to the Chittenden Brook Hut's actual cost of \$110,000 (not \$70,000, as claimed elsewhere). The two huts are a bit like comparing apples and oranges. Chittenden Brook Hut was constructed by the Yestermorrow Design/Build School, which does not charge for labor, a huge cost savings as students are learning on the job. Additionally, the hut was built off-site at Yestermorrow's campus as part of their design/build semester before being transported to its final destination. This saved crew

mobilization time and increased efficiencies at the work site.

Due to access constraints, the proposed Silver Lake Hut would be built on site, likely by a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) crew. As part of a workforce development program, VYCC pays young Vermonters to complete meaningful projects, adding needed skilled laborers to the workforce upon completing the hut. The cost of their labor — like any construction project — is a large part of the Silver Lake Hut budget. Chittenden Brook Hut was built in 2017 (again, with no labor costs) and completed in 2018. Since then, the pandemic has caused raw materials prices to drastically increase, adding more cost to any construction project. Anyone who has recently built something as simple as a shed or as complex as a home addition understands the pain of purchasing lumber in today's market.

Vermont Huts Association is a nonprofit organization that has worked hard to create new points of access to the outdoors for Vermonters and visitors alike. We have built our organization on strong partnerships with public and private land managers at the local, state and federal levels who see the value in creating a more inclusive outdoor arena for everyone. We collaborate with local residents, trail chapters, land conservation organizations, and countless volunteers to create experiences that will foster a deeper appreciation of our natural environment.

Editor's note: RJ Thompson is a Stowe resident who holds an MS in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College and serves on the board of the Moosalamoo Association.

Letters to the Editor

Article 22 would allow stopping of 'beating hearts'

The passage of Article 22 would allow stopping a beating heart, thus ending a life of a human being, to become part of our Vermont Constitution.

How many of us have found a baby bird in the yard while we were walking with our children?

We softly pick up the chick. We feel its beating heart. The children share our excitement as were turn the chick to the protection of its mother in the nest.

Article 22 would permit a mother to abort her baby in the 3rd trimester and stop its beating

heart, preventing that child from ever knowing the love of the mother.

Please vote "No" on article 22. Heartfelt thanks for voting "No."

Frank Kane
Middlebury

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Paid for by Bevere for Addison County PO Box 939, Middlebury, Vermont, 05753 Megan Mandigo, Treasurer

Letters to the Editor

Merger panel ignores input in favor of sales pitch

After attending the Merger Study Committee meeting on Sept. 20, we came away quite disturbed.

It was apparent that this group of selected-not-elected citizens came together to study a merger, decided to recommend the Merger and have now become the Merger Sales Committee. Rather than considering the questions and concerns taxpayers may have, the committee discussed how to respond to “the opposition” i.e. citizens who happen to question or disagree. They discussed not using certain words such as “enrollment stabilizing” that would admit student population decline is not so dire as previously thought; hence a merger might not be necessary at this time. They discussed plans to pitch the merger by using students in a video and recommended spreading the message that teachers would be laid off if this didn’t go through.

Listening to the committee discussion revealed how much is unknown, even with something as basic and crucial as transportation. A new report apparently advises adding 16 busses to assure a 60 minute-each way student commute. Each bus costs approximately \$60,000 per year, an extra \$960,000 in busing. This new info should be processed before a vote!

In addition, the committee was not clear if these de-coupled bus routes would have elementary

school children leaving and returning home at a different time than middle or high school students. This is a huge issue for families that rely on older kids watching younger kids after parents leave for work or at the end of the day.

The New Solutions K-12 report by consultant Nate Levinson states: “Based on the analysis, MAUSD can maintain 5 small elementary schools if the community, school leaders and central office all embrace a cost effectiveness mindset.” That message has been buried in the pressure to produce a ‘Merge’ vote. Why?

This same report states that a merger fits the evaluation criteria: “...if the merger agreement includes giving the towns a vote before closing an elementary school in their town.” That recommendation has been ignored in the current proposal and allows schools to be closed after four years.

Weren’t public schools intended to guarantee a good measure of local control for taxpayers and parents? This merger would dilute Monkton’s (and every town’s) representation. Two reps on a huge, 15-member board! Power centralized in one large unelected administration. Harder to have our voices heard, harder to retain the right to influence to a measured degree how our children are educated. Even the proponents of

consolidated districts recognized this problem and allow for vigorous local parent/citizen advisory committees. Our merger committee has not set these up. Let’s not merge ‘til they do.

An alternative to the drastic and premature step of merging would be to *collaborate, not merge!*

For example, collaborate on AP classes; students could attend via zoom with the educator alternating weeks so one school is not always remote. Same for language classes. So many opportunities for collaboration that don’t require creating a massive district, logistical problems and reduced local control.

While the committee stresses additional opportunities for students, they fail to adequately mention the cost in terms of long travel times, huge distances, and reduced voice at the local level.

The State of Vermont would be mailing ballots for Federal and State elections to all registered voters, but *not* for this merger question. If you want to vote and will not be voting in person on election day, you need to call your Town Clerk and request a ballot, go to your Town Hall to vote early, or request a ballot at mvp.vermont.gov.

Vote “No” on the Mt. Abe/Vergennes merger!

**Eugenie Doyle
Joan Holloway
Monkton**

Many reasons to vote no on MAUSD-ANWSD merge

There are *many* good reasons to vote NO on the MAUSD-ANWSD Merger proposal on Nov. 8.

Merging would mean:

1. Moving school governance even farther away from the students and their schools and communities.
2. One board for nine towns: governance would be moved farther from the schools and communities that they serve; board members would have less understanding of the accomplishments, challenges and needs of each of the schools.
3. There would be one district budget for all schools and the superintendent’s office to be voted on by all nine towns. Consolidation leads to less financial transparency, based on our experience with Act 46 consolidation.
4. Weighted voting on the merged board would mean the voice and views of board members from smaller towns would be easily overshadowed by that of larger towns. For example, in the proposed plan for weighted voting, Bristol and Vergennes board members’ votes together would be worth 37% (Bristol 22% and Vergennes 15%). The voting weights for the other towns would be: Addison 8%, Ferrisburgh 16%, Monkton 12%, New Haven 10%, Panton 4%, Starksboro 10%, and Waltham 3%. See Merger Study Committee (MSC) Report Article 9.
5. 2. Taking away towns’ right to vote.

The Merger Articles of Agreement removes MAUSD towns’ right to vote on whether schools will be closed, after the first four years of operation. However, up to three grade levels could be removed from any elementary school, without a vote of the town, even in the first year of the new merged district (MSC Report Article 14B.4).

3. Lengthy bus rides for middle and high school students. Merging will mean that more MAUSD and ANWSD students will experience bus rides of an hour or more each way. (Grades 6-12 bus rides of 32-108 minutes each way; 15 routes with greater than 60 minute route times each way; four routes approaching 90 minutes.)
4. Cost: \$2,320,500 each year. MSC Report pp.97-101 (Transportation Study 11/1/21)
4. Taking all 6th-graders from nine towns out of their town elementary schools and placing them into a merged middle school, in Vergennes or Bristol. There is no conclusive

research that supports this move. ANWSD has recently announced a plan to move all ANWSD 6th-graders to the middle school in the 2023-2024 school year with or without a merger.

5. Combining the high schools and the middle schools of the nine towns of Mt. Abraham Unified School District and the Addison Northwest Unified School District.
6. The middle school (grades 6-8) would be located in Vergennes or Bristol. The high school would be in Bristol or Vergennes.
6. Less, not greater, equity. There is no evidence that merging MAUSD and ANWSD would lead to more equity for students. In fact, as one example, the MSC Article 14D allows for school choice among all schools beginning in the first year of operation, without providing transportation to and from schools outside of students’ towns of residence. This is a highly inequitable policy because many families will not be able to afford to provide this transportation. Choice would only be available to those who can afford to provide transportation.
7. Implementing a radical change that will not solve the problem of declining enrollment. The problem that MAUSD and ANWSD is trying to solve is the direct result of declining enrollment (in the context of a state funding system that was designed when enrollment was increasing). Merging governance, (creating one board for nine towns), moving all 6th-graders to a merged middle school, combining high schools, and adding more yellow buses and lengthening bus rides for many more students to an hour or more each way will *not* solve the problem of declining enrollment. In fact it would probably make that problem worse because young families would choose to settle in a school district with closer schools and shorter bus rides. Imagine how things might be different now if we, and the MAUSD and ANWSD boards and superintendents, had spent the past two-plus years working together with their communities on strategies for increasing enrollment — for attracting new families to our towns!
8. Implementing a radical change before trying other, less radical strategies. The Merger Study Committee, working with MAUSD and ANWSD, should have considered ways to collaborate

without merging governance. The Committee should have focused on ways to work together that would help control tax increases and would enable both districts to expand opportunities for students.

For example: The detailed study commissioned by the MAUSD board identified specific strategies that would save the MAUSD \$3,269,000 annually, without taking the radical step of merging governance, without closing or merging schools, and without moving 6th-graders out of their town elementary schools.

Creative collaboration between MAUSD and ANWSD would enable both districts to jointly offer a specific course, taught by one teacher, to students in *both* schools. The course would meet remotely some of the time, and in person some of the time. And this is just one example.

As former RNESU superintendent and former member of the State Board of Education Bill Mathis put it in his Aug. 18 *Addison Independent* editorial that ran under the headline *The chance has arrived for a rebirth of our Vt. schools*, “For the high schools, perhaps it is time for a completely new look at our model. Simply consolidating to drive longer distances to a high school which does not meet the social, economic, or democratic purposes of society seems too hasty a leap.”

9. The MSC Process was flawed from the start. Many board members did not realize that the authority of the Committee (comprised of unelected members) would supersede any authority that either board has, to make decisions about whether or not to recommend merger and bring it to a vote. The Committee never considered ways for the two districts to collaborate without merging governance, in order to save money and expand learning opportunities for students. The facilitator created the process so committee members would design the merged district before deciding whether merging was advisable. Once the Committee had spent an inordinate amount of time on the design, it was difficult for any member to speak against a merger recommendation. To find out more about the proposed merger and the upcoming vote on Nov. 8, please visit this website: StoptheMerger.info.

**Nancy Cornell
Starksboro**

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Vergennes

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in a career spanning 50 years. He served as a consultant to the \$30,000 IACP study, which was authorized by the Vergennes City Council about a year ago.

Baker said the IACP study's lead researchers brought more than 100 combined years of law enforcement experience and were qualified to assess the Vergennes Police Department.

"You have a very professional, well-trained, squared-away police department," Baker said. "You have an incredible community that is well served."

The health of the department contributes to the city's economic as well as psychic well-being, he said.

"You can't expect to have investment if a community is not safe," Baker said.

The study reviewed five years of calls for service and crime data, department worksheets and schedules, and interviewed department officers; city officials, including Mayor Matt Chabot and City Manager Ron Redmond; and at least four dozen other residents and stakeholders either individually or in focus groups.

The statistics show violent crime is scarce in Vergennes. The report studied the total of almost 9,900 calls for service (CFS) between 2015 and 2020. They discovered "the majority of CFS are calls for quality-of-life issues (41.71%), followed by traffic stops (28.92%), agency assists (12.42%), other (10.21%), property crimes (4.90%), and crimes against persons (1.84%)."

"We got a pretty good pulse about what the community is about," Baker said.

He said quality of life calls include impaired driving, noise complaints, loitering, littering, animal problems and non-violent citizen disputes, among many other similar problems that have traditionally required police response.

MAJOR QUESTION

But, Baker said, the study was unable to pin down what the community wants from its police department. Several of the report's recommendations, such as creating mission and vision statements and a community advisory panel (not an "oversight" panel, Baker stressed), are intended to strengthen ties between police and the community they serve.

"You're not going to be able to move forward until you solve this issue," Baker said.

Baker also acknowledged not all would be pleased with all the recommendations, including establishing the advisory panel and having only one officer on duty for some shifts, but only after using data to learn when problems are least likely to occur.

He said in making its recommendations IACP looked for the "sweet spot" where budget constraints and officer safety meet.

"We call balls and strikes, and when we do these studies not everyone is happy," he said.

The report's recommendations include not responding to surrounding communities unless in the case of emergencies, and formalizing agreements with Vermont State Police and the Addison County Sheriff's Department to clarify when each agency should respond, agreements he said that would also protect each from liability.

The report backs Vergennes Police Chief George Merkel's efforts to establish Project Vision North. That is an effort to strengthen ties with local social service agencies in an effort to solve problems that lead to calls to police, often many to the same address.

The report said more officers should be brought aboard to Project Vision North, in particular a recommended "hybrid" hire that should fill a now-vacant position and also take care of data analysis and other administrative tasks and thus free up officers' time to do more police work.

In addition to the advisory panel, the report also recommends a volunteer program that it said would support police and strengthen community ties, and a transparent complaint process.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Baker spoke for about an hour, followed by attendees' questions and comments.

Resident Erin Wolcott said violent crime in Vergennes had dropped to current levels in the early 2000s to the same rate as it is now while "the police budget in Vergennes almost doubled between 2010 and 2019 ...

after adjusting for inflation," and not including the new station or grants. She asked for Baker's take.

Baker first said it was up to Vergennes what to spend, emphasizing the need for talk and agreement.

"You've got to get to the point where there is some sort of consensus of what you want your police department to be," he said.

He added there are other measures for effective policing, and advised analyzing quality-of-life service calls before drawing conclusions.

"We're saying drill down more into those and understand what they are, and what effect do they have on the community," Baker said. "I always say to people, don't measure the safety of a community by looking at violent crime."

Wolcott said that one gap to be bridged is some see Vergennes as a safe community, while others who back higher police spending appear to be "concerned about violent crimes and safety and how that's so important you can't put a price on it ... There's a little bit of a disconnect."

In answering, Baker said drug-inspired thefts and other problems are also typically concerns: "My experience is that there are a lot of other things that people are worried about."

Resident Chris Spencer asked Baker for examples of ways the city can have the conversation to understand "how we want the police department to police the community."

"First, you need to stop making this conversation personal," Baker said. "And I'm directing that at everybody."

He said the feelings of officers have to be respected as well as those of residents.

"You have a traumatized police department. Those officers feel like they can't do anything right, and there needs to be some kind of reconciliation around that if you truly want to open up a line of communication," Baker said.

"On the flip side of that, when the police department comes out ... it shouldn't be 'what we did for you yesterday.' It should be a listening session to hear the pulse of the community to make a decision on how you're going to provide the service."

Panton resident and former Vermont State Police Captain Mike Manley said he was concerned the report's recommendations would lead to city police routinely

working unsafe one-officer shifts.

Baker answered: "I don't agree, as a matter of routine there is one officer. I do think that there are times based on the data that you could have one officer. That's why we're recommending a deeper dive into the data ... We're not advocating single-officer shifts all the time."

Resident Mark Koenig, a member of the committee that recommended a citizen police panel, asked if this report might make a good conversation starting point.

Baker re-emphasized the IACP did not favor an oversight panel, but noted some citizens did not support any civilian board.

"I would back up and use the conversation tonight as a starting point. Those other layers can be a little sensitive for other folks we interviewed," he said. "But eventually you should be able to get to that point in the conversation where people are open-minded and not make stuff personal."

Resident Jeremy Holm said the statistical and factual nature of a report "gives us a chance to have an honest conversation," and added even if that conversation doesn't provide agreement on all points, it can still be healthy.

"My other comment is it's OK to disagree. We can still, like a family, have disagreements, discussions, and decide what to do," he said.

Holm also summed up what many feel about Merkel, even if they question his department's price tag.

"Chief Merkel ... should end his career on a high note. And he should know even though there are some people who might be perceived as opposing what he wants, that doesn't mean we don't admire, love and respect him. It doesn't mean we don't have a great deal of gratitude," Holm said. "It just means we want to have an honest conversation about where that sweet spot is."

One of the last questions came from the Vergennes Detective Sgt. Jason Ouellette:

"Who should be responsible for initiating the conversation regarding communication between the community and the police? For example: The city council, the police chief, the city manager?" he asked online.

"Everybody," Baker replied. "Everybody should be responsible for opening up communication."

Changes

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public safety with the reality of budget constraints:

"More specifically, how do they ensure that the Vergennes Police Department is staffed appropriately while recognizing that the current department budget constituting a significant percentage of the City's overall budget may no longer be feasible or desired by the Vergennes community."

The report also emphasizes the "department has put in considerable work to emerge from the troubles of the early 2000s."

The report also states, "Vergennes is a safe community with little serious crime, and the majority of calls for service are for quality-of-life issues and traffic incidents," and gives the department a credit:

"From interviews, there is a clear connection between the professionalizing of VPD, the increase in public safety, and the change in Vergennes's social and economic status."

As for another central theme, the report points to a lack of clarity and unity for what the community wants from its police department:

"For any police agency, community expectations are as important as calls for service and other police operations when determining appropriate staffing levels. However, this question is challenging to answer. This is not an area that is well defined in Vergennes ...

"This lack of understanding has contributed to the debate about the agency's size. To determine appropriate staffing levels, the expectations and scope of the agency will first need to be determined."

The report also looked at calls for service (CFS) between 2015 and 2020 to base its research on. They discovered "the majority of CFS are calls associated with quality-of-life issues (41.71%), followed by traffic (28.92%), agency assist (12.42%), other (10.21%), property crime (4.90%) and crimes against persons (1.84%)."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The report makes 14 boldface recommendations, followed by report material:

1. Adjust schedule to cover the most active times for police services based on data analysis of calls for service. The report cites consideration for officer safety, but states, "The current fiscal status of the city and the level of activity do

not support having two officers on duty for all shifts."

2. Increase interagency cooperation and develop formal MOUs. "There are some calls (domestic or mental disturbance) where it is not ideal for an officer to respond alone. The informal interagency cooperation with local agencies, including the Addison County Sheriff's Office and the Vermont State Police, should be formalized through written Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to provide backup for two-officer CFS when only one VPD officer is on duty."

3. Convert the vacant sworn position to an administrative

one. The position "should be converted to a civilian or hybrid position to function as a community service officer, and the job description closely defined so that many administrative duties can be reassigned from the sworn members."

4. Implement a Volunteer Program. A program should empower "community members to engage by volunteering their time and expertise to reduce crime. The mission of these programs is to enhance the delivery of police services to the community" and "engage the community, reduce crime, and support all efforts (See Statements, Page 12A)



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- Be a better partner to law enforcement so that prosecutions are effective, successful and just.

By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) to support rehabilitation projects throughout Vermont's designated downtown and village centers. In all, 49 project awards will help generate over \$95 million in building improvements and public infrastructure around the state, according to the Department of Housing and Community Development. In the Little City, the historic Shade-Roller Mill building on Vergennes Falls has sat vacant for years, but now state tax credits will support its adaptive use to much-needed housing, with 19 new units planned. For project

estimated to cost \$2.43 million, the governor awarded \$117,500 in tax credits. In Middlebury, a \$56,466 tax credit was awarded for the \$112,891 project to replace the historic Battell Block's 65-year-old elevator, ensuring continued access to the building's upper floors and its many residential and commercial tenants including the Middlebury campus of the Community College of Vermont.

Looking for something a little different to do next Friday evening? You could take a friend to the top of McCardell

Bicentennial Hall on the Middlebury College campus for a stargazing event at the Mittelman Observatory. If there aren't a whole lot of clouds in the sky, go between 8:30 and 10 p.m. to look at a variety of fascinating stars, planets, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies through the observatory's telescopes. Due to COVID-19 policies and best practices, not all telescopes may be open and masks may be required. This is free and open to the public.

The Vermont Arts Council is offering a new grant program to provide meaningful arts learning experiences for older Vermonters, an effort that hopes to ease the social isolation that sometimes arrives as people age. Creative Aging Grants provide up to \$4,000 for organizations to provide skill-based arts instruction and intentional social engagement led by experienced teaching artists for older adults aged 60 and over. Applicants may hire artists on the Council's Creative Aging Teaching Artist Roster, which comprises experienced teaching artists that trained with Lifetime Arts to design creative programs for the aging. But artists don't have to be on the roster Grant applications are due Nov. 1. For a lot more information go online to tinyurl.com/VAC-65-plus-grants.

Love of Life is in Everyone's DNA Article 22

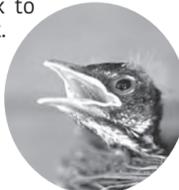
The passage of Article 22 would allow stopping a beating heart, thus ending a life of a human being, to become part of our VT Constitution.

How many of us have found a baby bird in the yard while we were walking with our children? We softly pick up the chick. We feel its beating heart. The children share our excitement as we return the chick to the protection of its mother in the nest.

Article 22 would permit a mother to abort her baby in the 3rd trimester and stop its beating heart, preventing that child from ever knowing the love of the mother.

Please vote "No" on "Article 22".

Heartfelt Thanks for voting No, Frank Kane



Candidates

(Continued from Page 1A) action, such as the Global Solutions Act was irrelevant. Among that group was Cornwall Republican Richard Burton, a competitor in the state senate race. "It can't do what they think it's going to do except cost Vermonters a lot," Burton said of the act. "It (climate change) is not man made and it is not going to be man-solutioned."

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine explain that "human activities are causing Earth to heat up in ways that are different from warm periods in the past."

Valerie Mullin, a Monkton Republican in the Addison-4 House race, said she believes the act sets a good goal of bettering the environment but the hard deadlines its sets to meet that goal are a detriment to Vermonters.

Other candidates disagreed. Jubilee McGill, the Democratic nominee for state representative Addison-5, said these deadlines are positive as they push Vermonters to take action.

"Science has recognized it (climate change) exists, it's a problem and we kind of haven't done anything about it," she said. "The Global Warming Solutions Act requires us to do something."

Incumbent Rep. Matt Birong, D-Vergennes, also spoke of the act as a catalyst for needed change. Birong said the legislation works well in pushing the state to invest in resilient infrastructure, which prepares the state for a changing climate.

Other candidates felt the act was a necessary step in fighting a pressing issue. Rochester Independent Mason Wade, running for the state senate, stressed to the audience that there is an urgency to address the climate crisis through collective

action, such as the Global Warming Solutions Act.

Rep. Caleb Elder, D-Starksboro, expressed a similar sentiment in saying the act was a step long overdue.

"We have faced so much denial about climate realities, whether its blind denialism or whataboutism," he said. "The good thing about the Global Warming Solutions Act is, for the first time ever, we did something binding about climate. The bad thing is we didn't do it 30 years ago."

SUPPORTING FARMERS

A question posed by the Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition asked candidates how they would preserve and strengthen Addison County's agricultural community. A frequent answer from candidates was to make processing of local meats and other foods easier for farmers. State senate candidate Lloyd Dike, a Republican from Bristol, said this could be done in a few ways.

"One of the areas they really need help in is being able to get processing, access to markets. I think we can help with some of those areas with processing plants or slaughterhouses where there are not enough of them or where they're sometimes not able to be kept open," he said.

Lynn Dike, a Bristol Republican in the Addison-4 race, underscored the need for more slaughterhouses and added that making processing easier would help farmers that transition from dairy farming to running raising beef cattle.

Some candidates said they wanted to alleviate the mandates and regulations (specifically water quality regulations) that they believe hinder farmers. Rob North, a Ferrisburgh Republican in the Addison-3 race, was in that

2022 Candidates

- Sen., Christopher Bray*
- Sen., Lloyd Dike
- Sen., Robert Burton
- Sen., Ruth Hardy*
- Sen., Mason D. Wade III
- Add 1, Peter Caldwell, Middlebury
- Add 1, Robin Scheu*, Middlebury
- Add 1, Amy Sheldon*, Middlebury
- Add 2, Peter Conlon*, Cornwall
- Add 3, Matt Birong*, Vergennes
- Add 3, Diane Lanpher,* Vergennes
- Add 3, James H. McClay, New Haven
- Add 3, Rob North, Ferrisburgh
- Add 4, Mari Cordes,* Lincoln
- Add 4, Lynn Dike, Bristol
- Add 4, Caleb Elder,* Starksboro
- Add 4, Valerie Mullin, Monkton
- Add 5, Jon Christiano, New Haven
- Add 5, Jubilee McGill, Bridport
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- *incumbent

group.

"I will promote systems and incentives that foster collaboration and sharing of common sense and best practices among the farmers themselves. They don't need the government coming in and telling them how to farm," North said.

Jim McClay, a New Haven Republican also competing in the Addison-3 race, agreed with his competitor. McClay lauded local farmers for addressing the water quality issue and said that solutions for these issues should be decided at the local level and not in Montpelier.

A few answers were more open ended. Orwell Democrat Joseph Andriano, a candidate for the Addison-Rutland House seat, said he'd want to collaborate with members of the Agricultural Community to solve the problems they're facing.

"It is not my place as an attorney to tell a farmer how to do their job or what they need," he said. "What is my job, if I am lucky enough to be elected, is to listen to my constituents, to listen to the farmers, and find out what's going on and what they need."

