



New eye

A Bristol photographer uses her camera to see familiar scenes in a new way. See Arts + Leisure.



Fit to be tied

The Eagle and Tiger girls played on Saturday, and both came away with something. See Page 1B.



Four legs

Middlebury College's Equestrian team hosted a meet at the Eddy Farm. See Page 18A.

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MAUSD board split on merger with ANWSD

Board chair provides tie-breaking vote of support

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Mount Abraham Unified School District Board members were split on Tuesday on whether to adopt a resolution in support of the Merger Study Committee's recommendation that the MAUSD and Addison Northwest School District merge to address declining enrollment and rising cost of operations in both districts. The board ultimately voted in favor, 6-5, of adopting the resolution, with board chair

Dawn Griswold supplying the tie-breaking vote.

Board members also talked about possibilities for the future of the district's relationship with Lincoln and discussed the merger proposal with members of the Mount Abraham Education Association, the district's teachers' union.

MERGER RESOLUTION

Nearly an hour of Tuesday's meeting was devoted to discussing the question of whether to adopt a resolution expressing support for the

proposed merge of the MAUSD and ANWSD. Voters in the MAUSD and ANWSD will vote on whether to merge on Nov. 8, with early and absentee voting available by requesting local ballots through town clerks.

The drafted resolution acknowledged the Merger Study Committee's findings that a merged "Addison North" district would help preserve programming and services for students in both districts in the face of continued declining

enrollment, and evoked the MAUSD board's support of these findings. During discussion, board members split on whether to adopt the resolution.

Some board members weren't keen on adopting the resolution, largely due to proposed articles of agreement relating to potential school closures in the merged district. Those articles of agreement provide that after the first four years of operation, a school in the merged district could be closed by a two-thirds vote of the school board and two-thirds vote of the entire district.

This is a shift from the MAUSD's Articles of Agreement that prohibit the closure of a school without approval from the voters of the town hosting that school.

"I think that the town vote issue is extremely

(See MAUSD, Page 19A)

Cannabis goes on sale New Middlebury store cashing in

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Business was blooming this past weekend at downtown Middlebury's FLORA, a fully licensed and permitted cannabis retail shop that opened to brisk traffic as Vermont's cannabis retail law took effect on Oct. 1. As of that date FLORA was only one of three such fully licensed and permitted ventures.

FLORA co-owner Dave Silberman estimated 1,000 people hailing from at least

eight different states and Canada walked through the store's doors at 2 Park St. during its opening weekend to survey and purchase cannabis flower and an assortment of related products, including tinctures, edibles, beverages, topicals and CBD items.

At one point, the line of customers on Saturday, Oct. 1, stretched from FLORA's front door all the way up Park Street, almost to the Cross Street

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23-year-old has joined shire town selectboard

Gogarty is also a
Middlebury teacher

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — She's been called a sparkplug, a student, a coach, a mentor, an educator and a member of Generation Z.

Now, at the tender age of 23, Isabel "Izzy" Gogarty has collected yet another moniker: Middlebury selectperson.

Gogarty, now in her third year as a wellness teacher at Middlebury Union Middle School, was among five local residents vying to replace incumbent selectboard member Esther Charlestin, who last month moved out of town and thus had to resign her position.

Gogarty and fellow selectboard

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Fall golden hour

MOTHER NATURE HAS been painting up a storm in Addison County, many parts of which are boasting stunning fall foliage colors. This photo offers a tableau of vibrant yellows, oranges and reds surrounding Route 30 and Cider Mill Road in Cornwall, with Snake Mountain in the background, on the upper left. See more fall foliage photos on Page 17A.

Photo by Haakon Olsen

Starksboro exploring town solar

By MARIN HOWELL

STARKSBORO — The pavilion currently being built behind Starksboro's town clerk's office could one day be the location of more than community events and recreational activities. The Starksboro Energy Committee is exploring the possibility of placing solar panels on the pavilion's roof once it's completed, along with studying other options for meeting the town's electricity needs through solar.

The town of Starksboro currently owns six solar trackers that provide roughly 80% of the electricity used by the town's nine municipal buildings. Starksboro Energy Committee Chair Richard Faesy said the committee has routinely discussed how to cover more of the town's electricity use and support additional future

(See Solar, Page 19A)

Women's clothing store opens doors

'Middleton' fills major void on Main Street

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The words "dejected," "crestfallen" and "disappointed" pretty much described how Lisa Phelps was feeling two years ago when the Mendy's clothing, jewelry and accessories store closed its doors at 66 Main St. in downtown Middlebury.

"I remember watching (Mendy's) close and inside of me a voice was saying, 'I have to fill that space,'" she recalled during a recent interview. "My community is important to me. And clothing stores are usually in the top 10 of what make a strong local downtown."

But Phelps — owner of the popular "Parlour" salon & spa at 57 Main St. — knew she couldn't launch a new clothing store on her own. So she proceeded to lobby her good friend Elissa Kestner to play a major role in the venture. Kestner owns and operates two "Monelle Vermont" clothing and lifestyle boutiques, one in Shelburne, the other in Burlington.

Phelps made her pal a downtown Middlebury promotional pitch that would make the Chamber of Commerce proud, and Kestner agreed to partner on "Middleton," which calls itself "a clothing & lifestyle boutique for the smart and stylish woman."

The clincher came when Phelps and Kestner secured a \$20,000 Kick Start grant through the Better Middlebury Partnership.

"I probably wouldn't have done this if it wasn't for Kick Start," Phelps acknowledged.

Middleton carries an assortment of women's apparel, denim, tops and T-shirts, sweaters, outerwear, lingerie and loungewear from such companies as

(See Middleton, Page 16A)

VTrans explains flight counts at Middlebury airport

By JOHN FLOWERS

EAST MIDDLEBURY — A long-range master plan that's in the works Middlebury State Airport has generated some local skepticism for its estimates of current and future flights leaving and arriving at the small airfield in East Middlebury.

Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) officials argue their counts aren't pulled out of the sky, but rather based on verifiable numbers of pilot radio communications.

VTrans contends the Middlebury Airport sees an average of 17 aircraft operations each day. An "operation" is defined as a takeoff or landing. And state officials are forecasting annual operations at the airport to grow from about 6,350 now to 6,677 by 2026; 6,962 by 2031; 7,259 by 2036; and 7,569 by 2041.

Middlebury Airport advocates are using those projections to help make their case for upgrades to what they believe are currently Spartan airport facilities. VTrans' long-range vision for the Middlebury Airport includes the potential addition of nine new aircraft hangars, lighting, an improved aircraft taxi-lane and a new road.

Meanwhile, neighbors of the local airfield are concerned the proposed upgrades will invite more airplane traffic — including the prospect of nighttime operations — meaning more noise and other intrusions into what is largely a residential area.

So how exactly does VTrans compute the airplane traffic that it expects to soar to loftier heights during the next 20 years?

The Independent posed that and other questions to Trini Brassard, assistant director of policy, planning and intermodal development for VTrans.

She said Vermont uses what's called the General Audio Recording Device (GARD) system for measuring operations in all the state's airports. The GARD system reflects each time someone "clicks" a communications radio related to aircraft arriving

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By the way

The 5 Town Partnership will be sponsoring "Share the Warmth: A Winter Outerwear Giveaway" on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bristol Town Green. Everyone is invited to come take whatever they need for the upcoming winter season. There will be winter coats, snow pants, winter boots, winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks, and it's all free. Organizers are in need of volunteers to help with the sorting of the items on Thursday, Oct. 20, in the basement of St. Ambrose Catholic Church next to the town green. Helpers are also needed to set up and take down the giveaway display on the day of the event. If you'd be willing to volunteer your time on one or both of those days, please

(See By the way, Page 16A)



LISA PHELPS, SHOWN here, has partnered with Elissa Kestner on a new women's clothing and accessories store called Middleton, located at 66 Main St. in downtown Middlebury. The owners say the store is off to a great start.

Independent photo/John Flowers

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Ferrisburgh targets ARPA funds for 1st responders, bridge

Other requests still being considered

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The Ferrisburgh selectboard on Oct. 4 voted to earmark about \$188,000 of the town's roughly \$800,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for pressing town needs: communications equipment for the town's fire and highway departments and repairs to a Monkton Road bridge.

Board Chair Jessica James said board members chose those three items on a list of eight requests, which totaled almost \$400,000, because they were the ones that most immediately benefited the greatest number of residents.

James said selectboard member Jim Benoit made the motion to approve those three items on the list.

"He said, 'Let's start with Ferrisburgh first,'" James said.

The board also noted, she said, the town so far has only about half of that \$800,000 of ARPA funding in hand, and it was reluctant to commit more until the money arrived.

Specifically at its Oct. 4 meeting, the board agreed to buy radio "repeaters" for the fire and highway departments, dedicating \$19,825 for the fire department unit and \$10,000 for the highway department unit.

The bridge repair, with a price tag of \$158,000, will be done to a Monkton Road span.

Five other requests for ARPA funding will remain under consideration for future funding.

Those are: John Graham Shelter, \$11,386 for renovations to its housing stock; Turning Point Center, \$ 38,975 for a proposal to renovate and occupy a Middlebury building; the Vergennes-Panton Water District, \$100,000 for upgrades to its lines in Ferrisburgh; Addison County Housing Coalition, \$10,500 for housing assistance for those in need; and Maple Broadband, \$50,000.

Maple Broadband, the county's nonprofit high-speed internet provider, has already received \$50,000 in Ferrisburgh ARPA funds and has begun its build-out phase. That work has focused largely on the county's southwestern quadrant.

PROJECT DETAILS

Ferrisburgh Fire Chief Bill Wager and Road Foreman John Bull explained the need for and benefits of the new repeaters.

The fire department repeater will replace what Wager said is a 25-year-old unit on top of Mount Philo that is starting to fail and for which many replacement parts are unavailable.

Wager said all modern fire and rescue services have to have repeaters. According to Wikipedia, "A radio repeater is a combination of a radio receiver and a radio transmitter that receives a signal and retransmits it, so that two-way

radio signals can cover longer distances."

The town department's new repeater will enhance communication from the station to field units and the department's ability to reach out for aid from (and vice versa) and coordinate with other departments in emergency situations, Wager said.

The new unit, which Wager said is a modern unit with more capacity that will also go on top of Mount Philo, and it is on order.

"I'm hoping to have it soon," he said.

The existing unit has served not only Ferrisburgh, but also acts as a backup repeater for surrounding fire and emergency services, most often Shelburne, Wager said, and the new one will do so more effectively.

"It's a no-brainer," Wager said of the purchase. "It's something

that's going to serve thousands of people."

The highway department's repeater is already on hand, Wager added, and is being installed at the fire station because the building has automatic backup power in case of an emergency.

Bull is happy to have a new repeater, one that will enable full highway-to-truck and truck-to-truck communication the department's

among employees.

"All five of us can communicate," he said.

Bull said that communication is particularly vital to help department work together during snow-plowing and emergencies, such as flash-flooding of roads during heavy rains.

The upgrade will also be critical for an area — about a third of the town, according to Bull — that is a dead zone for the current system and offers only spotty cellphone coverage.

"Our trucks can talk to each other now," Bull said.

As for the bridge, Bull pinned down its Monkton Road location as just west of Dean Road, between that intersection and where Monkton Road meets Pea Ridge Road.

Bull said the project will be a "total rehabilitation" of the span. The bridge's deck and guard rails have failed, and both will be replaced. After the current deck is removed, the span's steel substructure will be sandblasted and repainted. He expects work to begin in April, and traffic to be one way during the project.

The project comes with a price tag of \$358,000, Bull said, and the Vermont Agency of Transportation had already awarded Ferrisburgh a \$200,000 grant for the work. Therefore, he said, earmarking the ARPA funding should mean no additional town funding need for the task, assuming all goes as planned.

Replacing the radio repeater for the fire department "is a no-brainer. It's something that's going to serve thousands of people."

— Ferrisburgh Fire Chief Bill Wager



MAIN STREET STATIONERY owner Greg Tomb and longtime store manager Paula Mayer were all smiles late last month after receiving a beautiful array of seasonal flowers as a thank you from a long-time friend of the store. The shop, which has been operating on Main Street in Middlebury for going on four decades, will close at the end of October.

Photo by Susan Humphrey

Closing of stationery store marks end of an era

MIDDLEBURY — Main Street Stationery will close its doors this month after a 36-year run selling paper and various office supplies/services under the ownership of Greg and Barbara Tomb at 40 Main St. in Middlebury.

The store's roots actually extend deeper than the Tombs; it began in 1975 as Middlebury Office Supply in the basement of what is now the Town Hall Theater building on Merchants Row. Rachel Codding launched the business,

eventually selling it to Bob Whittemore (who brought it to 56 Main St.). It was Whittemore who would in turn sold the business to Chris and Gloria Sheldon, before the Tombs took it over in 1986 and moved it to its final location.

The Tombs have enjoyed a loyal clientele, and store manager Paula Mayer is a familiar face as he has staffed the register up front for years.

The current owners expect to close on a

deal to sell the store by the end of October; the prospective buyer is finalizing his plans for the space.

While Tomb declined to be interviewed, he provided a brief statement to his customers.

"It is with mixed emotions that we find it is time to move on to new adventures," he wrote. "Thank you so very much for your support and friendship over the past 36 years."

Look for MUMS runners having fun with colors on Saturday

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — An ongoing effort to inject heavy doses of spirit and camaraderie into the Middlebury Union Middle School community will reach fever pitch this weekend with a first-ever, 2.07-mile "Color Fun Run" that will see students, parents and educators dash, walk and/or skip through town while being showered with a copious amount of colorful powder this Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Fun Run will tie a bow on a series of morale boosting activities that MUMS students have enjoyed during the past two weeks. Events included a "Team Spirit Day" on Sept. 30, during which students wore a piece of clothing from their favorite sports team; a "Character Day" on Oct. 7, when they came to classes attired as a favorite character from a book or movie; and "Country Western Day" on Oct. 13.

It should be noted that this month's school spirit activities have been about more than just frivolity. The dress-up days and Color Fun Run were also designed to promote wellness — both physical and emotional — along with a fundraising component. Students have been challenged to raise a combined \$8,000, money that will support future guest

speakers, performers, field trips and other educational/recreational amenities. As of this writing, the fundraising effort had eclipsed the \$7,900 mark.

In addition, area businesses have sponsored the Fun Run to the tune of \$6,000, both in money and in-kind donations, some of them destined for an independent raffle organized through Friends of MUMS to further support school activities.

"The (Fun Run) was intentionally chosen to provide a positive way for our school community to come together," explained Julie Barry, a MUMS parent and a leader of the "Friends of MUMS" group that has spearheaded the effort.

Amanda Young is another MUMS parent and coordinator of the Fun Run, an event that's been replicated, with great results, at schools throughout the country. Young heard a glowing review of Fun Run from a friend who's an elementary school teacher in Chicago.

"We were talking about how to promote healthy habits, citizenship in schools and how hard it's been since COVID to do those sorts of things with masks and social distancing," Young said.

She visited the "Color Run" website and learned more.

Typically, the Color Fun Run is a five-kilometer, untimed event. At each kilometer mark, participants are doused from head to toe in a different colored powder — a harmless corn starch. Students, each sporting Fun Run T-shirt, are barely recognizable when they cross the finish line looking like exploded pixie sticks.

The fun continues at a Finish Festival that usually includes music, dancing, photo ops, activity booths, vendors and more color throws.

A national Fun Run organization helps schools organize their races, set up their own Fun Run websites and channel donations — for a 10% cut of whatever is made through the fundraiser.

Young and fellow organizers were impressed with the setup and brought the idea to MUMS Co-principals Mike Dudek and Michaela Wisell, who endorsed the event.

Here's the current itinerary for the Oct. 15 event, according to mums.myfunrun.com:

Students arrive at MUMS 9 a.m. to receive their T-shirts, warm up, and engage in fun activities.

There will be a guided warmup with Jazzercise experts at 9:45 a.m.

A staggered start for the event begins at 10 a.m.

Certificates, pictures, refreshments and a celebration will be held at the Fun Run finish (at MUMS) beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The 2.07-mile MUMS Color Fun Run will begin and end at MUMS, hugging portions of the Otter Creek, the Trail Around Middlebury, Middle Road and Route 7. The route will include four color dousing stations.

Organizers are hoping the Color Fun Run becomes an annual event at MUMS.

"All of our schools need support like this," Young said.

Folks can make MUMS Fun Run donations even after the event has taken place, through mums.myfunrun.com. The website won't be dismantled until early November.

Parents and area businesses made a sizeable donation in resources and labor to the school even before children returned to MUMS this fall. Kids were greeted by a nifty outdoor classroom space dotted with large stone seats put in place by excavators. The stone seats came courtesy of the Carrara & Sons quarry, and DeBisschop Excavating did much of the heavy lifting.

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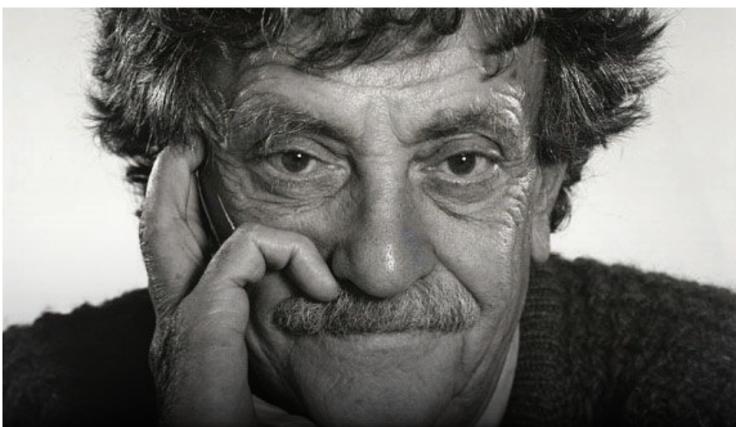
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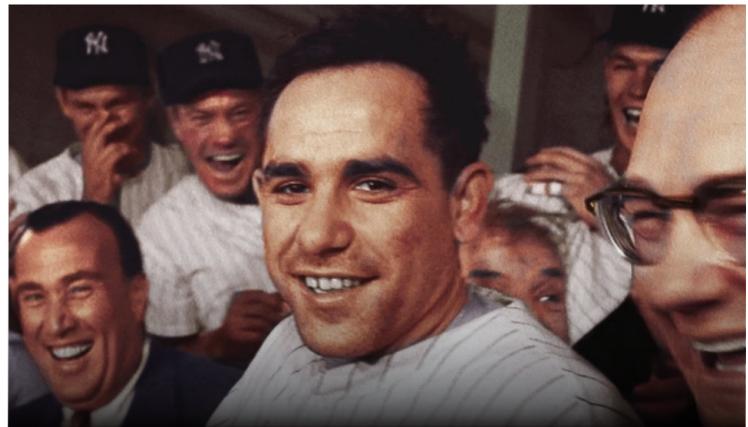
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Editorials

Why vote 'yes' on Proposal 5, Article 22? Because it's a woman's burden, not the state's

Voters confused about the purposely vague wording of Proposal 5, Article 22, the pro-choice amendment articulated by a large majority of Vermont's legislators, would do well to ignore the noise and focus on the principle being argued. That is, the amendment simply and plainly gives women personal control of their reproductive rights.

That is, no government, nor any court, can dictate what individuals can or can't do with their own bodies.

Those who are opposed to "big brother government" exercising control over the individual should rejoice at such a clear statement.

The confusion stems from well-intended residents who worry that the statement is too lax; that individuals will take those liberties too far for their comfort. They drum up the most egregious examples of "what if" and use that as a reason to argue against a provision that the vast majority of Vermonters agree with — that the individual, not the state, should dictate such personal choices.

We agree with the drafters of Article 22 that by keeping the wording simple and all-encompassing the principle of protecting one's reproductive liberty is best served. Women, not the state or the courts, are the best arbiters of their own reproductive system.

But in knowing that the amendment gives them the right to choose, we also know such a right comes with all the burdens and doubts it also encompasses. That's burden enough to keep the choices within societal norms — beyond which no laws will suffice in any case.

Angelo Lynn

Jones' guilty verdict is a victory for victims, but such speech still needs tighter controls

Today, families of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting that killed 20 first-graders and six teachers in 2012 were given a bit of justice. A jury ordered Infowars' owner Alex Jones to pay \$965 million to family members of eight victims of the shooting and an FBI agent, all of whom were harassed and threatened by right-wing conspiracy nuts who believed the incessant lies told on Jones' infamous program.

Jones has spent years falsely describing the Newtown, Conn. shooting as a government hoax and has accused the victims' families of being actors complicit in some far-fetched plot. That followers of Jones' show were glib enough to believe him is testament to how stupid, and insensitive, some American viewers have become.

But the victims' families may be waiting longer than they should for any payment. Jones has put the parent company of Infowars into bankruptcy, yet continues to air his program — just recently scoffing at the notion that the families will get the money the jury awarded them, while also imploring his viewers to send money to his legal defense fund. Are his followers that stupid? Well, consider that Jones makes about \$50 million annually hawking diet supplements, survivalist gear and gun paraphernalia on his broadcasts.

Jones' Infowars program has not only profited from spreading lies about the Sandy Hook massacre, but he's also profited and played a leading role in spreading lies about Pizzagate (the false claim that Democrats trafficked children from a Washington pizzeria (good grief, but yes, idiots actually believed that); the "great replacement theory" that ignited deadly neo-Nazi violence in Charlottesville, Va.; Covid vaccines lies; and Trump's big lie that the 2020 election was stolen leading to the violence at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

But here's the point: We're in trouble as a nation if our laws can't draw a distinction between responsible speech and speech that is deliberately false and reckless. We can't prevent people from lying, nor from those glib enough to throw their money away to unprincipled hucksters. But there has to be a reasonable burden to bear for the harm Jones has committed — not just in financial penalties, but in his ability to use public airways or mass digital or print distribution. Perhaps justice served will be if new laws crafted can reign in such madness.

Angelo Lynn



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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Middlebury's steeple is framed by red maple leaves in the Marble Works Business District this week.

Independent photo/Angelo Lynn

Why I've started talking to trees

About a year ago, I was invited to be a speaker on a scholarly panel that would address Richard Powers' much applauded novel, "The Overstory." Powers' novel had long been on my list, so I instantly said "yes." There's nothing like agreeing to speak at a conference to make you finally do the reading!

I didn't regret it. What carried the novel, for me, was that the trees were controlling the whole story. Collectively, they demonstrate intelligence and a cooperative spirit, ultimately emerging as the true protagonists of a vast, multi-generational tale. As Powers himself noted in a 2018 interview: "My goal [was] to treat trees as persons in their own dramatic narrative. ... At the core of the book [is] a rejection of human exceptionalism — the idea that we are the only things on earth with agency, purpose, memory ... or community." I join Powers in his critique of human exceptionalism and on those merits alone, I deem "The Overstory" to be a success.

But what has stayed with me since reading Powers' novel has less to do with fiction than the realities that underlie it. What really grabbed me were the truths

about trees that have become more familiar to me in the months surrounding my reading of Powers' book. First, there was Peter Wohlleben's "The Hidden Life of Trees" (2016). Next, there was Suzanne Simard's "In Search of the Mother Tree" (2021). Finally, I was led to Diana Beresford-Kroeger's

books, including her 2019 memoir, "To Speak for the Trees." Careful readers of my last column may remember that I had promised you a portrait of Beresford-Kroeger, so here it is!

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sentimental dreaming of an "emotional woman." The character of Westerford brought me to the real life and work of Beresford-Kroeger, whose scientific breakthroughs on plant hormones and bioluminescence were also met with sexist derision.

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Ways of Seeing

By Rebecca Kneale Gould



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Toaster purchase causes burnout

This fall, our household suffered a series of appliance failures. Among the casualties: our toaster.

I'll admit that compared to our other losses, its demise wasn't that big a deal. New toasters don't require two men to carry them in, and you can buy one without taking out a home equity loan.

But while a toaster, in itself, is a small thing, choosing one took a whole lot out of me.

When the lever snapped off our old toaster, my first thought was to run to the hardware store for a replacement. But I wanted to be sure I was getting the best toaster there was, one that would look good and work for 20 years or so. Was there such a machine?

In short: no.

I checked out various consumer testing websites. They agreed on the following: 1. All toasters, whether you pay \$20 or \$400, will toast things. 2. No matter the price, your toaster is not likely to make it past the five-year mark, so don't get too attached.

Most of these sites found consensus on the two top choices

out of hundreds. The "Budget" winner was an ugly \$23 model that outscored higher-priced competitors in even browning. The "Splurge" winner was an elegant and feature-rich \$349 model whose only drawback was that it toasted inconsistently, its performance dependent on such things as

around the bend

barometric pressure and sunspot activity.

Beyond professional ratings, I wanted to see what actual buyers thought. In checking customer reviews, however, I learned that actual buyers couldn't agree on anything. A toaster that engendered adoration in one person drove another into fits of rage.

Reviewer Frank P. said, "For

such a low price, I never expected a toaster to work so well, brown so beautifully or add such joy to my mornings. My life has meaning now."

But then Donna O. said, of the same model, "This piece of garbage only browns on one side and frequently shoots flames out the top. Anyone who buys this rip-off is an idiot."

For every toaster I looked at, the reviews were similarly divided between raves and pans. I couldn't even get a straight answer on whether to go with a steel or plastic housing.

Pat T. said, "I grabbed this all-metal toaster while it was toasting a raisin bagel, and I got severe burns on my fingers. Safety hazard!"

Crystal A. weighed in on her plastic model: "This toaster is so flimsy it flips over when I push the lever down too fast. But I can pick it up with my bare hands while it is on, and, unlike with my old metal toaster, I don't get blisters."

Without a search option capable of filtering out certain buyers, such (See Jessie, Page 7A)

Letters to the Editor

Compassion needed for accident victims

I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to whoever lost two horses in a road accident on Route 116 recently.

I have owned and fenced many horses in my life, and I can personally vouch for two things: 1. — To lose a horse in any sort of violent accident is a heart-breaking tragedy, and anyone who is going through the grief of it deserves the best of human decency and compassion. 2. — It is almost always possible for horses (or any other large animal) to get out accidentally, even from the best of fencing situations. Sometimes a tree falls on a fence and takes it down. Sometimes a bear panics horses through even the strongest electric wire. Sometimes the power goes out and the fence isn't electrified for a few hours.

The point is such a tragedy could happen to even the most conscientious and experienced horse owner, and I sincerely hope our community will react with empathy, compassion, and perhaps even direct personal communication instead of any judgmental alternative.

Nate Gusakov
South Starksboro

Bevere gets nod from colleague

I am writing in support of Peter Bevere for Addison County State's Attorney. Peter has been a longtime dedicated prosecutor in Vermont, currently in Rutland County, and before that Addison and Chittenden Counties.

During a hiatus from prosecutor's work, Peter joined my law firm as a practicing attorney. Clients, staff, and attorneys in our firm all enjoyed working with him and respected him. Peter is smart, hardworking, honest, and reasonable. I know he brings these same qualities to his work in the Addison County State's Attorney's Office.

Please join me in voting for Peter Bevere!

Kathleen M. Boe
Middlebury

For a different view, vote North

Dear Friends,

We cherish diversity in Vermont. Honor and respect for every individual is an important part of our daily lives. We're almost there. What is still missing in our representative legislature is diversity of thought and solutions. I'll be supporting Rob North for Addison 3 representative to balance legislative ideas without prejudice, to listen to constituents, and to approach potential legislation fairly, considering each diverse viewpoint.

Tim Buskey
Addison

Ayer supports Diane Lanpher

I was proud to vote for Diane Lanpher today to be one of my State Representatives, representing Addison, Panton, Ferrisburgh, New Haven, and Vergennes in Montpelier. I worked with her for ten years in the State House and was impressed with her work ethic, her grasp of complex programs that require state funding, and her honesty. Diane rose very quickly to leadership in the House in recognition of those characteristics.

Diane is the kind of legislator who sees disagreement as an opportunity. Understanding our people's disagreement on issues and figuring a path forward is her strength and usually results in progress.

I worked with newly-elected Representative Lanpher when the Champlain Bridge was declared unsafe. She was tireless in pursuing everything she could do to help local constituents as well as businesses in Addison County. She kept in touch with Vergennes area folks and listened carefully to what they said and needed. She hounded the Agency of Transportation to fund the free ferries for commuters. In the end, we got a beautiful bridge in record time due, largely, to Diane Lanpher's work.

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Letters to the Editor

Don't back conspiracies, cast a vote for Jubilee McGill

Does Addison County want to be represented in the Legislature by a candidate who spouts conspiracy theories about the Covid vaccine; opposes women's reproductive rights; and attacks expanded voting rights as "Progressive, Socialist and Communist plots"?

I sure hope not. Here's what can be learned from the views expressed on Facebook by Jon Christiano, the Republican Party's candidate for Vermont House in Addison-5. This district includes Bridport, Weybridge and most of New Haven. It also newly encompasses a portion of northwestern Middlebury. Mr. Christiano's Facebook page from his unsuccessful 2020 run for Vermont Senate claims that

"Planned Parenthood kills 345,871 innocent, defenseless babies a year." He touted an extremist conspiracy theory that "inhalation and skin contact" could spread the Covid vaccine from a vaccinated to an unvaccinated person. This is a dangerous and inaccurate belief, which Facebook seems to have recently removed from Mr. Christiano's page because it is so wildly untrue. He further, untruthfully claimed that this alleged skin or airborne contact with the vaccine could cause a pregnant woman to have a miscarriage, spontaneously abort the fetus, and/or be unable to have children.

Mr. Christiano also criticized the Global Warming Solutions Act, which is the major new law

(passed over the veto of Gov. Phil Scott) aimed at protecting Vermont's climate from global warming. And in case there's any question where Mr. Christiano stands on national issues, he favorably cited right-wing extremist Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene on his campaign Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/3MpWuMk>), which also features a "Trump Pence 2020" sign.

The other candidate in this race is Jubilee McGill. She is an experienced, reasonable Democrat who understands the reality of climate change, favors reproductive choice, and works professionally to improve local housing conditions.

**Greg Dennis
Cornwall**

Article 22 is unnecessarily vague as drafted by Legislature

Voters are being asked to approve a constitutional amendment, Article 22, in November. Any constitutional amendment we are asked to vote on should be clear in its meaning and its intent. This is not the case with Article 22 which reads, "That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

The wording "reproductive autonomy" has been interpreted differently by many people. As a responsible voter, I researched

it further. Many people think Article 22 to be a codification of Roe vs Wade. It is not. There is no mention of abortion or women's rights in this amendment. Other people wondered what else in addition to abortion might be covered by this language.

The language in Article 22 is deliberately vague. The amendment was written so that abortion as well as other reproductive rights coming up in the future would be covered by this amendment if the courts made such determination.

We do not know what might be covered in the future, nor any resulting consequences. We have been told that this language was

extensively vetted. While this is true, in its testimony in March 2019, the Attorney General's Office recommended that the word abortion be specified in the Constitutional Amendment. This change was not made by the Legislature.

It is the responsibility of the Legislature to present a clear and transparent amendment to the voters. Given the many recent rulings by the Supreme Court and other courts, I can only vote NO on an amendment which is purposely written to have unknown future reproductive rights determined by the courts.

**Carol Eckels
Middlebury**

Vermont and U.S. are living with a broken health care system

After reading the recent opinion of Andrew Garland (VP of Client Relations at BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont) suggesting price-shopping by patients, comments I have seen are "absurd" and "breathtaking." Healthcare costs, the stranglehold of insurance companies and big pharma add to a broken system of healthcare in Vermont and throughout the country.

My 74-year-old brother lives in a small town in England. He has

a serious cancer but is not ignored by the NHS, is regularly called in for appointments, scans, biopsies and three surgeries at *no* cost to him beyond nominal amounts for prescriptions (approx. equivalent \$2.25 each). People argue "but, look at UK taxes." Yes, but they're getting something very important in return for their tax payments!

I also know a young woman who took her husband to England for a procedure that wasn't then

available in the U.S. She paid the full price for the life-saving procedure, plus travel expenses plus accommodation while he recovered near the hospital. I have traveled all over the world (mostly by sailboat) and found medical and dental care to be as good as, or better than, the U.S. in most places; that is plain wrong. Vermont, at least, should do better!

**Sally Jenks Roth
Bristol**

Lanpher

(Continued from Page 4A) And that's how she works every day.

She really understands our state budget, something that only a few of her colleagues can say. She works tirelessly for her constituents, and she believes in teamwork. I voted for Diane Lanpher today, but we need your votes to send her back to Montpelier to work for us.

**Claire Ayer
Addison**

CORRECTION: In last week's *Independent* a letter to the editor recognizing the kind person who found gloves in Shaw's parking lot and turned them into service desk was incorrectly attributed to Carol Clauss of Bristol. Mary Fleming of Bristol submitted the letter. We apologize for the mistake.

More letters on pages 7A and 10A.

Committee outlines priorities for MAUSD/ANWSD merger

The Article of Agreements represent your community members working toward the following priorities:

- Offsetting decades of continued declining enrollment by sharing resources and collaborating across schools, thereby increasing cost effectiveness and slowing tax-rate growth.
- Sustaining and expanding opportunities for middle and high school students.
- Enabling a separation of middle and high school students and campuses.
- Increasing equity, thereby ensuring all students have access to engaging, relevant, and high-quality learning opportunities.

Articles of Agreement highlights:

- Voter approval is necessary from both Addison Northwest School District (ANWSD) and Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD) to ratify the Articles of Agreement.
- High bar set for school closure.

Elementary schools will not be closed without a yes vote by the electorate of the town(s) the school serves for the first 4 years. After 4 years, elementary schools will not be closed without a 2/3 majority vote of the electorate of the new district, AND a 2/3 majority vote of the school board.

- Transportation will remain the same as the year before the union. Future policy must consider routes and ride durations comparable to the year before merging. Transportation studies show that if middle and high schools were to merge, sustained or improved ride times would be possible.

- November 2022–March 2023 is planning focused. The new Board will be required to consider strategies for community involvement and to seek local input on matters such as budget and policy. Student, staff, and community input will be needed to take full advantage of our

combined resources to successfully meet student needs!

- In accordance with current model policy of ANWSD, within-district school choice will be available to all students if capacity allows.
- 15-member board, with at least 1 member for each town and additional members based on population. The Board will implement weighted voting to ensure that the voice from each town is heard, and has impact, at the table. The smaller towns constitute 53% of the seats on the board.

Articles can be changed with voter approval if proposed by either the Addison North School District Board or community petition. Town withdrawal from the district will follow the process set out by state law.

Financial Projections:

- Estimated savings from a merged central office = \$1.3 million.
- Estimated savings from potential combined middle and high schools = \$2.5 million.

Timeline:

In the first year after merging (2023–2024), both central offices would continue to operate, working together with the new Board to run the new district (essentially the same way the two districts now operate) and implement the merger and building year two (2024–2025) structures that would enable the district to operate with just one central office.

In year two, the single central office team would be working with the Board and others to build year three (2025–2026), which is when, with stakeholder input and a thoughtful transition process,

decisions about middle school and high school, transportation, etc., would begin.

If Addison Northwest School District and Mount Abraham Unified School District merge, it would break down legal and practical restrictions that currently impede further collaboration between districts.

To access a video further explaining the articles, the most recent transportation study, full proposed articles of agreement, study report with supporting research, FAQs, contact information of committee members, and so much more use visit your district website to find the committee's most current updates at MAUSD.org or ANWSD.org.

All of our buildings are well maintained and are surrounded by proud, supportive communities. Please consider attending upcoming community engagement events in either district.

- Oct 18, 6 p.m.: Public Q&A at Mount Abraham High School, school tour 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- Oct 19, 6 p.m.: public Q&A at Vergennes Union High School, school tour 5:30 p.m. in the lobby
- Nov. 1, 6 p.m.: Combined informational event with in-person locations at Holley Hall in Bristol and VUHS in Vergennes as well as Zoom.

Vote either in-person on Nov. 8 or request your local absentee ballot from your town clerk. It will not be automatically mailed.

**Members of MAUSD/ANWSD Merger Study Committee:
Elizabeth Sayre, Dustin Corrigan and Keith Morrill**

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Georgia Heise
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Obituaries

Paul W. Casson, 95, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Paul W. Casson, 95, of Middlebury, Vt., passed away on the evening of Sept. 8, 2022.

Paul was born on Nov. 14, 1926, in Bronx, N.Y., the son of Dr. Paul W. Casson and Mary Donegan, the oldest of two children.

Since his youth, Paul had a love for the outdoors, spending much of his time exploring plants and wildlife at the nearby 1,000-acre woods of Van Cortland Park. As a young boy he raised all kinds of birds, including carrier pigeons and hawks.

Paul graduated from St. Barnabas High School in 1944. He went on to college to study medicine, but after one semester gave his hawks to the Bronx Zoo and enlisted in the Service, Navy, CB Division. He was a proud Veteran of World War II.

When Paul returned home from the war, he studied Nursery Management and Landscape Design at Farmingdale University. He later met the love of his life, Eileen C. Brennan, and they married in July of 1950. They moved to Bedford, N.Y., where together they ran the Bedford Nursery. In Bedford, Paul served on the Board of Directors for the South Eastern New York Nurserymen's Association, Bedford Village Memorial Field Association, the Lion's Club and the St Patrick's School Board. He authored The Weekend Gardener, a weekly gardening article in the *Patent Trader*, which he later compiled into a book.



PAUL W. CASSON

Paul enjoyed duck hunting the Long Island Sound which led to making his own working decoys and then to carving and designing wood sculptures of ducks, geese, and birds of prey. He also enjoyed oil painting and became a well-established artist showing his works in Field Museums, Colleges and Universities throughout New York and New England.

In 1975, Paul and Eileen sold the Bedford Nursery and moved to Salisbury, Vt., where Paul continued to paint and carve while he worked for the *Valley Voice* writing his weekly article, "The Nature of the Valley" and teaching the History of the Decoy as an American Art form at Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Vt. He authored several books including "Decoys Simplified," "The Decoy Collectors Primer" and "The

Weekend Gardener." Paul also served as a judge at the prestigious World Championship Waterfowl Carving Competition in Salisbury, Md.

Paul and Eileen later moved to Cape Cod, Mass., where Paul worked as the Supervisor of Structures and Grounds for Barnstable, Mass., where he coordinated the improvements and maintenance of town buildings, marinas, parks and beaches. After the passing of his wife Eileen, he returned to his home state of New York to his beloved Adirondack Mountains, where he enjoyed carving, fishing, hiking, hunting, painting and reading. Paul moved back to Vermont in 2018, where he lived until his passing.

Paul was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Eileen C. Casson, and their daughter Eileen M. Casson Moles (Phillip) of Phoenix, Ariz. He is survived by his sister, Marie Jo Lee of Crestwood, N.Y.; children Paul Casson of SE, Asia, Edward Casson of Hyannis, Mass., Kathleen Casson Rule (Charles) of New Haven, Vt. and Will Casson (Michelle) of Bristol, Vt.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and second wife, Edith King Clarke.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date in the Adirondacks of New York.

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Norbert Fabian Charbonneau, 86, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Norbert Fabian Charbonneau, 86, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester.

He was born May 31, 1936, at home in Vergennes, Vt., the son of Frederick and Marie (Rivers) Charbonneau.

He graduated from Vergennes High School in 1954 and the University of Vermont in 1960 with a bachelor's and master's degree in Mathematics. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Upon graduation, his career began when he was recruited by the University of Vermont to build its Computer Department. He started teaching in 1960 and continued teaching throughout his professional career in both mathematics and computer science for both UVM and Trinity College. He was a



NORBERT FABIAN CHARBONNEAU

beloved teacher at UVM and highly sought after for his knowledge of computer programming in the computer industry.

Norbert was passionate about his

gardening. He also loved fishing, bowling, golf and watching baseball.

Norbert is survived by his family, Joyce Danyow Charbonneau; four children and their spouses, Ann (Jamie), Elaine (Ben), Kathleen (Sean), and Robert (Elizabeth); nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother and his spouse, Harold (Theresa); sister-in-law Barbara Charbonneau; and several nieces, nephew and cousins.

Norbert was predeceased by his mother and father; two brothers Robert and Wayne; sister-in-law Joanne, nephew David; and great nephew Josh.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes. Interment will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in Vergennes. To send online condolences to his family please visit www.brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com. ◊

Charles L. Mraz, 91, formerly of Middlebury

MARY ESTHER, Fla. — Charles Leonard Mraz passed away on Sept. 28, 2022, in Mary Esther, Fla. He was born in Middlebury, Vt., on May 25, 1931, to Charles Mraz and Letizia (Letty) Malpezzi Mraz.

In addition to attending local schools, Charles worked in the bee yards of his father's honey business, Champlain Valley Apiaries, and enjoyed well-earned holidays with extended family in New York City. Following graduation from Middlebury High School in 1949, he attended Middlebury College on its 3-2 plan with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

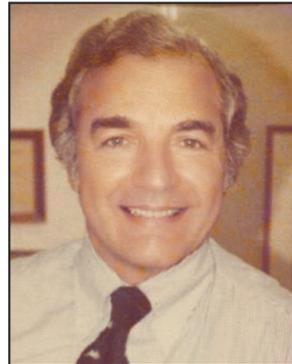
After three years at Middlebury, he completed two years at MIT and in 1954 received a B.A. degree from Middlebury and a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from MIT.

Charles then moved to California to attend Stanford University and earned an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1956. During his Stanford years Charles held a paid research position and would send money home to help his family, especially when there was a disappointing honey crop.

After graduation, Charles was quickly hired by Aerojet General in Sacramento, Calif., starting as a Development Engineer and soon becoming a Project Engineer responsible for the design and testing of the Titan I missile engine.

From 1959 to 1961, Charles was a liaison with the federal government in Washington, D.C., for Project Gemini. Returning to California, Charles became the Program Manager for Project Gemini engines, which used the same engine as the Titan II missile.

In 1970, Charles was hired by McDonnell Douglas Corporation in Long Beach, Calif. As the Director of Program Development for Asia and the Pacific Region he spent most of the years between 1976 and 1993 based in Tokyo, Japan, and the Republic of Singapore, arranging sales of the Tomahawk ICBM and the Apache attack helicopter. As the company's only representative in the region, he also worked regularly



CHARLES L. MRAZ

in Brunei, Taiwan, Korea and the Philippines.

With his engineering expertise, high intelligence and personal charm, Charles was unusually successful engaging with foreign officials. In Asia, most business was transacted in social settings where Westerners were expected to follow established customs. Charles' willingness to eat and drink anything he was served endeared him to his hosts. After a meaningful career, fueled by a deep sense of patriotism and service, Charles retired in 1993 and settled in Destin, Fla.

Throughout his long life, Charles enjoyed the air, the mountains and the sea, especially alpine skiing, scuba diving, free diving for abalone, spear fishing, sight fishing for cobia, and when not piloting, jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. Charles' mottoes were "A good landing is any that you can walk away from!" and "Survived another one!" He lived these mottoes many times, including twice while flying a small Cessna — one time an engine failed, another time a propeller. Both times he and his passengers walked away unscathed. Charles especially loved Mexico and his many adventures there. A lasting disappointment was he could not arrange for his older daughter to be born there so that she could claim citizenship and buy property for him to enjoy.

Charles leaves his loving wife, Celia Mraz, of Mary Esther, Fla.; his brother William Mraz of Middlebury, Vt.; and his half-sisters Marna Ehrech of Winooski, Vt., Laurie Zwaan (Ton) of Exeter, N.H., and Michelle Mraz (Rob Backus) of Burlington, Vt. Charles is survived by his daughters, Laurene Mraz-Peterson (Thomas Peterson) of Colchester, Vt., and her mother Lois Mraz; and Maria Mraz of San Francisco, Calif., and her mother, Dolores Heinsohn. Charles has three grandchildren: Robert Peterson (Cynthia) of Burlington, Vt., Chris Peterson (Sally) of Davis, Calif., and Julia Humphreys of Arcata, Calif.

Robert and Chris took after their grandfather, as they are both mechanical engineers and avid skydivers. Julia, like her grandfather, was a student athlete. She recently graduated from Cal Poly Humboldt with a B.A. in Kinesiology and played varsity soccer.

Charles is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews from both the Czech and Italian sides of his family. Charles was predeceased by his parents; his stepmother, Margaret Mraz; his stepson Richard Lowe; his sister-in-law, Patricia Mraz; and his nephew, William B. Mraz.

In lieu of a funeral service, Charles' family will honor his life with the placement of a memorial reef in the Gulf of Mexico. His ashes will be incorporated into an environmentally safe cement mixture to create an artificial reef, which will then be placed on the ocean floor to offer needed habitat for fish and other sea life.

Charles loved the community of Destin — the ocean, the people, the flora, and the fauna. In that spirit, any who are inclined are encouraged to donate to Destin Harvest (destinharvest.org) which provides surplus food to those in need or A Place for Paws (aplaceforpaws.org) which finds temporary homes for the pets of deployed service persons. ◊

Joseph F. Pechie, 97, of Luray, Va.

LURAY, Va. — Joseph Frank "Joe" Pechie, 97, of Luray, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022.

He was born on May 6, 1935, in Burlington, Vt., and was a son of the late Adolph T. Pechie and Annabelle Thatcher Pechie.

Joe was a veteran of the United States Navy and a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Luray.

On Oct. 5, 1956, he married Nancy Perna Pechie, who survives him. Surviving in addition to his wife are four daughters, Mary Apgar of Bristol, Vt., Brigette Allen and husband Jim of Luray, Marilyn Pechie of Port Richey, Fla., and Jackie Johnson and husband Tom of Brandon, Vt.; three sons, Joey Pechie and wife Carla of New Market, Va., Ted Pechie and wife Dara of The Plains, Va., and Carmine Pechie

and wife Erin of Warrenton, Va.; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted Pechie and Bob Pechie.

Our father, Poppy, and husband Joe was a funny, loving man who was a "Jack of all trades." He loved woodworking, NASCAR, and most of all his children, grandchildren and wife Nancy of 66 years.

To sum up our father would be impossible, because he was a man that loved life and tried to do it all his own way. We will miss him dearly.