MERGING AG COMMITTEE

With 16 candidates providing answers, there was time for only three questions at last week's forum. The only other question posed to candidates pertained to the rumored elimination of the Vermont House of Representatives' Agriculture and Forestry Committee. Candidates were asked if they would encourage or discourage that action, which would add the work of that committee to the Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Many of the candidates said they would oppose eliminating the committee. Jon Christiano, the Addison-5 district's Republican nominee for state representative, said he'd be against it because the work of the two committees is often mutually exclusive. Peter Caldwell, a Middlebury Republican in Addison-1, was also vehemently opposed to the merge.

"The establishment can argue over changing departments, but I think it's moving deck chairs on the Titanic, and I would never approve it," he said.

The incumbents participating in the forum were supportive of potentially combining the work of the two committees. State Rep. Diane Lanpher, D-Vergennes, said that turnover in the Legislature has created an opportunity to look at the structure of the House committees and explore if they could be organized in a more efficient way.

Addison County State Sens. Christopher Bray, D-Bristol, and Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury, said they would also support the action, though state senators would not be involved in making that decision.

"Regardless of how the House organizes their committees, it doesn't imply that they won't be doing work in the area of agriculture. A committee will have jurisdiction over agriculture in one way or another," Hardy said.

Bray agreed and noted that he believes the work of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee overlaps with the work of other House committees and there is already collaboration between committees focused on similar issues.

Those interested in hearing more from their local candidates can find a recording of the event online at mediafactory.org/live.

To watch the entire Addison County Farm Bureau Candidates Forum head online to mediafactory.org/live.

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- Cauliflower (diameter) - Ted Foster, 13.5"
- Corn (length x circumference) - Peter Demong, 11" x 7.5"
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Julie Longergan, 25" x 9"
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- Sunflower (diameter) - Peter Demong, 14"
- Tomato (circumference) - Lisa Maloney, 20"
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference) - Brud Leedom, 26" x 40"
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Jim Payne, 24" x 13.25"

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



2022 Garden Game

What a week! We had NINE new Garden Game entries.

First up was **Ed Blechner** with an 8" C parsnip. The first of the season, Ed's carrot cousin takes the top spot!

Julie Longergan brought in a plump pumpkin and (yellow!) cucumber. Julie's pumpkin clocked in at 61" C x 64" C and her cucumber was 25" L x 9" C. She now takes the lead in both categories.

Next, **Peter Demong** came in with three majestic entries. Peter's rhubarb knocks the existing record holder out of the top spot at 24.75" L. He also brought in the first corn and sunflower we've seen this year. At 11" L x 7.5" C (corn) and 14" D (sunflower), both will be tough to beat.

A stunning blue hubbard squash from **Brud Leedom** was the next entry we received. A "volunteer in the compost pit", Brud's winter squash was an astounding 26" L x 40" C and takes the number one spot!

The last two entries were from **Sue Galipo**. Sue brought in a rotund 22" C rutabaga and beautiful 22" C x 18" C eggplant. Both entries put her in first place.

Garden Game 2022 will come to an end with the first frost so our time is rapidly dwindling. Be sure to bring in those veggies soon!

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.



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Spotlight on Vergennes

Green space expansion reaches last phase

Fundraising goal close, will net \$40K in matching dollars

VERGENNES — Leaders of the Park Street Community Project, a local nonprofit working to expand public green space in downtown Vergennes, recently reported on their efforts.

The project aims to expand everyone's access to green space on what is currently the west-facing lawn of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, adjacent to the city green. The goal is to transform the property into an attractive and usable space that will serve the community. The property is also home to the new Stephen Bates historic marker (which recognizes the first Black sheriff in Vermont), making it a welcome spot for residents and visitors to rest, gather and reflect.

This is the last phase of a long effort. St. Paul's worked with the

Vergennes City Council to repair the sidewalk on Park Street several years ago. The church then repaired their beautiful stained-glass windows that provide the backdrop for this green space. This last phase, organized and implemented by PSCP, will involve regrading, landscaping, and installing seating to welcome the community.

Members of the PSCP Committee thanked all those who have donated to the project. They have raised \$17,890 and are so close to their goal of \$20,000 by Oct. 15. If the goal is met, the project will be eligible for a 2:1 matching grant, or \$40,000, from Vermont's Better Places Program. This grant would give the committee a grand total of \$60,000 for the downtown Vergennes green space project.

PSCP Committee members are

Sarah Stroup, Mary Beth Hamilton, Bo Price, Jeff Fritz, Catherine Brooks and Diane Merrill. The Vergennes Partnership is serving as fiscal agent for the small nonprofit.

The overall project has been supported by the Vermont Historic Preservation Fund, a state Downtown Transportation Grant, the Walter Cerf Community Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation, and the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.

To learn more about the Park Street Community Project and to donate, head online to tinyurl.com/GreenVergennes.

With your support we can finish this effort, providing beautiful new green space that will expand the reach of the City Green downtown and welcome residents and visitors.

Tree stand safety tips

MONTPELIER — Tree stands get hunters out of sight and smell of wary deer, but they can also get hunters into trouble. Here are some tips from Vermont Fish and Wildlife to help stay safe and get the most out of your tree stand hunting experience:

- Choose a live, straight tree, and avoid ash that may be in decline due to emerald ash borers.
- Buy smart. Only use stands certified by the Tree Stand Manufacturers Association (TMA).
- Inspect them each time you use them. Check your tree stand for wear and tear each time you go out into the woods.
- Know the rules. On state lands, it is illegal to place nails

or other hardware into trees or to build permanent structures. On private lands, you must have landowner permission to erect a tree stand, cut or remove trees or other plants, or to cut limbs. All stands, including ground blinds, must be marked with the owner's name and address.

• Always wear a full-body safety harness, even for climbing. Most falls occur going up and down the tree and getting in and out of the stand. Make sure your safety harness is in good condition. Especially, check the straps.

• Don't go too high. The higher you go, the smaller the vital zone on a deer becomes, while the likelihood of a serious injury

increases. Climb within your personal limit.

• Never carry firearms or bows up and down trees. Always use a haul line to raise and lower all gear. Make sure your firearm is unloaded.

• Familiarize yourself with your gear before you go. The morning of opening day is a poor time to put your safety belt on for the first time.

• Be careful with long-term placement. Exposure can damage straps, ropes and attachment cords. Also, the stand's stability can be compromised over time as the tree grows.

Learn more about Tree Stand Safety at www.tmastands.com/safety.



THE BOYS & GIRLS Club of Greater Vergennes recently received a \$4,500 donation from the Vergennes Day Race Committee. Pictured are, from left, committee member Devon Merrill and family members, club Director of Programs and Resource Development Beth Cherry, club CEO Alicia Grangent and committee member Scott Gaines.

Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes

Boys and Girls Club reaps race benefit

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Day Race Committee on Sept. 19 presented the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes with a donation of \$4,500 generated out of proceeds from the road races the committee sponsors annually on Vergennes Day.

Committee members Devon Morrill and Scott Gaines gave the traditional ceremonial oversized check to happy club officials, including CEO Alicia Grangent and Director of Programs and Resource Development Beth Cherry.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you ... to everyone that donated and ran the race on Aug. 27," Grangent said. "The Club appreciates every donation. We are serving youth in Vergennes, Panton, Waltham, Addison and Ferrisburgh providing programming, meals and a safe place for youth to succeed. This donation helps to ensure that we are able to provide this free option to the community."

Cherry noted she is a relative newcomer to the organization.

"New to the Boys and Girls Club team, it is humbling to see the community choose

the club as recipients of their heartfelt Vergennes Day Race contributions," she said. "We and club members have so much gratitude for your support of Greater Vergennes' youth and their afterschool experience."

Gaines said the race committee's members and participants in the 5K, 10K and 15K races deserve credit for an event that went well enough to allow the committee to make the donation.

"(It was the) most successful race in our 15-plus year tenure," he wrote in an email.

Club spokesperson Christopher Reck also included updated info in the announcement, including that there are now "over 115 members

currently on the roster." The club continues to offer teen and youth programs.

The focus of the Boys & Girls Club, according to the press release, "is to provide a safe, inclusive and nurturing place to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens."

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Statements

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associated with public safety.”
5. Develop mission and vision statements. This recommendation is designed in part to clarify expectations.

“In collaboration with community stakeholders, VPD should develop statements that clearly articulate the mission and vision of the department. A mission statement would clearly define the intent and willingness to work with the community at all levels. Moreover, it would provide officers with a clear direction of the agency’s expectations.”

6. Implement a strategic plan for the Vergennes Police Department. A plan “with actionable items and scope of services should be developed ... through a strategic planning process that includes the department, city officials, and members of the community.”

7. Create a community advisory board. The study recommends a collaborative, not an oversight, board, to improve trust and communication. “The relationship between the Vergennes Police Department and the community appears to be good ... (But) policing has changed significantly. The VPD must shift its focus to a total community policing model.”

Before that can happen, the report states, “there is a breakdown in trust and a lack of mutual respect between some members of the community, city officials, and the department that must be addressed.”

Examples of distrust the report cites include officers feeling “like they have been singled out and not heard,” and some citizens not always appreciating officers’ “militaristic appearance” and some department communications seen as “sensational or fearmongering.”

8. Create and share a weekly police report. “A weekly report should be drafted by the chief or designee and submitted to the city manager. At the city manager’s discretion, success stories ... should be posted on social media outlets.”

9. Institutionalize Project Vision North by involving more officers. “Project Vision North is a valuable program that addresses various social issues such as mental health, domestic violence, and drug rehabilitation ... Primary involvement in Project Vision North is through the chief. By utilizing this additional resource, over time, VPD should be able to eventually reduce calls for service related to non-core police functions and free up officer availability.”

10. Review how Calls for Service are currently categorized and develop a data-driven patrol plan for the community. “Many of the calls were the type of police activity that did not warrant a call for service.”

11. Create a clear policy for bringing complaints and compliments forward and identify the steps of the process. That policy should be developed to identify “the steps to submit complaints and compliments. The process should be made available on the website ... The city manager should conduct a cursory review of the complaint.”

12. Collect and analyze more detailed information for out-of-jurisdiction Calls for Service to better understand the nature of the calls. “Free police services for neighboring towns is a major concern to residents ... Resources associated with out-of-jurisdiction responses could be better utilized in Vergennes, especially since the mutual aid role lacks formal agreements or memorandums of understanding ... questions and concerns could result in liability against the VPD.”

13. Develop formal policies and directives on out-of-jurisdiction responses. “Absent an emergency, officers should remain within city limits and available to answer calls for service in Vergennes.”

14. Make the Vergennes Police Department more accessible to the community. “One common theme from interviews and focus groups with the community and other stakeholders was the hyper-security of the building and lack of access to community members. While there needs to be a balance between security and accessibility, the facility needs to be more welcoming and accessible to the public.”

The IACP report is at vergennes.org under the “For Residents” tab under “Reports, Audits and Budgets.”



THANKS TO THE award of an exclusive Fulbright Distinguished Teacher, Middlebury Union High School French teacher Michelle Steele will spend four months in Morocco next year focusing on an educational research project that could have long-term benefits for her students here in the Addison Central School District.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Morocco

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and collaborate with Moroccan and American colleagues to complete her research project. Morocco is a former French protectorate, and Steele will specifically research the decentering of European perspectives in school curricula and will use her findings to create local curricula that is more diverse and is more inclusive of global perspectives.

While her trip is still many months in the future, Steele is excited for the adventure and feels privileged to have been included in such a small cadre of Fulbright colleagues.

“I was shocked,” Steele said of her reaction to hearing that her application had passed muster with the 12-member Fulbright review board. “It’s so competitive that I didn’t expect to get it on the first

try.”
And get this — another Vermonter with Addison County ties is also among the 20 Fulbright Distinguished Teachers for 2022-2023. Fallon Abel is a social studies and social-emotional learning educator at Sharon Academy who earned a master’s degree in English from Middlebury College in 2019. She’ll be conducting her research in Finland.

“I think this shows the extent to which Vermont is a regional leader in public education, and the fact that two Vermonters were chosen reflects well on the state of education in Vermont today,” Steele said.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program and is funded through an annual appropriation made by U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the program.

For more than 75 years, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 400,000 participants with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Awardees are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, according to Fulbright literature.

Steele isn’t sure how many total Fulbright applicants there were this year, but she was told “the process was very selective.”

So how did she make the cut? In addition to her teaching credentials, Steele believes a number of factors helped her candidacy. The Addison Central School District (of which MUHS is part) has an International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, which gives it global cachet. Steele’s project is particularly suited to promoting IB’s mission of expanding global and intercultural awareness of students and educators.

And Steele’s research field deals with equity issues — another priority for the ACSD.

“I have a feeling it was an ‘apropos’ moment,” she said. “(My research project) aligns with district goals, and decolonization is a big buzzword in edu-spheres right now. I think it’s about the relevancy of everything our country is going through.”

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO
Morocco was a French

protectorate from 1912 to 1956, though French influence lingers — in language, culture and through the education system. There’s an effort underway to “decolonize,” or de-emphasize vestiges of French control — such as by having Arabic and the Moroccan dialect Darija become the primary languages in schools and government.

But Morocco’s quest to recapture its identity has been slow and difficult, Steele noted.

“Moroccans still view French as a ‘portal’ language — an opening to the world — also associated with socio-economic status, so there are still a lot of Moroccan families who still want education done in French.”

Upon their return, all Fulbright Distinguished Teachers will be encouraged to integrate their research findings into their classroom and share their newfound knowledge locally and regionally with other colleagues. With that in mind, Steele hopes to develop partnerships and joint projects with schools and classrooms near and far.

She’ll attend an upcoming ACSD board meeting to explain her upcoming Morocco trip and solicit ideas for making her research as beneficial as possible to local students.

“If anyone has questions or input — or questions you want me to ask while I’m in Morocco — I’d like people to contact me,” she said. “This research is meant for us and our community, and it’s bigger than that, too.”

Thanks to Fulbright, Steele will be able to offer her own young children the same opportunity she had, earlier in life, to reside in a different country. Steele’s French language studies benefitted from sojourns in Madagascar and Switzerland. The entire Steele family will be making the upcoming Morocco trip, and the three children will attend a French-speaking school while they’re there. Michelle’s husband, Mike, will be able to telecommute to his job at Silver Maple Construction.

MUHS Principal Justin Campbell gave kudos to Steele for securing her Morocco trip.

“I’m thrilled for Michelle and for the ACSD students who will benefit from her upcoming experience,” he said. “I’m also so thankful that the Fulbright Organization provides these opportunities for deserving teachers.”

Anyone wishing to interact with Steele about her Morocco trip can email her at msteele@acsdtv.org.

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Hancock poet publishes first collection

HANCOCK — After her mother died in 2014, Margaret Rogal came across a small packet of notebooks and letters that her father, Robert Silliman Judd, wrote in 1909 when he was 22 during a six-month visit to his uncle Elmer Judd's farm in Cando, N.D.

"Growing up, I knew my Connecticut grandfather made his own way in the world and was kind and gentle, but here I was reading his impressions from over a century ago of an alien and dazzling environment and the people living in it," Rogal said.

The Hancock resident responded to these family papers by doing what she often does in exploring new subjects and ideas — by writing poems. Eight years after opening her grandfather's first notebook, Rogal's collection of poetry, "Field Notes," has been published by North Dakota State University Press. "Field Notes" is the first in a new series launched by the Press. "A Little Book About North Dakota."

Interspersed with excerpts from Robert's notes and letters, the poems, in a variety of styles and voices, explore the birds Robert was observing and collecting, the family he was growing increasingly close to, the beautiful but sometimes harsh prairie landscape, and the hard work of farming on the northern plains. Enhancing the text are 10 watercolors of prairie birds by series editor Mike Jacobs.

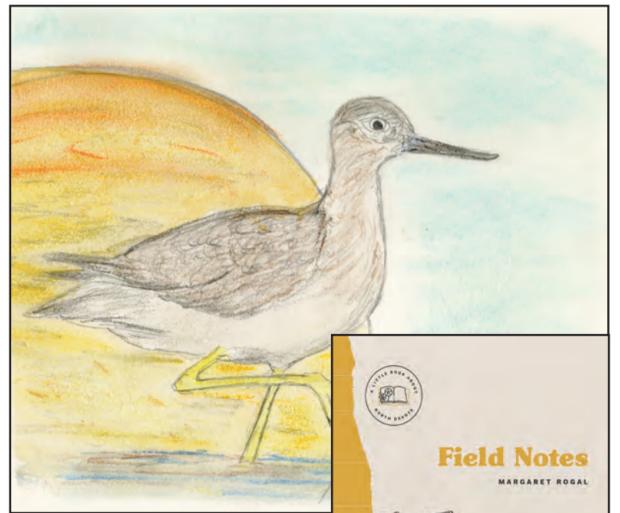
Robert Stillman Judd writes on July 16, 1909: "It is a pretty sight to see the large flocks of Yellowlegs maneuvering, all keeping close together and whirling and darting at great speed."

As a response, Rogal imagines her grandfather speaking lovingly to the bird in her poem "An Alphabet of Yellowlegs." She writes: "Are all birds extroverts, or just you? ... You are full of zest, you zigzag bird."

Although she is a New Englander by birth and nature, Rogal spent 30 years in Iowa and Illinois, raising two daughters and working as a librarian. The Colgate University graduate studied poetry at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival, Augustana College and the Middlebury College's Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Ripton. She was a finalist for the Poetry of the Plains & Prairies Award and the Sundog Poetry Book Award.



A NORTH DAKOTA press published Hancock poet Margaret Rogal's book "Field Notes" this past summer. Here she is reading from the book at Middlebury's Havurah in early September.



"FIELD NOTES," MARGI Rogal's book of poems inspired by North Dakota, includes watercolor illustrations of prairie birds, including this image of "Yellowlegs" by Mike Jacobs.



Irish sounds in Bristol

THE TRIO FOOTWORKS from West Topsham play Celtic music on the bandstand on the Bristol town green this past Saturday afternoon, entertaining folks at the Bristol Harvest Festival.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

Ripton Ridge Run returns October 9

RIPTON — The Ripton Ridge Run, celebrating its 35th year, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9, beginning with registration at 11 a.m., at Ripton Elementary School.

Over these many years, this community event continues to bring the whole town together to raise money for the students at Ripton Elementary School. This fun and competitive race also attracts participants from all over New England — no surprise given Ripton's beauty at this time of year.

As always, the includes a 5K run, a 10.4K run, and a non-competitive

5K Fun Walk. The 10.4K run will go counterclockwise this year. There is also a short, non-competitive event for young children.

Pre-registration is now open and race-day registration is from 11 a.m. to noon at the Ripton Elementary School, located on the Ripton-Lincoln Rd., less than a mile from the Ripton Country Store.

The registration fee includes the race, a full bagged lunch, raffle, awards, and a long-sleeved t-shirt. There are prizes for top runners as well as hand-made, colorful

glass medallions for top runners in every age group. Before Oct. 1, the cost is \$35 for adults and \$20 for seniors and children. After Oct. 1, fees increase slightly.

Registration information is available at www.riptonridgerun.org. There are three ways to register: online until Oct. 1, post mail form, or day-of.

For more information, call the Ripton Elementary School at 802-388-2208 during school hours, email riptonridgerun@gmail.com or go to www.riptonridgerun.org

Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police are investigating a \$4,878.89 check cashed at a local bank on Sept. 20 that bank officials reported was counterfeit.

Police said a man brought the check to the Community Bank on Monkton Road and that it appeared to be made out to him by a local business. The case remains under investigation.

Between Sept. 19 and 25, Vergennes police also conducted three traffic stops and four patrols by cruiser and three on foot, and also:

On Sept. 19:
 • Received a call from Vergennes Union Elementary School that a student was missing. Police learned she had walked home without permission from her family.

• Were told by a parent that her daughter's Air Pods had been stolen from her backpack at Vergennes Union High School. The case remains under investigation.

• Attempted to serve an abuse-prevention order on a High Street resident.

On Sept. 20:

• Took a report of the theft of merchandise from Kinney Drug Store, an incident that remains under investigation.

• At the request of Vermont State Police checked the welfare of a West Main Street resident and found everything OK.

• Took a report from a High Street resident that a cat had been stolen.

On Sept. 21:

• Concluded that a First Street resident who had died at home had done so of natural causes.

• Responded to a minor two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

• Served a subpoena to a Main Street resident on behalf of the county state's attorney's office.

On Sept. 22 checked on a woman reported to be confused and walking around the Champlain Farms parking lot; they found no issues.

On Sept. 23 calmed a family dispute at a Monkton Road residence.

On Sept. 24:

• Responded to a minor two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Canal and Main streets.

• Checked the welfare of a High Street resident and found no problem.

On Sept. 25:

• Responded to a report of a youth

speeding on a dirt bike on Pantown Road and spoke to both the youth and his father, who they described as unhappy with his son's behavior.

• Reported to state police that

the apparent victim of an Addison domestic dispute had appeared at a city business; troopers interviewed her at the city station.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Middlebury Union High School

Eliot Schneider

Eliot Schneider, son of Jessie Donovan and Peter Schneider of Middlebury, is Middlebury Union High School's Student of the Week. Eliot's brother Griffin is enrolled at Castleton University and his sister Ava is a sophomore at MUHS.

Eliot has been involved in all aspects of the high school community and says he values the family-like atmosphere he feels at MUHS. He appreciated Mr. Farrell's recent statement at the first all-school assembly that "we are all one family at MUHS"; in his opinion this is an accurate description of "Tiger Town." Eliot is a three-sport athlete, an accomplished student, and contributing member to the local community. His teachers and his peers count on him for his inclusive nature and positive leadership skills. Eliot was honored with the Dorey Cup at the June 2022 graduation ceremonies.

When asked about his favorite extracurriculars at MUHS, Eliot's immediate response was Best Buddies and Unified Sports. He loves participating with students of all abilities and the camaraderie that exists in these two activities. He is also a member of the varsity soccer team, he captains the varsity Nordic

ski team, and runs the 400m and 800m in track. He can also be found on the local golf course and reports that he "shoots in the 90s." He is also serving as a Peer Leader Coordinator.

Eliot is pursuing the full IB diploma and has found the challenge and rigor to be demanding, but worth the effort. He values the in-class discussions and the interesting lessons his teachers prepare. He loves English and says he feels lucky to have had Ms. Brigger for four years. He admits that mathematics is not a favorite subject, but Mr. Comar has sparked his interest in that class. His dedication to his studies has paid off as he has achieved Honor Roll status each year. He spent the summer working at the Middlebury Mountaineer and got to enjoy the outdoors in a variety of capacities. He has climbed 42 of the 46 peaks in the Adirondacks that are over 4,000 feet.

His next big peak will be "summitting" the college admission process. He would like to stay in the Northeast and hopes to attend a four-year liberal arts institution, preferably near mountains where he can hike and ski. The MUHS community wishes Eliot well in the future.



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VUHS SOPHOMORES SOPHIA Johnson, left, Jing Williams and Mia Kutchukian pose in front of a previous year's banner during this year's annual school-wide celebration of the U.N.'s International Day of Peace last Wednesday.

Independent photo/Steve James

VUHS

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its roots from a film by that name by Jeremy Gilley, who in 2001 helped persuade the U.N. to declare Sept. 21 every year as the International Day of Peace, in the hope that all conflicts would declare a one-day cease fire. In many cases cease-fires have been honored, allowing humanitarian goods to be delivered and vaccines to be administered.

This year's events were planned by the student activist group Full Send, which according to Principal Jody Chamberlin has close to 40 members, and the group's half-dozen advisers.

Last Wednesday's morning school-wide assembly did not, as have Peace One Day assemblies in the past, include student speakers, but was emceed by sophomore Rizz Mullin.

Mullin introduced guest speaker Jon Turner, an Iraq War veteran and activist. According to a bio provided to the *Independent*, after he returned from his tour of duty, Turner "used the trauma of that experience to try to bring peace



RIZZ MULLIN

to both himself and the broader community. His efforts include using art, poetry and regenerative agriculture to help bring a culture of healing to the world."

Turner, who also hosts the Wren's Nest preschool program at his Bristol farm, spoke about the pressing problem of veterans committing suicide, and he also

urged students to channel strong emotions into positive directions.

Chamberlin said the school's 8th-grade Enrichment classes "also created activities within their class to put on in the afternoon."

Before the 8:45 a.m. assembly in the gym, students could go to the auditorium to play two versions of "Kahoot," which Chamberlin said the students described as "a game-based learning platform that brings engagement and fun," or play basketball in the gym.

The assembly also included music from the middle school choir and karaoke. After morning meetings gathered briefly, a school-wide barbecue lunch followed.

Afternoon activities included tie-dying shirts, creating origami peace doves, soccer and volleyball games, yoga, writing and poetry, board games, pumpkin painting, poster making, button making, a photo booth, the Pixar movie "Wall-E" and a number of outdoor games, including cornhole and three-legged races.

The Dikes

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complain, or we could step up and run against them. I talked (to elected representatives) enough and that hadn't worked, so I threw my hat in the ring," he said.

BIOGRAPHY

The Dikes have lived together in Bristol since 1992, though Lloyd was in town long before that. He grew up in Bristol but left the 5-town area briefly to study at Vermont Technical College and at the former Johnson State College, and then to serve three years in the U.S. Army.

After his time in the Army, he earned a degree in animal science at the University of Vermont and returned to the farm work he'd done throughout his life. After a few years, he started working as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and continued that work for 30 years before retiring.