Mass will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Luray by Father Edwin Perez.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105. ◊



DALE SAMUEL LOGAN

Dale Samuel Logan, 80, of Essex

ESSEX — Dale Samuel Logan, 80, formerly of Milton, passed away on Oct. 9, 2022. A visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. at the Minor Funeral Home, Milton.

For a full obituary, please visit www.minorfh.com.

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Patricia (Hayes) White, 78, formerly of Bridport

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She married Rollie G. White Jr. June 27, 1964, and the couple lived in Bridport for 53 years.

She is survived by her two sons, Shane and Thomas; three grandchildren, John, Jennifer, and Marley; and two great-grandchildren, Willow and Islay.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brothers, Thomas J. Hayes III, and John Hayes; and her husband, Rollie.

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Jessie

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 as those who insisted on fondling their hot toasters, the reviews were useless. I would have to rely on my own judgment, something I've learned to avoid, especially when I'm faced with too many variables. Why did this have to be so difficult? The first electric toaster was sold in 1893. Its core function — to turn bread and other baked goods brown — had not changed. Yet manufacturers were determined to make toasting a high-tech process, adding features I wasn't convinced added value.

I did not need preset doneness levels for each member of the family. Or a touchscreen interface. Or a lever-free toaster that would electronically lower my English muffin with the press of a button. (Thanks to years of weight training, at 54 I can still push down a toaster lever with just one finger.) I reached my limit when I learned that some toasters now come Bluetooth enabled. That's right: You can wirelessly connect your toaster to your phone and monitor your toast's progress from another room.

After reading this, I took a moment to weep for humanity. Then, regrouping, I Googled whether the 1893 toaster was still available. No such luck. In the end, I bought a simple two-slot toaster — devoid of bells or whistles — on the basis of one attribute: It matched our retro-looking electric kettle. Maybe I should have gone for something more advanced, but did it really matter? The electric kettle doesn't have Bluetooth either, and somehow we manage to boil water.

Gould

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 the role of ancient Celtic wisdom that lies at the heart of Beresford's memoir. Born in County Cork, Diana became an orphan and a ward of the state at age thirteen, following the tragic deaths of her father, and then her mother, in quick succession. Her uncle spared her the fate of a Catholic orphanage, but he knew nothing about caring for a child. During the summers, however, Diana would return to Lisheens Valley, where ancient Irish law — the Brehon Laws — taught that a parentless child was the child of the entire village. The Lisheens community, especially its elder women, embraced Diana as their own and inducted her into all manner of ancient Celtic teaching, especially the many hidden spiritual and practical gifts of the natural world. A key moment in Beresford-Kroeger's intellectual awakening comes several years later when, as a student of botany and medical biochemistry at University College Cork, she first encounters

Chondrus crispus (Irish Moss) in her botany lab. Encountering this plant in the lab, Beresford-Kroeger writes, was like "running into a dear old friend in an unexpected new place." When she goes on to discover through scientific reading and dissection that Irish Moss has precisely the healing properties that the ancient Druidic tales said it would, Beresford-Kroeger enters into a discovery that has defined her life's work ever since: her ability to serve as a bridge between ancient, spiritual lifeways and the modern scientific world, in many cases revealing and correcting the limits of the latter. Diana Beresford-Kroeger has gone on to engage in path-breaking work that will serve us now more than ever. Her research on the aerosolized chemicals emitted by trees explains why so many of us feel uplifted when we walk into an evergreen forest. Her understanding of how trees communicate and help one another is informed and confirmed by other scientists (such as Wohlleben and

Simard) who challenge the older, instrumentalist presumptions about trees as individuals who are easily felled and replaced. Today, Beresford-Kroeger is focused on protecting threatened native species and developing a "bioplan" of Global Forest Revival (you can find out more at: www.dianaberesford-kroeger.com/). If each person on our fragile earth can plant one native tree a year for six years, she tells all who will listen, we have a chance of staving off the worst effects of the climate crisis not because planting trees will "solve everything," but because it will give us time to address the hubristic, destructive behaviors that got us into this existential mess in the first place. Rebecca Kneale Gould is a writer and Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College, focusing on comparative religion and the environmental humanities. She lives in Monkton where she tends — and is tended by — a small flock of adorable sheep.

Letters to the Editor

Sen. Chris Bray deserves your vote this November

I encourage my Addison County neighbors to vote for our senior State Senator, Chris Bray, in this fall's election. Currently the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, Chris has served on the Senate Finance Committee and numerous study groups and committees working on agricultural practices and

environmental issues. Chris studies the issues that come before the Vermont Senate seriously and deeply, and he is one of Vermont's most productive legislators. He was a lead sponsor of Vermont's Farm to Plate program, and he has sponsored a host of bills on environmental issues, protection from dangerous chemicals, broadband

development, renewable energy development, and many other subjects. Senators Bray and Hardy have complementary skills and serve our county well. Both deserve our votes by November 8. Spencer Putnam Weybridge

GOP: Remember what you represent

To Republican candidates targeted as having failed to convince: Remember who you are ... how much you have accomplished. Our culture has become so secular that there is a need to crush opponents who oppose popular thinking. The government's role is to serve "We the People." "We the People" have a right to exercise freedom of speech ... stating understanding and solutions contrary to popular thinking. Although the candidates failed to convince one person, to be insulted as having displayed a frightful range of ignorance, fear-mongering and conspiracy theories was a harsh statement. Jessie Whitney New Haven

Letters to the editor

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Obituaries

Laurel L. Junkins Jr., 70, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Laurel L. Junkins Jr., 70, passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, at his home in New Haven after a long, hard-fought battle with heart and kidney disease.



LAUREL L. JUNKINS JR.

He was born Feb. 19, 1952, in Presque Isle, Maine, the son of Laurel "Jake" and Mary "Natalie" (Hackett) Junkins Sr. Laurel thrived as a dairy systems coordinator for the State of Vermont. This entailed him helping dairy farmers throughout the state with their herd health and milk production. Even after retirement Laurel maintained relationships with farmers and would lend a helping hand to any who needed it. Laurel embodied everything a loving father and grandfather should be. He often brought his sons, grandsons, and their friends to camp, teaching them how to navigate the deep Maine woods while hunting and fishing. Laurel could also be found in his basement workshop teaching them how to hammer a nail or use the numerous tools and machines he had collected throughout his life.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Cheryl (Drew) Junkins of New Haven, Vt.; two sons, Glenn Junkins and his wife Vanessa of Springfield, Vt., and Drew Junkins of New Haven, Vt.; one daughter, Lindsay Junkins and her husband Anthony Lewis of Frederick, Md.; one brother, Dwight Junkins and his wife Candy of Ashland, Maine; five grandchildren, Zachorie, Ebony, Eliza, George, and Lila; his mother-in-law, Alice Drew; his sister-in-law, Diana Junkins; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, Laurel was predeceased by his two brothers, Bruce and Pearl Junkins. A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 22, 2022, at Cheryl and Laurel's home in New Haven, Vt., at 3 p.m., for friends and family in Vermont. His ashes will be spread at his beloved camp in Oxbow, Maine, on Nov. 6, 2022, with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations in Laurel's name may be made to the Vermont Farm Fund through: www.vtfarmfund.org/donate. ◊

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Climate matters

Perspectives on Change

A search for some delight in a difficult century



28th in a series
By **BILL MCKIBBEN**

I am writing this dispatch from a southbound train, which left Middlebury at midday and is making its way — not too fast, not too slow — toward Penn Station in New York City.

So far it's been an absorbing and beautiful ride: the trees began to turn in earnest these past three days, and so the hay fields and marshes we've passed are fringed with orange and red; herons and ospreys have flown by. The train got to Rutland 20 minutes ahead of schedule, and so the conductor encouraged us to disembark and cross the parking lot to the town's large farmers market — I came back to my wife with saag paneer and vegetable samosa, which we ate happily as the countryside rolled by; soon we'll be along the Hudson (always sit on the right side going south from Albany!).

It's been another long week in the defining generational fight against climate change. We won some battles (Joe Manchin's attempt to ram through a pipeline permit failed) and we had some huge losses (across Puerto Rico, Cuba, Florida and the Carolinas), where Hurricane Ian reminded us what can happen when you keep raising the temperature of the ocean).

News came that New York, like California, will end gas car sales by 2035; news came that the sabotaged gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea is pouring methane into the air. Dealing with all of this — slowing down the rise of temperature, speeding up the deployment of clean energy — is our task and there is no ducking it.

But it's worth asking if we can wring some delight out of that job — if the move away from coal and gas and oil might come with some unanticipated benefits.

Fossil fuel is so powerful — so energy dense — that it produced a particular aesthetic. It became easy to do things fast and by ourselves. The car is the perfect example of this — a sealed box to move your body and your stuff with great speed through space. And, of course, it's possible to recreate this with electricity — we drove the 10 miles to the train station in an EV and it was fine. Quiet, smooth and powered by the solar panels on the roof of our home.

But the substitution of electricity for fossil fuels also allows us to do things a little differently if we want, beginning with this question of speed.

The train is not as fast as the airplane for the trip to New York, but in every other dimension it's infinitely superior: big windows to stare at the passing beauty, plenty of legroom and the chance to get up and stroll, an easy Wi-Fi connection even below 10,000 feet, no TSA. It takes you to the center of the city, instead of dumping you on the outskirts. No Delta pilot has ever suggested that I get off for a minute to shop at a farmers market. It's cheaper. Oh, and a lot less carbon.

But it is slower. Which — well, who cares? Huge numbers of us now work via our laptops. We don't need to be at the office every day (many don't need to be there any day). I have rented a rolling office for the afternoon, with a sublime view; I'm going to get more done than if I was at home; and when I'm done I'll be someplace new.

So now consider the electric bike. A bike bike is a wonderful thing, but it's intended to be a sporting good — we're a big sprawling country, and because, postwar, we built it on a suburban model, things tend to be car distances apart. But you can use an electric bike to make many of those trips, because it erases hills and allows you to tow three bags of groceries. And when you do, you get some exercise, and you get the wind in your face, and it's a little like being a kid.

You don't have to do it every day — sometimes it rains and sometimes it snows and sometimes you don't have the time, which is why I imagine that there will be EVs for a while. But you can do it

70% of the time, and I am willing to bet you will be happier for it. (Willing to bet because I have data: exercise makes you happy, and being outdoors makes you happy.)

It's good that the Inflation Reduction Act will help people purchase EVs. Here in Vermont state subsidies are aimed directly at middle and low-income people, which makes sense. It's a shame that Manchin stripped subsidies for electric bikes from the bill, but enlightened cities and states are stepping in to fill the need. Delight needs to be affordable.

But what about the blimps? They are, I think, the ultimate in this new aesthetic, where you trade some speed and power for some serendipitous joy. Kim Stanley Robinson has been the best PR man so far for airship travel. In his bestseller "Ministry for the Future," blimp travel across the wild lands of the world repairs with its beauty some of the psychic damage that comes from the harrowing opening chapter with its apocalyptic heat wave. But I liked the blimps even better in his lesser-known "New York 2140," when millions of people watch the internet stream of the redoubtable pilot Amelia Black, whose airship *Assisted Migration* moves species toward the poles so they can survive.

Anyway, it takes days — a week or two or three — for Robinson's aeronauts to circle the planet. There are passenger blimps and freight blimps and just people who've taken up the blimp lifestyle and are floating above the planet their whole life. Some of this may be nonfiction reality before too much longer; a British company is supposed to be offering intercity blimp travel by 2025, on routes like Seattle-Vancouver or Liverpool-Belfast. It cuts carbon emissions up to 90 percent compared with jet travel (the helium provides buoyant lift, so the engine just has to push you through the sky), and soon the diesel engine will apparently be replaced with an electric motor, cutting emissions to almost nothing.

But, to be absolutely truthful, I don't care about the carbon as much as the joy. I want to do this; I'd save my pennies for a long time to get to go on the trip to the North Pole scheduled for next year (I'd probably never save enough,

however, since the very first trip will run you north of \$30,000). I'd settle for Seattle to Vancouver, because what I really want is to feel that tug as the thing glides from its tether. Here's Robinson: it "felt strange, lofting up over the bay, bouncing a little on the wind, not like a jet, not like a helicopter. Strange but interesting."

And I can tell you that he's right because ... I've flown in one. Long ago, so long ago it almost seems like a dream. It was the summer of 1986, at the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, and I was a 25-year-old Talk of the Town reporter for the *New Yorker*. To help with the giant celebration (fireworks, tall ships, concerts) the Fuji Film blimp came to town. They asked if I wanted to go for a ride, and so, I said, "Please." Two dear friends were there too. We climbed aboard in a New Jersey field, and soon were silently floating toward the Lady in the Harbor. The pilot handed me the controls and showed me how to circle the statue in ever-tighter circles, just about crown-level. Then we glided up the West Side, along the Hudson, going just slowly enough that you could peek down each street as they clocked by. We ended up at Coney Island, of all places, and the pilot — maybe showing off just a bit — did a series of dives that brought us down within feet of the ocean before climbing steeply back. And we got something sublime: It was like being suspended in air, striding around from one floor-to-ceiling to the next. It was close enough to magic.

This is going to be a hard century; we better look for delight where we can. It could be on the ocean or on an e-bike. Or the train. You'll have to excuse me now — the trees out my big Amtrak window are too glorious for me to spend another moment staring at the screen.

Bill McKibben is an internationally known climate activist and writer who lives in Ripton.

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Don't let misinformation sway you on reproductive health vote

Early voting for the 2022 General Election is underway. Especially in light of the June U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down the landmark abortion rights decision in *Roe v. Wade*, one of the most important items on our ballots this year is a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution that would enshrine the right to personal reproductive liberty in our state's constitution:

Article 22 of the Vermont Constitution [Personal reproductive liberty]. That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

The amendment, also known as Proposal 5, has generated significant discussion because the stakes are so high for thousands of Vermonters and because the issue of abortion generates strong opinions. I am not a doctor or lawyer, but I have been involved with reproductive justice initiatives for most of my life, and I was a

strong advocate for the legislative work surrounding Article 22. I believe that the ability to make informed reproductive decisions and access vital health care is a fundamental human right that must be protected in our state and country, so I am writing to counter some misinformation you may be hearing.



Legislative Review
by Sen. Ruth Hardy,
D-Addison County

There are three main points you should know:

- **Reproductive health care** in Vermont is currently unrestricted by state law, but is provided in accordance with standards of medical practice and medical ethics principles. The vast majority of abortions occur before 12 weeks of gestation, and abortions after 22 weeks are only provided in cases of medical necessity.

The concept of a "late-term" abortion is a fallacy created to generate fear and confusion.

- Over the past four years, Proposal 5 has been thoroughly debated by legislators and the language was extensively vetted by legal and medical experts;

- Voter approval of Article 22 is crucial for the long-term assurance of access to reproductive health care and reproductive liberty as

a fundamental human right in Vermont.

For details on each of these points, read more below.

CURRENT MEDICAL PRACTICE

In Vermont, reproductive health care is currently unrestricted by state law. However, health care practitioners follow the strict standards of medical practice and guiding ethical principles, and patients make decisions about reproductive health care based on their health status, personal situations, and core values. As such, the vast majority of abortions in Vermont occur very early in pregnancy, more than 92% during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, increasingly with the use of medication that induces an abortion similar to heavy, crampy menstruation. Very few abortions occur after 22 weeks of pregnancy and all of these are in a hospital after a complete medical and ethical review, not as elective procedures.

As Rep. George Till, a physician who is Division Chief of General OB/GYN at UVM Medical Center, explains in a recent editorial, "a pregnancy termination beyond 21 weeks, 6 days in Vermont only occurs in very specific circumstances, including for severe fetal anomaly, a fetal condition incompatible with life, or a dangerous, possibly life-threatening maternal health reason." The concept of a "late term abortion" is a fallacy perpetrated by opponents of reproductive liberty to create unfounded fear and confusion. It is not a medical term or a procedure. Both health care data and medical practice underscore this reality.

In addition to Rep. Till's editorial, you can read the assessment of other medical professionals in Vermont, including former Commissioner of Health, Dr. Harry Chen, and Dr. Judy Stern, an emerita professor of OB-GYN at Dartmouth College.

PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE OF ARTICLE 22

Generally speaking, the Vermont Constitution establishes 1) the framework of our state government; 2) limits on State power; and 3) the rights of Vermonters. It does this broadly, leaving the specifics to legislation passed by the Vermont General Assembly and legal interpretations issued by the Vermont Judiciary. As such, the language in Article 22 does not provide details of reproductive autonomy, but instead establishes the broad right to personal

reproductive liberty.

Currently, Vermont does not impose restrictions on access to reproductive health care. In 2019, the Legislature passed the Freedom of Choice Act, which codified in Vermont law access to reproductive health care and recognized the fundamental right to reproductive choice related to contraception, sterilization, pregnancy, and abortion. The legislative intent of the Act explains: "Health care practitioners providing abortion care in Vermont make determinations regarding the provision of safe and legal abortion within the scope of their practice and license, and in accordance with the relevant standards of medical practice and guiding ethical principles. The General Assembly intends this act to safeguard these existing rights to access reproductive health services in Vermont."

While current law does not impose restrictions on or requirements for reproductive health care, future legislatures could vote to impose restrictions or requirements, and bills are introduced to do so in every session. Vermont also has a history of forced sterilization, a procedure used during the eugenics movement to prevent certain people with disabilities or people from some ethnic groups the choice of pregnancy or procreation. The passage of Article 22 would prevent a Vermont Legislature from imposing restrictions or requirements on reproductive health care unless there is a "compelling state interest" and that any prohibitions or requirements follow "least restrictive means."

The "compelling state interest" clause imposes the strictest level of legal scrutiny for justifying any attempt to deny reproductive liberty. Strict scrutiny is a form of judicial review that courts use to determine the constitutionality of a law. If the State were to impose a restriction or requirement that denied reproductive liberty to a person or class of people, the State would have to prove in court that there was a compelling interest to do so, which is the highest legal bar.

In other words, the "compelling state interest" language makes the amendment stronger and more guaranteed.

The "least restrictive means" language is another part of strict scrutiny legal review. In the unlikely event that the State could prove a "compelling state interest," the State could only impose requirements that are as narrow and least restrictive as possible. The State could not impose a broad prohibition or requirement to meet the state's compelling interest. Again, this makes the amendment stronger and more protective of reproductive liberty.

While state laws and state constitutional protections do not override federal laws, the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, asserts that decisions on how and if to regulate abortion should be left to state legislatures and citizen voting: "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives. 'The permissibility of abortion, and the limitations, upon it, are to be resolved like most important questions in our democracy: by citizens trying to persuade one another and then voting.'"

"The vast majority of abortions occur before 12 weeks of gestation, and abortions after 22 weeks are only provided in cases of medical necessity. The concept of a 'late-term' abortion is a fallacy created to generate fear and confusion."

Therefore, in order to ensure reproductive autonomy and reproductive health care as a fundamental human right in Vermont, it is crucial that not only current Vermont law permit access to comprehensive reproductive health care, but that voters in Vermont pass a state constitutional amendment that also explicitly establishes the right to reproductive liberty.

PROCESS, TIMELINE, AND DEBATE
Amending the Vermont Constitution is a difficult process, by design. It requires a lengthy discussion and intense scrutiny over multiple years and two successively elected legislatures, and a vote of the People of Vermont, before the language of the constitution can be changed. Opponents of the amendment assert that legislators who support the

amendment refuse to debate those who do not; however, legislators have been debating the contents and implications of Article 22 in depth and discussing the details of the amendment for the past four years. There is a lengthy public record of our work, including research, diverse testimony, press reports, vote tallies, and recorded debates both in committee and on the House and Senate floor.

In January 2019, senators introduced Proposal 5, which was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare for testimony, debate, and agreed-upon changes. On April 4, 2019, Proposal 5 was debated on the Senate floor and after a comprehensive explanation of the amendment (see p. 541 of the official 2019 Senate Journal), the Senate voted 28-2 to approve Proposal 5. This process was then repeated in the House of Representatives and after a lengthy debate, the House approved the proposal on a vote of 106-38 on May 7, 2019. A full list of witnesses, copies of written testimony, and a record of action on Proposal 5 during the 2019 legislative session can be found on the General Assembly website.

After the 2020 General Election, when new members of the General Assembly had been elected, Proposal 5 was required to be re-approved by both the Senate and House. It was passed by the Senate on April 9, 2021, and by the House on February 8, 2022. You can review the 2021-22 record of action at <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/PR.5> or read my own statement on the Senate floor before voting a second time to approve the amendment.

Proposal 5 was fully vetted and debated by legislators with diverse perspectives, and all of us who wanted to speak up to discuss it did so. To claim that Proposal 5 has not been well debated by legislators is disingenuous. It passed both chambers of the Legislature overwhelmingly, twice, under two different House speakers and Senate presidents.

Vermont legislators have done our work. Now it is time for the People of Vermont to vote on whether to amend the Vermont Constitution to include Reproductive Liberty as an explicit right for all Vermonters. In order to ensure future access to comprehensive reproductive health care and protect the personal reproductive autonomy of individual Vermonters, I encourage you to vote to approve Article 22. I believe in democracy and our state's electoral process and will respect the decision of the majority of voters. Exercise your right to vote on or before Nov. 8, 2022.

Thank you.

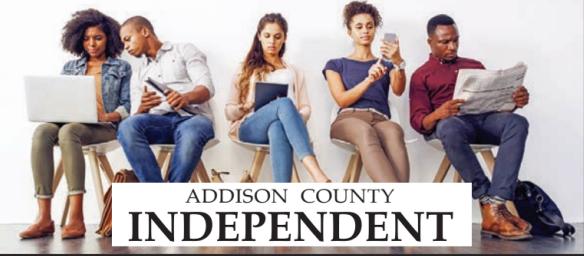
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FOUR MT. ABE student were recognized for their outstanding academics by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Gavin Bannister, left and Owen Kelliher were named Commended Scholars while Sean Davison, third from left and Patty McNerney were named Semifinalists in the program.

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Eagle seniors given National Merit kudos

BRISTOL — Four Mount Abraham Union High School students has been recognized by the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program for their outstanding academics.

Two students, Gavin Bannister of Bristol and Owen Kelliher of Monkton, were recognized as commended students. About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2023

competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, commended students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Sean Davison of Bristol and Patty McNerney of Monkton were named semifinalists in the program. Around 16,000 semifinalists throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These academically talented high

school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,250 National Merit Scholarships — worth more than \$28 million — that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Lincoln

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NEWS

LINCOLN — An Open Art Studio session will be held at the library on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. All are welcome to craft from their own imagination or do a special project that will be on hand. Cookies will be provided.

FROM THE TOWN

The top of Lincoln Gap Road to Warren is now closed for the winter. Beyond the closure point, the narrow, winding, high elevation road can be treacherous even when the weather elsewhere is clear. If there are road closed signs and your GPS says you should go that way, know that your GPS is wrong. When there are road closed signs please take another route.

Would you like a short but important gig as a volunteer for the town? One or two people are needed to help put the Town Report

together over the coming months. Responsibilities might include calling local nonprofits about their requests, proofreading documents or helping with formatting.