Lynn grew up in Orange, Mass., and moved to Vermont with her first husband in 1986. She graduated from Norwich University in 1988 and began working as a registered nurse in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers around the state. She met Lloyd in the spring of 1992 at a square dance in Montpelier, and the pair was married in October of that year.

"I ruined a perfectly good bachelor," Lynn said with a smile.

Now retired, the Dikes spend much of their time with family or tending to their garden, pigs and chickens — though this summer has also been busy with campaigning.

Lynn brings former experience to the couple's campaigns: She's run for state office twice before. First in 2016, she challenged then incumbent state Sens. Bray and Claire Ayer, D-Addison, finishing last in the four-person race with 5,963 votes. She ran again in 2020, vying for a seat in Addison-4 — which represents Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro — and finished fourth in the four-person competition with 1,792 votes.

Lloyd said running for office at the same time this year, especially with Lynn's experience, has allowed the couple to learn from



LYNN DIKE



LLOYD DIKE

each other.

"She's run before, and I helped her to some degree with her business and so we've probably gained a little bit from our collective experiences," he said.

They've often campaigned together, speaking with Addison County voters about their thoughts on issues like affordability, public education and climate change.

AFFORDABILITY

The Dikes both feel strongly that Vermont is becoming less affordable, citing the price of fuel as being one of their biggest concerns. Lynn admitted she isn't sure how to make Vermont more affordable, but she's hopeful conversations with a more balanced state Legislature will yield solutions that benefit a majority of Vermonters.

"When you get people who disagree and you actually sit down and talk, everybody's perspective can get out there and maybe we see a side that we've never thought about before. I think together we can come up with much better solutions than we can when everybody's up there thinking alike," she said.

The couple also believes the rising cost of post-secondary education is a problem. They oppose student loan debt forgiveness, but instead said they'd like to see more of an emphasis on attending trade schools or community colleges.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Both Lynn and Lloyd emphasized the need to support local schools at a time when small schools are struggling to stay open amidst declining enrollment and rising operating costs.

They didn't say how they'd work to preserve these small schools,

but they both feel public schools should be teaching more classes focused on real-world skills like financial management and home education.

"We both feel we really need to ramp that up here," Lynn said. "(In school), I took a sewing class. It was an elective for me, but I took it and I've been able to use that so much in my personal life."

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Dikes acknowledged the work Vermont has done at the state level to address climate change, though Lynn said she is unsure if this work has been effective.

"We're taking on pollution, which I think we should do, but even with everything that we have done I haven't heard 'well, it's getting better,'" she said. "We keep doing more and more and when is enough going to be enough?"

Still, the Dikes said they'd like to see the Legislature put less pressure on Vermonters to take part in the climate fight, especially when it comes to increased recommendations to buy electric cars instead of gas vehicles.

"I think there's a place for electric cars, but it's probably not on Vermont highways," Lloyd said. "There's problems with cold weather and with the distance that you can travel on a charge."

While the Dikes have issues they feel passionately about, Lynn said they are happy to discuss any issues with Addison County voters. The couple plans to continue knocking on doors and talking with residents up until the General Election, and anyone who wants to start a conversation with the Dikes can reach them at lldike@gmavt.net.



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Tiger boys sink Commodores in double OT

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — In a typically intense high school boys' soccer game on Tuesday between two programs enjoying a run of success in recent seasons, host Middlebury got past previously unbeaten Vergennes in double overtime, 3-2.

The Tigers improved to 5-2, with their only losses to Division I foes. They also broke a tie with the Commodores for first place in the Lake Division. VUHS dropped to 5-1-1 with the setback.

Senior forward Zach Wilkerson netted the game-winner with 5:46 left in the second 10-minute OT, his second goal of the game. Wilkerson beat another Tiger and a Commodore to a feed from senior forward Eddie Fallis from the left touchline.

As he collided with his teammate and the defender, Wilkerson one-timed the ball home into the net's left side from close range. Fallis had gotten past a pair of Commodores to set up his 20-yard service.

"The games against Vergennes are always hard-fought, competitive and fun," said MUHS Coach Chris George. "They always seem to come down to which team has that extra little bit of magic on the day."

Wilkerson and Fallis provided some of that magic, he added.

"Zach was really dangerous in the box today," George said. "All of our forwards were good today. Eddie in particular was dangerous every time he was on the ball."

The Commodores also threatened with their speed and touch up top. They carried play early and earned a corner kick and a series of restarts deep in Tiger territory in the first 12 minutes. Tiger goalie senior Owen Lawton was tested and also came off his line to disrupt plays.

But Lawton had no chance on the play that gave VUHS the lead in the 23rd minute. The play started with Commodore senior forward Xavier DeBlois stealing the ball on the right side and serving toward the near post. The ball bounced out toward the center of the 18, and wide-open senior middle Jack Wyman drilled it inside the left post.

The Tigers began to possess more frequently after that play, but really had only one great chance in the half, as Fallis chipped high with the goalie out in the 34th minute. VUHS held an overall edge in first-half play, including a 4-2 advantage in shots on goal as well as its 1-0 lead.

The Tigers won the most territory for the rest of the game, but a VUHS defense led by center back Oakley Francis and goalie Devin Brisson, who like Lawton came off his line smartly to break up plays, proved difficult to solve.

And the Tigers were fortunate not to fall behind further 12 minutes into the second half, when an errant back-pass to Lawton hit the left post. And soon after that Lawton went airborne to get his fingertips to knock away senior Shamus Rooney's cross from the right side ticketed for DeBlois at the far post.

Suddenly, the Tigers broke through with two goals in two minutes midway through the half. Tiger senior right back Trey Bosworth sent a long, low serve from the right sideline that snuck through to Wilkerson cutting inside the penalty stripe. Wilkerson one-timed a roller back into the net's right side to tie the game.

About a minute later MUHS was awarded one of its 13 corners, to three for the Commodores. From the left side Fallis bent it directly inside the right post, and MUHS had the lead.

It lasted about 10 minutes. Senior VUHS forward Elijah Duprey controlled about 35 yards out, burst between two defenders alone into the box, and drilled a 15-yard blast into the upper left side.

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MUHS SENIOR FULLBACK Cam Stone romps through the Rutland secondary on the way to a 47-yard touchdown on the Tigers' second play from scrimmage on Friday night. The Tigers cruised to a 28-7 home win that evened their record at 2-2.

Independent photo/Steve James



TIGER JUNIOR JACKSON Gillett (No. 3) gets his hands on a long pass from Jacob Kemp as time expires in Friday night's first half against visiting Rutland. Gillett couldn't come down with the ball, but it bounced to senior back Cole Schnoor, left, for an almost miraculous touchdown.

Independent photo/Steve James

MUHS football throttles Rutland to even record

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — It was the way the Middlebury football team dreamed about starting Friday night's home game against rival Rutland on the way to a dominant 28-7 victory.

After taking the opening kickoff, the Tigers scored on their second play from scrimmage. Senior fullback Cam Stone burst through a hole on the left side and continued on to a 47-yard touchdown.

Then on their first defensive series the Tigers junior linebacker Cole Warren and Stone at defensive tackle both sacked Rutland quarterback Eli Pockette, forcing a punt.

Sure, the Tigers made a few mistakes in the game, including a fumble when they reached the Rutland 8 later in the first quarter, but by halftime they led by 21-0 and had outgained the Ravens, 220 yards to nine.

The Tigers also propelled themselves back into the Division I playoff race with a win that evened their record at 2-2. And, Stone said, they wanted to avenge a heartbreaking loss to Rutland a year ago, adding Friday's fast start set the tone.

"We took a hard loss against them last year, and we really wanted to punch it in (early)," he said, adding, "It was really important especially because it's Rutland, Middlebury and Rutland. But I think this was a really good win, and we should celebrate this."

Coach Dennis Smith credited an improving offensive line, for better play after the Tigers' 0-2 start. On Friday the Tigers rushed for 264 yards and protected junior quarterback Jacob Kemp while he completed five of seven passes for 87 yards and a touchdown.

"My front line, my five guys up there, are just getting more and more confident in what they're doing," Stone said. "They're able to adjust to those situations when the defense is throwing different things at them."

Defensively the Tigers also controlled the line of scrimmage. Rutland rushed 14 times for 42 yards, and the Tigers sacked Pockette four times for 30 yards of losses. Pockette finished nine of 16 for 90 yards, with 76 of those yards in the fourth quarter.

Smith said the Tigers have improved on defense.

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Only OV wins in high school field hockey

ADDISON COUNTY — In a limited slate of recent local high school field hockey action, Otter Valley won big, but Mount Abraham and Middlebury came up short.

All three teams played only once between Sept. 21 and 27 and were set to return to action on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

EAGLES

On Sept. 22 host South Burlington shrugged off an early Eagle goal and claimed a 5-1 victory. Ella Maynard led the Wolves with two goals, and goalie Izzy Redzic made four saves.

Maris LaPerle gave Mount Abe the initial lead, with an assist from Olivia Campbell. Eagle goalie Greta Jennison blocked nine bids from the defending Division I champion Wolves.

The Eagles dropped to 3-2-1 heading into a Wednesday game at Rice.

TIGERS

On Saturday host Essex improved to 4-0 with a 5-0 victory over the Tigers. Jolee Heffernan returned to the Tiger goal and was credited with 19

(See Field hockey, Page 2B)



ALTHOUGH HE WAS knocked out of Sunday's race in 21st place, veteran Middlebury driver Todd Stone collected his fourth Devil's Bowl Sportsman Modified track championship after winning four feature events this year. Stone is fourth on the list of all-time winningest drivers at Devil's Bowl.

Locals earn Devil's Bowl titles

WEST HAVEN — Addison County drivers had a huge day on Sunday at Devil's Bowl Speedway, claiming three track championships, winning four races and earning two Rookie of the Year titles during a card interrupted by rain showers as the track wrapped

up its season.

Veteran Middlebury driver Todd Stone had already all but nailed down his title in the headline Sportsman Modified class, but it became official despite the fact an early crash knocked him out of Sunday's race and left him in 21st

place. Stone collected his fourth career track championship at Devil's Bowl and first since 2014 on the former asphalt surface. Stone won four feature events to boost his career total to 46 across all

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Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football	
9/23 MUHS vs Rutland	28-7
9/24 OV vs MAV	45-26

Field Hockey	
9/22 South Burlington vs Mt. Abe	5-1
9/24 Essex vs MUHS	5-0
9/24 OV vs Springfield	7-0
9/28 Mt. Abe at Rice	Late
9/28 Fair Haven at OV	Late
9/28 Essex at MUHS	Late

Girls' Soccer	
9/22 Rice vs VUHS	11-0
9/22 Mt. Abe vs Milton	3-1
9/23 Hartford at OV	Postponed
9/23 Rice vs MUHS	1-0
9/26 OV vs MSJ	1-0
9/28 Mill River at OV	Late
9/28 Rutland at MUHS	Late
9/28 VUHS at GMVS	Late

Boys' Soccer	
9/21 MUHS vs Missisquoi	8-0
9/21 VUHS vs Rice	1-0
9/21 Mt. Abe at Milton	2-1
9/22 OV at Green Mt.	Ppd. to 10/1
9/23 OV vs Fair Haven	2-0
9/24 VUHS vs Missisquoi	2-0
9/24 MUHS vs Mt. Abe	4-1
9/27 Mt. Anthony vs OV	5-0
9/27 Rice vs Mt. Abe	3-2
9/27 MUHS vs VUHS	3-2 (2OT)

COLLEGE SPORTS

Field Hockey	
9/24 Midd vs Bowdoin	4-0
9/25 Midd vs Bates	4-1

Men's Soccer	
9/24 Midd vs Bowdoin	1-1
9/25 Midd vs Bates	3-0

Women's Soccer	
9/21 Midd vs Castleton	1-0
9/24 Bowdoin vs Midd	3-1
9/25 Midd vs Bates	2-0

Football	
9/24 Midd vs Wesleyan	24-10

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football	
9/30 Essex at MUHS	7 PM
10/1 OV at Windsor	1 PM
10/1 Fairfax at MAV	1 PM
10/7 MUHS at Hartford	7 PM
10/8 Poultney at OV	1 PM
10/8 MAV at Rice	1 PM

Field Hockey	
10/1 Mt. Abe at MUHS	10 AM
10/4 Bellows Falls at OV	4 PM
10/6 Mt. Mansfield at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/6 MUHS at OV	4 PM

Girls' Soccer	
9/29 VUHS at Milton	6 PM
9/30 Springfield at OV	4:30 PM
10/1 Mt. Abe at Rutland	3 PM
10/1 VUHS at MUHS	3 PM
10/4 MUHS at Milton	4 PM
10/4 Mt. Abe at VUHS	4 PM
10/5 Fair Haven at OV	4 PM
10/6 Mt. Mansfield at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/8 MUHS at Mt. Abe	Noon
10/8 Rice at VUHS	11 AM
10/8 OV at Hartford	6 PM

Boys' Soccer	
9/29 OV at Hartford	6:30 PM
9/30 Milton at MUHS	4:30 PM
9/30 Mt. Abe at VUHS	4:30 PM
10/1 OV at Green Mt.	11 AM
10/3 VUHS at Milton	6 PM
10/5 MUHS at Rice	3:30 PM
10/5 Missisquoi at Mt. Abe	4 PM
10/6 Green Mt. at OV	4 PM
10/6 VUHS at GMVS	4 PM
10/8 MUHS at Missisquoi	10 AM
10/8 OV at Woodstock	11 AM
10/8 Milton at Mt. Abe	10 AM
10/8 Rice at VUHS	1:30 PM

Cross Country	
10/1	Theftford Invitational
10/4	Mt. Abe at Rice
10/7	VUHS/Mt. Abe at Mt. Mansfield
10/8	MUHS at Harwood

COLLEGE SPORTS

Men's Soccer	
10/1 Wesleyan at Midd	2 PM
10/8 Colby at Midd	Noon
10/9 Conn at Midd	2 PM

Field Hockey	
10/1 Wesleyan at Midd	11 AM
10/2 St. John Fisher at Midd	1 PM
10/8 Colby at Midd	11 AM
10/9 Conn at Midd	Noon

Football	
10/1 Midd at Bowdoin	1 PM
10/15 Trinity at Midd	1 PM

Women's Soccer	
10/1 Wesleyan at Midd	11 AM
10/8 Colby at Midd	Noon
10/9 Conn at Midd	Noon



OV SOPHOMORE RECEIVER Isaac Whitney picks up extra yardage after one of his six receptions from senior QB Caleb Whitney, his brother. Whitney totaled 96 yards on his catches, leading the Otters in both categories in their win over MAV on Saturday.

Independent photo/Steve James



EAGLE JUNIOR RECIEVER Ian Funke breaks loose for a 72-yard catch-and-run TD in the first half of Saturday's game at OV. Funke was a bright spot in MAV's 46-25 loss, with eight catches for 207 yards and three scores.

Independent photo/Steve James

OV football outscores Eagles

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRANDON — The Otter Valley football team broke open Saturday's Division III game against Mount Abraham-Vergennes with a three-touchdown second quarter on the way to a big homecoming win, 46-25. The result left both teams at 2-2.

The Otters dominated on both sides of the ball as they took a 26-6 halftime lead. They scored on senior quarterback Caleb Whitney's first-period quarterback sneak, Whitney's second-quarter TD passes to seniors Tucker Babcock and Richard Lafontaine, and senior back Keevon Parks's eight-yard run.

The Eagles' bright spot was a 72-yard hook-up from senior QB Zeke DuBois to towering junior wideout Ian Funke, who caught a slant pass 12 yards downfield, broke a couple tackles and raced to paydirt. Funke caught eight DuBois passes for 208 yards and three scores.

But DuBois spent most of the first half dodging OV rushers. He was sacked three times and hurried many more, and the Eagles struggled to get their running game going.

Meanwhile, Parks (12 carries, 98 yards) and OV sophomore Nate Pearsons (23 attempts for 161 yards) had plenty of running room, and Whitney found time to complete 11 of 15 passes for 161 yards.

First-year OV Coach Jordan Tolar said Saturday's success began with the work of the OV lines, both in attitude and execution.

"Football is won and lost in the trenches," Tolar said. "You've got to get after them, get physical, and be a disciplined group. We talked about being the more disciplined group today, understand our assignment, and just executing our job."

Tolar spread the credit around. "It was another total team effort by the guys," Tolar said. "It was a great week of practice, and they were locked in for game day."

MAV Coach Jeff Stein was less pleased after the game, especially with the first half.

"I'm not sure what took place or what happened, but I told the guys we spotted them 20 points right there in warmups," Stein said. "You can't come out flat and expect to do well against a team that is comparable or better than you."

His offensive line played better and gave DuBois more time in

the second half, and more use of an empty backfield set helped the Eagles move the ball more effectively.

DuBois finished 14 of 32 for 238 yards, numbers that could have been better if not for a few drops.

"We had empty put-in even at the beginning, and we knew we could get numbers in the box like we wanted, and then that gave us the ability to get Ian out wide one-on-one without help over the top," Stein said. "We used it more (in the second half). We had it in the first half, we just weren't executing it."

The Otters moved well on their first drive, but a fumble recovered by Eagle senior Lucas Allen ended it. No matter: They scored on four

Wright and Funke and ran three times for 34 yards on the march, including a 4-yard TD at 6:18 of the third, and it was 33-12.

In the fourth the Otters capped a 70-yard drive with an 8-yard Whitney-to-Whitney TD pass. Funke, doing it all, blocked the point after and then caught a 15-yard TD pass from DuBois, and the two scores made it 39-18.

Later in the quarter Pearsons ran untouched wide right to make it 46-18. With 1:40 to go Funke outjumped three defenders for a long DuBois pass, shrugged off their efforts to drag him down, and waltzed into the end zone for a 49-yard TD. Funke kicked the point-after to further pad his resumé.

DuBois rushed eight times for 45 yards, and Jamison Couture added seven attempts for 44.

Stein said the Eagles were missing two defensive starters due to injuries, but the Eagles lacked an edge to their defense on Saturday after limiting their opponents to 14 points or fewer.

"I told our guys we didn't come out and play aggressive. It was like we were letting them come to us rather than going to them," he said. "We've been able to control the line of scrimmage defensively, and today we weren't getting the push we're used to."

Stein said the injured players should return to help for this week's Saturday home game vs. Fairfax (2-1), and he pledged his team will work hard to bounce back.

"We're going to focus on some hard-nosed play, because that's what we're going to get from Fairfax," Stein said. "We're just going to have to get more aggressive."

Tolar said the Otters' road ahead will be challenging, starting with a Saturday afternoon visit to undefeated defending D-III champion Windsor.

"It's not going to be as easy. But, you know, it's all about preparation and getting after it," he said. "And then executing on Saturday."

Tolar said the Otters are following their leaders' motivation to improve their play after D-III semifinal losses the past two seasons.

"They've really been coming along great. I've got to tip my cap to the leaders of this group, the seniors and juniors," Tolar said. "Those guys are buying into it, and it's showing."

"You can't come out flat and expect to do well against a team that is comparable or better than you."

— Coach Jeff Stein

of their next five possessions in the half.

A 33-yard toss from Whitney to his sophomore brother Isaac Whitney (six catches for 96 yards) helped set up Caleb Whitney's 1-yard sneak at 4:30 of the opening quarter. Luca Polli tossed a conversion pass to Caleb Whitney to make it 8-0.

Whitney's 15-yard pass to Babcock at 11:10 of the second quarter capped a 75-yard march. Next, Noah Drew picked off DuBois and OV took over at its own 32 and marched 68 yards to make it 20-0, scoring on Whitney's 6-yard pass to LaFontaine.

After Funke scored to make it 20-6, another fumble, this one recovered by Eagle Ryan Wright, stalled OV. But Pearsons soon picked off DuBois on the MAV 23. Three plays later Parks bulled in from the 8, and it was 26-6 at the half.

The teams traded scores in the second half. Pearsons ran wide left to make it 33-6. The Eagles responded with a 58-yard drive with the empty backfield look. DuBois completed passes to

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Field hockey

(Continued from Page 1B) saves. Paige Rovnak led the Hornets with two goals, and two Essex goalies combined for one save.

The 0-7 Tigers were set to host the Hornets on Wednesday.

OTTERS
 In their homecoming game on

Saturday, the Otters knocked off winless Springfield, 7-0. **Ryleigh LaPorte** (three goals and an assist) led the OV attack. Also scoring were **Charlotte Newton** (two goals, assist), **Mackenzie McKay** (goal, assist) and **Matelin LaPorte** (goal), while **Sydney Gallo** chipped in two assists. **Goalie Lily Morgan** made one save.

Otter Valley (5-2) was set to entertain Fair Haven on Wednesday.

Tiger boys

(Continued from Page 1B) The Tigers pressed for most of the final 14 minutes and overtime, earning seven more corner kicks, but the Commodores stood firm until, as George said, Fallis and Wilkerson produced their moment of magic.

George praised both teams, pointing to the threats the VUHS forwards pose and the Commodores' tenacity.

"Vergennes does such a good job executing their game plan, and they're tough to break down

defensively," he said. "I'm always impressed at how hard the Vergennes guys play."

He noted the play of his defenders, Bosworth, Oliver Choudhury, Eddie Hodde and Henry Hunsdorfer, and midfielders Oliver Anderson, Milo Rees and Iver Anderson. And he cited his team's grit, too.

"I'm proud of the guys for how they responded after going down 1-0," he said. "We just dug deep and found another gear."

Panther teams continue winning ways

MIDDLEBURY — In recent Middlebury College action, the football team prevailed in its home opener, the field hockey team remained unbeaten, the men's soccer team picked up a NESCAC victory and tie on the road and the women's soccer team won two out of three.

The field hockey and both soccer teams will host Wesleyan on Saturday, while the football team will travel to face Bowdoin.

FOOTBALL

The Middlebury football team earned a 24-10 victory this past Saturday over Wesleyan, improving to 2-0. The Panthers amassed 346 yards of offense, denied the Cardinals in all three of their fourth-down conversion attempts and hit double figures in pass breakups and quarterback hurries.

In the first quarter, Panther Dave Filius kept the game scoreless by blocking a field goal attempt by Cardinal Daniel Yoon.

Middlebury scored on its first two possessions of the second quarter. Quarterback Ben Tauber completed a series of passes before

connecting with Donovan Wood on a five-yard scoring toss. On Middlebury's next drive, Tauber found Anson Clough for a 33-yard touchdown. Kicker Andrew Haas converted both points-after, and it was 14-0.

Wesleyan responded on its next possession. Ashton Scott flipped a back-pass to Logan Tomlinson, and he hooked up with Jenifer Ezra on a 22-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-7.

Late in the third quarter, Yoon converted a 41-yard field-goal, and it was 14-10.

In the fourth quarter, Tauber connected with Wood for an 11-yard scoring strike to put the Panthers up, 21-10.

With 8:14 remaining, Panther defensive back Adam Harrington intercepted a Scott pass and returned the ball 23 yards to set up a Haas 30-yard field goal to nail down the 24-10 win.

The Cardinals outgained the Panthers with 401 yards, 348 through the air, but Finn Muldoon and Nolan Tibball also picked off passes while Kieran Sheridan and Filius combined for two sacks.

The Panther defense paces the conference in interceptions and sacks, with five of each.

Tauber also leads the NESCAC after two weeks of play with 561 passing yards.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Middlebury field hockey team, ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division III, moved to 7-0 with two weekend wins in Maine.

On Saturday the Panthers scored three times in the second half to defeat No. 14 Bowdoin, 4-0. The Polar Bears dropped to 4-2.

The Panthers took an early 1-0 lead on a Meg Shelburne penalty-corner strike set up by Amy Griffin.

In the third quarter Panther goalie Grace Harlan made a key save on a Bowdoin penalty corner, and Middlebury scored less than a minute later, when Griffin ripped home a backhanded shot.

Audrey Lazar made it 3-0 later in the period by tapping home a Caroline Segal feed, and Griffin made it 4-0 with a goal in the fourth quarter.

On Sunday the Panthers defeated host No. 11 Bates, 4-1, scoring (See Panthers, Page 3B)

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Of salt chucks & silver salmon: Alaska arts residency, Part 2

So what exactly is a salt chuck? That was one of the questions I had when I arrived at Ernest Gruening State Historic Park with my daughter-in-law McKenna to serve for 10 days as the Rie Muñoz and Dorothy Gruening Artists-in-Residence with Alaska State Parks. The artist cabin where we stayed (along with McKenna's younger sister Sophie who came to surprise McKenna) is the former cabin of Ernest and Dorothy Gruening. Ernest was a governor of the territory of Alaska and then a senator of the state of Alaska after helping it become the 49th state. The coastal cabin has a deck looking over Amalga Bay and beyond to Lynn Canal and the distant peaks of Glacier Bay and Tongass national parks. It is called Eaglerock Cabin, and indeed there were numerous bald eagles around almost constantly, often sitting on rocks right below the cabin and in the hemlocks atop the bluffs.

On the other side of the cabin from the bay is a serene pond known as the Peterson Salt Chuck, which spills through a gap in the trees over a waterfall down into the saltwater. Or, rather, it usually spills over a waterfall, the height of which depends on the height of the tide. Sometimes, however, the water flows in the other direction.