The work starts this week and goes through the end of January. There is a time commitment of 2-5 hours a week until early January, then up to 15 hours a week from mid-January till the end of the month. Skills needed are the ability to communicate clearly, find errors in documents, and to be part of a team. Must be reliable, teachable, and able to work well under pressure. If you'd like to help, please call Ann at the town office at (802) 453-2980 or email her at townbk@lincolnvermont.org.

The 5 Town Partnership will be sponsoring "Share the Warmth - A Winter Outerwear Giveaway" on

Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Bristol town green. They are seeking donations of outerwear that will be given away for free to anyone who needs it. Suggested donation items include winter coats/jackets, snow pants, snowsuits, winter hats, mittens, scarves, winter boots and new socks. Donations may be dropped off inside the downstairs basement door of the United Church of Lincoln through Wednesday, Oct. 19. Donations will not be accepted the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact 453-2321 or familylife@bristolfederated.com.

A Medicinal Herbs for Winter Health discussion with Emily French will be held at the library on Monday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. You're invited to spend an evening with Lincoln-based herbalist Emily French for a discussion about potent herbal allies for both physical and mental health during the winter season.

This class will cover herbs and simple herbal preparations that are useful for kids as well as adults. The herbs learned about in class will be available for purchase if you choose and there will also be herbs you can easily make your own medicine with or find locally.

SAVE THE DATE

The Lincoln Library will once again be hosting its Pumpkin Palooza festival on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 29. The festival will include pumpkin carving, naming and awards, cider and popcorn, baked goods and fun for all. Costumes are suggested but optional. The library will also be open for trick or treating on Halloween night.

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FLORA CO-OWNERS MIKE Sims, left, and Dave Silberman were pleased with the Oct. 1 launch of their cannabis retail store in downtown Middlebury. FLORA was one of only three cannabis retailers statewide that had the requisite permits and licenses to open on the day Vermont's new recreational cannabis law took effect.

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Cannabis

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roundabout. "I was really pleased with the reception we got in town and how excited the customers were coming in here," said Silberman, who co-owns FLORA with Michael Sims.

"Sales have been strong." It wasn't entirely surprising to see FLORA among the first cannabis retailers to open under Vermont's new law. Silberman, a Middlebury attorney, has been a longtime advocate for the legalization of recreational cannabis in the Green Mountain State. He provided input for the state's new cannabis law and is well-versed in its requirements.

"I focused on what we needed to do in advance and got it done," he said. "We got our local zoning approval in May and immediately applied for fire-safety inspection and permits."

FLORA's cannabis selection includes product from multiple Vermont growers, including two in Addison County — one in Bristol and another in Starksboro, called Mad River Terps.

Silberman said he's particularly proud to do business with the Bristol grower (who he said doesn't want to be identified) in light of the fact he'd been sentenced to federal prison for selling cannabis around a decade ago.

"Now he is doing it legally," he said of the Bristol grower. "To me, that's one small way we can help right the wrongs of the war on drugs, and it's the path we need to travel on now. It's not enough to just legalize and open stores, no matter how beautiful and well-received they are."

Silberman expects FLORA's list of in-state growers to increase as they run the state's licensing

gauntlet. Middlebury is home to at least two prospective cannabis growers.

"We're expecting more any day now," he said. "We're keen on having the best cannabis Vermont has to offer, and a lot of that is coming from Addison County."

FLORA management expects to cultivate a loyal local clientele

and serve visitors, who were certainly in abundance last week amid foliage season. FLORA is currently the only licensed cannabis vendor in Addison County, but Silberman knows that will change. As of this writing, 40 retail cannabis applications had been filed with state regulators, who had approved five.

Entrepreneurs in Bristol and Ferrisburgh are among those seeking to open stores in the near future.

"I think there's plenty of business to go around," Silberman said. "As more stores open up, people will have more choices, and that's great. We'll see how things develop. This market will take a while to find its level."

He believes FLORA is on solid ground for a profitable future.

"We have built here something special, warm and welcoming to folks and we've worked hard to build a staff that's of this community and really has a customer-service focus," Silberman said.

WHAT'S INSIDE

FLORA has nine full- and part-time staff who Sims and store manager Jamie Walsh said have undergone state-mandated training and are quickly learning the ropes. Consequently, Sims doesn't expect to see lengthy store lines again. All customers must show a valid picture ID upon entering FLORA to verify they are at least 21. They then take a seat in a waiting room where they are informed of store protocols and cannabis "menu" options.

Then, once a store "bud-tender" is available, the customer is brought onto the retail floor to potentially make a purchase.

Sims estimated that through this process, 20-30 people can be in the store at once.

And FLORA owners said they'll soon launch an online ordering system to further cut down on waiting times. Customers will be able to electronically place their order, show up at the store with a valid idea and proof of purchase, and leave with their order, according to Sims.

Clients thus far haven't been put off by what is a 21% tax on their purchase, according to Sims. Of that, 14% is the state's cannabis excise tax, 6% is sales tax and the other 1% is Middlebury's local option tax.

Customers are limited to the purchase of up to one ounce of cannabis flower (or equivalent) per transaction, said Sims.

He's enjoyed chatting with

folks at the store.

"The amount of really cool interactions I have had with people during the last few days really fuels me," Sims said. "There were so many people who won't ever break the law, but now that cannabis is legal in Vermont, they're interested in trying it. I think we underestimated the number of people who were willing to try it for the first time."

Among those checking out FLORA last Friday were Louise Vince, an Addison County resident who for a long time has had permission to use medical marijuana.

"We were curious about this place and came in to visit," she said. "We're here to check it out and see what's what."

While some town officials and residents remain wary of the impact one or more cannabis stores could have on Middlebury, Sims said he believes FLORA will be a boon to the community and its post-pandemic renaissance.

"It felt really great opening our doors to the community," he said, adding, "whether it was due to us, or foliage or Middlebury coming back in general, downtown has been packed. All the other stores have been crushing their numbers. It felt great to see people on both sides of the sidewalk shopping at all the stores. I was proud of that."

One market FLORA apparently won't be able to tap are those who attend Middlebury College.

College administrators sent an email to all students on Sept. 23 reminding them of the institution's policy on cannabis and federal laws governing its possessions.

"Student cannabis use, sales, growing, and possession remain prohibited regardless of age," the email states. "This is because while cannabis is legal

to possess and use for adults 21 and older under Vermont law, it remains illegal under federal law. This applies to medical cannabis prescriptions as well as recreational use or possession. As an institution that receives federal funding, Middlebury is therefore obligated to prohibit cannabis on campus or risk losing substantial federal funding, including Title IV financial aid funds for students. These restrictions apply to all enrolled students in Vermont,



THE NEW CANNABIS retail shop in Middlebury, FLORA, features what it calls a "Flower Bar" to display its products, as well as a selection of bongs and pipes for smoking the cannabis.

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including those who have been approved to live off campus."

The email acknowledges, however, that "products derived from legally grown hemp can be legally possessed in the state of Vermont and on campus," though students are cautioned that it's important to note that "there is some evidence to suggest that use of these products can trigger a positive drug test result for employers and law enforcement."

Overall, Vermont joins 14 other states with legal adult-use cannabis sales. Four additional states (Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and Virginia) and Washington, D.C., have legalized cannabis for adults, but sales have yet to begin.

Voters in five additional states will consider legalization initiatives or referrals on Election Day: Arkansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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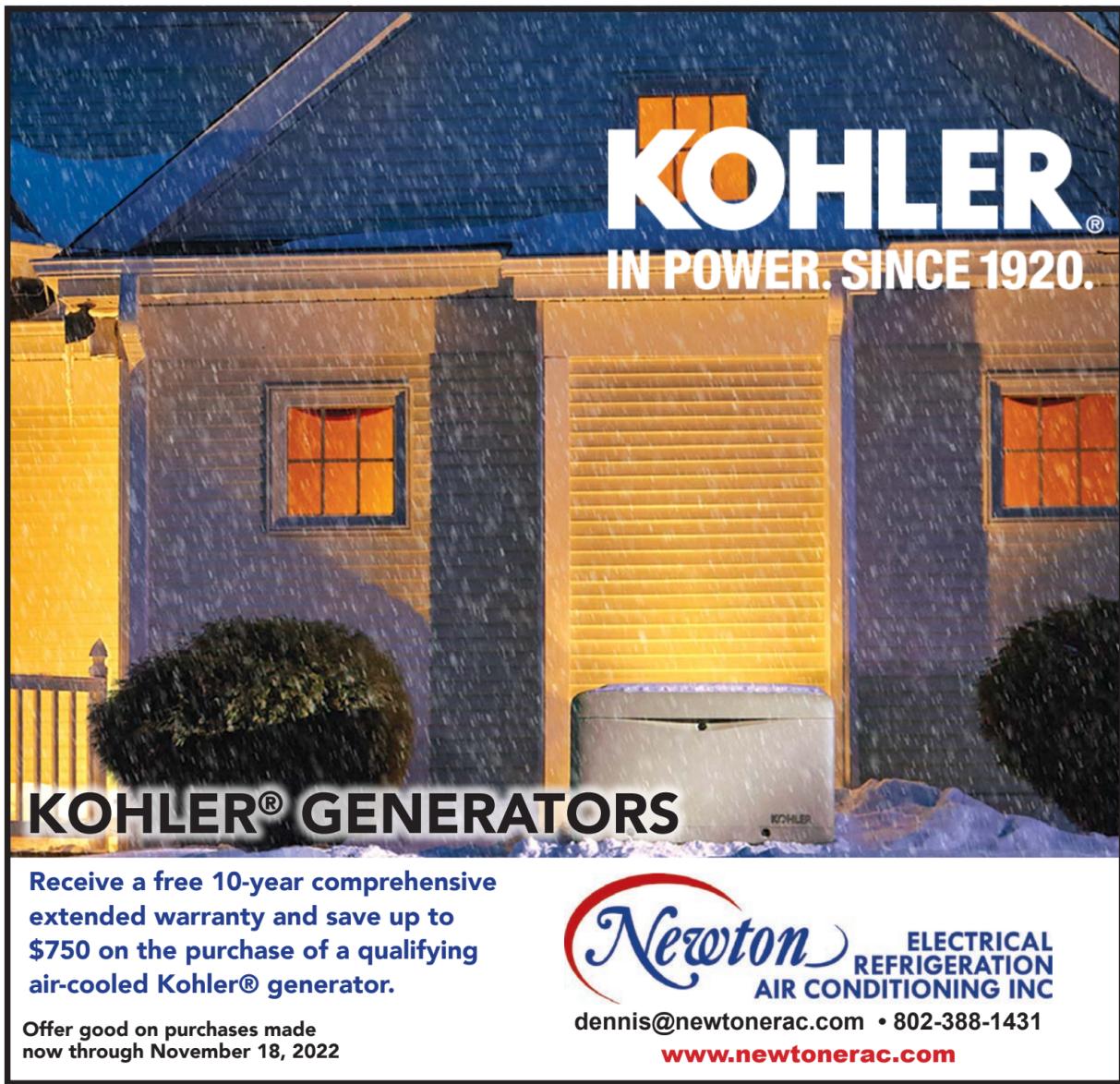
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In run for U.S. House, Madden takes on 'broken' 2-party system

By SARAH MEARHOFF
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BELLOWS FALLS — In a rare open race for Vermont's lone seat in the U.S. House, Republican nominee Liam Madden is an unlikely contender.

Madden is full of contradictions. He served in the Iraq War as a member of the Marine Corps, then organized the nation's largest anti-war coalition of Iraq veterans. He currently works as the solar director for HB Energy Solutions but doesn't think solar should be the "backbone" of energy reform. He is an adamant critic of the two-party system, but is a major-party nominee in Vermont's congressional race. He is running as a Republican but insists he's not a conservative. He says that America's political system is broken but is campaigning to serve at its epicenter, Capitol Hill.

One afternoon in late September, the 38-year-old Bellows Falls resident climbed down from the roof of a client's house in Weathersfield to discuss his congressional run. As he walked the nearby meadows,

fiddling with a screwdriver as he talked, Madden's Australian shepherd Huckleberry tested how far he could wander before his companion called him back. When Madden passed a shrub on the perimeter of the meadow, he plucked some autumn olives off its branches. He tried some first before offering them to a reporter, explaining, "If they're not ripe, they're kind of gross."

In the grand sense, Madden said, he decided to run for Congress because he's concerned about the planet, the future his two children will inherit, America's increasingly polarized political systems and economic inequality. After the Covid-19 pandemic arrived, he said, the government and societal response prompted him to run.

"It was maybe a straw that broke the camel's back after years and years and years of seeing the reflex to just have socialism for the rich, and 'pull yourself up by the bootstraps' for everybody else, and war after war," Madden said.

Steve Mortillo of Tunbridge met Madden around 2006 or 2007.

Mortillo, an Army cavalry scout, had recently returned from his own service in Iraq and bonded with Madden over their opposition to the war's mission.

"As you might imagine, it can be really difficult to go against the grain, and this was back in the early stages of the Iraq War when it wasn't necessarily a popular opinion to come out against it," Mortillo said. "And Liam emerged as a leader in that movement because he's just got this remarkable moral courage, and he is able to let people know that it's OK to disagree with something that's an unpopular opinion."

Mortillo continued, "I think that that helped a lot of veterans really come to terms with what they witnessed with the realities on the ground in Iraq, and, you know, when they tried to pair that with what the narrative was back in the United States."

On his campaign website, Madden describes the "hatred, fear, and humiliation in the eyes of most of the Iraqis I saw" while deployed. He wrote that he witnessed "an 18-year-old kid in my unit... all machismo and Napoleon complex" shoot his machine gun at a car full of innocent civilians. Another

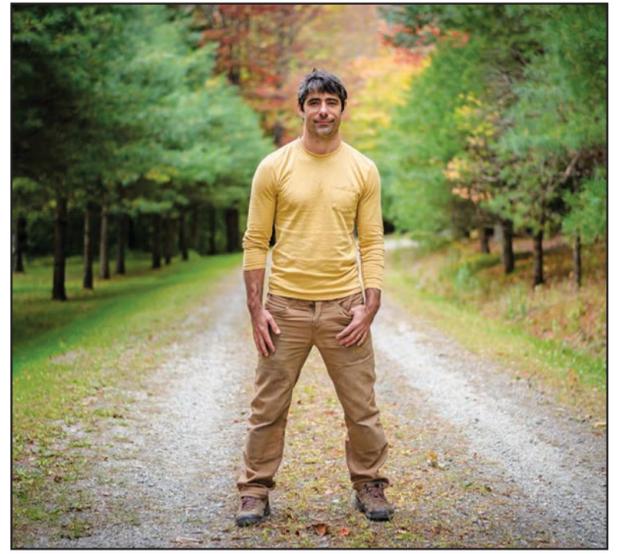
time, he writes, he was "dazzled" by a Marine Corps Reserves captain's classical guitar playing at a Christmas talent show. The next day, the captain's arm was blown off, according to Madden.

Madden wrote that, in 2006, he "returned from Iraq angry and ashamed I had been part of such senseless violence and coercion." Sixteen years later, he remembers returning to the States and seeing yellow "Support the Troops" bumper stickers on what felt like every car.

"What went along with that, or how it was used as a propaganda meme, as a cudgel, was, 'Support the war or you don't support the troops. If you don't support the troops, you're a traitor,'" Madden said.

After returning from his deployment, Madden, along with Navy sailor and organizer Jonathan Hutto, launched a campaign for veterans to write letters to their members of Congress. Madden would be involved for years in the organization Iraq Veterans Against the War.

Mortillo quipped that it's surprising to see a friend running for Congress, but said, "Of all my friends, it made the most sense to



LIAM MADDEN, SHOWN in September 2022, is the Republican nominee for Vermont's lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. His background is not typical for politicians who strive for office in the federal government.

Photo by Glenn Russell/VTDigger

be him."

"I think that's kind of core to part of his identity, is that he's someone who works ... to make things right," Mortillo said. "So in that way, it didn't surprise me. I think if anyone would have the kind of resolve to put yourself out there and weather the type of criticism and mudslinging that can happen in a political campaign, I think it makes total sense for that to be him."

'LABLE MEANS NOTHING'

Madden's rise to major party nominee for Vermont's lone U.S. House seat is ironic: The crux of his philosophy, which he has repeated ad nauseum since entering the race in April, is his opposition to the two-party system in American politics. Madden maintains that he is an independent.

On his campaign website is a square graphic, half red and half blue. Madden is in the middle.

"Both sides are right. Both sides are wrong. Both sides are broken," the text reads. "Vote for honesty. Vote for courage. Vote for solutions. Let's free ourselves from the two-party system."

So why is he running as a Republican?

When Madden registered for the Republican primary contest for U.S. House this spring, he said he'd done so in order to build name recognition and garner media attention in the primary phase of the campaign, during which independents are sometimes ignored.

He pledged throughout the primary campaign that, should he win the Republican nomination, he would reject it and appear on the ballot as an independent. But after defeating conservative competitors Ericka Redic and Anya Tynio in the Aug. 9 primary, he realized he had failed to register as an independent candidate with the Secretary of State's Office ahead of an Aug. 4 deadline.

Madden called it a mistake and said his newfound Republican nomination was "really a foregone conclusion."

"I would happily take the Republican label and keep it a two-person race because the label means nothing to me," he said in

August. "The actual chance of winning means a lot more."

Madden's victory in the GOP primary sent the state party into a tailspin. Vermont Republican Party chair Paul Dame publicly mused about whether the win could serve as a lesson to the party establishment.

"People came out and voted for (former President Donald) Trump that had been ignored by the party establishment," Dame wrote in a statement after the primary. "One of the things I'm trying to evaluate is whether Liam is tapping into a voter base that had been ignored by everyone previously and may be harder to categorize as being right or left — depending on the issue."

At an August meeting of the GOP state committee held after the primary, the party decided it would not support Madden in the general election — a decision members attributed to Madden's refusal to commit to caucusing with congressional Republicans, should he win in November. Madden said he was unsurprised by the party's decision and only requested its "polite neutrality" as he proceeds to November.

"I went in eyes wide open that they are part of the two-party system that I am deeply critiquing, so it's not a shock to me how this turned out," Madden said at the time.

Now, with an R next to his name on the ballot but no institutional support from the party, Madden finds himself in a unique position. In August, he said he chose to remain the Republican nominee for the "actual chance of winning." But now, as he campaigns for the general election, the label is a black mark for some of the voters to whom he is trying to appeal.

"It's like I'm in proximity to the word 'Republican' and I'm written off."

Madden said he would caucus "with either both parties cyclically, or neither party" and said he thought "there could actually be a tremendous amount of leverage when both sides actually see you as someone that could be a useful

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Madden

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 vote.” As for those who have said his independence would be a disadvantage for Vermonters, he said it is “a misrepresentation of the facts to say that someone who is truly an independent would not be an asset to Vermont. I think it’s quite the opposite.”

Madden added that he supported term limits for Congress, adding that six to 10 years would be reasonable, with eight years being “the sweet spot.” But any limit is better than none, he reasoned. There are currently no term limits for members of Congress.

The perennial argument against such limits is that, with time, members of Congress accrue institutional knowledge, policy expertise and long-term relationships with their colleagues. Madden conceded that, yes, that

can go there and make sausage in the sausage factory.”

STRADDLING THE MIDDLE

As for where Madden stands on pressing policy issues, he claims to occupy a lane somewhere in between Democrats and Republicans. In recent debates and campaign emails, much attention has been paid to his views on abortion.

Shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, ending federal abortion protections, Madden decried the high court’s ruling but said he would support “compromise” federal abortion regulation based on fetal viability.

Balint seized on Madden’s openness to some level of federal abortion regulation. In a Sept. 12 email blast, her campaign accused Madden of holding beliefs that are

read studies and literature over the years that have led him to “be very scared” about the Earth’s warming. (Indeed, the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change continues to warn that the impacts of a rapidly warming global climate will be disastrous, deadly and irreversible.)

But as he approaches the topic “over and over with fresh eyes,” he said, “I honestly have to say I’m more uncertain.”

“Do I really understand this well enough to justify the kind of broad, sweeping reforms that politicians either argue for or argue against?” he asked. “I land more in the uncertainty.”

To counter that uncertainty, Madden proposed the government pour funding into “Manhattan Project-style” research and development of on-the-brink environmental technology. A smaller allocation of government funds could go toward existing energy technologies, such as nuclear, wind and solar, he said.

There is another arena in which Madden said he is unsure: conspiracy theories.

Madden gave oxygen to the unsubstantiated theory that the Covid-19 pandemic originated in a laboratory facility in Wuhan, China. And his campaign site includes a page titled “Have a Laugh,” with headlines ranging from the downright silly (“A pony in every driveway”) to the gravely serious and conspiratorial (“JFK, MLK, 9/11 and Epstein”).

Under the latter, he wrote that there is a benefit to “being open to explore conspiracy research,” adding, “I’ve researched more than a few conspiracies.” He goes on to say that he finds the mechanics of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination “completely implausible” and thinks that aspects of the 9/11 terrorist attack are “very difficult to explain.”

Asked in a follow-up phone interview about the webpage, Madden said it’s a “place to discuss things that are clearly taboo, clearly third-rail subjects.” He said the media and politicians on both sides avoid “valid questions on issues where it’s uncomfortable for them.”

He pointed to Kennedy’s assassination and asked, “Do you believe your own eyes or do you believe the government?”

“That’s all the conclusion I feel comfortable getting to, is that there’s no way that they’re being forthcoming with all of the information,” he said.

Asked who “they” is, Madden said the government and “the media

that doesn’t hold their feet to the fire, asking these basic questions.”

Asked if he believes the 9/11 terrorist attack was an inside job by the U.S. government, Madden said, “I actually do not come to a conclusion about that because it’s

impossible to.” But, he added, “there are questions to be asked.”

Madden does concede that some conspiracy theories are “batshit crazy” and are easily proven wrong, like flat-Earth

beliefs, QAnon or the notion that the 2020 presidential election was stolen. But, when probed by a reporter, he called it “laziness” to lump all conspiracy theories together.

“You know what else is a conspiracy theory? That the United States, senior White House officials, intelligence officials, sold weapons to Iran, used that money to buy drugs, used that drug money to fund right-wing death squads in Central America and import their drugs into the inner cities of the United States,” Madden said, referring to the Iran-Contra Affair. “That is a fucking crazy conspiracy theory, and it’s true.”

WHAT’S NEXT?

Madden knows he could use another outlet to get his message out. He said he’s been asked, “Why not just start a podcast?”

“I believe if you do that, you end up just talking to the people who are already interested. There’s a choir and you preach to them,” he said. “People look to politics to be where ideas that address the challenges we all face are. So I don’t want to just go and start a podcast that’s listened to by the people who already care about some niche subject. I want to merge those worlds.”

If he does not prevail in November, Madden said he plans to take time to “recalibrate, reorient, regroup and see what’s next. But I’m not, as of right now, thinking that I’m just going to keep whacking away at politics until I win.”

Asked if he thinks local office is in his future, he said no. His sights are set only on Congress because “the kind of government and political innovations and reforms that I’m interested in... are only relevant in the context of national politics.”

“If you’re selling bicycles, you need to go and talk to every individual. If you’re selling buses, you need to talk to cities. If you’re selling NASA rockets, you really have only one customer,” Madden said. “I only have one customer.”



would be a trade-off.