Before reading the name "Peterson Salt Chuck," I had seen that pond described as a lagoon: a small body of water separated from saltwater by a shallow gravel bar so that the pond and the sea are connected

only at high tides. A river lagoon is fed by a freshwater river; thus the saltwater and freshwater mix forming an estuary. Estuaries are particularly rich in nutrients, and are unique and vibrant ecosystems where saltwater and freshwater meet.

Peterson Salt Chuck is an unusual river lagoon in that saltwater can only flow in at very high tides, perhaps a couple times a month. Over the course of our stay, we never had a tide high enough to reverse the direction of the waterfall and allow saltwater to flow into the chuck (unless we missed one in the middle of the night). The result of this

unique geologic configuration is a pond that is layered like a parfait. The bottom layer of the pond is saltwater and contains some of the creatures you might find in a tidal pool, like crabs. But the constant inflow of Peterson Creek contrasted with the much rarer inflow of saltwater leaves a layer of freshwater atop the pond, making it very welcoming to species like cutthroat trout and trumpeter swans. Illustrating that interesting mix, one day I saw a family of river otters swimming down Peterson Creek toward the salt chuck, and another day I saw a raft of sea otters swimming through the saltwater in front of the cabin toward the bottom end of the waterfall.

I also caught Dolly Varden char, coastal cutthroat trout and silver salmon in the salt chuck. Most cutthroat and Dollied spend their whole lives in freshwater, but both species are capable of adapting

to saltwater and can move back and forth between saltwater and fresh. Dollied are especially prone to this diadromous life history and the members of their species that do this are called "coastal Dolly Varden" or "sea-run Dolly Varden," and have a much more silvery sheen than their purely freshwater relatives.

Both cutthroat and Dollied in the Salt Chuck benefit from the nutrient-rich estuarial waters. Though both McKenna and I caught a few Dollied, the cutthroat fishery proved especially enjoyable and productive. When we took breaks from our artistic endeavors — which for McKenna was primarily landscape painting in acrylics and for me was creative non-fiction nature, environmental and outdoor writing — and wandered out to the lower end of the chuck or made our way to the upper end of the tidal water on Peterson Creek above the chuck, we had very good action fly fishing for the cutthroat, catching them on both dry flies and streamers.

For most local anglers, however, silver salmon were the main attraction there. Most of the day we could see anglers casting for silvers at the inlet to the chuck, and sometimes at the outlet hoping to catch them at the narrow gap as they worked up the falls from the ocean. Some cast directly into saltwater from shore, and one day an angler came across the bay on a standup paddleboard to cast flies into the outlet of the waterfalls. (I didn't see him land one, but a large silver did grab his fly and manage to break his line.)

Though I only once targeted silver salmon with my salmon fly rod, I still managed to catch

several silver salmon while casting for trout. They were smaller silvers — only a little bigger than the cutthroat trout I was catching, and not likely to break my line — but were still fun to catch. So I was surprised one morning when I walked out to the chuck at sunrise to take photos of the wildlife and the sun rising over the snow-covered peaks to the east, and found the chuck devoid of anglers. I soon learned that the state had closed the water to salmon fishing due to low numbers of returning salmon. Given the decline of many species of salmon in many waters of the north Pacific, I was curious (and concerned) about the reasons, and interested in following up on the story. The shortage of returning silver salmon was likely the reason we didn't see many seals or sea lions feeding around the mouth of the Peterson Salt Chuck.

In the meanwhile, I was content to write while McKenna painted, to keep an eye (and a camera lens) on the ocean for passing whales, seals, sea lions, eagles and sea otters, and to keep gazing at the Salt Chuck for glimpses of river otters, trumpeter swans and reflections of snow-covered peaks. And occasionally to toss flies into the darker estuarial waters in hopes of getting the attention of the resident trout.

Hiking trails along the bluff over the ocean and good views of the Salt Chuck, along with the historical significance of the cabin, make the park a beautiful place to visit. I hope I can return some day. Whether I return or not, I hope the silver salmon come back.

Myhre hosts firefighters

MIDDLEBURY — The Ralph Myhre Golf Course on Sept. 24 hosted the Addison County Firefighters Association's JPL Golf Classic.

The first place team was Jason Duket and Rob, Jason and Chris

Holwager.

Taking second was the foursome of Dan Flynn, Phil Stearns, Haley Lapete and Josiah Benoit.

The quartet of Terry Farr, Steve Gebeault, Matt Bryant and Ron Dusablon earned third place.

Panthers

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three times in the first quarter. The victory was their 37th straight, tying the program record. Harlan made three saves and earned her 50th career win vs. one loss.

Sadie LeStage opened the scoring for the Panthers just under five minutes into the game dribbling through a handful of defenders on the right side and shooting just inside the left post. At 6:54 Lilly Branka redirected a Katie George shot to make it 2-0.

With three seconds left in the period on a penalty corner, Amy Griffin finished off a give-and-go with Katherine Lantzy to make it 3-0.

In the second half Kami Lambert netted a rebound for Bates, and George swiped in a backhand to complete the scoring.

Bates dropped to 4-3.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team moved to 4-1-2 with a draw and a win on the road in Maine.

On Saturday the Panthers and host Bowdoin (5-0-1) settled for a 1-1 tie. The Panthers took a lead in the seventh minute, when Jordan Saint-Louis's cross into the box from the left deflected off a Bowdoin defender and trickled into the net for an own goal.

Both teams had chances. Middlebury goalie Ryan Grady (five saves) made two diving stops, and Panther Ben Powers hit a post with a header.

Bowdoin broke through in the 75th minute on a Tyler Huck strike. In the late going Bowdoin keeper Michael Webber stopped Panther Alem Hadzic's strong bid, and Grady did well to deny Huck.

On Sunday the Panthers cruised by host Bates, 3-0. Middlebury took the lead in the 23rd minute, when Tyler Payne converted a pass that Kyle Nillson slipped between two defenders.

In the 41st minute Casey Lund controlled a free kick and then shot

on goal from close range. That bid was saved, but Lund headed home the rebound to make it 2-0.

With 26 minutes to go, the Panthers added a Bates own goal. William O'Brien crossed into the box, and the ball hit two players before going in.

Payne's and Lund's goals were each their third of the year, keeping them in a tie for the team lead. Bates fell to 3-4.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Panther women's soccer team won a non-league game and then split two NESCAC road games to move to 6-2, 2-2 in the league.

On Sept. 21 the Panthers topped host Castleton, 1-0. The Panthers scored in the 40th minute, when Olivia O'Reilly settled a loose ball and tucked a lefty shot under the crossbar. Panther goalies Livia Davidson and Carolyn Kelley combined for three saves, and Spartan keeper Alex Benfatti made seven.

On Saturday host Bowdoin improved to 6-1 with a 3-1 victory over the Panthers. Ellie Bavier's late-game free kick from just outside the box spoiled the Polar Bears shutout bid; it was her second goal of the season. Sophia Cole generated the best other chances for Middlebury.

On Sunday the Panthers defeated host Bates, 2-0. The Bobcats dropped to 3-4, 0-4 NESCAC.

Cate Woolsey gave the Panthers lead with 1:59 left in the first half by heading home Fanny Lodge's cross from the right side.

Abby Ward made it 2-0 in the second half's eighth minute. Ella Gagnon headed a loose ball inside the box to the right side toward Ward, who collected it and left-footed the ball inside the left post for her first goal as a Panther.

Lucy VanNewkirk worked the shutout in the Middlebury goal, making a tough save midway through the second half.

Bowl

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divisions, ranking fourth on the track's all-time list.

Middlebury's Justin Comes finished second in points for the second straight season. Orwell's Tim LaDuc was fourth and Justin Stone, the champion's son, finished fifth in the Sportsman Modified standings.

Whiting's Logan Denis, a 14-year-old rookie, claimed the track and Rookie of the Year titles in the 500cc Mini Sprint class. Ripton's Chris Sumner's track crown in the Mini Stock division became official when competition in that series was rained out on Sunday. Sumner won a track-high seven races this summer and carried an insurmountable lead into the day.

Bridport's Troy Audet was named Rookie of the Year in the Sportsman Modified Division.

County drivers winning races on Sunday were Shoreham's Anthony Warren (Sportsman Modified), New Haven's Alex Layn (Limited Sportsman), Whiting's Logan Denis (Mini Sprint) and Bristol's Kevin Pearsall (Enduro).

The Sportsman Modified division ran a 30-lap feature that Shoreham's Warren dominated from the pole position despite five restarts. It was his first victory in the track's top division.

New Hampshire's Walt Hammond Jr. was second, and Pittsford's Brian Whittemore was third.

Local drivers ran 6-7-8-9-10: Bristol's Josh Masterson, Shoreham's Jimmy Ryan,

Salisbury's Mike Palmer, Brandon's Vince Quenneville and Salisbury's Brent Warren in that order.

New Haven's Layn waited until the season's last day to post his first-ever win in the Limited Sportsman division. Layn was far ahead of second-place finisher Steve Miller of New Haven when rain cut the race short from 25 laps to 21. Shoreham's John Gosselin was third, one place ahead of Salisbury's Fred Little.

Fletcher's Evan Roberts, 16, finished eighth and earned the track title in the series with a three-win season. Orwell's Randy Ryan was second in the standings.

In the 15-lap Mini Sprint race Whiting's Denis drove to his sixth win of the season to wrap up the track championship. Orwell's Ray Hanson finished third in the race, while Brandon's Kevin Smith took third in the points standings.

New Hampshire's Kamden Duffy posted his fourth win of 2022 in the Rookie Sportsman division, which did not count championship points. Salisbury's Derrick Counter took third, and Orwell's Ed Bell, Salisbury's Michael Clark and Bristol's Adam LaFountain ran 4-5-6.

Orwell's Randy Edson was eighth, one place ahead of Shoreham's Jason Kerr.

Bristol's Pearsall prevailed as a first-time Enduro winner in a muddy 50-lap race moved to the Devil Bowl's rarely used 0.3-mile inner track to preserve the regular surface.

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Football

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“Defensively we were experimenting with a couple new things early, and we’re still using some of it, but we’re going back to our old roots with the 5-2 and building off that,” Smith said. “The guys have come a long way in four weeks.”

Smith added Kemp has helped lead the Tigers to a pair of wins after taking over at quarterback, while Stone has provided a spark.

“We’ve solidified with our quarterback. He’s doing a good job,” Smith said. “And we’ve got Cam going at the fullback position, and that opens things up for the other guys.”

On Friday’s third possession the Tigers marched 58 yards to go up 14-0. After Kemp ran for 13 yards after a nice ball fake, he connected with sophomore tight end Angus Blackwell, who outmuscled a defender for a 26-yard catch at the RHS 3. Tiger senior halfback Cole Schnoor waltzed in on the next play, and Jackson Gillett’s second kick made it 14-0.

A fumble ended the next march, but the Tigers got the ball back at the Rutland 44 after a Cam Stone punt had pinned Rutland deep.

Three plays later a bad snap gave them a third-and-13 at the Tiger 37 with the clock winding down. Smith called for Kemp to take a knee, but the Tigers didn’t, or chose not to, hear him. Kemp organized them for a spike to stop the clock and with time for one more play the Tigers sent everybody long.

Kemp’s toss reached the RHS 2, where Gillett outleaped a defender, but could not come down with the football. But it deflected to Schnoor

behind him in the end zone for the touchdown as time expired. Gillett’s kick was good again, and it was 21-0.

Smith acknowledged it was not what he had called for, and remembered that Rutland had scored against his team the same way a year ago.

“I’m like, ‘We’re done,’ you know?” Smith said. “But the boys just got back on the ball and made a great spike. And ... basically what happened there was what happened to us against Rutland just before the half. They threw a Hail Mary up there and it bounced off and they caught the damn thing. And that’s just what happened today.”

The Tigers kicked to Rutland to open the second half and quickly put the game away even though Tyler Weatherhogg returned the kick into MUHS territory. But Stone tipped a Pockette pass in the backfield, and Blackwell picked it off in midair and returned it about 25 yards to the Rutland 33.

Three plays later Stone steamed through the line from the 30, shrugged off a defender in the secondary and hit paydirt. At 9:23 of the third quarter, the game was clinched.

Rutland scored late, capping a 61-yard march in which Pockette completed five passes, including a 3-yard TD toss to Hayden Jones.

Stone ran 14 times for 134 yards, Gavin McNulty six times for 42 yards, and Schnoor 14 times for 33 yards.

Smith, like any coach, made note of the Tigers’ miscues, but he is clearly encouraged by the improvement

“The guys did a great job,” he said. “We made some big blunders, and we’ll work on that, but the little

ones are always going to happen. We’re getting better, and the kids are working hard.”

Stone, too, said the Tigers are aware they still have plenty of work to do.

“We’re still making mistakes. There are a lot of things we have to correct. But I think we’re improving every game,” he said.

Defending Division I champion Essex, which has also won its last two games, including against St. Johnsbury, will visit on Friday. That made this past Friday’s win even more important, according to Smith.

“It was huge, huge. (What if we’re 1 and 3 and go play Essex next week?” he said. “But if we can keep going and keep getting better as we have been, I feel very good, and let’s see what happens later on in the season.”



TIGER FULLBACK CAM Stone took advantage of holes like this to run for 134 yards and two TDs in his team’s 28-7 dismantling of visiting Rutland on Friday night.

Independent photo/Steve James



TIGER SENIOR BACK Cole Schnoor carefully cradles the ball that junior Jackson Gillett, on the ground to the left, has just tipped into the endzone as time expires in the first half of Friday’s game against visiting Rutland. To the right jubilant Tiger sophomore Angus Blackwell makes the right call on the play.

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TIGER JUNIOR QUARTERBACK Jacob Kemp breaks loose on a keeper during the MUHS football team’s 28-7 home win over Rutland on Friday. Kemp completed five of seven passes for 84 yards and a dramatic touchdown.

Independent photo/Steve James

Golfers vie

MIDDLEBURY — The Otter Valley boys were second and Middlebury took fourth on Sept. 21 at a four-team high school meet the Tigers hosted at Ralph Myhre golf course.

OV’s Thomas Politano shot a 37 to edge Champlain Valley’s Jason Douglas by a stroke for medalist honors. Colin MacGuffie (43) led MUHS.

CVU (156) won, followed by OV (163), South Burlington (170) and MUHS (204).

Also scoring for the defending Division II champion Otters were Lucas Politano (39), Matt Bryant (42), Jackson Howe (45) and Jordan Beaton (48).

Also competing for MUHS were Kellan Bartlett (46), Ben Fuller (55), Fynn Whitlock (60) and Landon Kean (63).

Boys’ booters all claim victories

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury, Vergennes, Mount Abraham and Otter Valley boys’ soccer teams all won at least once between Sept. 21 and 27.

TIGERS

On Sept. 21 the Tigers thumped host Missisquoi, 8-0, scoring five times on penalty kicks and missing a sixth. Also scoring in the run of play were **Eliot Schneider**, from **Eddie Fallis**; **Trey Bosworth**, from **Iver**

Anderson; and **Henry Hunsdorfer**, from **Ian Sinclair**.

Converting PKs were **Ronen Silberman**, **Owen Lawton**, **Ollie Anderson**, **Bronson Schoelzel** and **Gus Hodde**. Lawton also made two saves.

TIGERS-EAGLES

On Saturday the host Eagles took a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute on a **Judah Jackson** strike, but the Tigers left Bristol with a 4-1 win. **Hunsdorfer**, from **Fallis**, equalized in

the 20th minute, and Silberman gave MUHS the lead with a PK early in the second half.

Anderson and Schneider padded the Tiger advantage later in the half. **Domenic DeNapoli** made six saves for the Eagles, and Lawton stopped a pair of Mount Abe bids as MUHS improved to 4-2, 3-0 in the Lake Division.

With VUHS also winning on Saturday, the Commodores’ visit to MUHS on Tuesday was a battle for first place in the Lake Division.

COMMODORES

On Sept. 21 the Commodores picked up a big win at Rice, 1-0. **Elijah Duprey** converted a nice feed from **Xavier DeBlois** early in the second half for the only score, and **Abram Francis** made seven saves for VUHS. Rice goalie **Nate DeGraff-Murphy** made six saves.

On Saturday the Commodores earned a 25-2 advantage in shots on goal in a 2-0 win over host Missisquoi. Duprey, from DeBlois, scored midway through the first half, and **Shamus Rooney**, assisted by **Oakley Francis**, padded the lead midway through the second half.

VUHS goalie **Devin Brisson** returned from a minor knock and made two saves, while two T-Bird netminders made 23 saves. The Commodores improved to 5-0-1 headed into Tuesday’s showdown with the Tigers.

EAGLES

On Sept. 21 the Eagles broke into the win column with a 2-1 victory at Milton. Jackson netted both Mount Abe goals, and DeNapoli made four saves. **Brendan Besaw** scored for Milton, and Yellowjacket goalie **Phillip Longworth** made nine saves.

On Tuesday visiting Rice edged the Eagles, 3-2. Jackson scored on a first-half penalty kick, and **Jake Lucarelli** found the net early in the second half. DeNapoli made nine saves. **Degraff-Murphy** made six stops for Rice, and **Jack Strong’s** second-half goal snapped a 2-2 tie.

OTTERS

The Otters’ Sept. 21 game at Green Mountain Union was postponed to Saturday at 4 p.m.

In their Sept. 23 homecoming game, the Otter boys blanked rival Fair Haven, 2-0. OV took the lead 13 minutes before the half, when **Logan Letourneau** converted a **Lucas Politano** free kick.

Twelve minutes into the second half Slater goalie **Kole Matta** stopped a Letourneau shot, but **Drew Pelkey** popped in the rebound to make it 2-0. OV goalie **Isaiah Wood** later in the half twice made back-to-back tough saves to preserve the shutout.

On Tuesday visiting D-I power Mount Anthony dropped the Otters to 3-2 with a 5-0 victory. Five Patriots scored, and they held OV to one shot on goal. Wood did well to make 16 stops for the Otters.

Girls’ soccer: OV, Eagles win

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**

ADDISON COUNTY — In a lightly scheduled week for the local high school girls’ soccer teams, Mount Abraham and Otter Valley picked up victories, while Lake Division rival Rice defeated both Middlebury and Vergennes.

All four teams had games scheduled on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

EAGLES

On Sept. 22 the Eagles defeated visiting Milton, 3-1. **Isla Underwood**, **Hazel Stoddard** and **Maia Jensen** found the net for Mount Abe, and Stoddard and **Louisa Painter** set up goals. Eagle keeper **Joanna Toy** made 11 saves. **Holley MacLellan** scored, and goalie **Sara Ambrose** made seven saves for the Yellowjackets.

The Eagles improved to 2-3, 2-0 in the Lake Division and in Division II, heading into a Wednesday visit from Rice.

TIGERS

On Sept. 23 host Rice edged the Tigers, 1-0, despite 10 saves from MUHS goalie **Kassidy Brown**.

Berit Gross scored for Rice, and **Sunshine Clark** made four saves.

The Tigers dropped to 2-5. They were set to host Rutland on Wednesday.

OTTERS

On Monday the Otters used **Elena Politano’s** second-half penalty kick and strong defensive play to edge host Mount St. Joseph, 1-0. OV goalie **Linnea Faulkner** also made key stops in what Coach **Tammi Blanchard** called a “great game and effort played by the Otters.”

The Otters improved to 2-4, doubling their 2021 win total. Their Sept. 23 home game vs. Hartford was postponed. OV was set to visit Mill River on Wednesday.

COMMODORES

In the Commodores’ only game between Sept. 21 and 27 host Rice blanked them, 11-0. Green Knight **Alle Leduc** scored three times. VUHS goalie **Quincy Sabick** made nine saves.

VUHS was set to visit Green Mountain Valley on Wednesday.



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Woman cited for stalking, threatening

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police apprehended Megan Smith on Halpin Road at a little after 6 p.m. on Sept. 21. They cited the 53-year-old Weybridge resident for stalking and criminal threatening.

Police released Smith on conditions and cited her to respond to the charges in Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division.

In other recent activity, Middlebury police:

- On Sept. 19 at 3:07 a.m. assisted a woman experiencing a mental health crisis on Main Street.
- On Sept. 19 at 8:30 a.m. assisted the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) with a person having a mental health crisis on Main Street. The person was taken to Porter Hospital for emergency evaluation.
- On Sept. 19 at 2:35 p.m. logged a report of a homeless person asking people for money. Police went to check it out, but the person was gone.
- On Sept. 19 sent a public nuisance report to out-of-state property owner of a rental property on Cross Street where multiple noise ordinance complaints originate.
- On Sept. 19 at assisted Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) with an intoxicated man, who ultimately was taken to Porter Hospital.
- On Sept. 20 at 8:37 a.m. investigated a broken window at a Creek Road home. Police collected evidence; investigation continues.
- On Sept. 20 at 9:50 a.m. issued a no trespass order to a man on Boardman Street.
- On Sept. 20 at 12:06 p.m. investigated a property damage accident on Washington Street.
- On Sept. 20 at 12:37 p.m. logged a report of a two-vehicle property damage accident in an Exchange Street parking lot.
- On Sept. 20 at 12:49 p.m. were told of a minor two-car crash in a Court Street parking lot.
- On Sept. 20 at 4:19 p.m. responded to a Court Street Extension restaurant on a report that a group of juveniles damaged a bathroom.
- On Sept. 20 at 5:02 p.m. logged a report of a minor crash reported for insurance purposes.
- On Sept. 20 began a joint investigation with Adult Protective Services into a possible case of financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.
- On Sept. 21 at 7:13 a.m. looked into a report of a burglary at a Route 7 South business.
- On Sept. 21 at 8:57 a.m. began investigation into an intentionally broken window at a Court Street business.
- On Sept. 21 at around 11:20 a.m. the School Resource Officer investigated a physical altercation at a Middlebury school.
- On Sept. 21 at 1:07 p.m. responded to a report of a dog

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alone in a car on Maple Street and in distress. Police found the dog was perfectly fine and the owner was nearby.

- On Sept. 21 received a firearm that had been inadvertently left behind in a Florida hotel safe and was sent to MPD for return to the owner.
- On Sept. 21 at 3:44 p.m. served a temporary relief from abuse order to a man at the police station.
- On Sept. 21 at 4:31 p.m. responded to a report of an unresponsive person at the Abbey Pond Trail access off Court Street.
- On Sept. 21 at 5:47 p.m. responded to a report of a potential domestic disturbance at a local apartment complex.
- On Sept. 21 at 6:41 p.m. received a call from a person who saw a woman or girl running away from a vehicle that appeared to be chasing her. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle or the female.
- On Sept. 22 at 9:12 a.m. got a report from someone who borrowed a car from a friend and then discovered the car was stolen. Police determined that the owner had picked up the car on their own.
- On Sept. 22 at 9:39 a.m. responded to Mary Hogan School to help with an out-of-control student.
- On Sept. 22 at 10:26 a.m. attended to an incident on Foote Street in which two women were arguing. The two women separated on their own.
- On Sept. 22 at 5:51 p.m. got a call from a person who said they were discriminated against by a former employer due to the person's sexual orientation.
- On Sept. 22 at 6:53 p.m. logged a report of a backpack stolen from Middlebury Union High School.
- On Sept. 22 at 8:22 p.m. cleared debris from Route 7 at Boardman Street.
- On Sept. 22 at 11:25 p.m. helped an intoxicated man on College Street find a safe place to sleep for the night.
- On Sept. 23 at 10:36 a.m. received a call that someone had vandalized a vehicle parked in the Hannaford supermarket parking lot.
- On Sept. 23 at 11:59 a.m. investigated an untimely death on Overbrook Drive. Police determined that Herbert Henryson, 82, of New York, N.Y., had died of

natural causes.

- On Sept. 23 at 7:15 p.m. investigated a road rage incident on Weybridge Street.
- On Sept. 23 at 10:47 p.m. assisted MREMS with a medical call.
- On Sept. 24 at a few minutes past midnight stopped a vehicle on Route 7 South and in the end arrested Jared Litch, 32, of Middlebury and cited him for driving under the influence, second offense. Police said that Litch refused to provide an evidentiary sample of his breath.
- On Sept. 24 at 8:46 a.m. got a report of a young person standing in the roadway on Court Street Extension holding a sign for a car wash. Police directed the youngster not to stand in the road.
- On Sept. 24 at 9:03 a.m. logged a call reporting fraudulent charges on an account.
- On Sept. 24 at 11:05 a.m. recorded a complaint about an attempted fraud.
- On Sept. 24 at 12:54 p.m. looked into a report that someone was approached on Court Street by people offering to sell what police called a "welfare food stamp card." Police found the people in question and they denied that such an incident had happened.
- On Sept. 24 at 5:34 p.m. served a no trespass order on a person on behalf of a Court Street business after an incident there.
- On Sept. 25 at 1:16 a.m. responded to a report that a large number of college students were in the road on Route 7 near Foote Street and police determined that a large party had just let out and the students were waiting for rides.
- On Sept. 25 at 11:49 p.m. responded to a report from Washington Street Extension of a loud party.
- On Sept. 26 at 12:30 a.m. assisted MREMS with a medical call in the Lower Foote Street area.
- On Sept. 26 at 2:30 a.m. took a report of money and prescription medicine stolen.

CLARIFICATION: In last week's Middlebury Police Log we reported that MPD had arrested Henry Romp, 31, of Middlebury on a warrant for his arrest. After being asked for clarification by Mr. Romp, the *Independent* talked with Sgt. Jason Covey who said that the officer did not transport Romp anywhere and likely didn't even put him in handcuffs, so he was not "arrested" in the way people may think of an arrest. Covey explained that Romp was technically in police custody for whatever time they were with him, and he was not free to go, so in that sense he was "arrested." Covey said, "It really is semantics."

Tiger football Celebrates 50 years under lights

MIDDLEBURY — During the fall of 1972, the Middlebury Union High School football team's fourth game was the first home game of the year. For players and fans alike this game was more than a home game, it was the first night game for the Tigers in Middlebury.

The lights were the culmination of efforts by many citizens, the boosters club and generous

The tradition of MUHS Friday night football under the lights continues on Sept. 30 during homecoming weekend.

donations by many businesses. Many of the football players helped John Doria sell barbecued chickens on Saturdays to raise money for the lights. At that fourth game of the season

game under the lights, the fired-up Tigers dedicated the lights in fine fashion with a 35-3 win over Spaulding High School as the new wishbone offense began to eat up yardage and score points. The 1972 Tigers began August practice with 18 seniors playing in Division II. They beat a much larger Division I Rutland team by a score of 22-14 in the opening game. The Tigers lost their first division game at Essex by a score of 8-7, when Essex was successful on a two-point conversion. The Tigers bounced back to beat the previous year's state champion South Burlington on their field by a score of 14-6.

The Tigers then beat Lyndon 40 to 20 under the Middlebury



ROD BICKNELL, A star of the 1972 Middlebury Union High School football team, boots an extra point under the lights at the MUHS field during the first season of Friday Night Football.

lights in an offensive battle. The Tigers then lost to that year's eventual Division I State Champion Montpelier on a very cold night. With the Tigers still in the running for the Division II title, they beat a big, strong North Country team. Rod Bicknell scored five touchdowns on the ground and passed for a sixth TD with the Tigers scoring a season-high 43 points, while holding North Country to 16.

The final game of the season was played on a muddy field for the Division II state championship. The larger Spartans beat the Tigers, 16-14, in a very close hard-hitting game. This game closed out the high school careers of 18 hardworking Tigers.

The tradition of MUHS Friday night football under the lights continues on Sept. 30 during homecoming weekend. Prior to the Tiger football game against Essex this Friday evening, the 1972 Tigers will be introduced. The Alumni Association and the Tiger Boosters Club welcomes you to Homecoming weekend. There are many other athletic contests scheduled. Come celebrate the Tigers.

Friday, Sept. 30 Boys' soccer vs. Milton, 4:30 p.m. Varsity football vs. Essex, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1 Cross Country @ Thetford Academy, 10 a.m.
 Girls' soccer vs. Vergennes, 3 p.m.
 Field hockey vs. Mt. Abraham, 3 p.m.

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ORWELL — Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell will host a Hike into History on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Stephen Zeoli, president of the Mount Independence Coalition, will guide participants a tour around the site.

Zeoli is known for his special knowledge of Mount Independence history and for his storytelling. He will show you many points of Revolutionary War interest, as the site and the nation gear up for the 250th anniversary in 2026 of the Declaration of Independence and the building of Mount Independence. This defense was named in honor of the Declaration of Independence. It was an important American defense of New England against the British in 1776-77, and then was occupied by the British and Germans from July to November 1777.

Zeoli, a former caretaker at the site, is one of the editors of the Coalition's recent book, "Strong Ground: Mount Independence and the American Revolution," and author of the short book, "Mount Independence: The Enduring Legacy of a Unique Place."

Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and dress for the weather. The hike is included in regular site admission of \$6 for adults and free for those under 15. It rounds out the 2022 season — which ends on Sunday, Oct. 9.

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sept 30 FRIDAY

Age Well grab-and-go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast pork with gravy, boiled potatoes, butternut squash wheat bread, iced apple cake and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Sept. 25, 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.

oct 1 SATURDAY

Dead Creek Wildlife Day in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Route 17. Activities for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and nature crafts. Visitor Center open from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

Fall harvest sale in Orwell. Saturday Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Books, baked goods, pumpkins, gourds, breakfast sandwiches, and more for sale to benefit the library.

Used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Hall Plaza, Main St. Rain location, in the Ilsley Community Room.

Celebrating migrant workers festival in New Haven. Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., town green. Come to this community festival celebrating the contributions of migrant farmworkers to New Haven and Addison County. Traditional Mexican music, Latin American food for purchase, a cartooning exercise, crafts, stories and games for the kids and information booths, as well as handwoven baskets fundraising sale.

Electric vehicle ride and drive in Bristol. Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., town green. Green Mountain Power is teaming up with local energy committees and communities to offer events where customers can learn about driving electric from GMP customers and GMP experts. You can try multiple EV models in a no pressure environment that's all about answering questions and sharing the benefits of driving an EV.

Bristol Village Cohousing open house in Bristol. Saturday, Oct. 1, 1-5 p.m., 16 North St. Bristol Village Cohousing is celebrating its five-year anniversary with free food, live music, kids' games and tours of the property. Parking at Bristol Town Green and at Farmhouse Chocolates at the end of Mountain View St.

Pig roast in Weybridge. Saturday Oct. 1, 5 p.m., Weybridge Fire Department, 460 Quaker Village Rd. Fundraiser for the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department. Eat at the firehouse or do take out. Menu includes pig roast, potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad, BBQ baked beans, corn bread and non-alcoholic beverages. Adults \$15/Kids 8 and under \$7.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 1, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6 p.m. A family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to raise funds for their 2023 trip to Rome and ongoing program projects.

oct 2 SUNDAY

Stampede walkathon and 5K run in Bristol. Sunday, Oct. 2, 7:30 a.m., town green. Help raise funds for cystic fibrosis research and get a workout at the same time. The 5K Run starts at 8:15 a.m., immediately followed by the walkathon. Both go through Bristol village. Registration \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day. More info, registration and pledge sheets at www.threedaystampede.org/volunteer-sign-up.

Middlebury Maple Run in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 2, races start at 9 a.m., Middlebury Regional EMS, 55 Collins Drive. USATF-certified half marathon and two-person relay, and a 3-mile fun run through beautiful scenic routes on pavement, gravel and trail. Net proceeds will help fund the following nonprofits: Middlebury First Responders, local chapter of Girls on the Run, and a humanitarian fund to aid efforts in Ukraine. Sign up online at www.middleburymaplerun.com. More info at info@middleburymaplerun.com or 802-388-4944 x111.

CROP Walk in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 2, noon., Town Green. Addison County's CROP Hunger Walk is one of more than a thousand walks taking place around the country this day, raising funds shared by Church World Service with their partner agencies whenever and wherever food insecurity happens or disaster strikes. Registration and activities include informational displays by local hunger-fighting organizations, music, and local food from Green Peppers, Sunrise Orchards and the Bagel Shop. Step off for the 2.2 mile walk around Middlebury is 1 p.m. More info and registration at emckay@middlebury.edu or crophungerwalk.org/middleburyvt.

oct 3 MONDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar date cookie and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve 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.

"Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" lecture in Middlebury. Monday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Wilson Hall, Middlebury College. No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jason Reynolds discusses his collaborative work on the book "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You," a reimagining of Ibram X. Kendi's "Stamped from the Beginning," remixed for a Young Adult audience. Reynolds also reflects on his efforts as an author and activist to inspire social change.



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oct 4 TUESDAY

ACORN Food Hub Grand opening in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-noon, Warehouse 5, 616 Exchange St. Join the celebration for the long-awaited Acorn Food Hub. Take short tours of the food hub space, hear remarks by members of the food hub team, and enjoy light refreshments. Feel free to drop in anytime throughout the two hours or stay for the whole thing. RSVP at tinyurl.com/ACORN-Food-Hub.

Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in-person meal in Vergennes. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at noon of cheese tortellini with meat sauce, broccoli florets, wheat bread, apple and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve 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 inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice. Masks encouraged unless seated and eating. Please stay home if you don't feel well.

Age Well grab and go meal in Bridport. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, 54 Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar date cookie, and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve 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 available. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

"WWI End Game: The Treaty of Versailles" virtual lecture in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 3-4:30 p.m., Zoom. The fifth talk in the EastView Lecture Series "The Great War: World War I and its Consequences" with Professor Russ Leng. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for all others. Free. More info and link at 802-989-7501.

Women's alcohol use virtual support group. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m., Zoom. A free, weekly drop-in group limited to women who are questioning their relationship with alcohol. You do not have to be alcohol free to join this group. Email Kathy@MountainLakeCounseling.com if you would like to participate.

Girl Scouts open house in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6-7:30 p.m., Middlebury Rec Center multipurpose room, 154 Creek Rd. Learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved. Can't make it to the events? Girl Scouts offer multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

oct 5 WEDNESDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Monkton. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar date cookie and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Age Well grab and go meal in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 11:15 a.m., Middlebury Rec Center 154 Creek Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar date cookie and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve 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.

oct 6 THURSDAY

Ladies Aid Industria fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Thursday, Oct. 6, 1-8 p.m., lower level, Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd.

Age Well luncheon in Ferrisburgh. Thursday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m., Basin Harbor, Basin Harbor Rd. — Advanced tickets only by Sept. 27. Registration opens at 11am. Doors open at 11:40 a.m. Meal served at noon of Minestrone soup, roll, grilled herb chicken, chef's choice potatoes and vegetable and fruit pie for dessert. \$5 suggested donation does not include gratuity. Collection for Addison County Meals will be taken up at this meal. Contact Michelle for more info 802-377-1419.

"Abolition and the Press: The Moral Struggle Against Slavery" lecture in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m., Axinn Center, Middlebury College, Old Chapel Rd. Distinguished professor Ford Riskey will explore how abolitionist newspapers played an essential role in opposing slavery in the decades before the Civil War. Free. Registration required. More info at www.rokeby.org.

oct 7 FRIDAY

Ladies Aid Industria fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Friday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., lower level, Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd.

Factory tours in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Maple Landmark, 1297 Exchange St. Celebrate manufacturing day and see it all being made. Tours leave on the hour. Just check in at the showroom counter. More info at 802-388-0627 or www.maplelandmark.com.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, sugar date cookie and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Oct. 2, 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.

Bop by the Barn party and auction in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m., Sheldon Museum garden and barn, 1 Park St. Join the Henry Sheldon Museum for a fall evening party with a fall barbecue buffet provided by Lucky Star Catering and music by Atom and the Orbits. Tickets include access to a fun, live auction featuring local products and art, and entry into a drawing for a "Vermont local" gift basket. Tickets \$50 must be purchased in advance. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org.

oct 8 SATURDAY

Wildlife walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 8, 8-10 a.m., Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information call 802-388-6019.

Ladies Aid Industria fall rummage sale in Lincoln. Saturday, Oct. 8, 8-10 a.m., lower level, Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Leftover day, everything left is free.

Middlebury College Horse Show in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m., The Eddy Farm, 1815 South St. Ext. Join the Middlebury College Equestrian Team as they host their annual home show. Competition includes hunt seat equitation against other New England schools such as UVM, UNH, Colby-Sawyer, and Northeastern. Jumping starts at 9:30 a.m. and flat classes start around noon. Concessions are cash only. More info at visit.go.middlebury.edu/HorseShow/ or email equest@middlebury.edu

Fall Flair fair in Granville. Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Hall, 1457 Route 100. Do something nice for yourself and help our furry, four legged friends. Come on out to this fundraiser for Homeward Bound. Specialty vendors and craftspeople No admission, but donations are welcome. Go to the Homeward Bound website to see their wish list. Donate and get entered in our raffle for a gift basket.

Around TOWN

Rokeby Museum board openings announced

FERRISBURGH — Rokeby Museum recently announced that it has openings for new members of the Board of Trustees starting in January 2023. Each trustee serves a three-year term, with the possible addition of a second three-year term.

Rokeby welcomes people who live in Addison County as well as those who live elsewhere in Vermont and the nation. Trustees will meet exclusively on Zoom until January 2023, at which time an effective hybrid communication system will be in place for those who do not live nearby.

As a museum documenting the Robinson family's role in the Underground Railroad, Rokeby preserves and interprets of the Robinson family's homestead, an 18th-century farmhouse with nearly 200 years of domestic belongings and an archive of over 15,000 family letters. This includes maintaining hiking trails and an educational center with an award-winning Underground Railroad exhibit and a space for changing exhibitions.

Rokeby's long-range vision is to tell an inclusive and diverse history of Vermont and our nation, being a center for discussions of contemporary social and racial justice issues, and having a reputation for excellence in education, engagement, and programming. New trustees will aid the museum in realizing that vision.

Currently, Rokeby is looking for trustees with knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- Financial Management, including accounting and/or nonprofit fiscal policies
- Marketing, in the context of development and advancement
- Fundraising/Development, with an emphasis on individuals who are excited about raising funds for restricted or unrestricted gifts in support of Rokeby Museum.

- Experience with building the case for support and doing outreach such as solicitations is desirable.

- Donor Cultivation/Community Engagement, in the context of building relationships with current or prospective donors and strengthening community partnerships.
- And/or Historic Preservation/Building & Grounds Maintenance, processes for preserving, conserving, and protecting buildings, objects, and landscapes of historical significance.

If you are interested in becoming part of a team of committed trustees, staff, volunteers, artists, and professionals, please submit a short résumé or a synopsis of relevant experiences and a letter of interest detailing your strengths and any other relevant information to the Executive Director, Lindsay Houpt-Varner, at director@rokeby.org by October 7, 2022.

The Rokeby Board of Trustees has the opportunity to guide real and lasting change in this historically dynamic institution as well as advance our social justice mission. Please consider joining us!

Rokeby welcomes people who live in Addison County as well as those who live elsewhere in Vermont and the nation.



BRISTOL RECREATION CLUB members stand in front of a new mural on the baseball stands at the Bristol Rec Park. The mural was designed and painted by artist Jess Graham, with the help of numerous Bristol residents, both young and old. Photo courtesy of Bristol Recreation Club

New mural unveiled at Bristol Rec Park

BRISTOL — The Bristol Recreation Club unveiled new murals in the rec park on Saturday Sept. 10. The murals were commissioned in celebration of the Rec Club's 100th Anniversary. Vermont artist Jess Graham designed the murals and painted them this summer with help from

local residents, including dozens of children participating in summer camps at the Rec Park.

Saturday's event included yard games and a cookout for Rec Club members as well as expressions of gratitude to the artist and to the donors who supported the mural work and celebration (Vermont

Community Foundation, Neat Repeats, and National Bank of Middlebury).

Founded in 1921, The Bristol Recreation Club is a non-profit, volunteer-run, membership organization open to all in the community. Its mission is to maintain outdoor recreation space

for the amusement, enjoyment, and recreation of the residents of Bristol, Vt. This includes the Bristol Recreation Park (10 acres of fields and facilities off Airport Road) and the Bristol Trail Network, a collection of multi-use trails throughout the community.

Lincoln

Have a news tip? Call Dawn Mikkelsen at 453-7029

NEWS

LINCOLN — The historical society museum will be open for the last time this season on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Are you interested in learning about the history of Lincoln? Ever wonder how the fire department started or what year the church burned? Be sure to stop by the museum and learn all about the history of our wonderful town.

FROM THE TOWN
Early voting for the Nov. 8th election has begun. Every active voter will be mailed a ballot this week. You may vote that ballot as soon as you are ready, and return it to the town clerk by mail, or by bringing it to the town office. There is a secure drop box available 24 hours a day.

If you are disabled, in the military, or overseas, a ballot can be emailed to you. You will have to print it and get that voted ballot back to the town clerk's office by Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. for it to be counted.

You can request to have a ballot mailed to you somewhere other than home. Please contact your town clerk, or enter your request on MyVoterPage Vermont: mvp.vermont.gov/.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request to have a ballot delivered to you in your home, by two Justices of the Peace. Contact the town clerk to make this arrangement.

Please remember that it is very important to read and follow all the instructions that come with your mailed ballot. If you do not sign your name on the voted ballot envelope, we won't be able to count

your ballot, because we can't be certain that it was yours.

You may also vote in person at the polling place by bringing your ballot to Burnham Hall on Nov. 8 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT.
Just a reminder as winter approaches, please take time to check drainage ditches and culverts at the ends of your driveways to make certain that they are clear of leaves, twigs, stones or other debris. Clear culverts and ditches help prevent overflows, washouts and dangerous icing on public roadways and on private driveways. Thanks

for your help!

REMINDER
The Ladies Aid Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 8 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 to 10 a.m. All sale items will be free on Saturday. The drop-off date for donations will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Burnham Hall.

Until next time ... Beginning Is Easy, Continuing Is Hard. Keep Trying: It's Often The Last Key That Opens The Door. A Little Progress Each Day Adds Up To Big Results.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Four local students recently began their college careers at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. They include **Kate Anderson**

of Ferrisburgh, **Anna Carr** of Vergennes, **Silas Jackson** of Middlebury and **Carmelo Miceli** of Bristol.



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Pickup will be on Sunday Oct. 9 - 10:00AM - 4:00PM in Cornwall, Vermont
Pickup address will be provided after purchase is made.

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Preview of Vehicles and Equipment is scheduled for Saturday Oct 1st.
Call (802) 238-9574 for an appointment
Visit our website: www.estatesalesandconsignments.com

Year-Round Hazardous Waste Collection

The HazWaste Center at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury is open to residents from any of the District's member towns.

Most items are accepted free of charge. Common items include:

Acetone	Drainer opener/cleaner	Mercury thermometers	Primers or shellacs
Acids	Driveway sealer	Mercury thermostats	Rechargeable batteries
Adhesives	Dry cleaning solvents	Mineral spirits	Roach traps/poison
Algaecides	Flea & tick killer	Mothballs	Rug/upholstery cleaner
Aerosols	Fluorescent bulbs*	Motor oil	Solvent-based glues
Antifreeze	Fly killer	Mouse/rat poison	Stains
Ant killer	Formaldehyde	Nail polish	Stump remover
Ammonia	Fuel additives	Nail polish remover	Tars or resins
Auto body filler	Fungicides	Naphtha	Transmission fluid
Automotive fluids	Furniture polish	Oil-based paint	Tub & tile cleaner
Chlorine bleach	Gasoline	Oily waste	Varnish
Brake fluid	Hair dyes	Oven cleaner	Weed killer/fertilizer
Bug spray	Kerosene	Paint thinner/turpentine	Wood preservative
Button cell batteries	Latex paint	Parts cleaner	
Contact cement	Lead paint chips	Pesticides/herbicides	
Deck sealer	Lead-acid batteries	Photographic chemicals	
Diesel fuel	Lime/rust remover	Pool chemicals	



Household hazardous waste includes any unused product that is poisonous, reactive, corrosive, or flammable.

You can easily identify hazardous products by reading packaging labels. Look for key words such as **Warning! Danger! Poison! Caution!** Improper disposal of these products poses a risk to human health and the environment.

Note: Businesses must pay for disposal and must call 388-2333 for an appointment.

*All compact fluorescents (CFLs) are accepted at no cost; other types of general-purpose fluorescent bulbs are free to recycle in quantities of 10 or fewer per day. A per-bulb nominal fee applies for more than 10.

Not accepted: laboratory chemicals, pharmaceuticals, fireworks, flares, explosives, smoke detectors, ammunition, radioactive waste.

HazWaste Center Hours of Operation:
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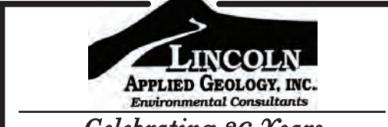


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Public Meetings

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is open for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm, 54A Creek Road, Middlebury. We are available by phone 24/7 at 802-388-4249.

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

Services

C+I DRYWALL and plastering. Call Joe 802-234-5545.

CONSTRUCTION: ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS new construction, drywall, carpentry, painting, flooring, roofing, pressure washing, driveway sealing. All aspects of construction, also property maintenance. Steven Fifield 802-989-0009.

ODD JOBS lawn work, cut brush, some tree work. Call us we do other jobs too! 802-999-2194 John.

Free

WE BUY OLD STUFF Estates, collections, antiques etc. Also hunting and fishing items. Call Erik 802-345-0653.

Free

DIGITAL ACCESS View obituaries, calendar listings and classifieds online at addisonindependent.com. Don't miss out on events, garage sales, or opportunities- check out our free digital listings. Looking to read more? Become a subscriber!

Free

EXCESS NEWSPAPERS, GREAT for gardening. Keep grass and other weeds under control with newspapers. Printed with soy-based ink. Newspapers can also be used as a compost material, fire starter, wrapping paper, window cleaner and so much more! Available at The Addison Independent, 58 Maple St. Middlebury; in the Marble Works. Office is open M-F, 9am-4pm.

Garage Sales

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8am to 3pm, 1291 Pearson Road, New Haven. Too much to list, see partial list and lots of pictures on Craigs List.

Opportunities

HOUSING IN EXCHANGE for live-in caregiving. 15 minutes from Middlebury. Live-in care for somewhat active 80 year old woman. Two private rooms and bath. Laundry, parking, storage and cats are okay. lincolnexpress@comcast.net

Help Wanted

AMERICAN FLATBREAD MIDDLEBURY Hearth is hiring! Offering good compensation, respectful co-workers, and great food. We are hiring for multiple full time and part time positions including bar leadership, daytime prep and evening shifts. Ample opportunities for growth in a positive work environment. Please stop in for an application or email Joe at joel@americanflatbread.com. EOE.

Help Wanted

CONSIDER OPENING YOUR HOME To a person with a disability! Community Associates, a program of CSAC, is regularly looking to match people with disabilities in need of supportive homes with families or individuals in the county, or nearby Brandon. Shared Living Provider offers a safe and stable living environment, in which a person can thrive to gain new skills and foster enriching relationships. As an independ-

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dent contractor, a Shared Living Provider receives tax-free stipend ranging from \$15,000 to \$60,000 annually. The person living with you pays a monthly Room and Board. Go to our website to learn more about shared living and the individuals currently looking for home. <https://www.csac-vt.org/careers/shared-living-providers.html> Or call Keiko at (802)388-4021.

Help Wanted

HOME CARE Provider needed for elderly independent individual with special needs. Care for the individual in your home. Per Diem Respite Position in Brandon - Weekly/weekend hours available. Flexible Employer. Competitive hourly and overnight rates. Call for more information - 802-398-5657 or respite2022@yahoo.com

Help Wanted

Housekeeping at the Strong House Inn

Job Summary: To provide a high standard of cleanliness throughout the property. Be able to clean rooms with a high level of attention to detail and work well with a team. Mostly mornings to early afternoons, weekdays and weekends. Excellent pay based on experience with opportunities to earn extra as well as gratuities.



If you are interested in working in hospitality and being part of a great team, please contact the Strong House Inn at stronghouseinn@gmail.com.

Searching for the right job? Check out the Addy Indy every week!

EastView AT MIDDLEBURY

CAREGIVERS WANTED AT EASTVIEW

Are you a caregiver who is looking for part time, flexible, work? Do you live in the Middlebury area? If so, Eastview at Middlebury is interested in meeting you!

Our Health Services department is looking for enthusiastic caregivers to join our team! Shifts available include: 7am-11am, 5pm-9pm, 3am-7am, with the potential for variation. Vacancies are predominantly on weekends and Mondays. If you are a retiree, a student, or are simply looking for a career change, and you want the opportunity to make a difference without the full-time commitment, this job may be for you! Caregiving experience is helpful, but not necessary. We will train the right candidates.

Apply online at: EastView at Middlebury - General Employment Opportunities - www.EastViewmiddlebury.com
Or email Ted Dunakin at tdunakin@eastviewmiddlebury.com

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Addison County Readers Volunteers Needed

Do you value books and the importance of early childhood literacy? Are you an avid reader and an active member of your community? Addison County Readers wants to talk to you!

As the local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library partner, Addison County Readers sends free, high-quality books to county preschool children (birth to age 5) each month. We are looking for volunteers to help publicize the program, recruit children, and assist with fundraising. Board positions are also available.

AmeriCorps Seniors Visit addisoncountyreaders.org to learn more or email addisoncountyreaders@gmail.com to volunteer

Addison County Readers, Inc.

ACSD Addison Central School District

We're hiring and we need... you!

Paraprofessionals:

- Are essential to our schools!
- Collaborate with teachers and support class instruction
- Support and supervise students with school work, social emotional needs, and play

Intensive Services Paras:

- Provide one-on-one support to a student needing individual services

This could be a great fit if you:

- Love supporting kids!
- Are flexible, energetic, inclusive, and kind
- Have experience with special needs students (but this is not required)

Benefits:

- Health insurance for you/r family
- Dental insurance
- Work school hours on the school calendar in a friendly environment
- Benefits include paid sick, holiday time and retirement
- Starting pay: \$16-\$24/hr
- Intensive Services Paras now earn an extra \$4/hr on top of starting pay plus paid professional development

To apply: acsdvtl.org/Page/4418 or scan the QRCode which will show all available ACSD jobs: Questions: 802-382-1281

Addison Independent **CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM** ADDISON INDEPENDENT 58 Maple Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 802-388-4944 addisonindependent.com • email: classifieds@addisonindependent.com

Cash in on our 4-for-3 rates! Pay for 3 issues, get 4th issue free! An ad placed for consecutive issues runs the 4th time for free!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Or, submit your classified ad on our website: addisonindependent.com

DEADLINE: Monday at 5 p.m.