“But you would get way more benefit in that trade-off from ... the increased flow of ideas to people and the liberation from entrenched money control,” he said. “I’m not going to say that’s not true, that there is a lack of continuity of that institutional knowledge, but it’s worth it to me if you get less of an iron grip of oligarchy.”

Madden’s chief rival for Vermont’s House seat, Democratic nominee Becca Balint, is also a first-time congressional candidate. But Madden has nonetheless painted Balint, who currently serves as president pro tempore of the Vermont Senate, as the political establishment’s pick and himself as the outsider who wants to shake up the system.

“The reason I think I offer a more needed perspective and skill set is that, I think Becca Balint puts a really kind face on a really broken system,” Madden said. “She’s clearly the more experienced in legislative work, but to me it’s the experience of a doctor prescribing Band-Aids. That’s not the experience we need. Maybe we need a whole new way of looking at the problem ... more than we just need someone who

wildly out of step with the views of the average Vermonter, who believes that abortion access is an essential right that needs to be protected.”

At a debate alongside Balint days later, Madden said abortions performed before a fetus is independently viable — or can survive outside the womb — “should be protected choices.” But he said he believes government regulation is appropriate in the remaining “extremely rare instance of elective abortion in the last term.” (Medical professionals say such procedures are not performed.)

On the debate stage, Madden shot back at Balint over her campaign’s messaging.

“I’m realizing that I don’t think you actually see that there’s nuance here, Becca,” Madden said. “And I’m so happy to be a voice for the middle 80% of Vermonters who want a voice in this discussion.”

In an earlier interview with VtDigger last month, he said he is open to changing his mind as he learns more information. It’s rare that his views flip from one extreme to another, he said. Instead, he tends to land in the middle.

Take, for example, climate change. Madden said that he has

One-acre dog park is sought for Ferrisburgh

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — Ferrisburgh resident Connie Houston is pitching a 1-acre dog park to town officials, one that a number of residents have supported on social media and could possibly be sited on town-owned land west of the Route 7 Ferrisburgh town office building.

Houston has had preliminary talks with the Ferrisburgh selectboard, who asked her to take the town’s temperature with a survey on a dog park and come back to a board meeting with the findings, which she will do at an upcoming meeting.

Houston likes the location to the west of the town office building, “but there’s nothing set in stone,” she said, and described planning for a dog park as “very, very preliminary.”

That said, she has twice met with the selectboard and has also spoken to the town’s Trails and Town Center committees, with what she said were initially favorable receptions.

And she has described receiving plenty of support from a one-day survey posted on Front Porch Forum.

“We got an amazing response,” Houston said.

She estimated that of about 50 responses that day only one was negative, with that responder wondering if the park already established in Monkton was sufficient to serve Ferrisburgh as well.

Houston, now retired and a dog owner, said she and her husband

Bill use the Monkton park, and when they travel with their pet and spend winter in Florida they make

good use of dog parks there. She said the parks benefit owners and towns as well as dogs.

“We go to a lot of dog parks,” Houston said. “It’s a community. (See Dog park, Page 18A)

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Airport

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or leaving a specific airport.

Those clicks are then put through a mathematical equation to guard against over- or under-counting, according to Brassard.

She explained airport protocols call for pilots to make radio announcements three times before touching down — when they are five miles out, one mile out, and about to touch down. The same three radio announcements are required for pilots taking off from the airfield, she said.

In addition, the Middlebury Airport manager makes two daily radio announcements each day bookending their daily airstrip inspections.

“We take the total number of clicks (at the end of the day), we minus those two (associated with daily runway inspection), and then divide by three, and that’s what gives us 17 as a daily average for Middlebury,” Brassard said of the GARD formula. “Some days there are more (clicks), sometimes there are less.”

Brassard acknowledged the Middlebury Airport’s current traffic pattern is greatly influenced by businesses that are either based there or that use it regularly. Those businesses include Green Mountain Avionics, J&M Aviation, and freelance flight instructor Jim Leavitt.

“Some days that might be heavier (for operations) might be when (Green Mountain Avionics CEO) Bill Hanf is testing an aircraft that they’ve just put some equipment

in,” Brassard said. “Some days, we might only have 10 operations, but on other days we might have 30 or 40 operations.”

TRANSPORTATION HUB

The airport is, of course, also used by folks who own and fly their own small aircraft, and there’s a waiting list for hangars.

Since the GARD system doesn’t differentiate between local and itinerant operations, opponents of a beefed-up airport argue that the numbers being advanced by VTrans don’t provide a true reflection of Middlebury State Airport as a transportation hub.

An Aug. 11, 2022, FAA “Master Record” of Middlebury Airport operations shows 4,234 local, 2,116 itinerant and 800 military operations, for a total of 7,150 annually. However, further scrutiny of the document reveals that it actually reflects operations for the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 2016.

And there’s another Middlebury Airport user whose operations are even less predictable: The Vermont National Guard. The Air Guard uses Middlebury’s and other state airports for occasional helicopter training exercises. VTrans currently estimates an average of 800 military operations at the Middlebury Airport each year. Those operations are typically sporadic but heavy on the days during which they occur, according to Brassard.

“Sometimes you’ll get a call from the Guard, and they’ll say, ‘We’re going to be doing a training

exercise and would like to use this airport for these dates,” she said. “It could be a day, it could be a week, or whatever. Then we talk to them and say, ‘Give us a count by day of your activity, because we’re going to clean out your radio numbers.’”

Quantifying those military helicopter operations is trickier than for conventional aircraft traffic, Brassard said.

“The challenge with the military operations is we don’t (measure them) through the same process,” Brassard explained. “We get some clicks that we have to eliminate, because sometimes (military personnel) just talk back and forth to each other, and as soon as they press the button for the mic, (GARD) counts it. If you have three helicopters coming in, and they take off, and one of them says, ‘Hey, check out the rainbow over there,’ it’s a click.”

So VTrans collaborates with the Guard to get more accurate data on helicopter operations, Brassard said.

In spite of the unpredictability of Air Guard operations, VTrans is consistently forecasting 800 military operations annually at the Middlebury Airport through 2041.

“Most of those counts we get straight from whomever is conducting the training,” she said. “Those would be on the days that (trainings) are organized, and then we go through and look at the data that came on the clicks.”

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Middleton

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Addison Bay, Catherine Canino, Commando, Elli Parr, French Connection, Michael Stars, and Sail to Sable.

One can also find jewelry, scarves and wraps, handbags, hair accessories and hats at the store, which provides an open-yet-intimate layout and ambiance for browsing.

Those who don’t want to leave the comfort of their home can shop at Middleton online, at middletonvermont.com.

Middleton boasts a staff of six part-time employees and a waiting list of others hoping to snag a job — an enviable position for a store to be in during this era of worker shortages.

The store began its “soft opening” two weeks ago, followed by a launch party on Saturday, Oct. 8. Middleton is now open seven days a week, including early evening (until 7 p.m.) hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

It’s no coincidence that Parlour is also open until 7 p.m., and Phelps hopes other downtown businesses will follow suit. She explained many folks can’t find time to shop at stores that close at 5 p.m.

“We’re hoping that (Parlour and Middleton) will start a trend,” she said.

Phelps has learned a lot about style and fashion trends while helming Parlour, knowledge that should serve her well with Middleton.

“Because I know my community really well, I’m able to shop based on what I know what people in town will like,” she said. “We have a very good range in prices, as well, and have been cautious to bring in lines that are sustainable and eco-friendly.”

Kestner and Phelps have hired several Middlebury College students to work at Middleton, thus ensuring the store carries clothing that’s popular among young adults. Those student employees have successfully lobbied to have Middleton carry a limited amount of men’s clothing as well, including such lines as Faherty and Marine Layer.

Building Middleton at 66 Main St. has been a family-and-friends affair.

Phelps’s dad did all the construction, and her brother-in-law Brian did the painting. Her uncle did



LISA PHELPS

all the drywall work. Her former soccer coach made the “Middleton” sign that hangs outside the store.

Other members of the business community have been very supportive, either through words, purchases or deeds.

The two business partners have been gratified by the early customer response to Middleton.

“A lot of people have been thanking me, and that’s nice to hear,” Phelps said.

Parlour and Middleton are proving to be nice catalysts for the downtown economy, according to Phelps. She noted some of her Parlour clients come in for a hair styling and then stick around to frequent Middleton and other downtown stores, followed by a meal at a local restaurant.

“I’m happy to keep money local,” said Phelps, who will end up giving around \$15,000 to various charitable causes before year’s end.

Phelps’s many contributions haven’t gone unnoticed; the Addison County Chamber of Commerce recently awarded her the “Buster Brush Citizen of the Year” award.

Her goal is not just to make a living in Middlebury. “This is my town and I want to make it great,” Phelps said.

By the Way

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sign up at tinyurl.com/yckxb6v9. The 5 Town Partnership is a collaboration of churches, nonprofits and charitably minded people serving residents of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro.

You can learn more by visiting 5townpartnership.org.

Attention leafpeepers, hikers and commuters: The top of the Lincoln Gap Road leading to Warren will be closed as of Thursday, Oct. 13, and will remain so through the

winter. Barriers will be installed on both the Lincoln and Warren sides. Beyond the closure point, the narrow, winding, high elevation road can be treacherous even when the weather elsewhere is clear. If there are road closed signs and your GPS says you should go that

way, know that your GPS is wrong. The towns of Lincoln and Warren work together, so both sides open and close the same day. The Gap Road customarily reopens in mid-May.

Looking for something interesting and seasonal to do on this Saturday, Oct. 15? Why not check out the Starksboro Fall Festival, to be held from 3-5 p.m. at the site of the town’s new pavilion (behind the town offices, off Route 116). Make apple cider, enjoy seasonal treats, play outdoor games, hear live music and connect with neighbors. The library will provide books for local kids, who will also be able to make a “fun button” using a press from the Common Ground Center. The “Starks Bros” — aka Caleb Elder, Pat Melvin and Nate Gusakov — will make their debut performance. Also, community organizations and groups will have tables and information, school board officials and Save our Schools members will be there to answer questions, and of course visitors can check out the new pavilion

project that’s being organized and built through donations and a lot of volunteer labor. For more information, contact Carin McCarthy (cmccarthy@starksboro.org), Peg Casey (PegCasey@hotmail.com) or Susan Thompson (sthompson@gmavt.net).

Residents of the Town of Addison are invited to an Open House at the Addison Town Hall this Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come say hello to neighbors, enjoy music and refreshments, tour the building and find out more about the upcoming bond vote to restore the historic Addison Town Hall into town offices and a community meeting center.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have risen 6.9 cents per gallon during the past week, averaging \$3.74 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 626 stations in the Green Mountain State. Prices in Vermont are 13.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 54.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Meanwhile, the national average price of gasoline has risen 13.8 cents per gallon during the past week, averaging \$3.92 per gallon right now. The national average is up 22.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 67 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering more than 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Gov. Phil Scott last month announced his appointment of 28 Vermonters to various state boards and commissions. Among the appointees was Leicester’s Richard Reed to the Vermont Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery Advisory Board. Boards and commissions serve an important role in state government, giving Vermonters many opportunities to serve their state and communities. The governor’s office is currently soliciting applications to fill vacancies and upcoming term expirations. All those interested in serving on a board or commission should visit the Governor’s website to apply.

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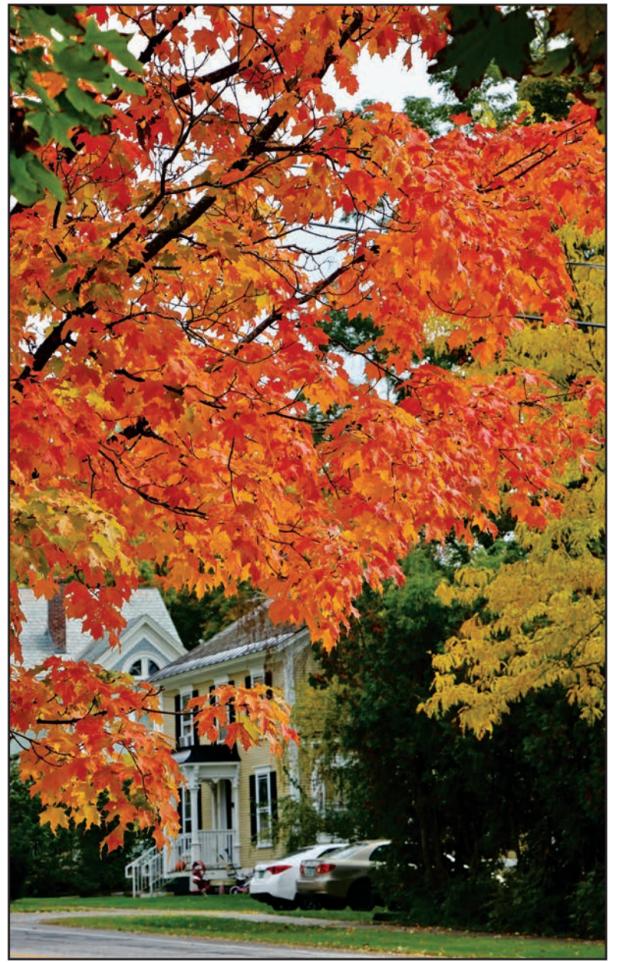
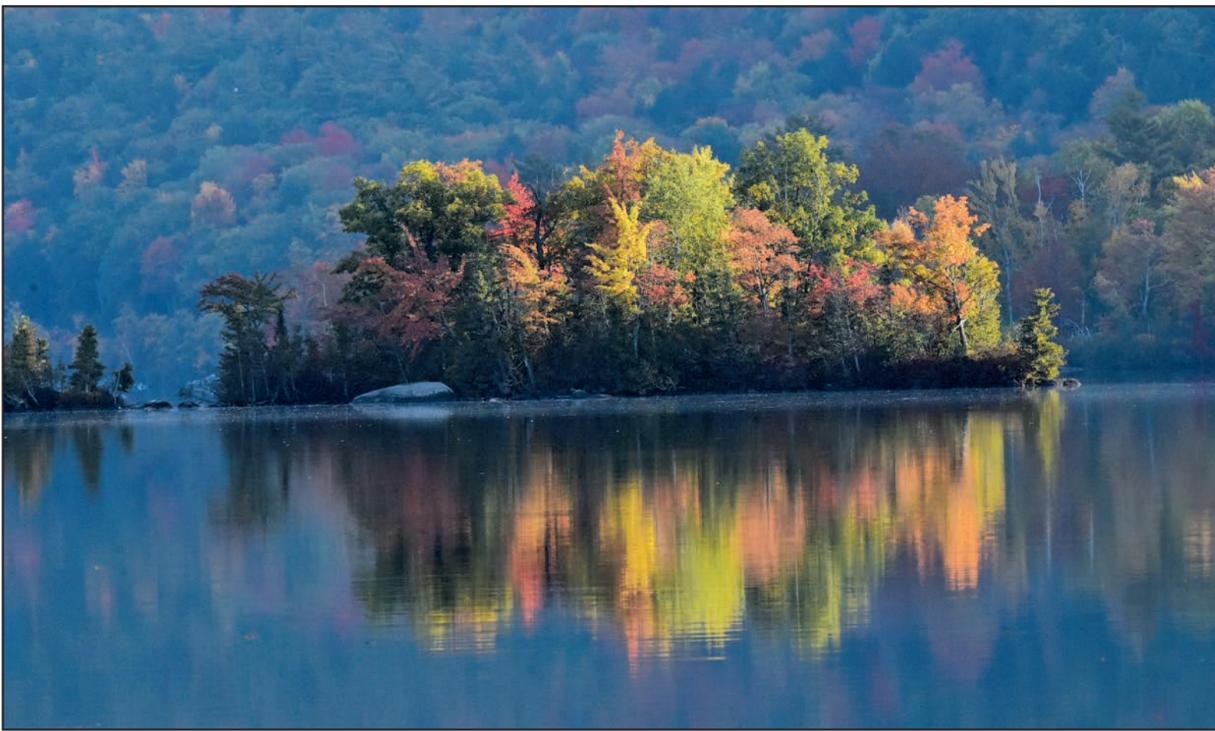
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FALL!

Bright colors fill rural vistas and street scenes throughout the county, including shots of haying on the Bristol Notch Road, all by Steve James, and the island at Lake Dunmore by Angelo Lynn.



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Panthers host New England Regional at Eddy Farm

The Middlebury College Panthers on Saturday hosted the New England Regional at the Eddy Farm in Middlebury. The Middlebury team had 12 women riding. Panthers Alivia Hartz of Nashville on the leopard Appaloosa, bottom left, and Sage Mauri, of Boston top left, rode in the event pictured. Top right are Middlebury riders, from left, Tess Hegarty, Anika Jessup (Captain) and Blaine Cunningham. Middle left, in a blanket, is Tibetan Sonam Choedon of New York City. At right with ribbons is Hannah Donovan, who was the Middlebury captain in 2020. Other teams competing were from UVM, Colby Sawyer, Bates, Castleton, Northeastern, Norwich, U of Maine, U of New England and UNH.



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Ferrisburgh dog park

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 You meet new friends.” Ferrisburgh selectboard Chair Jessica James said she and other board members are looking forward to learning more when they sit down with Houston again and are interested in the idea, but questions remain, including about the potential location. “We really only said let’s see if people really want it, and we kicked it back out to Connie to do the survey,” James said. “As far as what she wants to do, it’s exciting, and it’s something good for the community. It’s just where.” James said the board will want to hear from the Town Center Committee about compatibility questions, such as does the dog park fit into that panel’s vision for the area. The board will also

look into practical matters, such as could building the park interfere with potentially providing lighting for the town office building’s parking area. James added there is also potential for converting the Methodist church next to the town building, which is ending its run as a house of worship, into a combination childcare and senior center. She said she wants to be clear on whether a nearby dog park is a compatible use. James said these are questions that at some point would need to be addressed, and that the board will discuss them with an open mind. “There are so many things floating around right now. Is (the dog park) cool? Absolutely. Is it something that Ferrisburgh and

surrounding (towns) would like? Yes, that would be a great option for a lot of people,” James said. “But I don’t know if it’s part of the grand plan for the town center.” **DOG PARK VISION** In the meantime, Houston described what most dog parks look like and provide for dog owners and their charges, and how one could be built with no or minimal financial impact to town taxpayers. She envisions a fenced park of about an acre, the size of most parks, with an interior split of about two-thirds for larger dogs and one-third for smaller dogs. Three gates large enough for lawn-mowing equipment would allow that equipment to move into and throughout the enclosure, Houston said. She noted the town’s

public works department already mows the site in question. Her son-in-law is in landscaping and has volunteered to do any necessary site work, Houston added. Houston said she believes high-quality fencing will be more expensive up front, but less costly in the long run due to lower maintenance costs. An estimate pegged purchase and installation at roughly \$36,000 or \$37,000 for heavy-gauge steel fencing painted a less visible black. “I’ve seen some dog parks, and when they’ve done lesser fencing it just needs more maintenance,” she said. “If we do this, I want to make it so it’s, what I’m going to say, pretty maintenance-free.” She expects money can be raised from grant sources and donations

to cover purchase and installation of the fencing. “My goal is to do it with either sponsorships or donations. I don’t want it to be something that has to be in the town budget,” Houston said. Houston has also talked to officials in three towns, including Middlebury and Fair Haven, about another financial factor, the possibility that such a park would require the town to buy extra liability insurance. She said creating dog parks didn’t change liability costs in those communities, although Middlebury added a rider to cover damage to the fencing. “We have a town beach, we have town buildings. That all comes under our liability,” Houston said. Houston and others distributed

a second survey on Ferrisburgh Day on Sept. 24, and those still interested in giving their opinion may do so by stopping by the town office building and filling out the survey. Results have not been collated yet, Houston said. Those interested in learning more may also reach Houston at conniehouston126@gmail.com. At this early stage, Houston is hopeful. “I’ve still got some Is to dot and Ts to cross, and I’m sure the board will ask some questions, which is fine,” Houston said. “I don’t want to pursue it if I don’t think it’s good for the community. And at this point, and I’m a little prejudiced, but I just feel this a great thing for the community.”

MAUSD

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 problematic,” Starksboro representative Brad Johnson said. “From my standpoint, I wouldn’t be able to adopt a resolution such as the one that was presented tonight.”

Some were concerned that voters don’t have enough time to weigh the pros and cons of a merger before voting. Other board members pushed back, saying there’s no time to waste in finding a solution for the issues the districts are facing.

“It’s hard to mobilize people around something that feels like an unknown,” Bristol representative and vice-chair Krista Siringo said. “But when I think about my own kids, who are all in this (Mount Abe) building right now, I see things that are missing. We already could be doing much better, and I don’t want to wait.”

Kevin Hanson, a Bristol school board representative who also sits on the Merger Study Committee, echoed Siringo’s support of the resolution.

“It (the merger) is not perfect. I haven’t experienced anything in life that’s perfect yet. And the whole merger committee recognizes that,” he said. “But at the end of the day, the benefits far outweigh the negatives. So, I would be disappointed if this board didn’t support it.”

Ultimately Griswold broke the tie in favor of the resolution supporting the merger.

MAUSD AND LINCOLN

The board also discussed last month’s State Board of Education meeting, during which the panel discussed options for providing the Lincoln School District (LSD) with

supervisory union services. Among other options, the state board is considering placing the MAUSD into a supervisory union with the LSD. MAUSD officials have vocally opposed that option due to concerns of higher tax rates and less equity for students.

Another possibility the state board encouraged, but couldn’t enforce, is that the MAUSD and LSD work to find a local solution to Lincoln’s desire for control over its local school without changing any existing school governance structures. One local solution would be Lincoln returning to the MAUSD as a member town.

Reen said the board could consider adopting a resolution that formalizes their support for this option.

“There are only two possibilities for us, realistically, in terms of a relationship with Lincoln,” he said. “One of those is better for MAUSD and Lincoln, in my opinion, and one of them is worse for MAUSD and Lincoln. If we believe that, it might be in our interest to say we prefer the one that’s better for both and take action.”

The board will resume discussion of whether to adopt a resolution at their next meeting, on Oct. 25. Reen also updated the board on the district’s work to assess the financial implications of entering into a supervisory union with the LSD. District officials are also looking into the budget implications of Lincoln rejoining the MAUSD as a member town.

“We don’t have an expectation to send that to the state board,” Reen said, adding that the district has to prepare for whatever decision the state board makes. “We can’t wait until Dec. 1 to build whatever budget we have to build; we have to start building contingencies.”

TEACHERS UNION MERGER DISCUSSION

Also taking place on Tuesday was a joint discussion between MAUSD board members and members of the Mount Abraham Education Association, compromised of educators throughout the district. The two entities last year agreed to meet three times a year to discuss topics of interest to both school board members and district staff. Tuesday’s topic of discussion was the proposed merger.

Staff and school board members broke out into small groups to discuss concerns about the merger, aspects of the proposal they were optimistic about, and questions they had about potential consolidation. Some of the recurring concerns shared at the meeting included:

- Transportation, particularly long bus rides for students.
- Staffing, seniority among staff in a merged district and job stability.
- Loss of identity of the ANWSD and MAUSD communities.

The group also identified potential positives for merging, notably the ability to safeguard programs for students that might otherwise be cut. Other positives included being able to share needed services like behavioral specialists, sharing ideologies, and taking on projects with a larger group of staff and students.

Staff and school board members shared the lingering questions they have about the merger. Common questions related to the logistics of transportation, school choice opportunities and staffing decisions.

MAUSD board members encouraged people to attend the upcoming public Q&As being hosted by the Merger Study Committee, where community members will be given a chance to ask the committee questions and hear more about the merger proposal.

These Q&As will be held at Mount Abraham Union High School on Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. and at Vergennes Union High School on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.

Solar

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 power needs.

“We’ve been looking at options for filling that 20% gap as we move to 100% solar, but at the same time we also anticipate an increasing electric load as we transition our buildings off of fossil fuels to heat pumps,” he said.

The committee is working on plans to replace the Starksboro Public Library’s oil furnace with a central heat pump and add an energy recovery ventilation system to the building. They’ve submitted a proposal to the town’s ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Advisory Committee and hope to have the project funded by a chunk of the town’s \$521,300 of ARPA funds. If completed, the switch would add to the solar deficit the energy committee is working to address.

The committee has estimated it would take around 24 additional panels to meet the library’s needs, and a potential location for these

panels could be on top of the new pavilion. Faesy said the pavilion roof could easily fit 24 panels, and possibly more.

But the committee is still in the early stages of looking into this option.

“It’s sort of been a new idea to combine that pavilion with solar. We’ve begun exploring it and we’re about to gather some estimates for what it would cost,” Faesy said. “If we make some good choices about a metal roof with standing seam, that’s an easy application to attach panels to.”

If the pavilion proves to be a feasible location for the panels, Faesy said the committee will likely submit another proposal to the ARPA advisory committee for the project. Starksboro’s ARPA advisory committee is expected to present recommendations for use of that funding to the selectboard in the spring.

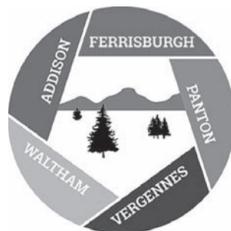
The energy committee also has other options for adding more town solar. Faesy said

one possibility is repaneling the current trackers, which would maximize the amount of electricity they produce.

“The panels that were put on there 12 years ago were at something like 200 watts per panel, and the ones you can get today are like 350 watts per panel. So, you could increase the output per panel by repaneling them,” he explained. “But there’s the whole question of is that a sustainable thing to do when the existing panels are fine, and how do you recycle them or resell them? So that’s an ongoing discussion we’re having.”

Faesy said the energy committee will continue to explore increasing town solar, but there are other energy-related tasks they’re focused on as well.

“We probably spend as much time thinking about weatherizing buildings as we do the production and the solar side,” he explained. “We’ve made some progress, but there’s always a lot more to do.”



LOCAL BALLOT VOTE NOV. 8 ANWSD/MAUSD MERGER

The Article of Agreements represent your community members working toward the following priorities:

- Offsetting decades of continued declining enrollment by sharing resources and collaborating across schools, thereby increasing cost effectiveness and slowing tax-rate growth.
- Sustaining and expanding opportunities for middle and high school students.
- Enabling a separation of middle and high school students and campuses.
- Increasing equity, thereby ensuring all students have access to engaging, relevant, and high-quality learning opportunities.

Articles of Agreement highlights:

- Voter approval is necessary from both Addison Northwest School District (ANWSD) and Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD) to ratify the Articles of Agreement.
- High bar set for school closure. Elementary schools will not be closed without a yes vote by the electorate of the town(s) the school serves for the first 4 years. After 4 years, elementary schools will not be closed without a 2/3 majority vote of the electorate of the new district, AND a 2/3 majority vote of the school board.
- Transportation will remain the same as the year before the union. Future policy must consider routes and ride durations comparable to the year before merging. Transportation studies show that if middle and high schools were to merge, sustained or improved ride times would be possible.
- November 2022–March 2023 is planning focused. The new Board will be required to consider strategies for community involvement and to seek local input on matters such as budget and policy. Student, staff, and community input will be needed to take full advantage of our combined resources to successfully meet student needs!
- In accordance with current model policy of ANWSD, within-district school choice will be available to all students if capacity allows.
- 15-member board, with at least 1 member for each town and additional members based on population to ensure that the voice from each town is heard, and has impact, at the table. The smaller towns constitute 53% of the seats on the board. Voting on action items will be weighted based on the proportion of the district population in that town.

Articles can be changed with voter approval

if proposed by either the Addison North School District Board or community petition. Town withdrawal from the district will follow the process set out by state law.

Financial Projections:

Estimated cost reductions from a merged central office = \$1.3M

Estimated cost reductions from potential combined middle and high schools = \$2.5M

Timeline:

In the first year after merging (2023–2024), both central offices would continue to operate, working together with the new Board to run the new district (essentially the same way the two districts now operate) and start building year two (2024–2025) which would enable the district to operate with just one central office. In year two, the single central office team would work with the Board and others to build year three (2025–2026), which is when, with stakeholder input and a thoughtful transition process, decisions about middle school and high school, transportation, etc., would begin.

If Addison Northwest School District and Mount Abraham Unified School District merge, it would break down legal and practical restrictions that currently impede further collaboration between districts.



To access a video further explaining the articles, the most recent transportation study, full proposed articles of agreement, study report with supporting research, FAQs, contact information of committee members, and so much more use the QR code below or visit your district website to find the committee’s most current updates at MAUSD.org or ANWSD.org.

All of our buildings are well maintained and are surrounded by proud, supportive communities. **Please consider attending upcoming community engagement events in either district.**

Oct. 18, 6pm: public Q&A at Mount Abraham High School, school tour 5:30pm in the cafeteria

Oct. 19, 6pm: public Q&A at Vergennes Union High School, school tour 5:30 pm in the lobby

Nov. 1, 6pm: Combined informational event with in-person locations at Holley Hall in Bristol and VUHS in Vergennes as well as Zoom.

Vote either in-person Nov. 8 or request your local absentee ballot from your town clerk. It will not be automatically mailed.

Members of MAUSD/ ANWSD Merger Study Committee: Elizabeth Sayre, Dustin Corrigan, and Keith Morrill

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NEWLY APPOINTED MIDDLEBURY selectboard member Isabel "Izzy" Gogarty, 23, is eager to begin work in solving the town's most pressing problems, including its lack of housing.

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Gogarty

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hopeful Gary Baker, Rebecca Hanley, Judy Wiger-Grohs and Rainwalker Winterpainter were all invited to make their case for Charlestin's spot at the Sept. 27 selectboard meeting. The panel, after a 23-minute session behind closed doors, voted 6-0 to appoint Gogarty.

"I am ready for this work as I am a futuristic and strategic thinker with perspectives currently not represented on the selectboard," she told the board in her nomination pitch. "I hope to bring an enthusiastic voice of a young professional that intentionally chose Middlebury to grow my

roots to live, work and play."

It's a good thing Middlebury's newest selectperson has boundless energy. In addition to being a full-time teacher, she's a full-time master's candidate at Castleton University, a member of the town's Parks & Recreation Committee and a MUMS field hockey coach.

Gogarty grew up in the New Milford, Conn. area, then came to Vermont around five years ago to pursue a dual major of health education and physical education (K-12) as an undergraduate at Castleton. She earned her licensure in both disciplines in May of 2020, then pivoted to her teaching job at MUMS.

It's a job that sees her impart an assortment of life skills to all 346 MUMS students, skills that include cooking, communication, first aid/CPR and forging healthy relationships.

"My job is being a connection-maker," Gogarty said. "It's connecting students with resources before they get to high school."

As a teen Gogarty was ambivalent about politics. She registered to vote when she turned 18, but had no aspirations of becoming a candidate herself someday. That all changed in college when she became more civically engaged.

"People would come to me for a listening ear, to get advice and to

use my voice to get things done — or bring them to a meeting where decisions were happening," Gogarty said.

It wasn't long before she began serving in various roles in student government, including on the Vermont State College Board of Trustees during the spring of 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic was forcing pivotal decisions about the status of in-person classes and student activities.

She wanted to continue her volunteerism after moving to Middlebury.

"I knew I wanted to stay involved in politics, but I didn't know in what capacity," Gogarty said.

She found her inspiration in Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury, who during the fall of 2020 was subbing at MUMS as a special educator. Seeing a state senator pitch in at the local middle school had a profound effect on the newly minted teacher.

"I was so in awe of meeting my first politician, ever," Gogarty said. "I thought, 'This is really telling of a community.'"

Gogarty resolved to serve her adopted community, but the time wasn't right. It was, after all, during the height of the pandemic, with virtual classes and quarantines.

Parks & Rec was a logical first step for her, and she sought to up the ante when she learned of the selectboard vacancy last month. Her desire to seek a selectboard seat was in part fueled by the reason Charlestin — the dean of climate and culture at MUMS — had to relinquish her spot.

As previously reported in the *Independent*, Charlestin and her family were unable to find new accommodations in Middlebury after their prior lease had expired.

Charlestin lamented the town's lack of workforce housing and alleged cases of discrimination by prospective landlords.

Gogarty is thankful to have been passed the torch from Charlestin and vowed to make the siting and construction of affordable/workforce housing a priority during her time on the selectboard.

"This is a vital time," she said, adding that seeking a spot on the selectboard was "the right thing to do, out of honor for Esther and the other young people who could've lost a voice on the board."

Middlebury's lack of affordable housing is providing a barrier to young families seeking to live and work in the county's shire town. Current board members have acknowledged the importance of welcoming the next generation of Middlebury residents,

entrepreneurs and civic leaders.

While Gogarty is confident she'll be a capable spokesperson for other young folks, she made it clear she'll represent all constituents.

"I love being a person that people of all walks of life can confide in, seek advice in, or have confidence in to get things done," Gogarty said.

Along with affordable housing, Gogarty cited childcare and promoting an understanding of the public education budget as priority issues. She's also a supporter of local efforts to improve the Ilsley Library and develop a local skatepark.

She hopes to use her position — and get the support of her colleagues — to bring like-minded organizations together to solve weighty issues.

"This is work that's being done everywhere, but it feels kind of siloed," she said. "I want to make it more accessible for people to engage in these conversations."

Being on the selectboard means occasionally having to make tough choices — especially when it comes to municipal spending. That's fine with Gogarty.

"I think a big part of being on a board is knowing when to say 'no,'" she said,

stressing she'll thoroughly research requests before casting her vote.

Be prepared to see Gogarty's name on the ballot next March. Like any new board member, she has a steep learning curve to negotiate and doesn't want to step down just when she's finding her voice.

Ultimately, there will be a parallel between her roles as a selectperson and MUMS educator.

"The conversations that we need to have might make us uncomfortable, but we need to have them to we can go out into the Middlebury community to see ourselves and be ourselves, not fearing we're going to get hurt or not get services because of who we are," Gogarty said.

"I am ready for this work as I am a futuristic and strategic thinker with perspectives currently not represented on the selectboard. I hope to bring an enthusiastic voice of a young professional that intentionally chose Middlebury to grow my roots to live, work and play."

— Izzy Gogarty



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10/8 OV vs. Poultnery.....	36-0
10/8 Rice vs MAV.....	60-41
Field Hockey	
10/6 OV vs MUHS.....	3-0
10/6 Mt. Mansfield at Mt. Abe.....	0-0
10/10 CVU vs Mt. Abe.....	3-1
10/10 OV vs Springfield.....	4-0
10/12 MUHS at Burlington.....	Late
10/12 Mt. Abe at CV.....	Late
Girls' Soccer	
10/5 Fair Haven vs OV.....	8-0
10/6 Mt. Mansfield at Mt. Abe.....	Ppd.
10/8 MUHS at Mt. Abe.....	1-1
10/8 Rice vs VUHS.....	8-0
10/8 OV vs Hartford.....	1-0
10/10 Stowe vs VUHS.....	3-0
10/10 U-32 vs Mt. Abe.....	4-3
10/12 Woodstock at OV.....	Late
10/12 Rice at MUHS.....	Late
10/12 Mt. Abe at Milton.....	Late
Boys' Soccer	
10/5 MUHS vs Rice.....	1-0
10/5 Mt. Abe vs Missisquoi.....	5-0
10/6 OV vs Green Mt.....	3-2 (OT)
10/6 VUHS vs GMVS.....	3-0
10/8 MUHS vs Missisquoi.....	11-0
10/8 Woodstock vs OV.....	4-0
10/8 Mt. Abe vs Milton.....	2-1 (2OT)
10/8 VUHS vs Rice.....	2-1
10/11 Mt. Abe vs GMVS.....	3-2 (2OT)
10/11 OV vs Bellows Falls.....	5-0
10/11 VUHS vs Missisquoi.....	5-0
10/12 MUHS at Rutland.....	Late
COLLEGE SPORTS	
Field Hockey	
10/8 Midd vs Colby.....	10-1
10/8 Midd vs Conn.....	10-1
10/12 Skidmore at Midd.....	Late
Men's Soccer	
10/8 Midd vs Colby.....	3-1
10/8 Midd vs Conn.....	1-0
10/12 E. Nazarene at Midd.....	Late
Women's Soccer	
10/8 Midd vs Colby.....	2-1
10/8 Midd vs Conn.....	1-0
Football	
10/8 Midd vs Williams.....	30-7

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Football	
10/14 MUHS at BHS/SBHS.....	7 PM
10/15 Mill River at MAV.....	1 PM
10/15 OV at Fairfax.....	2 PM
10/21 MUHS at Burr & Burton.....	7 PM
10/22 Missisquoi at OV.....	1 PM
10/22 Oxbow at MAV.....	1 PM
Field Hockey	
10/14 Mt. Abe at Essex.....	4 PM
10/14 Mt. Mansfield at MUHS.....	4 PM
10/15 OV at Woodstock.....	3 PM
10/18 Colchester at MUHS.....	4 PM
10/18 South Burlington at Mt. Abe.....	4 PM
10/19 Windsor at OV.....	4 PM
10/20 Colchester at Mt. Abe.....	4 PM
10/20 CVU at MUHS.....	4 PM
10/22 OV at Fair Haven.....	4 PM
Girls' Soccer	
10/15 Milton at VUHS.....	11 AM
10/15 Mt. Abe at Rice.....	10 AM
10/17 OV at Springfield.....	6:30 PM
10/18 MUHS at VUHS.....	4 PM
10/18 MUHS at Rice.....	4 PM
10/20 OV at Fair Haven.....	6 PM
10/21 Milton at MUHS.....	4 PM
10/21 VUHS at Mt. Abe.....	4 PM
Boys' Soccer	
10/14 MUHS at VUHS.....	4 PM
10/14 Mt. Abe at Rice.....	4 PM
10/15 OV vs. FHUHS (Proctor).....	1 PM
10/18 OV at Stratton.....	4 PM
10/19 MUHS at Milton.....	4 PM
10/20 Mt. Abe at GMVS.....	4 PM
10/21 White River at OV.....	4 PM
10/22 Rice at MUHS.....	10 AM
10/22 Milton at VUHS.....	10 AM
10/22 Mt. Abe at Missisquoi.....	10 AM
Cross Country	
10/15 NVAC Championships at MVU	
10/29 State Meet at Thetford	
COLLEGE SPORTS	
Men's Soccer	
10/15 Trinity at Midd.....	Noon
10/18 Midd at WPI.....	7 PM
10/22 Midd at Tufts.....	3 PM
10/25 Williams at Midd.....	2:30 PM
Field Hockey	
10/15 Trinity at Midd.....	11 AM
10/22 Midd at Tufts.....	Noon
10/25 Williams at Midd.....	6:30 PM
Football	
10/15 Trinity at Midd.....	1 PM
10/22 Midd at Bates.....	1 PM
Women's Soccer	
10/15 Trinity at Midd.....	11 AM
10/22 Midd at Tufts.....	Noon
10/25 Williams at Midd.....	3 PM



EAGLE MIDDIE ISLA Underwood tries to chase down MUHS defender Amelia Quesnel during the teams' 1-1 tie in Bristol on Saturday. Independent photo/Steve James

Mt. Abe, Tiger girls battle, settle for stalemate

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — Despite plenty of effort on both sides on Saturday, the host Eagle girls' soccer team and visiting Middlebury settled for a 1-1 tie that was probably fair given of the quality of each team's play.

Both goalies, Eagle Joanna Toy and Tiger Cassidy Brown, made seven saves. The 3-7-1 Tigers probably earned a bit more territory with an edge in midfield play, but the corner kicks also evened out at

4-4. That might have been because the Eagles, who were 3-5-1 heading into a Monday game at U-32, looked dangerous when they did move the ball into the Tiger end, and a couple of their corner kicks produced anxious moments in the MUHS penalty box.

Eagle Coach Dustin Corrigan summed things up.

"It was a struggle for us to play out of the back and through the

middle. We weren't really able to get our forwards as involved as we wanted. We didn't get many quality looks or shots on the goalkeeper," he said. "They didn't get many looks on us, either. It was a very hard-fought match. It was a good match, and I think the tie was the right result."

MUHS Coach Reeves Livesay talked about his team matching the Eagles' intensity after losing at home to them, 3-1, in their earlier

meeting.

"We talked about just wanting to come out and compete. It was certainly a stronger effort than we've had the last couple games," Livesay said. "It was nice to see. We played very hard."

The Tigers started strong with an early corner kick, and in the 15th minute Toy had to snare a Lia Robinson header set up by a Lily Lapiner cross from the right side.

(See Girls' soccer, Page 2B)

MUHS anglers take title

By ANDY KIRKALDY

SOUTH HERO — The newest varsity sport at Middlebury Union High School earned a state championship on Saturday at the John Guilmette Access Area in South Hero, when the Tiger bass fishing team edged second-place Mount Abraham by a third of a pound in the total weight of the six best bass taken by each team.

The final tally for the Tiger team of Riley Disorda and Dylan Stowe came to 15.77 pounds, while the Eagles weighed in at 15.44 pounds.

The day was chilly and windy, with rough conditions on Lake Champlain. MUHS Coach John Fitzgerald said the anglers on all of the roughly 20 varsity teams got wet and cold early. "It was tough fishing for everybody."

Fitzgerald said the first four spots where Disorda and Stowe dropped their lines resulted in only small to middling bass caught. But the next few stops produced reasonable fish, and then as the 2 p.m. deadline loomed the final stop proved to be decisive.

"We were heading back towards the weigh-in," he said. "We hit one

more spot, and we had about 20 minutes to fish."

There, Stowe hooked a 3-pound smallmouth bass, allowing the team to toss back a 1-pounder, and then Disorda reeled in one close to 4 pounds, replacing a 1.5 pounder. Those fish proved to be the difference back on land.

The JV team had already completed its day and seen what totals had looked like, and told their varsity teammates they would do well, based on their fish.

"They knew we had a pretty good chance of possibly winning," Fitzgerald said. "They knew we'd be right up at the top."

The Tigers stood in first place when the last team was weighed, and then both local teams discovered their high finishes.

"It came right down to the end," Fitzgerald said.

Mount Abe Coach Philip Wade and Fitzgerald are longtime fishing buddies, and both were pleased it came down to their two teams.

"It's pretty awesome, because I'm really good friends with Phil," Fitzgerald said.

(See Anglers, Page 2B)



THE MIDDLEBURY UNION High School bass fishing team won the state championship in South Hero on Saturday in its first year as a varsity sport. Pictured are Coach John Fitzgerald, left, Riley Disorda and Dylan Stowe. They edged second-place Mount Abraham for the victory.

Photo courtesy of John Fitzgerald and Jason Betourney



TIGER FRESHMAN MAYA Breckenridge works to break up a run by OV sophomore Charlotte Newton during the Otters' home win on Oct. 6.

Independent photo/Steve James

OV FH scores early, topples Tigers

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRANDON — The host Otter Valley field hockey team struck for two first-quarter goals against visiting Middlebury on Thursday, Oct. 6, and did enough the rest of way to earn a 3-0 victory.

The Otters also defeated host Springfield on Monday, 4-0, as they jockey for seeding in a competitive Division II field.

OV Coach Jodie Keith was pleased with her team's quick start against the Tigers. Senior leading scorer Ryleigh LaPorte netted the early goals, one 1:25 after the opening whistle, assisted by another of OV's senior tri-captains, center mid Sydney Gallo, and another goal with 33 seconds left in the quarter set up by sophomore forward Charlotte Newton.

"I always stress, get ahead early. You don't want to be playing from behind. I will say kudos to the team; on Tuesday we did come from behind," Keith said.

Keith was referring to the Oct. 4 4-3 overtime loss to undefeated D-I champ Bellows Falls. The Terriers struck first, but the Otters took a 3-2 lead before falling in a strong

(See Field hockey, Page 3B)

Eagle boys' soccer rules in OT

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — It took a rally from down two goals, two overtime periods, a brilliant overtime save, and a stunning game-winning strike from a sophomore seeing his first varsity action, but the Mount Abraham boys' soccer team on Tuesday came away with a 3-2 victory over visiting Green Mountain Valley.

JV call-up midfielder Liam Lazare netted the decisive goal as darkness was just beginning to settle with 3:00 left in the second 10-minute overtime.

But the Eagles would not have won their third straight if not for senior goalie Domenic DeNapoli's stop earlier in the second overtime.

The GMVS forwards had tested the Eagle backs all game, and did so one last time. Moments after Eagle center back Chance Denecker had recovered to deny Gumby striker Jack Hunter, the Gumbies repossessed and sent a high ball into the box.

Gumby Alvar Santos got to it before DeNapoli, who had come off his line to contest the serve. Santos tapped a soft shot over the goalie's

head from about 10 yards out. But DeNapoli pivoted, took a couple steps and launched himself toward the net.

He caught the ball waist-high as it reached the goal line, and with his back to the field, tossed the ball away from the goal as he tumbled.

DeNapoli, like GMVS keeper Ben Albrecht, made four saves, and both also came out smartly to break up plays.

After DeNapoli's final and most critical stop, the Eagles' other center back, Owen Frizzell, broke up the

(See Eagle boys, Page 4B)

Tiger boys run to first at Harwood

County teams all vie at invitational

SOUTH DUXBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' cross-country team prevailed at Saturday's Harwood Invitational, placing all five scoring runners in the top 12 to defeat the runner-up host school, 40-57, in a 10-team contest.

Baxter Harrington was fourth to lead the Tiger boys' parade across the finish line.

Vergennes was fifth with 164 points, led by Calder Rakowski in 20th. The Mount Abraham boys, led by Norman Benoit in 16th, took eighth.

The Tiger girls scored 63 points and finished third despite having three runners in the top five, led by Beth McIntosh in third. Harwood (39) won the seven-team girls' competition, with St. Johnsbury in second (47).

Mount Abe, paced by Kayla Friend in 15th, took seventh place (197). Jasmine Little led the non-scoring contingent of VUHS girls.

Next up for the three county teams is the NVAC meet at Missisquoi this Saturday. The state championship meet is set for Oct. 29 in Thetford.

BOYS' RESULTS

MUHS: 4. Baxter Harrington, 18:42.8; 6. Baker Nelson, 18:56.2; 7. Ben Seaton, 18:58.2; 11. Kaden Hammond, 19:20.3; 12. Matias Citarella, 19:31.1; 13. Matthew Berg, 19:40.6; 21. Ethan Spritzer, 20:06.1.