- 25¢ per word • minimum \$2.50 per ad
- \$2 internet listing for up to 4 issues • minimum 2 insertions

• Special 4 for 3 rates not valid for the following categories: Services, Opportunities, Real Estate, Wood heat, Attn. Farmers, For Rent & Help Wanted

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Addison County Parent/Child Center

Co-Director

The Addison County Parent/Child Center (ACPCC) is seeking a Co-Director to LEAD this well-known and highly respected non-profit located in Middlebury, Vermont. The ACPCC is dedicated to providing family support services, therapeutic childcare and education, & prevention and support for youth, adults, and children in Addison County.

This is a great opportunity for an innovative, creative, energetic, engaged community leader who is passionate about making a difference in a co-directorship model.

The successful candidate will possess:

- Strong communication skills
- A team-oriented work style
- A passion for working with families and children
- A dedication to social justice issues

The successful candidate will have experience:

- Working with human services and state agencies
- In all aspects of human resource and personnel management
- Experience in managing and overseeing data collection and analysis

Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to Donna Bailey at d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org.

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KITCHEN LEAD/ DELI COORDINATOR

We are looking for a kitchen lead/coordinator to oversee the My Fresh Café day in and day out to ensure optimal customer experience and smooth kitchen operation. The job will be to direct the food preparation process for hot plate and cold well products to maximize sales but limit spoilage waste while keeping up with Food Safety Standards. Must have the ability to be a leader and delegate effectively. Hours range from 6am to 7pm, with occasional weekends and possible holidays.

Apply at:
MAPLEFIELDS.COM or
in person and
ask for Store Manager. EOE



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Production Team Members

Vermont Soap is looking for attentive, reliable and responsible people to work in our production department.

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

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

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

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SATORI VT is hiring! 1741 Route 7S, Middlebury. Apply at satorivt.com/careers

SERVERS WANTED AT EASTVIEW EastView, Middlebury Vt, is looking for Servers to join our Dining Team. Do you love people? Great food? Supportive coworkers? If so, then join us at EastView at Middlebury! Servers provide meals for residents in 3 dining rooms with lots of opportunity to build new friendships. FT positions offer both traditional and unique benefits. Recently retired? In college or High School? Seeking a 2nd job? We've got great PT & per diem opportunities. Check out all our jobs at www.eastviewmiddlebury.com/join-our-team/

Help Wanted

SWIFT HOUSE INN is hiring a Breakfast Server to take and deliver orders. If you're an early bird who enjoys talking to people and thrives in a fast-paced workplace, we'd like to meet you. Weekend availability a must. Full-time. To apply please call 802-388-9925, email: rissa@swifthouseinn.com, or drop by the inn and ask for an in-person application.



Help Wanted ads can be found on Page 10B, 11B and 12B.

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by STONEWALL KITCHEN

Hi Friends! You want more coffee? We need more help!

Our Middlebury facility is GROWING, and we need enthusiastic and collaborative people to join our amazing team. We are all hard-working people who take pride in our work and appreciate each other.

We are hiring a Facilities Coordinator, Coffee Roasters, Manufacturing Associates and Warehouse Associates.

These are full-time, year-round positions that are benefits eligible. Our team works a flexible schedule, Monday-Friday. In addition to excellent health, retirement and paid time-off benefits, our employees are eligible for product discounts and FREE COFFEE.

Apply today at jobs@stonewallkitchen.com

Because we are a sensory-sensitive company we cannot employ smokers. Stonewall Kitchen, LLC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate orientation, national origin, veteran status, or any other category protected by law.



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The Residence at Otter Creek, a premiere senior living community in Middlebury, VT is accepting applications for:

- Full/Part-Time Med Techs/LPN (\$3,000 sign-on bonus)
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- Part-Time Dishwasher (\$500 sign-on bonus)
- Full-Time Servers (\$500 sign-on bonus)
- Full-Time Maintenance Assistants (\$2,000 sign-on bonus)
- Van Driver Full-time (\$500 sign-on bonus)
- Resident Engagement Assistant FT/PT (\$500 sign-on bonus)

Applicants must be able to work weekends. Background checks required.

Please email your resume to [Kristen LaFlam at klaflam@residenceottercreek.com](mailto:Kristen.LaFlam@residenceottercreek.com).

The Residence at Otter Creek
350 Lodge Road, Middlebury, VT 05753



We are proud of our reputation for quality, reliability, and service that we have earned over the years, and are confident in our continued commitment to provide the best quality concrete products, delivered and erected on time, and to meet the most demanding construction schedules.

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Performing manual work in preparing surfaces.
- Placing cables, steel, and then concrete into precast forms.
- Leveling the top of the concrete using a flat tool and straightedge.
- Maintain a clean job site each day in order to eliminate potential hazards.
- Material handling and storage, including cutting pieces.
- Load and unload trucks and haul and hoist materials using various hand and powered lifting machines.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Some knowledge of proper use of equipment, materials and supplies used in construction work.
- Ability to work independently and complete daily activities according to work schedule.
- Ability to lift heavy objects, walk and stand for long periods of time and perform strenuous physical labor.
- Ability to meet attendance schedule with dependability and consistency.

Our benefit package includes: Health Insurance/Dental/Vision/Paid Vacation/401(k) and Profit Sharing Retirement Plan/STD/Life Insurance.

Please submit resume: Lynn/ HR Manager at lynn@jpcarrara.com or download an application from our website at www.jpcarrara.com and fax to (802) 775-1048.

Equal Opportunity Employer



Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries

The Congregational Church of Vergennes, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation of 135 members seeking a Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries. We are a vibrant, Christian community—full of life, music, and laughter. We have a long history of deeply appreciating the gifts of our staff in supporting an inclusive, loving, and compassionate ministry in the heart of our little city.

This position carries an expectation (on average) of 12-15 hours per week. We seek a person of faith with experience working with children and/or youth, who will direct a program of stimulating and nourishing faith formational opportunity. If this sounds like the way you want to make a big impact in our community, please contact Rev. Elliott Munn at elliott@vergenesucc.org.

For more information, including a job description, please go to the church's website: vergenesucc.org/cfmssearch.

Auto Technician

County Tire Center, Inc. is a busy 10-bay shop. We offer competitive wages including health insurance, vacation/sick time, 401K, uniforms and boot allowance. 40 hours a week Monday-Friday, with overtime available during the months of fall and spring tire changes.

We are currently looking to fill:

• Motivated full-time **Automotive Technician** with knowledge in brakes, exhaust, oil changes, tires, VT state inspection license as well as all other related mechanical job duties. Your own tools are required.

Email cover letter, resume and three references to lisa@countytirecenter.com or mail/drop off at: County Tire Center, Inc. 33 Seymour St Middlebury, VT 05753



Vergennes Residential Care is Hiring Caregivers/LNA

- LNA license is preferred, not required
- Must have experience providing personal care services

VRC is a family-owned, reliable and fun community in the heart of Vergennes.

Apply on our website or call 802-877-3562
www.vergenesresidential.com



34 North Street, Vergennes, VT 05492
802-877-3562
sisbell@vergenesresidential.com



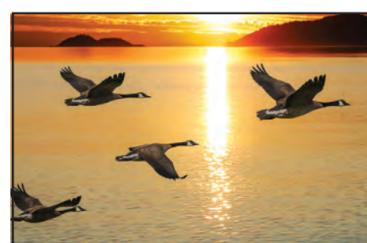
Addison County Parent/Child Center

Business Manager

Our team is seeking a person primarily responsible for managing all financial information and reporting of the organization, including internal and external reporting, budgeting, forecasting, and monitoring. The position also manages human resources, payroll, IT, and facilities & works with families and children.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance and a minimum of 7 years of progressively responsible, hands-on work experience in a similar role. Previous experience working with nonprofit organizations, either as an auditor or on staff is preferred. A thorough understanding of US GAAP and fund accounting, as well as financial and budgeting processes, is necessary.

Please send a resume and cover letter, to Donna Bailey at d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org.



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Looking for work in your hometown?
We offer medical, dental, paid vacation, personal time, sick time and 401K for full time positions.
ALL ADDISON COUNTY LOCATIONS CURRENTLY HIRING!
For openings and to apply, visit Maplefields.com

Starksboro VERMONT Zoning Administrator
The Town of Starksboro is seeking a part-time Zoning Administrator. Duties include: implementation of land-use regulations; administering zoning permits; enforcement actions for non-compliance with land-use regulations; assistance to the public; Planning Commission and Development Review Board, including taking minutes at meetings. Position will assist the Selectboard and Town Clerk with planning and land-use related issues. Interested candidate must be available for evening meetings and daytime work at town office; estimated 15-20 hours/week.
A detailed job description is available at www.starksborovt.org. Compensation will depend on qualifications and experience. Willing to train the right candidate.
To apply, please send cover letter and resume to **Town of Starksboro, P.O. Box 91, Starksboro, VT 05487 or selectboard@starksborovt.org**.
Applications preferred by Oct. 15.
Position open until filled. EOE.

Town of Lincoln Snowplow Operators
The Town of Lincoln is accepting applications for snowplow operators. Must be able to perform manual labor and be available during the winter months to work at nonscheduled times for road maintenance. CDL required. Competitive wages and on-call pay. Full job description is on our website at lincolnvermont.org/highway.
Please send resume to Lincolnvjjobs@gmail.com or to the **Lincoln Town Office at 62 Quaker Street, Lincoln VT 05443, Attn: Oakley Smith.**
Lincoln is an E.O.E.

MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL MUHS COACHING POSITIONS
Middlebury Union High School is seeking the following:
Varsity Boys' Assistant Hockey Coach
Varsity Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach
Applicants must possess a strong knowledge of coaching principles with previous coaching experience preferred. Must possess strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate and relate to student athletes.
Interested parties should send a letter of interest, resume, and three current letters of reference to:
Sean Farrell/Athletic Director
Middlebury Union Middle School
73 Charles Avenue
Middlebury, VT 05753
Applications will be accepted until the positions have been filled.
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For Rent
MIDDLEBURY HOME RENTAL: January-May 2023. We are snowbirds heading south for the winter. Our furnished home will be available for rent from January 2023-May 2023. (dates are flexible). Our class mid-century home has 3 bedrooms, 1 and 1/2 bathrooms, laundry facilities, a basement that can be used for a study, office, or workout space, back deck with grill and a garage. From our home you can walk upstreet to the library, restaurants, the Amtrak station and the beautiful Middlebury Falls. Stroll through Middlebury College, or explore the trail around Middlebury. Our home features beautiful grounds, lovely sunsets and a supreme neighborhood. Rent includes, snow plowing, trash/recycling, internet, and yard/garden maintenance. No Pets. @2,250. plus gas/electricity per month. \$2,000. deposit due at signing of lease. Please call 802-989-2653 or email nancymcvt@yahoo.com for more information.

For Rent

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

For Rent
MIDDLEBURY SUGAR-WOOD APARTMENTS is currently taking waitlist applications for 2, 3, 4 bedroom apartments. Minimum occupancy requirements. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply- Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

For Rent
MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

For Rent
SALISBURY; 1 BED-ROOM basement apartment. Newly renovated. Heat and electricity included. No pets, no smoking. \$1,250/mo. Deposit and references required. 802-238-6497.

For Rent
SHOREHAM: Private kitchen/BA/sitting area in a rural home with nice views. \$550/mo (plus utils), help w/laundry & occas. driving for kind senior who enjoys audio books & movies. No pets. 802-863-5625 or HomeShareVermont.org for application. Interview, refs, bg check req. EHO

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MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES
RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT
Sales for 09/22/22 & 09/26/22

BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
Westminster Farm	1755	.925	\$1623.38
Baines Bros.	1260	.905	\$1140.30
Woodnotch Farm	1765	.90	\$1588.50
Gosliga Farm	1925	.895	\$1722.88
Kayhart Bros.	1600	.895	\$1432.00
Defreest Farm	1785	.88	\$1570.80
M & L Quesnel	1665	.85	\$1415.25

CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Tudhope Farm LLC	96	2.85	\$273.60
Correia Family LTD	106	2.80	\$296.80
L. Garvey	105	2.70	\$283.50
J. Allen	96	2.50	\$240.00
Quarry Rd Farm	86	2.50	\$215.00

Total Beef - 172 Total Calves - 320
We value our faithful customers.
Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
call 1-802-388-2661

Auctions
BRISTOL STOR-MOR
508 Burpee Rd., Bristol, Vt
David Delisle
5 Pleasant Street, Apt. D
Bristol, VT
Unit #44A
5' x 10'
Household items
Minimum bid required
Sale Date: Oct. 1, 9 a.m.

ROUND-UP SALE!!
ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES
ANNUAL FALL DAIRY/FEEDEr AUCTION
WHEN: 12 NOON-WED. OCTOBER 12TH
WHERE: AT ACCS - BARNs - RT 125, EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT
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EXPECTING 150 HEAD/TOP HOLSTEIN ARTIFICIALLY Sired FRESH & SPRINGING, SHORTBREDS, READY TO BREED OPEN HEIFERS & CALVES!
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ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES
www.acscattle.com

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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
I. Welcome and Introduction of Board Members
II. Review of 2022
III. Financial Report
IV. Audience Comments and Questions
V. Election of Board Members and Officers
Cara Mullin-Mosier
Business Manager

Full Passport Service
Addison County Courthouse
The Addison County Clerk located in Frank Mahady Courthouse is available to accept passport applications and provide passport photos.
REGULAR HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9am to 1pm
Tuesday **12:30pm to 4:30pm**
APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.
802-388-1966
addisoncountyclerk@gmail.com

It's against the law to discriminate when advertising housing
It's against the law to discriminate when advertising housing. Its easier to break the law than you might think. You can't say "no children" or "adults only."
There's a lot you can't say.
The Federal Government is watching for such discrimination.
Let us help you sift through the complexities of the Fair Housing Law. Stay legal. Stay on the right side of the nation's Fair Housing Law.
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Att. Farmers

1953 HARRY FERGUSON T030: with/without a cart, list of extras, and photos in farm equipment on Craigslist and @ 1814 Country Club Road, Brandon, Vermont. \$4,500. price negotiable.

HAY FOR SALE. 1st and 2nd cut, small squares: \$5.00 1st cut, \$7.00 2nd cut. 1st cut, 3x3 large squares, \$75.00 per bale. Lee Charron, New Haven, 802-349-2264.

HORSE BLANKET WASH and repair. Accepting non-leather (for now) horsewear of all kinds for cleaning and repairing at my Weybridge location. Call or text Sue Miller at 802-377-5945 or email svdwmiller@icloud.com with "horse" in the subject line for more information.

SMALL SQUARE BALES \$3.50. Excellent round bales \$30.00. Call 802-377-5455.

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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 17, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:
1. Site Plan Approval Application from Alex Layne d/b/a Layn Properties, LLC (DRB-2022-14) per New Haven Zoning Bylaws Sections 350-352 related to a proposed addition for shop/storage space at Layn Properties located at 2877 Ethan Allen Highway.
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:
<https://zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkN4ZGcyYUJF3dz09>
Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190
An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator: newhavenzoning@gmavt.net; a hard copy is available at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, or on the Town's website: www.newhavenvt.com.
New Haven Zoning Administrator
(802) 453-3516

Police are investigating recent stop sign thefts

BRISTOL — Bristol police are investigating a theft and an attempted theft, both on Sept. 3. In one incident an officer was told someone tried to steal a speaker from a vehicle in the Shaw's parking lot. In the other, an officer received information about stolen speed signs.

Anyone who may have information on either incident may contact Bristol police at 802-453-2533.

Between Aug. 15 and Sept. 11 (the most recent dates for which we have information), Bristol police completed 55 foot patrols and seven car patrols, conducted 61 traffic stops and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 23 times, at Bristol Elementary School 22 times and at local businesses 22 times.

Police also processed 38 fingerprint requests, responded to one false alarm and one inadvertent 911 call, conducted six welfare checks, verified two vehicle identification numbers and facilitated the return of three wallets and three loose dogs.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On Aug. 15 helped Middlebury police find a person on South Street.
- On Aug. 16 served a notice against trespass to a person at the Bristol Police Department.
- On Aug. 18 checked on a vehicle parked on Morgan Horse Lane. The officer determined the vehicle was just dropping a person off.
- On Aug. 18 received a late motor vehicle complaint for an incident on Prince Lane.

Bristol Police Log

- On Aug. 19 received three found street signs from Lower Notch Road. The signs were turned over to the Department of Public Works.
- On Aug. 19 found golf clubs at the Bristol Recreation Field and placed them in the lost and found.
- On Aug. 19 responded to a dispute on Lovers Lane and determined no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On Aug. 20 checked a vehicle parked at a closed business on West Street and determined the operator was making a phone call.
- On Aug. 20 provided traffic cones and a speed radar cart for a Cub Scout soapbox derby on Fitch Avenue.
- On Aug. 20 assisted Vermont State Police on Route 17.
- On Aug. 20 and 21 issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.
- On Aug. 22 an officer did two hours of grant-funded traffic patrol.
- On Aug. 22 took a property damage report for insurance purposes on West Street.
- On Aug. 22 completed a death investigation on Mountain View Street and determined Roy Davignon, 64, died of natural causes.
- On Aug. 24 responded to an animal complaint on Hermit Thrush Lane. Police did not observe any violations.
- On Aug. 25 issued parking tickets on Main Street.

- On Aug. 25 reminded people at Bartlett Falls and Eagle Park that town park areas close at dusk.
- On Aug. 25 saw a vehicle parked behind a West Street business with its hazard lights activated. Police determined the vehicle was secure and it appeared someone forgot to turn the lights off.
- On Aug. 26 served a subpoena upon a person at the Bristol Police Department.
- On Aug. 27 received a pellet gun found on Monkton Road. Police have not yet located the owner.
- On Aug. 28 issued parking tickets on Lincoln Road.
- On Aug. 29 received and returned property that was found on West Street.
- On Aug. 29 responded to a motor vehicle complaint on Airport Drive. Police found the vehicle parked on West Street and warned the operator.
- On Aug. 31 assisted the Bristol Fire Department on South Street.
- On Aug. 31 responded to a report of an animal problem on Pine Street and determined no action was a violation of local ordinance.
- On Sept. 1 assisted with traffic control while a utility was working in the roadway on West Street.
- On Sept. 1 served court paperwork to a person on Taylor Avenue.
- On Sept. 1 reminded people at Bartlett Falls town park areas close at dusk.
- On Sept. 2 assisted at Bristol Elementary School with a truancy concern.
- On Sept. 2 received report of a possible social media threat and determined there was no offense.
- On Sept. 2 completed three hours of grant funded patrol in Bristol.
- On Sept. 2 received a motor vehicle complaint on South Street and determined no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On Sept. 2 received a report of a cell phone that may have been lost on Airport Drive. No phone was located or turned in.
- On Sept. 3 completed 90 minutes of grant-funded patrol in Bristol.
- On Sept. 3 assisted the Counseling Service of Addison County with a mental health call with someone who requested to speak to an officer.
- On Sept. 4 provided traffic control at the intersection of Main Street and South Street during the Green Mountain Stage Race.
- On Sept. 4 recovered a red Next Wipeout bicycle from Plank Road. The owner can recover the bicycle from the Bristol Police Department.
- On Sept. 4 responded to a verbal dispute on South Street and found that no offense.
- On Sept. 5 received a found credit card. The card institution was notified, and the card was destroyed.
- On Sept. 5 removed a traffic hazard on East Street.
- On Sept. 5 took a theft report on Main Street. An investigation is ongoing.
- On Sept. 7 served court paperwork upon a person on South Street.
- On Sept. 7 provided emergency lights and traffic control at the scene (See Bristol Police, Page 14B)

Reader Comments

Here's what one reader has to say about us!

A subscriber from Vergennes writes:

"We love it! Well written and keeps us informed about regional news and topics. Always read 'Around the Bend'."

Quotes are taken from reader comments submitted with subscription renewals.



ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Public Notices can be found in this **ADDISON INDEPENDENT** on Pages 12B and 13B.

TOWN OF SALISBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, to consider the following:

- 1. Application 2022-03**
An application from Joann Langrock West (parcel ID #0309027) in connection with a proposed (Minor) (1) lot subdivision, from the referenced parcel, creating a total of 2 lots, located at 468 Lower Plains Road in Salisbury. This property is located in the Low-Density Residential District, (LDR). This application is pursuant to §2.4.3, §6.1, §6.0.1(3), & §6.3 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.
Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §4465(b) and §4471.
These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those wishing to participate remotely must obtain the necessary remote access codes. Access codes (for online or phone) are available by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk during regular business hours prior to 3:00 PM on October 18, 2022. The Salisbury Town Office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
Application materials are available for inspection in the Town Office during regular business hours.
Anna Scheck
DRB Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAWRENCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FRONT PORCH RESTORATION

The Town of Bristol is seeking proposals from area contractors to either paint and/or stain and minor maintenance of the front porch of Lawrence Memorial Library. A detailed scope of work can be downloaded from Bristol's Web site at: bristolvt.org/employment-bid-and-for-sale-opportunities. Proposals will be accepted until **12:00pm, Thursday, October 13, 2022** by e-mail to townadmin@bristolvt.org or by mail or hand delivery with «Library Porch Restoration» in the subject line or on the envelope to: Town of Bristol, 1 South Street, P.O. Box 249, Bristol, VT 05443.

Questions? Contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at (802) 453-2410 or townadmin@bristolvt.org.
The Town of Bristol is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, or familial status.

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town and Town School District of New Haven, VT. It was voted at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting that property taxes are due in the town office by Monday, October 3, 2022.

Property taxes will be considered late if not received in the Town Office by the close of the business day at 5:00 p.m.

POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TIMELY. POST-DATED CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Checks are deposited the day that they are received. Please allow several days for postal delivery.

Please pay promptly to avoid penalty and interest charges; Interest charges of 1% per month - and 8% penalty fee will be added to any late payments, per State Statute.

If you do not have a bill, or have any questions please call the Town Office @ 453-3516.

Respectfully,
Danielle Hubbell, New Haven, Town Treasurer

TOWN OF SALISBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, to consider the following:

- 1. Application 2022-03**
An application from Greg West (parcel ID #0705029) in connection with a proposed (Major) (5) lot subdivision, from the referenced parcel, creating a total of 5 lots, located on Upper Plains Road in Salisbury. This property is located in the Low-Density Residential District, (LDR). This application is pursuant to §2.4.3, §6.1, §6.0.1(4), & §6.5.2 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.
Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §4465(b) and §4471.
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Anna Scheck
DRB Clerk

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of New Haven is seeking bids from qualified contractors for their train depot relocation project. The project includes extension of power line, installation of septic tanks and connection to existing sewer line, and connecting waterline to existing waterline. The entire RFP, with utility plans, are posted on the Town's website at www.newhavenvt.com. Bids will be due no later than 3:00 PM on October 20, 2022. Proposals can be sent via email to the Town Clerk at newhaventownclerk@gmavt.net. Contractors providing only hard copies must provide six (6) copies and they can be either mailed or delivered to the Town Clerk at the Town Office. The mailing address is 78 North St., New Haven, Vt. 05472.

Any questions regarding this sewer and waterlines can be directed to Dave Conger at dconger@dubois-king.com. Powerline questions can be directed to stevdupoise@yahoo.com. All questions need to be received no later than October 11, 2022; all answers will be posted on the town's website. If necessary, the final addendum to the RFP will be posted on the town's website no later than October 14, 2022.

The Town of New Haven is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ADDISON

The Addison Planning Commission will hold a monthly meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Addison Town Clerk's Office.

To consider the following:

1. To approve the meeting minutes for September 19, 2022 - No meeting - No quorum.
2. To transact any business found necessary before the board.
3. To allow time for public comment interaction at beginning of the meeting.
4. We need to work on updating & referencing some sections for implementing Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan. Continue to work on definitions & reviewing The Vermont State Statutes (Chapter 117). Do we add "Cannabis" to our regulations?
5. Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the October meeting & continue to review the Zoning Regulations pertaining to districts & sections.
6. We will review the revised notes on items that the Z.A. helped with, (Zoning) PUDS, and density-zoning, tables & road frontages within the districts. We have a rough draft to work from to review corrections & consider input from the Select Board & DRB for additions/corrections. Plan to work on definitions and study the VT State Statutes (new laws).
7. Plan to work on definitions and study the VT State Statutes (new laws).
8. Adjournment stating time.

We are planning to have a work meeting after the regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at Addison Town Clerk's Office.

Jeffrey Kauffman, Jr, Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH - NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of the real estate in the Town of Ferrisburgh, in the County of Addison, and State of Vermont are hereby notified that real estate taxes for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022 tax years assessed by the Town of Ferrisburgh remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid upon the following described real estate in the Town of Ferrisburgh as indicated below, to wit:

Susan M. Myers and Michele E. Malone, as Trustees of the Carol E. Malone Revocable Trust u/l/a dated May 18, 1999, as amended and restated March 23, 2009, Susan M. Myers, individually, Michele E. Malone, individually, and Sean Donnola, individually: Delinquent 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022 Property Taxes.