VUHS: 20. Calder Rakowski, 20:05.3; 25. Calvin Gramling,

(See Cross country, Page 3B)

Be careful of pickleball — it's addictive!

Seriously? What serious person — athlete, ex-athlete or non-athlete — is going to play a sport called “pickleball,” such a silly name. The answer is just about everyone who tries it, regardless of age, previous athletic experience, or gender. Every time I read a reference to “pickleball,” the next words are “the fastest growing sport in America.”



Sports (Mostly) KARL LINDHOLM

And that's undoubtedly true. There are about 5 million pickleball players in the country and that number is indeed growing fast. According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, pickleball participation jumped nearly 40% from 2019-2021, clearly benefitting during the pandemic from the fact that it could be played outdoors in relative safety. The SIFA reports that 40% of pickleball players now are under 35, so it's no longer a game just for “seniors.”

Curious about the sport's presence in Addison County, I wandered over to the two outdoor pickleball courts at the Middlebury Rec Park recently just to watch casually and get a sense of the sport.

At the breaks in action, I was greeted warmly by those playing — and was proselytized fiercely! Not prepared for such evangelical fervor, I demurred and backpedaled. “I'm too old,” I said.

“Younger than I am,” scoffed a woman player who asked my age, and turned to her playing companions: “How many of you are older than this guy?” A number of hands went up.

“I have replacement knees!” I pleaded.

“Two knees, a hip, and a shoulder for me,” a man coming off the court informed me and agreed to show me his scars.

“I'm too busy!” “Too busy for an hour of competitive exercise with good company, and the most fun you've ever had?” another pickleball fanatic offered. “Here,” she said, “I have an extra paddle. Do take it and come back tomorrow.”

I beat a hasty retreat to my car, thinking to myself, “This isn't a sport . . . it's a cult!”

Wanting to know more, I met at Haymaker for coffee with two local sports gadabouts of my acquaintance who I know are pickleballers: Woody Jackson (who paints cows and other things) and Bill Kingston (only the winningest tennis coach in America: true, look it up).

“I have played tennis in college at Middlebury, squash, paddle tennis, and ping pong,” Woody explained, “and pickleball is the most fun, while also a good workout, using skills from all those sports.”

“I was attracted to it when I heard the laughter and good cheer happening on the courts at the rec park. That was five or six years ago — so I went over to see what the fuss was about. Rosie Lovshin lent me a paddle and the next thing I knew I was hooked.”

Bill offered, “Pickleball is enough exercise to make me think I am staying fit, while not being overly taxing and injury prone — and it appeals to my competitive juices. I also like the social aspect: I make friends with people of all ages I would not otherwise meet.”

“On one day, in separate games, I lost in mixed doubles to a woman

in her 80s and won against a pair of young men in their 20s.

Both Woody and Bill told me I had to talk to Mark Gibson of Bristol, whom they call the “Pied Piper” of pickleball in Addison County — and indeed he does wax enthusiastic. Mark describes himself as an “addict” and plays as often as he can, nearly every day.

“I'm a programmer,” he told me. “I'm at my computer all day. Pickleball pulls me out. I gotta be there. It's always a joy. I love the competitive nuances of the game.”

I also spoke with Rosie Lovshin about how she got into the game, in 2016. “I was retiring, looking for things to do. I had no idea it was going to grab me so. It's just such great fun, and easy to pick up. I was playing five times a week but I'm on the DL now (disabled list) with Achilles tendonitis.”

Rosie acknowledged those who supported pickleball in Addison County early on: Terri Arnold, former Middlebury recreation director; Betsy Almeter of Bristol, who helped organize pickleball play; and Mike Korkuc, who offered clinics and taught folks to play this new game.

What then is it — this sport, pickleball?

It's been described many ways but is essentially a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong and is played with a modified yellow wiffleball (smaller than a softball, bigger than a baseball) on a court about the size of a badminton court (but not exactly) with a net about the height of a tennis net. The wiffle ball mitigates against truly high velocity shots.

Points begin with a serve (underhand) and most points are played close to the net, but no volleys are allowed in the “kitchen,” a seven-foot area closest to the net. Points are often quite extended back and forth, the action is very fast paced. Games are played to 11 points, gotta win by two.

You can always tell when a pickleball is being played nearby by the distinctive POCK POCK POCK of ball hitting paddle.

Pickleball has an origin story. It was invented by the Pritchards, Joel and Joan, in 1965 in Bainbridge Island, Washington, as a way to placate a bored teen-ager. When he was told by his parents of the good old days when imaginative kids made up games to play, the 13-year-old in essence said, “Yeah, prove it.”

So Joel, the Naismith of pickleball, went to the paved backyard badminton court, lowered the net, grabbed a wiffleball and a couple of ping pong paddles . . . and it all went from there.

The “pickle” in pickleball belongs to Joan, a crew enthusiast in college, who named the game after “pickle boats,” which in rowing competitions have leftovers or non-starters competing in them, a prophetic nod perhaps to the diversity and inclusivity of pickleball.

Now, for you all, non-starters and leftovers too, who might be interested in pickleball, be advised! It's known to be addictive.

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PLAYING PICKLEBALL LAST week at the Middlebury Rec Park were Bob Hanson, left, Jenry Morsman, Woody Jackson and Mark Gibson. These four are high-level players: Woody and Bob (the former Middlebury College tennis coach) were the Vermont Senior Champions (65-69 age group) in Colchester in 2021, and Woody and Mark were champs at the first ever Islands Tournament (Champlain Islands) in 2019.

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Anglers

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Wade said it was great to see the two Addison County teams fare so well against other anglers who are more familiar with the waters around South Hero.

“We don't fish up there a lot, and to go up there and fish against a bunch of teams that fish up there regularly it was nice to be competitive, and even better to do what we did,” Wade said.

Owen Jenkins, Jordan Schroeder and Riley Coffey fished the Eagle boat, with Wade returning to port to allow them to take turns due to the two-angler maximum allowed to fish at any one time. Thus, the Eagles had less time to upgrade to larger bass and made the most of the fish they had hooked, Wade said.

“There were no mistakes made, and they got all the fish to the boat,” he said.

Vergennes Coach Jack McGuire acknowledged his varsity team of Zack Norris and Felipe Sanchez got off to a slow start and finished back in the pack. But he also pointed out the combined total weight of his



THE MOUNT ABE bass fishing team celebrate a second-place effort at the state tournament in South Hero on Saturday. The team fell just a third of a pound shy of Middlebury's winning six-fish weight. Pictured, left to right, are Owen Jenkins, Jordan Schroeder, Riley Coffey and Coach Philip Wade.

Photo courtesy of Philip Wade

varsity and JV team's catch was the program's best ever, and he was pleased that his team enjoyed the season.

“Congratulations to all of our student anglers who have participated in our best Vergennes fishing season yet,” McGuire said.

Girls' soccer

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But it wasn't all Tigers, as Brown twice had to come off her line to dive on Eagle serves into her box.

In the 23rd minute, Robinson pressure forced another corner kick, and Toy leaped to grab the serve from Tiger back Meredith Horne. In the 31st minute, Eagle Safi Camara got a head on a corner sent in by Mackenzie Griner, but couldn't direct it on frame.

The Tigers threatened in one goalmouth scramble, and late in the half Eagle forward Louisa Painter had a look from outside the box after the Eagles' second corner kick, but she shot high.

The Eagles came out with purpose in the second half, and middle Lucy Parker got a look early on.

Then Painter made no mistake in the half's eight minute. Annie Dufault took a direct kick just outside the Tiger box that Brown blocked, but couldn't control, and Painter banged home the rebound from close range.

Toy preserved the lead momentarily by beating Robinson to a through ball into the box, but in the 19th minute Robinson won a similar footrace on a long, direct ball from midfield from central middle Solstice Binder. Robinson got to the ball just before Toy and chipped it into the net to tie the score.

Both teams had opportunities as time wore on and into the two 10-minute overtime periods. Camara had chances in regulation, and the Eagles threatened on a corner kick with a minute to go.

Toy stopped a couple bids in the first OT, one by Simone Duquette-Hoffman that was more dangerous than the other. But the most golden overtime chance came from Eagle Maia Jensen, who took a feed from middle Ellie Thomas alone about 8 yards out from the right post. But Brown reached up over her head to

snare Jensen's hard shot cleanly.

In the second OT, Robinson made a strong run that Griner broke up, and at the other end Brown came out to beat Piper Guilmette to the ball, and before long the final horn sounded.

Both defenses deserve mention. In particular for MUHS, Horne and Elsa Burrows in the middle and Amelia Quesnel on one flank held up well, while for the Eagles Griner and Lillian McClain in the middle and Dufault and Patty McNerney outside defended well.

Corrigan said the Eagles could have had better touches on the ball and moved with more purpose off the ball and will continue to work on those elements. But he added other parts of their game, particularly intangibles, looked solid.

“Today didn't feel like a huge step forward. But our response when it was difficult, I can't fault our effort. The effort was tremendous out there,” he said. “We know what we've got to work on. We've got to just keep working at it and try to keep making steps forward as we build towards playoffs.”

Livesay's team has been hampered by illness in some recent games, but with the postseason rapidly approaching, he is happy the Tigers have scored five goals in the past three while picking up a win and a tie.

“I think we're continuing to explore ways we can be a little bit more dangerous team going forward,” he said. “And the players are great. They keep being willing to change things and make tweaks,



MIDFIELDERS HARPER WERME of MUHS and Lucy Parker of Mount Abe chase down a loose ball during Saturday's 1-1 tie between their team in Bristol on Saturday.

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TIGER CENTER BACK Meredith Horne looks to control the ball while Eagle forward Piper Guilmette moves in during the teams' 1-1 tie in Bristol on Saturday.

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Field hockey

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effort. Keith believed her defense did not match that level of play against winless MUHS. She said her back line gave the Tigers too much room and failed to challenge for balls.

"They were just a different team on Tuesday, when I explained to them if you play this way the rest of the season we will have no problem when it comes to the playoffs," she said. "They were a little hesitant today."

Coach Brandi Whittemore's Tigers were also coming off a strong effort in a loss, a 1-0 setback to D-II contender Mount Abraham the previous Saturday.

She said her all-freshman front line continues to show promise, but still isn't finishing most attacks with threats on goal. Positioning and communication remain issues that experience should resolve, Whittemore said.

"We're making progress, but still in the circle we're not executing the way I want," she said. "There is that one missing piece, or sometimes I think we try to do too much, or we're too close (to each other) and not supporting our teammates."

Whittemore was happier with the team's focus and defense, especially with starting sophomore defender Meredith Cameron out of action. Midfielders Erin Mulcahy and Maya Breckenridge helped out in the back to hold things together, and starting sweeper Lila Cook Yoder was a consistent presence.

But in the first period they had trouble containing the Otters. First Gallo controlled on the right flank and drove solidly toward the goal. LaPorte picked the ball up to the right of the cage and found the far side.

Shortly afterward, Tiger junior goalie Jolee Heffernan three times denied LaPorte. But as time wound down OV worked the ball down the right side to Newton on the end line. She carried toward the goal and found LaPorte open out front, and LaPorte reverse-sticked the ball in to make it 2-0.

Play evened in the second period. Tiger senior center mid Hana Doria threatened with hits into the circle, and freshman forwards Navah Glickman, Ireland Hanley and Kenyon Connors buzzed around the OV zone.

As the third quarter opened Heffernan denied a flurry of shots, but with 6:03 gone freshman Breanna Bovey made it 3-0 with her third goal of the week and her varsity career. LaPorte drove a ball from the circle's top right toward the left post, and Bovey redirected it in.

The Tiger defense and Heffernan hung tough after that. Breckenridge and freshman middle Quinn Doria stymied an OV corner as



TIGER SENIOR CENTER mid Hana Doria goes low to break up a rush by Otter senior center mid Sydney Gallo on Oct. 6 in Brandon in a contest won by OV.

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the third period wound down. On one penalty corner in the fourth period, Heffernan (eight saves) and Breckenridge each blocked two shots.

OV played D, too. Freshman Michaela Hobbs recovered to deny a breakaway bid by Tiger Ivy Gates, and OV goalie Lily Morgan blocked a short shot by Glickman and dove to knock a ball out of harm's way for her only saves. The Tigers also earned two corners as they kept plugging.

Whittemore said she sees more belief in their play.

"It (the Eagle game) gave them confidence," she said. "Hopefully with the confidence they'll start to see the progress they're making, and we can finish the season strong."

Keith said the emergence of Bovey and Newton on the OV front line to join LaPorte and dangerous senior wing Mackenzie MacKay, the third tri-captain, has made the Otters more dangerous.

"I have a freshman and a sophomore on the front line, and they've really come a long way from the beginning of the year," Keith said.

Against Springfield on Monday, LaPorte, assisted by Gallo, gave OV the early lead, and McKay broke the game open with a second-half hat trick. Newton set up one of the goals, and Morgan made one save. Cosmo goalie Zada Grant made 14 saves.

The Otters are one of a half-dozen teams with a shot at the D-II title, but with the offense clicking and the defense capable of playing the way it did vs. Bellows Falls, Keith said her team should be in



OTTER FRESHMAN MARISSA Dick and Tiger freshman Ivy Gates are toe-to-toe as they chase down this loose ball during OV's 3-0 victory on Oct. 10 in Brandon.

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the mix.

"I think we'll do fine," Keith said after Thursday's game. "If we play

the way we did Tuesday I think we can hang in there with the rest of them."

Cross country

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20:37.0; 28. Grey Fearon, 20:58.6; 42. Carter McGuire, 22:13.3 49. Chance Koenig, 22:57.2.

MOUNT ABE: 16. Norman Benoit, 19:56.1; 35. Sean Davison, 21:41.7; 41. William Liff, 22:13.1; 48. Dustin Lavigne, 22:57.1; 50. Elliot Senecal, 23:21.8; 59. Owen Reynolds, 24:07.5; 62. Bojan Harris, 27:58.

GIRLS' RESULTS

3. MUHS: 3. Beth McIntosh, 21:18.5; 4. Mary Harrington, 21:21.6; 5. Ava Schneider, 22:18.4; 24. Naomi Brightman, 25:05.8; 27. Ari Graham-Gurland, 25:28.

MT. ABE: 15. Kayla Friend, 23:55.6; 2:40.3; 29. Isabella Shea, 25:44.8; 33. Ruby Jean Hall, 27:04; 34. Maisy Hill, 27:05.3; 36. Emily Fritz, 28:25.7; 42. Isabella Shackett, 32:26.7.

VUHS: Jasmine Little, 28:27; Torrey Hanna, 28:29.2; Zoe Reid-



TIGER SENIOR BEN Seaton duels a Harwood runner as they approach the finish line in Saturday's Harwood Invitational. Seaton won the duel and finished seventh to help the Tiger boys win the race.

Photo by Joe McVeigh



TIGERS MATIAS CITARELLA, left, and Ethan Spritzer, center second row, and Eagle Sean Davison compete early in Saturday's Harwood Invitational. Citarella scored for the winning Tiger boys, and Davison was the top runner for the 7th-place Eagles.

Photo by Joe McVeigh

OV golf makes D-II final

BRANDON — The 2021 Division II champion Otter Valley boys' golf team on Thursday, Oct. 6, qualified to defend its title by finishing second in the qualifying tournament on the Otters' home course at Neshobe Golf Club.

Hartford won the tournament by firing a collective 339, three strokes ahead of the Otters with 342. Other team scores were: Stowe (354), Harwood (360), Woodstock (364) and Peoples (369).

Those teams will compete for the D-II title this Thursday at Orleans Country Club.

Hartford's Joseph Barwood shot a 3-over par 75 at Neshobe to edge

OV's Lucas Politano (76) and Mill River's Mattie Serafin by one stroke for medalist honors.

Joining Lucas Politano in playing for OV were Thomas Politano (85), Jordan Beayon (87), Matt Bryant (94) and Jackson Howe (97).

Middlebury sent only three golfers, not enough to score as a team. Kellan Bartlett led the Tigers with an 82, two strokes short of the score needed to qualify as an individual to compete for a D-II title. Tigers Colin MacGuffie (84) and Ben Fuller (114) also competed, as did Mount Abraham independent Brenden Oxford (113.)



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Eagle boys

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final Gumby chance, and the ball went the other way.

Eventually, it came to Lazare, who broke into the right side of the GMVS box. He tried to touch the ball around a defender, an effort that the Gumby initially blocked.

But Lazare, who made a solid all-around debut, picked up the bounce off the Gumby in stride and burst past the defender, took one more touch, and slotted a 10-yard shot inside the right post to trigger the Eagle celebration.

It was the Eagles' second double-overtime victory in a row after topping visiting Milton, 2-1, on Saturday on a Noah Ladeau strike, and third straight win. It also boosted Coach Rider MacCrellish's side to 4-6-1.

Early on it looked dicey for the Eagles. Mount Abe was fortunate Hunter's header on a ninth-minute corner kick sailed just high.

But a minute later they trailed. Ebbe Longstreth controlled in the upper right corner of the box and deked two overeager defenders, touched the ball toward the middle, and curled a hard shot inside the far

post. Two minutes later it was 2-0, as the Eagles simply couldn't get any traction early on — in the first half the Gumbies outshot them, 10-3, and earned a 3-1 edge in corner kicks. The second goal came when Biel Aytes deflected home a Vitus Hanghoej shot from point-blank range.

The Eagles got back into the game in the 34th minute. Middie James Graziadei sent a long ball from the left into the box, and a scramble ensued. The ball popped out to Eagle forward Noah Kirshenbaum to the right of the penalty stripe, and he finished into the left side.

The Eagles looked like a different team moving forward, starting to win balls and pass and move without the ball with more purpose. MacCrellish said the recent wins as well as Tuesday's turnaround were a matter of the Eagles regaining

faith in their abilities.

"They have a tough time sometimes with these little dips in confidence," he said. "At halftime we were like, we've got to be loud, and we've got to be confident, and we've got to just play our game."

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MacCrellish also acknowledged individual players did not do their best in the first half, over-committing defensively and not moving the ball quickly at midfield, but to their credit bounced back to fare well as the

game progressed.

"It's can you perform the best you can perform, and can you be calm enough to do that?" he said. "Individual mistakes were being made too often, and they can turn those around, and they did."

In the second half's second minute Mount Abe tied the game. Striker Judah Jackson battled Albrecht for the ball in the box and won position, and the goalie

took him down, giving the Eagles a penalty kick. Kirshenbaum drilled the ball into the lower left corner, and it was 2-2.

The Eagles controlled most of play in the second half and overtime, reversing the shot total of the first half, 10-3. But stellar work by Gumby center back Duncan Armstrong limited their chances, while the Eagle defense and DeNapoli kept the Gumbies off the board.

The best opportunity until the second overtime for either team came in the first overtime, when Ladeau fed Jackson at the top of the Gumby box. But the Eagles' leading scorer fired high.

But no matter: Jackson and the rest of the Eagles were all smiles a few minutes later, and MacCrellish said they are feeling good overall after a tough midseason stretch.

"It feels good. I was feeling really good about how our season was going until we hit that midpoint," he said. "I think it got our boys' confidence down. And we're coming back from that. We're reminding ourselves we're on an upward trajectory."

Sports BRIEFS

Eagle field hockey loses, nets tie

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham field hockey team earned a tie and took a loss against two visiting Division I Metro Conference foes in recent action.

On Oct. 6, the host Eagles and Mount Mansfield settled for a scoreless stalemate. The Eagles outshot the Cougars, but MMU goalie Marcelle Barber was credited with 13 saves. Mount Abe goalie Greta Jennison worked a nine-save shutout.

On Monday, visiting D-I title

contender CVU took a 2-0 halftime lead and bested the Eagles, 3-1. Three Redhawks scored a goal apiece, and two CVU goalies shared time, with one credited with a save.

Olivia Campbell scored with an assist from Madi Gile to break up the shutout, and Jennison made 13 stops as the Eagles dropped to 4-4-2. They were set to visit CVU on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

Boys' soccer teams on rolls

ADDISON COUNTY — The good times rolled for local boys' high school soccer teams between Oct. 5 and 11, as Middlebury, Mount Abraham and Vergennes each won twice, while Otter Valley took two out of three.

The Eagles also hosted Green Mountain Valley on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

TIGERS

On Oct. 5, the Tigers prevailed in a pivotal Lake Division road game, knocking off third-place Rice, 1-0, to strengthen their hold on first place in the league. **Ollie Anderson** scored the goal, with an assist from **Ronen Silberman**, and MUHS goalie **Owen Lawton** made six saves. Green Knights goalie Nate MacDonald made 12 saves.

On Saturday, the Tigers blitzed host Missisquoi, 11-0. **Trey Bosworth** led the attack with three goals and two assists; **Ollie Anderson** and **Iver Anderson** each scored twice; **Silberman**, **Caleb Burrows** and **Milo Rees** (assist) each scored once; **Eddie Fallis** assisted two goals; and the Tigers also benefited from an own goal.

Lawton made three saves as the Tigers improved to 8-2 and remained unbeaten in the Lake, and MVU goalie Jameson Ploof stopped 10 shots.

The Tigers were scheduled to visit Rutland on Wednesday after deadline for this paper, and a Lake Division showdown looms when they visit Vergennes on Friday.

EAGLES

On Oct. 5, the Eagles broke loose offensively in a 5-0 win at Missisquoi. **Judah Jackson** scored twice a minute apart in the second half and set up the Eagles' two first-half goals, by **Sam Tropp** and **Jack Brault**.

Jake Lucarelli capped the Eagles' scoring with a second-half penalty kick and set up Jackson's second goal, and **Chance Denecker** assisted Jackson's first strike. Goalie **Dom DeNapoli** made three saves for the Eagles, who earned a 19-3 advantage in shots on goal.

On Saturday, the Eagles topped visiting Milton, 2-1, when **Noah Ladeau** scored with 2:35 remaining in the second overtime period. Ladeau looped a left-footed shot over Milton keeper Dylan Mitchell (13 saves) from the top of the box, after **James Graziadei** worked the ball loose and sent it in Ladeau's direction.

In regulation Jackson scored for the Eagles, with Graziadei assisting, and Jacob Deuso scored for Milton. DeNapoli made five saves for Mount Abe.

Tough going for girl booters

ADDISON COUNTY — The area's girls' soccer teams mostly found the going tough between Oct. 5 and 12, with only Otter Valley pulling out a victory while splitting two games, and Mount Abraham and Vergennes dropping road contests.

The Eagles also hosted Middlebury on Saturday; see story on Page 1B. The Eagles, Otters and Tigers (MUHS, 3-7-1, was home vs. Rice) also had games scheduled on Wednesday after the deadline for this edition.

OTTERS

On Oct. 5, visiting Fair Haven remained unbeaten with an 8-0 victory over the Otters. **Lily Briggs** (four goals) and **Brittany Love** (one goal, four assists) led the Slater attack.

The Otters bounced back on Saturday to edge host Hartford, 1-0, when **Bryn Blanchard** found the net with 12:30 left in regulation. OV stood at 5-5 entering a Wednesday game vs. Woodstock.