Being 10.20 acres of land, more or less, with dwelling and any and all improvements thereon, located at 3708 Shellhouse Mountain Road, Ferrisburgh, Vermont, and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Carol E. Malone (now deceased) and Michele Elaine Malone, Trustees of the Carol E. Malone Revocable Trust created under a trust agreement dated May 18, 1999, said Deed Into Trust dated March 20, 2000, and recorded in the Ferrisburgh Land Records in Book 92 at Page 527. (Parcel I.D. #05/02/19.2).

Frank C. Luyster: Delinquent 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Property Taxes

Being 23.09 acres of land, more or less, with dwelling and any and all improvements thereon, located at 251 Wing Road, Ferrisburgh, Vermont, and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Frank C. Luyster by Warranty Deed of Mary C. Shields, f/k/a Mary C. Westenfield, dated December 8, 2010, and recorded in the Ferrisburgh Land Records in Book 136 at Page 484. (Parcel I.D. #10/01/54.32).

And so much of said real estate will be sold at public auction at the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk's office, a public place in said Town on the 16th day of November, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

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

Carroll, Boe, Pell & Kite, P.C.
ATTN: James F. Carroll, Esq. or Wanda M. Murray, Paralegal
64 Court Street
Middlebury, Vermont 05753 Telephone: (802) 388-6711

Carroll, Boe, Pell & Kite, P.C. and the Town of Ferrisburgh do not give any opinion or certification as to the marketability of the title to the above-referenced properties as held by the current owners/taxpayers.

The only acceptable forms of bid payment at the day of tax sale are: bank check payable to Carroll, Boe, Pell & Kite, P.C., Real Estate Trust Account; letter of credit from bank followed by bank check payable to Carroll, Boe, Pell & Kite, P.C., Real Estate Trust Account; and/or cash. No personal checks will be accepted.

Dated at Ferrisburgh, Vermont this 26th day of September, 2022.

Thomas Steadman, Town
of Ferrisburgh Delinquent Tax Collector
9/26/22

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ADDISON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT LINDALE MOBILE HOME PARK WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice
Addison County Community Trust (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Lindale Mobile Home Park Wastewater Improvements
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Otter Creek Engineering located at 404 East Main Street, East Middlebury, VT 05740 until, **Thursday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. **Bidders submitting a bid by U.S. Mail shall allow for adequate delivery time**

The Project includes the following Work:
The project involves the construction of a new community wastewater system for Lindale Mobile Home Park generally consisting of 3,900 feet of gravity sewer main, 4,775 feet of sewer service, connections to 67 existing mobile homes, primary and secondary septic tanks, community wastewater pump station, and two 20,000 gpd wastewater disposal fields.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is **Otter Creek Engineering, Inc.** Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office (404 East Main St., Middlebury, Vermont, (802) 382-8522) on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Please call the Issuing Office to make an appointment.** Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at **Otter Creek Engineering, Inc., 110 Merchants Row, 4th Floor, Suite 15, by appointment only; contact the Issuing Office to schedule a viewing.**
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, by paying \$150 for each set. Make checks for Bidding Documents payable to **Otter Creek Engineering, Inc. mailing address: P.O. Box 712, East Middlebury, VT 05740.**

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. **Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for issuing Addenda if any, to parties obtaining Bidding Documents from sources other than the Issuing Office.**

Electronic copies of Bidding Drawings and Documents are available as portable document format (PDF) request to all parties recorded as having officially received the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Lindale Mobile Home Park** located at the **Cul-de-Sac at the end of commodore way, Middlebury, VT 05753.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but not required.
Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This project is funded in part by USDA Rural Development. Consequently, the following provisions apply to this WORK (more detail for each of these provisions can be found in the Instructions to Bidders):

- 1. Performance BOND and Payment BOND each in the amount of 100% of the contract price**
- 2. American Iron and Steel**
Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.
The following waivers apply to this Contract:
De Minimis, Minor Components.
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: Addison County Community Trust
By: Elise Shanbacker Title: Executive Director Date: 09/26/2022



A DISPLAY OF foliage in 2017 below the summit of Mt. Abraham in Lincoln demonstrates the beautiful fall scenery that is available in the Green Mountain National Forest.

Photo courtesy of Ethan Ready

Colors near peak in the mountains

RUTLAND — With shorter days and cooler nighttime temperatures, fall has arrived, ushering in one of nature's most magnificent seasons. In Vermont, on the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF), fall colors are expected to be most vibrant during the next couple of weeks in the higher elevations, GMNF officials said this week.

"This is a special time for our residents, our visitors and our forest. We have already seen a lot of vibrant color in the higher elevations and expect that leaves will be near peak in some of the higher elevations this weekend and next," said John Sinclair, forest supervisor for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. Sinclair also expects that there will be an influx of local and visitor traffic in the coming weeks and is encouraging

motorists to be mindful of where they park and to use extra caution when driving and recreating on the Forest.

The GMNF is one of the national forests in the nation that gets a heavier number of visitors in the fall, serving between 3 million and 4 million visitors per year. Located within less than a day's drive of more than 70 million people, the GMNF serves a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts — each contributing significantly to our local communities and the overall economy.

In addition to foliage viewing, other fall recreational activities on the forest include camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. Like many tourist destinations, the GMNF is a major contributor to local economies and has been recognized as having some of

the nation's most brilliant foliage viewsheds. The New England area alone receives an estimated \$8 billion annually in local revenues from fall visitors, who come from all over the world to see stunning mountainsides bathed in brilliant reds and oranges, mixed with stately evergreens.

Beginning each September, the U.S. Forest Service tracks the progress of fall color and is once again offering the public a peak into how the foliage season is progressing. See the map online at smokymountains.com/fall-foliage-map (despite the web address, it does include Vermont). Another website that can be visited gives foliage updates, scenic hotspots, and routes to take for peak viewing of fall colors on national forests across the region; it is online at <https://tinyurl.com/USFSfallcolors>.

Bristol fight draws state police

ADDISON COUNTY — A fight at a Bristol home this past Sunday afternoon resulted in charges for both combatants.

Just before 1 p.m. on Sept. 25, Vermont State Police were called to the fight on Route 116 South in Bristol. Troopers investigated the fight involving Ezra Dixon, 43, of Bellows Falls and Jeffrey Fortune, 30, of Bristol and determined that Dixon had caused serious bodily injury to Fortune, and that Fortune had caused bodily harm to Dixon.

Police later located Dixon at a nearby residence, took him to the Brandon Police Department and cited him for first-degree aggravated assault. Police located Fortune and cited him for simple assault. Both men were released with orders to answer charges in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

Troopers were assisted by Bristol Rescue and Brandon police.

In other recent activity, troopers:

- On Sept. 24 at a little after 8 a.m. responded to a three-car crash on Route 116 south of the intersection with Drake Woods

Vt. State Police Log

Road in the northeast corner of Bristol. Police said Don Ronaldson of Newport Beach, Calif., was driving a 2021 Ford Expedition southbound on Route 116 when he used a pull-off to make a proper U-turn. At that time, police said New Haven resident Thomas Case, 28, was not paying attention to the road while driving a 2006 Subaru Forester northbound on the highway, and by the time Case saw the Expedition there was not a reasonable distance to stop.

In order to avoid a collision with Ronaldson's SUV, Case apparently swerved into the oncoming lane and collided head-on with a 2020 Chevy Equinox driven by Christopher Stone, 52, of South Burlington. No injuries were reported, but both Vermont vehicles sustained front-end damage.

Police determined that neither speed nor impairment were

contributing factors in this crash. Police issued Case a ticket for following too closely, which carries a fine of \$220 and three points on his insurance.

- On Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. received a report of a domestic disturbance that had occurred earlier that day in Addison. Police looked into the report and determined that at around 2 p.m. on Sunday Kyle O. Nadeau, 55, of Colchester caused bodily injury to an intimate partner while driving together on Route 17 in Addison. Nadeau turned himself in at the Williston barracks, where he was cited for domestic assault.

- On Sept. 26 at around 7:10 p.m. received the report of a domestic disturbance on Upper Plains Road in Salisbury. Police reported that Erick Daniel McLaughlin ZeLaya, 39, of Salisbury caused bodily injury to a domestic partner, and that he had done so in front of a child. Troopers took McLaughlin ZeLaya to the New Haven barracks and cited him for domestic assault and for committing an offense in the presence of a child.

Notes of appreciation

Eagle Scout appreciates the community support

I would like to thank the *Addy Indy* for featuring the photo and caption of my completed Eagle project. More importantly, I would like to publicly thank the merchants who donated their time

and the materials for my project:

- Pat Crowley of A&H Signs
- RK Miles Building Supplies
- Greenhaven Gardens
- Aubuchon Hardware of Vergennes

Without their generous donations, this project would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Gideon Palmer
Troop 539, Vergennes

Bristol Police

(Continued from Page 13B) of a one car crash until the Bristol Fire Department and Vermont State Police arrived.

- On Sept. 8 responded to East Street for a car vs. deer crash.

- On Sept. 8 responded to a home in the Taylor Avenue and Pine Street area following a 911 report of a loud argument. The officer checked on the welfare of those involved and assisted them

in reaching an agreeable solution.

- On Sept. 8 reminded people at Sycamore Park that town parks close at dusk.

- On Sept. 9 assisted Bristol Elementary School with a truancy concern.

- On Sept. 9 told a person on Taylor Avenue they were not allowed to remove another person's flowers or plants.

- On Sept. 10 asked people

at Mount Abraham Union High School to not ride their bikes on sculptures in front of the school.

- On Sept. 10 assisted Vermont State Police on Hunt Farm Road.

- On Sept. 11 received a chainsaw found in the Airport Drive area.

- On Sept. 11 assisted state police at Blaise's Mobile Home Park.

- On Sept. 11 assisted state police on Colin Drive.

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The Addison Independent

September 29, 2022



Middlebury Acting Company will open its production of "Admissions" on Oct. 7 at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. John Nagle, Jena Necrason and Orlando Grant star in the show. A talk-back will take place after the Oct. 9 performance with Middlebury College Dean of Admissions Nicole Curvin.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

Getting into college: The drama and the fury

MIDDLEBURY ACTING COMPANY PRESENTS "ADMISSIONS," OCT. 7

Throughout 2022, Middlebury Acting Company has staged plays about the hottest topics in American political life. "The Niceties" examined the assumptions of history as it is traditionally taught. "Griswold" focused on reproductive liberty. And now, as a capstone to the season,

BY **DAVID WEINSTOCK**

set at Hillcrest, a New Hampshire prep school.

MACo presents "Admissions," Joshua Harmon's funny, engaging and award-winning play

The play, although closely tied to its real-world issues, uses satire to make its points, with each main character over the top, each in their own ways. Sherri Rosen-Mason, acted by Jena Necrason, is Hillcrest's director of admissions. Her career-long mission has been to open the school to greater cultural diversity, and her 15 years of hard work and cross-country recruiting trips have tripled the number of students of color.

Yet Sherri never feels she has done enough, and some resent her for pushing too hard on diversity. When staffer Roberta (Mary Adams-Smith) designs an admissions catalog whose photographs don't adequately display Sherri's hard-won student mix, Sherri berates her.

But Roberta is from an older generation and responds with words that once seemed so progressive — "I don't see colors!"

Sherri and her husband, Hillcrest headmaster Bill Mason (John Nagle), do see colors, and are justifiably proud of their impact. The problem comes when their son Charlie Luther Mason — his middle name given to honor Martin Luther King Jr. — applies to Yale on early decision.

Charlie (played by Orlando Grant) had thought top grades and a peppy extra-curricular record made him a shoo-in. But he isn't accepted. To make things worse, in Charlie's

SEE PLAY ON PAGE 3

THE MONTH IN POETRY



Susan Jefts is a poet and editor from the Adirondacks and Vermont, whose poems have been published in numerous journals, locally and nationally. She runs workshops using poetry to deepen our experiences in nature, and of what we find sacred.

To get this much from sunlight and an apricot, to follow the light in this way through mountains and lowlands to the heart of an apricot — no doubt on a summer morning in a moment of presence where at once you feel and see and taste all that enters a fresh picked piece of fruit. So

that you understand fully the vitality that makes it so, that makes it appear to be “honeycomb elegance,” and to feel like an “elixir of rest.” But to illustrate how it holds darkness too, as everything does, is what deepens and makes the poem even more memorable.

The poem makes a shift on the line “darkness like strong brewed tea” to take us on to a new place, one where we feel the heaviness of life is felt alongside its brevity and abundance and in that momentary swell, a sense of all we might hope or imagine ourselves to be. Time and boundaries almost fall away and for a moment we are that brilliant light.

This poem feels to me like a poem of presence, and at the same time transitional, like being on a kind of threshold teetering one way or the other. It feels like an end of summer poem, summer both the literal and metaphoric sense. A poem that relishes, breathes and exhales a lifetime of experiences and settles into a pause, before the next season settles in, with its own sweetness, uncertainty, and promise.

TO FOLLOW THE LIGHT ON DOWN

THROUGH STONE, THROUGH SUN

*follow sun
breaking through sky-edged mountains
into the heart of a stone fruit*

*apricot of tender skin
sweet as honey
light flowing through*

*honeycomb elegance
imagine perfect cells of wax
imagine gold chalices filled*

*filled with that which heals
an elixir of rest
rest from trials*

*judgeless trials
carried alone
in darkness*

*darkness like strong-brewed tea
murky water
mired over-steeped*

*the brevity of abundance
summer nights
short but brilliant*

*brilliant as the person
you want to be
dancing like a twilight-damsel fly*

*brilliant as the silver glint of light
bounced off the surface of rapidly flowing water
light that fractures granite*

— By Leigh Harder

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Leigh Gavin Harder is a poet, painter, avid gardener and retired teacher. Her writing is informed by the physical and spiritual places in which she finds herself. Stark and changing beauty, the interconnectedness of life and the possibility of joy found in the midst of devastation are recent and recurrent themes. Leigh has been published in local literary magazines, newspapers and publications and is currently working on a collection of poems focused on grief and epiphany.

PLAY

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17-year-old heart, Perry Peters — Charlie's best friend, classmate and basketball teammate who

on paper is his intellectual equal — is accepted.

Charlie is crushed and feels humiliated, but soon grows angry. After walking into the woods and screaming for four hours, he goes home and delivers a monologue longer than any Shakespeare ever wrote. He tries to figure out what happened. Was he not good enough? And was Perry accepted because he is Black? What does being Black mean anyway, and what about white? Who says who is white, and who is "of color"?

You don't need to be 17 to stumble on the complicated, confusing and constantly changing ways we think and talk about race. One way to handle the most impossible conversations is with humor, and the play is full of humor and wit — not jokes, but fast replies, zingy burns, and more than a few quotables. After listening to Charlie's screed, Bill, exasperated says, "Well. Looks like we successfully raised a Republican. Go us."

The play follows Charlie and his family over the coming months of the admissions year as they navigate the 21st century realities of black identity, white privilege, and well-meaning progressivism. Finally comes a maybe-happy surprise ending when we finally learn where Charlie might go to college. (Spoiler alert: Not Yale!)

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ADMISSIONS

By Joshua Harmon
Directed by Rebecca Strum

Oct. 7 & 8, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9, 2 p.m.

Oct. 13-15, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 16, 2 p.m.

All shows take place at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. For tickets and information, call 802-382-9222 or go to townhalltheater.org.

CAST:

Sherri Rosen-Mason.....Jena Necrason
Bill Mason.....John Nagle
Charlie Luther Mason..... Orlando Grant
Ginnie PetersAmy Brennan
Roberta.....Mary Adams Smith

"Admissions" has played to full houses in New York and London, but count on Middlebury Acting Company to add its own unique touches. When MACo engaged composer Peter Hamlin to create musical background and interludes for the show, he realized that Hillcrest needed its own alma mater song, so students could voice undying love for "the blue and green." The Middlebury College Choir, conducted by Ronnie Romano, recorded the song.

"What I was trying to do with the alma mater was resist the urge to make a parody," Hamlin said. "I hope it sounds enough like a real alma mater, while also underscoring the qualities of the

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prep school in the play that make it a vehicle for the satire. I'm hoping the music creates an atmosphere of the school and characters."

In America today, and even more so in a New England college town, the issues dramatized in "Admissions" aren't distant concerns. They are immediate, close-up and personal. To take part in a live discussion, led by Middlebury College's Dean of Admissions Nicole Curvin, stay after the Sunday, Oct. 9, performance. Curvin has long been active in higher education's unsteady path toward racial equity and diversity, and will offer an inside perspective on the complex topic. Even if you plan to see the play on any other of its other dates, you are still invited to take part in the Oct. 9 discussion, beginning around 3:30 p.m.



In the upcoming MACo production of "Admissions," John Nagle plays Bill, the head of school, Jena Necrason, plays Sheri, prep school admissions director, and Orlando Grant, as Charlie, their son. Becky Strum (pictured in back) directed the show.

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Edgewater Galleries welcome new work in two solo exhibits

October is a busy month at the Edgewater Galleries in Middlebury. Two solo shows will be opening on Friday, Oct. 7 with work by Kathleen Kolb and Ellen Granter.

"FRAGILE/FAMILIAR," a solo exhibition of new work by Kathleen Kolb, will be on view Sept. 27-Nov. 8, at Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row in Middlebury. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Contemporary realist painter Kathleen Kolb, presents a new collection of paintings that embody her study of light, exploration of sense of place and community, and her relationship with the specific

landscape of working Vermont.

"TIDAL," a solo exhibition of new paintings by Ellen Granter, will be on view Oct. 1-Nov. 15, at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, One Mill Street in Middlebury. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Ellen Granter continues her exploration of the New England coast and the wildlife that inhabits the waters, beaches, dunes and marshlands around her home. She chronicles the effect of the progression of the day and the changing seasons on the coastal landscape and its birdlife.

For more information about either exhibit or artist visit edgewatergallery.com.



"Rising" by Kathleen Kolb — \$10,100.



"Rolling" by Ellen Granter — \$4,000.



"Elders" by Kathleen Kolb — \$15,000.



"Catching Rainwater" by Ellen Granter — \$4,000.



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"Common Thread" featuring fabric and fiber art by Althea Bilodeau Lamb and Judith Reilly. While these two fabric/fiber artists had a similar introduction to "threads," their journey with them has led to two completely different worlds. On view Sept. 9-Nov. 6.

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.

"Tidal," a solo exhibition of new paintings by Ellen Granter, who chronicles the effect of the progression of the day and the changing seasons on the coastal landscape and its birdlife. On view Oct. 1-Nov. 15. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-6:30 p.m.

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.

"Fragile/Familiar," a solo exhibition of new work by Kathleen Kolb. This new collection of paintings embody her study of light, exploration of sense of place and community, and her relationship with the specific landscape of working Vermont. On view Sept. 27-Nov. 8. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5-6:30 p.m.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM

4472 Basin Harbor Rd, Vergennes

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"Nebizun: Water is Life." Water is essential for life and Nebizun (or Nebizon) is the Abenaki word for medicine. Work by Abenaki artists together with photographs and commentaries illustrate the dynamic relationship between the people and water in the Abenaki homeland, past and present. This exhibit will be on view through mid-October.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"The Life of Water" features photographs that capture the way water catches light, cuts through the earth, falls from the sky, changes form, and sustains or threatens life. Ann Jastrab juryied and curated this exhibition. She

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ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, others are counting on you this week, so you'll need to direct all of your attention toward a special project. Don't let distractions get in the way.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, rather than wishing for something to happen, figure out a plan to make it happen. Before taking action, consult with a few close friends for guidance.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. Someone may come to you this week with a problem asking for your advice. Gemini. It's tempting to react right away. However, take a few hours to mull things over.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. Someone at work may not agree with your point of view lately. Rather than cause friction, try to look at things through this person's perspective.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. The planets are trying to tell you to slow down and take a day off, Leo. You just have to listen more closely or you could run the risk of burnout in the days to come.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. It seems that you have been tasked with moving from one difficult situation into another one, Virgo. Find ways to set aside time strictly to unwind.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Keep careful track of your expenses, Libra. You may find that lately you have been going a bit overboard with

expenditures and not bringing in any extra money.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Maintain a positive outlook this week, Scorpio. Things may not go exactly according to plan, but that doesn't make it any less successful and satisfying.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Sagittarius, you may have to put others first for the next few days, particularly if you care for an elderly relative or a young child. It's a sacrifice worth making.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Capricorn, let another person lead a team or spearhead a project at work, even if you have an urge to take control. You can use a break from your responsibilities.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Aquarius, hands-on work not only helps save you some money, but also strengthens your skills. Think about a more DIY approach with your next project.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. Pisces, if life has been tedious and filled with analytical requirements as of late, take on a creative project that will work your brain in new ways.

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SEPT. 30 — Virgil Abloh, fashion designer (42)
OCT. 1 — Michaela Coel actress & screenwriter (35)
OCT. 2 — Brittany Howard, musician (34)

OCT. 3 — Stevie Ray Vaughn, musician (d)
OCT. 4 — Buster Keaton, actor and filmmaker (d)
OCT. 4 — Kate Winslet, actor (47)

CALENDAR

SEPT. 29 - OCT. 7
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

GUIDED HIKE ALONG NORTH BRANCH TRAIL TO VOTER BROOK OVERLOOK IN GOSHEN.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Meet at the Silver Lake Trail parking lot, Route 53. Enjoy a great hike along boulder-strewn Sucker Brook to the fabulous view at Voter Brook Overlook. A challenging 3-mile out-and-back hike. Blaze orange clothing items are encouraged for hunting season safety. More info at brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

BLYDEN B. JACKSON JR.'S POSTHUMOUSLY RELEASED NOVEL, "FOR ONE DAY OF FREEDOM," VIRTUAL LECTURE.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m., Zoom. "For One Day of Freedom" is an epic tale of a young man's attempt to escape slavery. Blyden was a civil rights activist in the 1960s who made his home in Vermont from 1981 to 2002. Join Rokeby Museum and Treleven Farm for a discussion about the book led by contributors to Jackson's final publication and the book's publisher. Free. Pre-registration is required. More info at rokeby.org.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

GUIDED HIKE ALONG HOG BACK MOUNTAIN LOOP IN GOSHEN.

Friday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-

12:30 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Ripton Goshen Rd. Enjoy an easy to moderate 4-mile loop. Pass through woods, wild blueberry fields, and enjoy spectacular views of surrounding mountains. Wear bug spray and close-toed shoes. Blaze orange clothing items are also encouraged for hunting season safety. For more info email brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY OPENING EXHIBIT IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Sept. 30, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace Gallery, 3 Park St. An opening reception for "The Life of Water," which runs from Wednesday, Sept. 28, through Friday, Oct. 21.

BURLINGTON TAIKO IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, Sept. 30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center back lawn, 72 Porter Field Rd. Prepare to be mesmerized by the powerful, spellbinding, and propulsive sounds of the Taiko drums. Come early on Friday to follow a parade from the center of campus starting at 3:30 p.m. All ages. Rain or shine. Free.

SUNSET PICNIC, LIVE MUSIC, AND GAMES AT TAM OTTER CREEK GORGE IN WEYBRIDGE.

Friday, Sept. 30, 5:30-7 p.m., use the northern parking area on Morgan Horse Farm Rd. Campfire, live music, and a beautiful sunset — these are the ingredients for a magical evening with friends and family. Join MALT at Otter

Creek Gorge for a gorgeous evening featuring violinist Nathan L'Heureux. Bring a picnic blanket and snacks to enjoy in the field. We'll supply the campfire, music, and a selection of some of MALT's finest outdoor games for kids and families to enjoy. Free. Donations appreciated. Rain date Oct. 13. No bathroom facilities on site. Plan accordingly.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND AT ROBERT COMPTON POTTERY IN BRISTOL.

Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2., Robert Compton Pottery, 2662 N 116 Rd. Celebrate Vermont Craft Council's 30th Anniversary and Robert Compton's 50th Anniversary of making stoneware pottery. Tour his studio and kilns and shop for his pottery and Christine's handwoven scarves and shawls. Located five miles north of Bristol village. More info at 802-453-3778 or robert@robertcomptonpottery.com.

VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND BRISTOL MIDDLEBURY LOOP.

Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2. Participating studios include Robert Compton Pottery, Deborah Holmes Watercolors, weaver Chris Homer, 7th Circle Glass Works, Van Vliet Arts, Alice Eckles Studio and Mike Mayonne Fine Art. More info and locations at vermontcrafts.com/vergennes-bristol-middlebury.

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091

MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION: P.O. Box 785, Middlebury, Vt. 05753

Please see the MCTV website, www.middleburycommunitytv.org, for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.

<p>MCTV Channel 1071 Friday, Sept. 30 Public Affairs - Through the Night 6 a.m. The News Project 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Vote for Vermont 7:30 p.m. The Montpelier Happy Hour 8:30 p.m. Addison County Sheriff Election Forum</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Sheriff Election Forum 6:30 a.m. The News Project 8:30 a.m. Vote for Vermont 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 3 p.m. Energy Week 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. VT Community Leadership Conference 8:35 p.m. Sheriff Election Forum</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 5 a.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 6 a.m. Vote for Vermont 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Energy Week</p>	<p>11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 1 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 8:30 p.m. Sheriff Election Forum 9:05 p.m. Public Affairs - Through the Night</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 3 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Vote for Vermont 6 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 7 p.m. Vermont Humanitarian Forum 9:30 p.m. Sheriff Election Forum</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 4 5 a.m. Energy Week 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 5 4 a.m. VT Humanitarian Forum 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 6 p.m. Sheriff Election Forum</p>	<p>7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 6 5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Service 12 p.m. Selectboard, Press Conf., Public Affairs 8 p.m. Energy Week 9 p.m. Eckankar 9:30 p.m. VT Humanitarian Forum</p> <p>MCTV Channel 1091 Friday, Sept. 30 7:30 a.m. Growing Bright Futures - Akshata Nayak 8 a.m. Wednesday Night Live 9:35 a.m. Book Talk - "The Nation We Knew" 10:10 a.m. Sheldon Museum Talk - Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 11:30 a.m. OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute - Writing and Memory 12:03 p.m. School Board Meetings 4:30 p.m. Book Talks 7 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 12 a.m. All Brains Belong 4:50 a.m. Wednesday Night Live</p>	<p>6:35 a.m. "The Nation We Knew" 7 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen 7:35 a.m. Kid's Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 1 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Live 7:35 a.m. "The Nation We Knew" 8 p.m. Sheldon Museum Talk 10:30 p.m. GMALL - Forecasting the MidTerms</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 5 a.m. All Things LGTQ 6 a.m. All Brains Belong VT 8:30 a.m. School Boards 2 p.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 2:50 p.m. The Artful Word 3:57 p.m. OSHER - Writing and Memory 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Festival on the Green 8 p.m. All Brains Belong VT</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 3 6 a.m. Yoga 7 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 12 p.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 12:50 p.m. Forecasting the MidTerms 5:40 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 7 p.m. School Board Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 4 5 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen</p>	<p>5:32 a.m. The Artful Word 6:30 a.m. School Board Meetings 11 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 12 p.m. Forecasting the MidTerms 7:30 a.m. Growing Bright Futures 8 p.m. Sheldon Museum Talk - Meet the Collectors</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 5 8 a.m. Wednesday Night Live 9:35 a.m. Meet the Collectors 11:30 a.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 7 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 8:19 p.m. All Brains Belong VT</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 6 12 a.m. All Brains Belong VT 6 a.m. Bill Mares: Bees Besieged 7 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen 7:35 a.m. Kid's Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 1 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Festival on the Green 7:35 p.m. Growing Bright Futures 9 p.m. Book Talks</p>
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VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND ORWELL BRANDON LOOP. Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2. Participants include Dancing Ear Design, Caleb Kenna Photography, Judith Reilly Studio and Gallery, The Brandon Artists Guild, Joan Curtis, Vermont Gallery of Folk Art — Warren Kimble, Robin Kent, Medana Gabbard, Muffy K G Art and Mud Puppy Pottery. More info and locations at vermontcrafts.com/orwell-to-brandon-loop.

DEAD CREEK WILDLIFE DAY IN ADDISON. Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Route 17. Activities for people who enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, or learning about Vermont's diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Bird banding demonstration at 7 a.m. Dead Creek WMA headquarters will open at 9:30 a.m. featuring wildlife-related exhibits and activities such as decoy carving, building bluebird boxes and nature crafts. Visitor Center open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring displays about conservation and wildlife management in Vermont.

MUSHROOM WALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, Wright Park. Interested in mushrooms that grow in the wild? Join naturalist, mycologist and professional photographer Meg Madden for a curiosity walk along the Wright Park hiking trails. Appropriate for all ages. Wear appropriate footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water. No bathrooms on site. Cost \$15 adult MALT member/\$20 non-member, under 18 \$10 member/\$15 non-member. Register at maltvt.org/events. Maximum of 20 people.

GUIDED MEDITATIVE WALK IN RIPTON. Saturday, Oct. 1, 10-11:30 a.m., Robert Frost Interpretive Trail. Route 125. A relaxed, reflective walk through wood and wetland. Walk will include a guided walking meditation practice. The trail is ADA accessible and rated easy. Wear bug spray and close-toed shoes. More info at brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING MIGRANT WORKERS FESTIVAL IN NEW HAVEN. Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., town green. Come to this community festival celebrating the contributions of migrant farmworkers to New Haven and Addison. Traditional Mexican music, Latin American food for purchase, a cartooning exercise, crafts, stories and

games for the kids and information booths as well as handwoven baskets fundraising sale.

GUIDED HIKE AND PLEIN AIR PAINTING AT VOTER BROOK OVERLOOK IN GOSHEN. Saturday, Oct. 1, 1-4 p.m. Hike to a beautiful overlook of wildflowers and the Adirondack Mountains, and spend an hour making art before heading back. Watercolor supplies and basic instruction provided. Hike is rated moderate and about 3 miles roundtrip. Space is limited; email hike leader Jill at brooks.jill96@gmail.com to sign up.

ZIG-ZAG ISSUE.13 RELEASE PARTY IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Oct. 1, 1-3 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Our cheery late-summer optimism got the best of us with our outdoor location, so we've reconvened at the Bixby. Free and open to the public. Mingling, refreshments, and issues for sale culminating in a reading from the new issue at 1:30.

BURLINGTON TAIKO IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2 and 3 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center back lawn, 72 Porter Field Rd. See Sept. 30 listing.

JUSTIN LAPOINT PERFORMS IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Oct. 1, 5-7 p.m., 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.

MICHELE FAY BAND IN BRANDON, **CANCELED.** Saturday, Oct. 1, Brandon Town Hall.

PATTI CASEY AND COLIN MCCAFFREY IN SALISBURY. Saturday, Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Patti Casey and Colin McCaffrey, two of Vermont's most treasured musicians, will perform as a fundraiser for the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas. Tickets \$22, available at VtHerpAtlas.org or \$25 at the door. Limited seating. More info at VtHerpAtlas.org.

ELI WEST AND JOE K. WALSH IN LINCOLN. Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. Two of the finest acoustic musicians of their generation share the stage at The Ripton Community Coffee House at

Burnham Hall. Admission \$15 general/generous \$20-\$25 or pay what you can. Tickets at rcch.org or at the door. More info at rcch.org, rcchfolks@gmail.com or 802-388-9782.

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

GUIDED HIKE AND STORY TIME AT SILVER LAKE IN GOSHEN. Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., meet at the Silver Lake trailhead, Route 53. Hike along an old forest road to story time on the shores of a peaceful mountain lake. Hike is rated moderate and features 700 feet of elevation gain. Story time is intended for children ages 5-10, but all are welcome. Be sure to wear bug spray, close-toed shoes and bring plenty of water. More info at brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

GUIDED HIKE OF MT. MOOSALAMOO IN GOSHEN. Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Moosalamoo campground, Ripton-Goshen Rd. Climb the mountain at the heart of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. An energetic, moderate hike through the Fall woods, about 5 miles out and back, for about 3.5 hours. Blaze orange clothing items are encouraged for hunting season safety. Email Jill at brooks.jill96@gmail.com for more info.

MONDAY, OCT. 3

"OVERSTORY" DISCUSSION ON THE TAM IN MIDDLEBURY. Monday, Oct. 3, 5-6:15 p.m., meet at the Otter Creek Gorge parking area, Morgan Horse Farm Road TAM. In the first of two sessions, we will discuss the first half of "The Overstory," by Richard Powers. Simon from MALT will lead us on a 5 minute easy walk to his favorite tree where we will discuss the book. Bring your camp chair and meet us at the TAM. Register here. At ilsleypubliclibrary.org/overstory-discussion.

NIGHTS OF GRIEF AND MYSTERY IN VERGENNES. Monday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. A storyteller. A singer. A band. An evening of mongrel sorrow, dappled by magic and wonder, fringed with regard for the gift of the tongue, harkening and hortatory and bardic and greying, steeped in mortal mystery. Tickets \$49, available at orphanwisdom.com/event/nights-of-grief-mystery-2022-tour-burlington.

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The Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas will host Patti Casey and Colin McCaffrey for a fundraising concert to benefit the Atlas. The concert will be at the Salisbury Congregational Church (853 Maple Street in Salisbury) on Saturday, Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m. Tickets cost \$22 (\$23.32 after sales tax); price at the door will increase to \$25 (\$26.50 with tax), cash only. Guests are encouraged to buy tickets in advance at VtHerpAtlas.org. The location only holds 140 people, so reserve your seat early.

Casey and 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 are native Vermonters.

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PATTI CASEY & COLIN MCCAFFREY

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.

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.

The Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas

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VERGENNES OPERA HOUSE OPENS 2022-2023 SEASON WITH 'BRASS & REEDS'

Brass & Reeds is the umbrella name the all-volunteer Friends of the Vergennes Opera House has given to their season opening show, which takes place on Friday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The Brass & Reeds show features three bands that are poised to raise the acoustic richness of the historic theater to new heights. The evening includes the Calamellus Trio, the Dead Creek Reeds, and the Champlain Brass Quintet.

“This concert was practically made-to-order,” said Gerianne Smart, President of the Friends of the Vergennes Opera House. “This historic theater reacts warmly and vibrantly to acoustic music; indeed it was made for this type of

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gathers and disseminates data on the reptiles and amphibians of Vermont in a way that involves and informs Vermont individuals and organizations so that they can become more informed and effective stewards of wildlife habitat. Jim Andrews, Kate Kelly and Matt Gorton will all be at the concert — come meet Team Herp. More details and tickets are available at VtHerpAtlas.org.

Pianist Clayton Stephenson kicks off Middlebury Performing Arts Series' season on Saturday, Oct. 8

Fresh from the Van Cliburn Competition finals, pianist Clayton Stephenson makes his Vermont debut on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall. This first concert of the Middlebury Performing Arts Series '22-'23 season boasts an opulent program including Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Schumann's *Carnaval*, and Beethoven's “Appassionata” sonata. At the young age of 23, Stephenson has already garnered national and international attention for his musicianship, and he is also impressive in the academic arena — he's currently pursuing joint degrees at both Harvard and the New England Conservatory.

The concert is open to on- and off-campus audiences and will also be streamed.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Growing up in New York City, Stephenson found musical inspiration in community programs. As he describes it, the “3rd Street

Music School jump-started my music education; the Young People's Choir taught me phrasing and voicing; the Juilliard Outreach Music Advancement Program introduced me to formal and rigorous piano training, which enabled me to get into Juilliard Pre-College; the Morningside Music Bridge validated my talent and elevated my self-confidence; the Boy's Club of New York exposed me to jazz; and the Lang Lang Foundation brought me to stages worldwide and transformed me from a piano student to a young artist.”

Stephenson now studies in the Harvard-NEC Dual Degree Program, pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics at Harvard and a master's degree in piano performance at the New England Conservatory under Wha Kyung Byun. And his accolades along the way have been bountiful: 2022 Gilmore Young Artist, 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award,



Pianist Clayton Stephenson, fresh from the Van Cliburn Competition finals, will play a concert of Mussorgsky, Schumann, and Beethoven on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Mahaney Arts Center.

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Gheens Young Artist, Young Scholar of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, a jury discretionary award at the 2015 Cliburn

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PUZZLES

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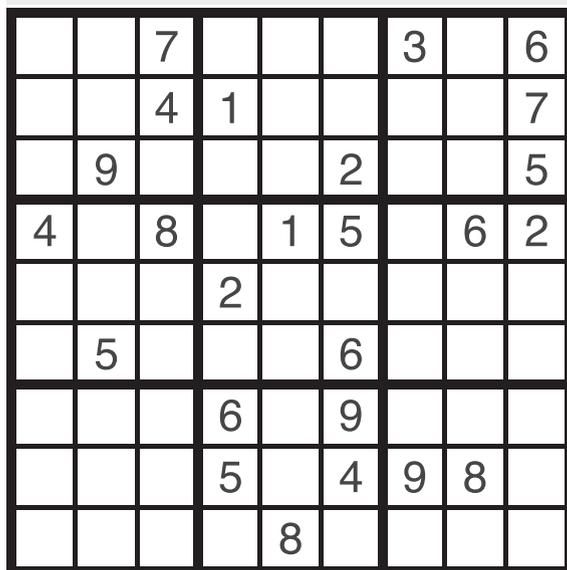
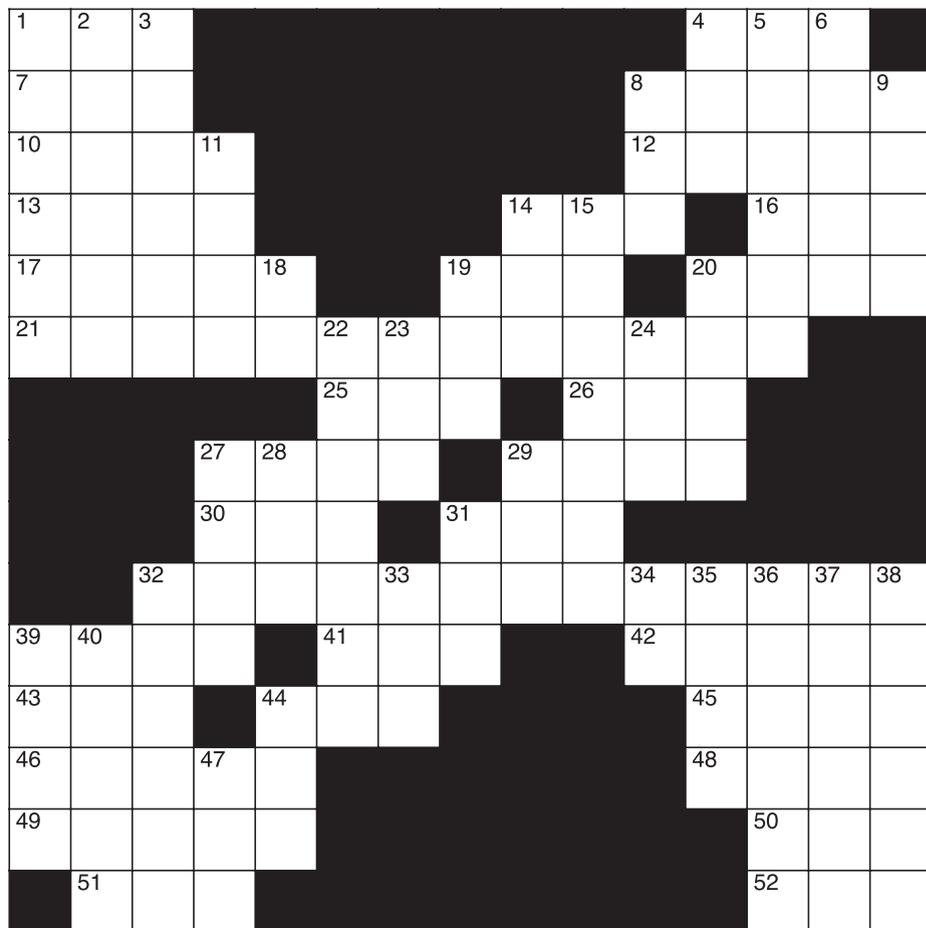
- 1. Taxi
- 4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
- 7. Before the present
- 8. They burn in a grill
- 10. Enough (archaic)
- 12. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- 14. Napoleonic Wars battle
- 16. Chinese surname
- 17. Fragrant essential oil
- 19. Follows sigma
- 20. Model

- 21. A place with many dining options
- 25. BBQ dish
- 26. Corn comes on it
- 27. A sheep in its second year
- 29. Triad
- 30. They __
- 31. Actor DiCaprio
- 32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
- 39. Sustenance
- 41. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
- 43. A way to take in liquids
- 44. Gene type
- 45. The Miami

- mascot is one
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Casino machine
- 49. Contains cerium
- 50. Something with a letter-like shape
- 51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 52. Legendary actress Ruby

DOWN

- 1. Conqueror
- 2. Kin relation
- 3. Increases the value of
- 4. Pack
- 5. Popular nut
- 6. Dogs' enemies



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

- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Unpleasant person
- 11. Come again?
- 14. Beverage container
- 15. Rock formation
- 18. Dorm official
- 19. The bill in a restaurant
- 20. Type of jug
- 22. Importance requiring swift action
- 23. Outfit
- 24. Small Eurasian deer
- 27. Weight used in China
- 28. A major division of geological time
- 29. Popular beverage
- 31. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 32. Practical joking
- 33. Pouchlike structure
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Stopped discussing
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Candymaker
- 39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- 40. Northern sea duck
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Cannot be found

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.



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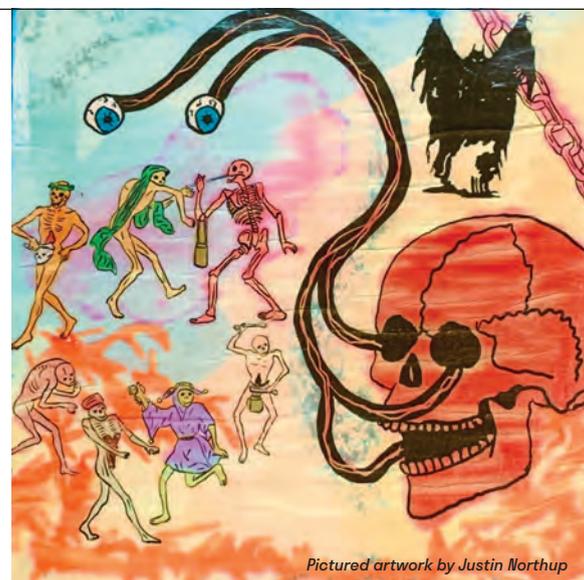
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CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

"THE REPRESENTATION OF JAPANESE CULTURE IN COMIC BOOKS FROM THE AMERICAS: FROM ORIENTALIST NARRATIVES TO NEW GLOBALIZED AESTHETICS" ILLUSTRATED LECTURE IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m., Franklin Environmental Center, Hillcrest 103. Enrique Garcia, associate professor of Hispanic Visual Culture, and chair of the Luso-Hispanic Studies Department at Middlebury College, gives this presentation in conjunction with the exhibit "No Ocean Between Us: Art of Asian Diasporas in Latin America & the Caribbean, 1945-Present."

THURSDAY, OCT. 6

"IS IT REALLY ETHAN ALLEN'S CAVE?" hike in Salisbury. Thursday, Oct. 6, 10-11 a.m., Branbury State Park, Route 53. Enjoy learning a bit about Vermont's role in the Revolutionary War while on a fun ramble to Ethan Allen's Cave, a 1.5-mile, out-and-back hike rated easy to moderate. Hike includes uneven terrain and is steep at times. Meet at Branbury State Park entrance station. Park entry fee is \$5. More info at brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

"ABOLITION AND THE PRESS: THE MORAL STRUGGLE AGAINST SLAVERY" LECTURE IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m., Axinn Center, Middlebury College, Old Chapel Rd. Distinguished professor Ford Risley will explore how abolitionist newspapers played an essential role in opposing slavery in the decades before the Civil War. Free. Registration required. More info at rokeby.org.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7
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SALISBURY. Friday, Oct. 7, 1-3:30 p.m., Branbury State Park, Route 53. Come along for a 1.5-mile hike to see how many different macroinvertebrates we can find in a stream and see a beautiful waterfall. Hike is rated moderate, includes uneven terrain and some scrambling. Wear close-toed shoes and bug spray and be prepared to wade in a stream. Hike meets at Branbury State Park entrance station. Park entry \$5. More info at brooks.jill96@gmail.com.

ART OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Oct. 7, 5-6:30 p.m., Edgewater on the Green, 6 Merchants Row. An opening reception for Kathleen Kolb's solo show, "Fragile/Familiar."

"ADMISSIONS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See story page 1.

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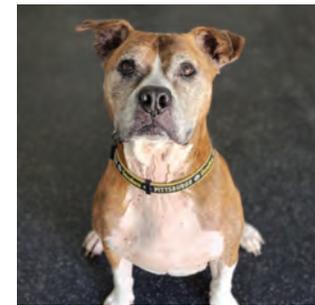
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Scooby is an 11-year-old, happy-go-lucky senior who is constantly wagging his tail! He absolutely loves being around people and has previously lived with children. Scooby likes yard playtime and is dog friendly. He loves his food and is currently on a fish diet due to skin issues. Scooby is strong but walks well on a leash. You will find him playing with his toys or rolling around in his blankets in his kennel. Every day is a happy day according to Scooby!

Thelma came to the shelter as a stray. She is a 1.5-year-old loving, playful girl with a lot of energy. Thelma gets nervous on walks and wants to come back to the shelter quickly. She is more confident around her sister, Louise, and will gladly go for walks with her. Thelma is dog friendly and loves being around people. She's food-motivated and loves her toys! She is not housebroken and would benefit from a home with a fenced-in yard so she can be encouraged to go potty outside.



Baloo is a very sweet yet nervous 2-year-old. He is very talkative and stressed from being in the shelter environment. Baloo gets along well with the cats in his room but is hesitant about moving around too much. He doesn't seem to know how to play like a normal cat but he loves his treats. Baloo would take a longer time to adjust to a new home than some other cats and he will need time to gain some confidence.

Clawdia is a gorgeous 6-year-old who is very affectionate and relaxed. She lounges in her bed most of the time and doesn't seem to care about hustle and bustle of the shelter. She gets along with other cats, but we are unsure about dogs.



Olivia is a playful and affectionate 4-year-old. She loves interactive toys and we think she would make a good mouser. Olivia came in as a stray and may want to explore being an indoor/outdoor gal. She tolerates other cats but is also a bully. She might do best as the only cat. Dogs have been scary to her but she may be okay with a slow introduction to the right dog.

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Performers include:

Calamellus Trio — Margaret Roddy on clarinet, Lisa Hoyt on bassoon, and Ruby Brezinsky on oboe.

The Dead Creek Reeds — Steve Sawyer on soprano saxophone, Noelle Rose on alto saxophone, Larry Maier on tenor saxophone, and Jennifer Murdock on baritone saxophone.

Champlain Brass Quintet — on trumpet Dean Williams and Jim Lanpher, Sue O'Daniel on French horn, Dave Tatlock on trombone and Bill Bowers on tuba.

Tickets are \$10 each in advance or at the door. Doors to the venue open at 6:30 p.m. with a cash wine and beer bar. To reserve tickets, visit VergennesOperaHouse.org.

As always, 100% of the ticket sales go toward the continued operations and renovations of the Vergennes Opera House, with a special focus this year on the "All Access Project." Information on the All Access Project as well as the full slate of performances scheduled for the 2022-2023 Vergennes Opera House season can be found at VergennesOperaHouse.org.

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He has performed as a guest artist with orchestras including the Calgary Philharmonic, Chicago Sinfonietta, Louisville Symphony, Augusta Symphony, Colour of Music Festival, and Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestras. On the 69th U.N. Day, Stephenson played with the International Youth Orchestra at the United Nations General Assembly Hall.

Fluent in the Mandarin Chinese language, Stephenson's extracurricular study included Jazz at the Boys' Club of New York and devoting himself to sharing his knowledge and good fortune with children in East Harlem.

See Stephenson perform live at the Mahaney Arts Center's Olin C. Robison Concert Hall on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (with assigned seating) are \$25 for the general public, \$20 for Middlebury faculty/staff and alumni, \$10 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) are required; masks are welcome. The concert will also be streamed, and will remain available online for a 48-hour window. Streaming tickets are \$15, or \$5 for students (and all in-person tickets include access to the stream.) For tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, call 802-443-MIDD (6433) or visit middlebury.edu/arts.

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The Mahaney Arts Center hosts the live performance event Cocoon, inspired by the popular storytelling phenomenon "The Moth," on Friday, Oct. 7, at Robison Hall. This year's 10th anniversary edition, on the theme of "Lost and Found," will feature storytellers drawn from the on- and off-campus community, including Middlebury College students Seth Brown '24, Frankie Shiner '23, and Grace Sokolow '24; Associate Professor of Religion Ata Anzali; and two community members:

Marlon Hyde of Vermont Public, and Rainwalker Winterpainter. A public reception in the lobby will follow the presentation.

Middlebury Moth-Up producers Elissa Asch '24.5 and Kristen Morgenstern '24 will host, with Mahaney Arts Center Technical Director Mark Christensen providing the musical interludes. This community-wide event is produced by the Middlebury Moth-Up in partnership with the Mahaney Arts Center and Director Liza Sacheli.

Cocoon will begin at 8 p.m. in the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) are required; masks are welcome. For mature audiences. Tickets are \$15 for the general public; \$10 for Middlebury College ID card holders; \$8 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students. This event will also be streamed, with access priced at \$10, or \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, call 802-443-MIDD (6433) or visit go.middlebury.edu/arts.

EXHIBITS

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selected 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for display in PhotoPlace's online gallery. On view Sept. 28-Oct. 21.

"Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage." Artists from Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Ukraine, and several US states created collages to explore how the archival material expresses an aspect of a community. On view Sept. 2 through Jan. 7, 2023.

"The Orwell Artists" featuring work by 11 artists, with artwork spanning pottery, to collage, to painting and more. On view Sept. 10-Oct. 15.

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