EAGLES

On Monday, the Eagles couldn't

hold a 3-1 halftime lead as host U-32 erupted for three goals in a seven-minute span midway through the second half to come away with a 4-3 victory.

Maia Jensen, **Piper Guilmette** and **Safi Camara** scored for Mount Abe, which recorded a season high offensively, and goalie **Joanna Toy** made five saves.

Maia Pasco sparked the Raiders with two goals and two assists, and U-32 goalie Yvette Petrella made eight saves.

The Eagles were 3-6-1 heading into a Wednesday game at Milton.

COMMODORES

On Saturday, visiting Rice bested VUHS, 8-0. **Alle Leduc** (three goals) and **Reese Billings** (two) led Rice, and goalie **Sunshine Clark** made one save for the first-place team in the Lake Division.

For the Commodores, **Quincy Sabick** made seven saves, and **Kaelin Sullivan** made two.

On Monday, host Stowe blanked the Commodores, 3-0, with Sabick stopping 10 shots. VUHS dropped to 1-10-1.



EAGLE NOAH LADEAU, above, sprints past a Milton defender late in the second overtime of Saturday's game in Bristol on his way toward the Yellow Jackets' goal. His successful shot lifted Mount Abe to a 2-1 victory. MILTON KEEPER DYLAN Mitchell, left, leaps but fails to stop the game-winning shot from Mount Abe's Noah Ladeau near the end of the second overtime of Saturday's game in Bristol. Mount Abe won, 2-1.

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Tiger football victorious in OT; Otters also win in gridiron play

ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury Union High School football team claimed a pivotal Division I win on the road this past weekend, when in Division III action Otter Valley won at home, but the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative team dropped a road contest.

TIGERS

The Tigers nipped Hartford in overtime, 34-33, breaking loose for four touchdown runs of between 12 and 83 yards in regulation and benefitting from missed Hurricane extra points late in the fourth quarter and in the extra session.

The Tigers improved to 3-3 with the key victory and moved into sixth place in D-I, while the host Hurricanes dropped to 2-4 and into seventh. MUHS plays at Burlington/South Burlington (1-5) this Friday and then travels to second-place Burr & Burton a week later.

Hartford tied the game at 27-27 with a couple minutes left in regulation on an 11-yard TD pass from Brayden Trombly to Ezra Mock, but the kick failed.

Both MUHS and Hartford started possessions on the 10-yard line in overtime. Hartford scored to take a 33-27 lead, but couldn't tack on the conversion. **Cam Stone** then scored from a yard out to tie the game, and **Jackson Gillett** booted the game-winning extra point.

Earlier in regulation, the Tigers scored on **Gavin McNulty's** 83-yard run, **Stone's** 20-yard rush, **Cole Schnoor's** 67-yard ramble, and **Jacob Kemp's** 11-yard keeper. Kemp also tossed a 2-point conversion to **Penn Riney**.

Trombly scored on a 1-yard run and threw TD passes to Trenton Bird and Sean Morse as well as Mock. Sean Kelihier scored on a 4-yard run.

OTTERS

The host Otters evened their record at 3-3, good for sixth place in D-II, by blanking winless Poultney on Saturday, 36-0. They will visit second-place Fairfax on Saturday.

OV running back **Keevon Parks** rushed for 160 yards, 140 in the first half. Quarterback **Caleb Whitney** rushed for 142 yards, and **Noel Pearsons** added 76.

OV scored its touchdowns on 10-yard and two 5-yard Whitney runs, a 45-yard TD pass from Whitney to **Tucker Babcock**, and a 3-yard Parks run. The Otters scored four times in the first half, three in the second quarter.

EAGLES

On Saturday, Rice, D-III's fourth-place team at 4-2, outscored MAV, 60-41, after taking a 30-13 halftime lead. The Eagles dropped to 2-4 and are 10th place in the league, two places out of the playoff picture heading into Saturday's home game vs. third-place Mill River (5-1).

The Eagles on this past Saturday struggled to contain Mathias Mazanti, who rushed 24 times for 321 yards and scored six TDs. Rice QB Dallas St. Peter threw for three TDs, two to Kaiden Quinn and one to Luke St. Peter.

Jameson Couture was a bright spot for MAV, rushing for 244 yards on 32 carries and scoring three touchdowns.

ADDISON COUNTY

School Briefs

The Community College of Vermont announced its academic honors lists for the summer 2022 term.

With a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99, **Hannah Freedner-Matesi** of Vergennes was named to the dean's list for the term. **Jennifer Allred** of Bristol, **Cierra Hoyt** of Ferrisburgh, **Dylan Vose** of Orwell and **Hannah Wilcox** of Ripton received Student honors list recognition, which is given to part-time student who maintain a 4.0 GPA.



SPORTS WE'VE GOT IT COVERED!

College sports teams dominate the competition

MIDDLEBURY — It was a huge Saturday and Sunday for Middlebury College athletic teams on what was the school's Fall Family Weekend.

The football team won easily at home to remain undefeated, while the field hockey and men's and women's soccer teams all swept games from visiting NESCAC rivals Colby and Connecticut College.

All four teams will host NESCAC foe Trinity on this Saturday.

FOOTBALL

The Middlebury football team coasted past visiting Williams, 30-7, on Saturday, improving to 4-0 and setting up a key game this coming Saturday at 1 p.m.: Trinity is also 4-0 and the only other unbeaten NESCAC football team.

Middlebury quarterback Cole Kennon sparked the Panthers in his first career start, completing 18 of 24 passes for 283 yards and four touchdowns, including a 40-yarder to Greg Livingston on the opening drive of the game.

Williams answered with a Joel Nicholas six-yard rushing touchdown to cap a long drive and tie the game, but the Panthers took the lead for



good in the middle of the second quarter. Kennon capped a drive with a 10-yard TD pass to Patrick Jamin.

Andrew Haas nailed a 37-yard field goal on Middlebury's first drive of the second half, and the Panthers added two fourth-quarter scores, a 25-yard pass from Kennon to Donovan Wood for a 25-yard touchdown pass and a 19-yard toss from Kennon to Livingston. Kennon was named NESCAC Offensive Player of the Week.

Finn Muldoon picked off a pass by Eph QB Jack Wallace in the end zone to preserve the 30-7 final.

LeeCharles McNeil rushed for a career-high 112 rushing yards for the Panthers, while Livingston had a career-best 125 yards receiving.

Muldoon made 18 tackles, including eight solo stops, to go along with his interception, and Tomas Kenary had a sack for a loss of 16 yards.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Middlebury field hockey team earned one-sided home wins over its NESCAC rivals over the weekend to improve to 11-0, protect its No. 1 ranking in NCAA Division III and stretch

the program's winning streak to 41 games. The program has also won 50 straight at home. On Saturday,

the Panther field hockey team outclassed visiting Colby, 10-1. The Mules dropped to 5-5. Amy Griffin scored three times to lead Middlebury, and Katie George and Hannah Medwar each scored twice. The Panthers limited Colby to one shot on goal, which found the cage in the third quarter.

On Sunday, the Panthers rolled to another 10-1 victory, this time over visiting Conn. College (2-9). The Panthers earned a 34-3 edge in shots at goal, and just two Camel shots were on target.

Grace Murphy and Medwar led the attack with two goals each, and six teammates added one goal apiece. The Camels scored in the third period to break up the shutout bid.

The Panthers were set to host Skidmore on Wednesday.

MEN'S SOCCER

The two wins by the men's soccer team improved its record to 7-1-2.

On Saturday, the Panthers snapped a scoreless halftime tie with three unanswered goals in a 3-1 victory over Colby (3-2-6).

Middlebury opened the scoring 56 seconds into the second half. Shane Farrell fought off pressure from a defender and fired a low shot into the right corner.

The Panthers made it 2-0 at 55:30. Liam Sloan took a through pass from Alem Hadzic and found the top right corner from just inside the 18.

Jordan Saint-Louis added a

penalty kick for the Panthers after being fouled while dribbled through the Mule box.

Colby's Mario Simoes scored for Colby in the 83rd minute. The Panthers outshot the Mules, 16-8, including a 9-1 edge in shots on target.

On Sunday, the Panthers edged Conn., 1-0, getting the game's only goal in the sixth minute from Eujin Chae, his second of the season, assisted by Kenan Ulku-Steiner.

Both teams launched 14 shots, six on goal, but Panther goalie Ryan Grady stopped all the Camel bids, while Camel keeper Peter Silvester made five stops. The stats were even although the Camels played a man down for the final 47 minutes after being assessed a red card.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team bested its two league rivals on Saturday and Sunday by one goal and improved to 9-3.

On Saturday, the Panther women got a late tie-breaking strike from Emma Binks, the first of her Middlebury career, to edge visiting Colby, 2-1. Goalie Sydney Poppinga made a diving save in the final minute to nail down the victory.

Middlebury's Joely Virzi opened the scoring in the 23rd minute. Sophia Cole lofted the ball over the defense to the cutting Virzi. Colby goalie MK Marshall came off her line, but Virzi moved

past Marshall and sent the ball home.

Colby knotted the game in the second half's 13th minute, when Sophie DiGrande caught the corner from 30 yards out.

The game-winner came with just under five minutes remaining. Carolyn Days served the ball from the right sideline into the box. Fanny Lodge nodded the ball further along, and Binks one-timed it into the net to make it 2-1.

With 31 seconds to go, Poppinga made a diving save to deny Jackie Portogallo's attempt and secure the victory.

On Sunday, the Panthers edged visiting Conn. College, 1-0, despite playing the final 41 minutes a player down after a Middlebury player was assessed a red card. Despite the disadvantage, the Panthers outshot the Camels, 20-12, and Poppinga worked a six-save shutout, making five stops after the red card. Camel goalie Sarah Hall stopped a dozen shots.

Binks nailed a penalty kick in the ninth minute for her second game-winner of the weekend. Binks also drew the foul for which the penalty was assessed.

The Camels had only two good chances while playing with the advantage. Jamie Scarpantonio's soft shot in a scramble bounced off the left post, and Ella Davidyock got a look on goal from the 18, but her left-footed shot went directly at Poppinga.

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Police Log



VERMONT STATE POLICE say that this man impersonated a Ferrisburgh resident when he withdrew money from a Vermont Federal Credit Union account at three branches — Vergennes, Middlebury and South Burlington — on Aug. 30. Call police if you can help identify him.

Identity thief strikes county

State police search for culprit

ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police last week reached out to the public asking for help solving a brazen case of identity theft in the county.

State police report that between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Aug. 30 a man visited the Vermont Federal Credit Union branches in Middlebury, Vergennes and South Burlington and withdrew money while falsely identifying himself as a 48-year-old Ferrisburgh resident. Police did not say how much money was stolen.

Authorities released a security camera photo of the man, which is on this page with the log.

This investigation is ongoing. Troopers ask anyone with information about the suspect's identity to contact Trooper Ryan Anthony at 802-388-4919.

Separately, state police are asking for help from anyone who can provide information about the theft of a white Ford F550 with a dump truck body that was reported stolen from Swamp Road in Cornwall at a little after 10 p.m. on Oct. 3. The truck has "Williams Maple Farm, VT" in black lettering on both the driver and passenger side doors. Anyone with information that could assist investigators is asked to call the New Haven barracks at 802-388-4919 or leave an anonymous tip online at vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit.

Meanwhile, troopers are seeking help in a third case — a car crash that took the lives of two horses in Bristol.

State police responded to a one-car crash near the intersection of Route 116 and River Road in Bristol on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at a few minutes before 5 a.m. Police said Bruce Bushey, 58, of Middlebury was driving a 2016 Jeep Compass southbound on Route 116 at approximately 50 mph when he struck two horses that were in the southbound lane.

Troopers are looking for assistance in identifying the owners of the horses and requests anyone in the area whose horses may have gotten out to contact Trooper Ryan Anthony of the New Haven Barracks at 802-388-4919.

The car driver, who was wearing a seatbelt, was not injured, but his vehicle was a total loss.

On a different note, the *Independent* has learned that the Windsor County Superior Court, Criminal Division, has dismissed charges against a Florence man that had been reported in this newspaper. The Vermont State Police Log in the June 23 edition of the *Independent* said police had cited Nathaniel Natoli, 48, for domestic assault. In August a court dismissed the charge, and a different Vermont court is considering whether to dismiss other charges related to the incident.

How to Grow Milkweed for a Monarch Crop

By ELISE TILLINGHAST

During a late summer walk, I noticed that the common milkweed in our back field is becoming not-so-common. Once vigorous patches of the milky green plants have dwindled, engulfed in a sea of Canada goldenrod.

Goldenrod is a habitat rock star, and during this walk, I counted at least 13 moth, wasp, butterfly, fly, and bee species nectaring on the bright yellow flowers. But for those of us who worry about monarch butterflies, common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) and other milkweed species get preference of place. As the obligate hosts of monarch caterpillars, the plants are linked to the fate of one of our most beautiful and threatened summer visitors.

My family has previously tried to spread milkweed by shaking ripe seed pods to promote windborne dispersal. This is a fun activity, especially for little kids, who delight in watching the masses of fluff-attached seeds billow around them. However, it hasn't seemed to help local milkweed populations. So this September, I decided to get serious and seek out expert advice.

Anna Fialkoff, ecological programs manager at the Wild Seed Project (wildseedproject.net), explained that my milkweed patches' decline is a natural part of plant succession — and that this progression is complicated by the widespread presence of European cold season grasses and other alien plants that outcompete native species.

"The species that are taller and a little bit more pushy tend to take over eventually," Fialkoff said. "It's hard to have native meadows that are dominated by our native

grasses and wildflowers unless we make a concerted effort to do so."

Rather than seek to regenerate milkweed over the whole field, Fialkoff suggested taking a page from the forestry practice of creating uneven age stands as a way to enhance biodiversity. Mowing some areas and leaving others untouched on a two-or-more-year cycle can help native bees, which

use second-year dried stems of Joe Pye weed, flowering raspberry, and other woody-and semi-woody plants, both for adult hibernation and as protected chambers for eggs. Localized

wildflower diversity also provides more reliable nectaring for many species across the spring and summer months. Goldenrod, for example, nourishes migrating monarchs and other late-season pollinators, long after milkweed flowers and most other wild blooms have faded.

To establish a new patch of milkweed, Fialkoff recommended first considering which milkweed species is best suited to growing conditions. Common milkweed, which spreads vigorously by the roots and is tolerant of a wide range of soils, is the obvious choice for fields, and can be harvested guilt-free from the wild, without risk of depleting native populations. Other species grow in tidier clumps. Poke milkweed is a good choice for shady spots, and swamp milkweed works well in sunny, moist ground. For well-drained sunny spots, butterfly milkweed — native to the Northeast but rare in most of the region — is a good choice.

Regardless of species, Fialkoff suggested a tandem process of preparing the ground while germinating the seeds. This autumn, mow the desired patch

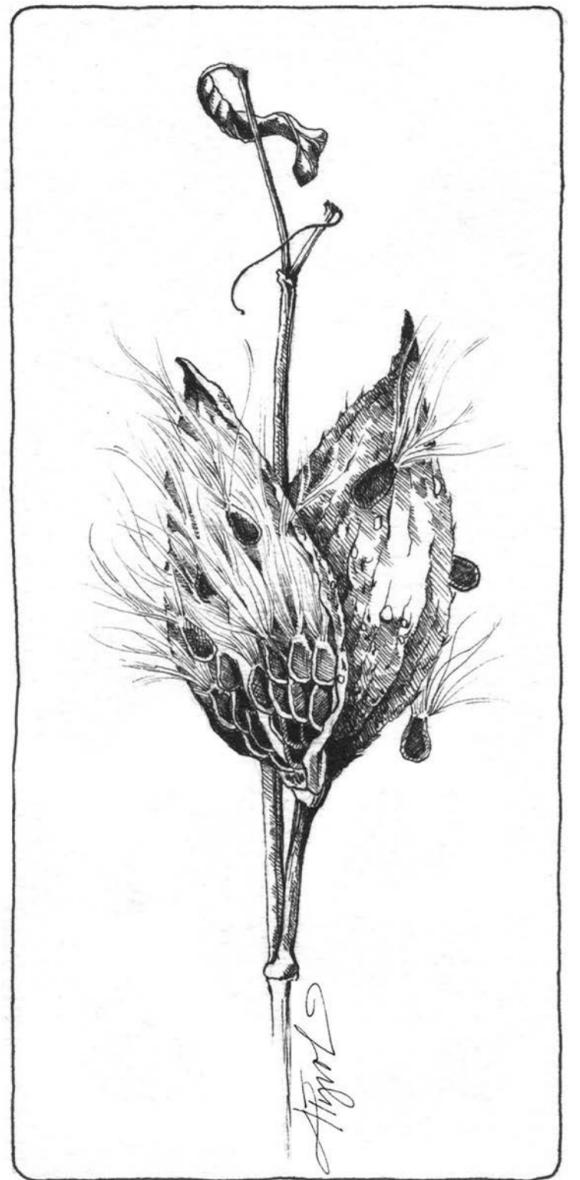
site low to the ground, and then "sheet mulch" the grass and other existing plants with a thick, overlapping layer of cardboard. On top of the cardboard, spread 4 to 6 inches of aged bark mulch or composted leaves. Over a few months, Fialkoff said, this process will produce "really great, organic matter that's going to break down and smother the weeds below."

Meanwhile, start the seeds. Common milkweed pods ripen between now and mid-October and are ready to harvest when they begin to split open. Look inside, and you should see that the seeds at the bottom of the pod — and attached to silky hairs that extend to the top — are a dark brown, versus an unripe light tan.

Sow the seeds between mid-November and February in small pots, placing multiple seeds on top of, not in, compost-rich potting soil. Yogurt containers work well for this, as long as you add drainage holes. Sprinkle about 1/8 of an inch of coarse sand on top, and then cover the pots with hardware cloth or other screening to protect the seeds from rodents. Put the pots outside, exposed to the winter weather.

Sprouting time is variable, ranging from early to late spring. When the seeds sprout, put the pots in a spot with partial shade, and keep the young plants well-watered. In early autumn, transplant them into the sheet-mulched soil. Keep watering the plants until they are well established, and occasionally mow around the new patch to prevent competitors from pushing in. With luck, you'll provide a home for monarch caterpillars and other native insects for years to come.

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Vergennes

Police Log

VERGENNES — Between Oct. 3 and 9, Vergennes police twice were called to help Valley Vista personnel at 1 Alden Place deal with clients who became unruly upon learning they were being dismissed from the facility, which is a rehab center for teens and young women.

On Oct. 4 Vergennes police said they helped calm a client who became disruptive and had refused to leave, after which she agreed to depart peacefully.

On Oct. 9 they responded again to Valley Vista to help staff calm a client who they were told was not only expressing suicidal thoughts but was also verbally aggressive to facility

Unruly Valley Vista clients require attention

Rehab center residents react to dismissal with aggression and disruptive behavior

employees. Police said they helped calm her and also aided in arranging for a ride to her hometown.

In other actions during those seven days, Vergennes police conducted one patrol on foot and two by cruiser, one VIN inspection and 15 traffic stops; fingerprinted three job applicants; and also:

- On Oct. 3:
 - Counseled a woman who called the station and said she was depressed, but not suicidal. Police said they spoke to her at length and persuaded her to seek help from her counselor and others at the Counseling Service of Addison County.
- Conducted a background check on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Stood by at the Vergennes Opera House because an out-of-town performer was concerned about a past threat made by an out-of-town attendee at the theater.
- On Oct. 4 issued a no-trespass order to a man on behalf of a Main Street apartment resident based on alleged actions on Oct. 2.
- On Oct. 5:
 - Spoke at length with a West Main Street resident experiencing physical health and mental health issues, and eventually involved Age Well in hopes of persuading the

individual to seek further help.

• Following a complaint, told a Sunset Drive man not to allow his two children to ride four-wheelers on public roads or to ride without helmets, and told him to leash a loose dog.

• Helped a motorist get into a locked vehicle on Alden Place.

On Oct. 6 were told the rear window of a car parked in a West Main Street driveway had been vandalized.

On Oct. 7:

- Worked with family members to try to get assistance for a city man with dementia who is becoming more physically aggressive,

including by putting his hands on his wife's neck.

• Directed traffic for the high school homecoming parade.

On Oct. 8:

- Spoke to a parent of a 13-year-old girl who had allegedly assaulted her mother and her boyfriend. Vergennes police brought the Department for Children and Families into the case.
- Were told a man wearing a black coat and a winter hat was seen entering a car parked on North Street and then fleeing the scene. Police said a man fitting the description is suspected in a number of similar incidents.



2022 Garden Game

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- Asparagus (length x circumference) - Laura Asermily, 17" x 2.25"
- Beet (circumference) - Noah & Silas Gorton, 14.5"
- Broccoli (diameter) - Ed Blechner, 12"
- Cabbage (circumference) - Phyllis Bowdish, 32.75"
- Cantaloupe (circumference) - Ted Foster, 24.25"
- Carrot (length x circumference) - Gary Miller, 15" x 8.25"
- 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"
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 19.75" x 9"
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference) - Sue Galipo, 22" x 18"
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length) - Kanyarat Menard, 40"
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference) - Ed Blechner, 43" x 5.5"
- Melon (circumference) - Barrie Bailey, 32"
- Onion (circumference) - Gary Miller & Pam Thomas, 14.25" (tie)
- Parsnip (circumference) - Ed Blechner, 8"
- Potato (length x circumference) - Edward Lafayette, 13" x 10"
- Pepper (circumference x circumference) - Irene Pierce, 15.25" x 15.25"
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference) - Edward Lafayette, 72" x 62.5"
- Radish (circumference) - George & Patrick Martin, 12.25"
- Rhubarb (length) - Jill Rainville, 28"
- Rutabaga (circumference) - Michael Pallozzi, 32"
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Ted Foster, 13" x 16"
- Sunflower (diameter) - Eric Foster, 19"
- 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"

We had four new entries for the Garden Game this week.

First up was **Edward Lafayette** with potato and pumpkin entries. With an eye on the prize, the larger of Edward's spuds measured 13" L x 10" C and puts him in the top spot. Edward's pumpkin was a sight to behold! Too big to carry into the office and large enough to require TWO tape measures to measure properly, his gargantuan gourd was 72" C x 62.5" C. We think it goes without saying that Edward is also in the pumpkin lead.

Next, we had **Eric Foster** come in with a 19" diameter sunflower. His ray of sunshine is number one by five whole inches!

Rounding out the week was **Ed Blechner** with a lengthy leek. At 43" L x 5.5" C, Ed's leek is the first in the category this year and will be a tough one to beat. That's a whole lotta soup!

The Garden Game will come to an end at the end of October or when the county receives a full, hard frost (whichever happens first). That means time is fleeting so bring in those entries 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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community calendar

THURSDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Chicken cacciatore over rotini, peas and carrots, wheat bread, strawberry shortcake and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Oct. 9 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.

Young Global Leaders, Catalysts for Change in Bristol. Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Minifactory, 16 Main St. Join Wells Mountain Initiative to hear from five WML scholars who are breaking ground in their fields of medicine, sustainable agriculture and human rights. More info at jordyn@wellsmountain.com. RSVP at bit.ly/WMLminifactory.

"The Black Presence at the Battle of Bennington" presentation in Orwell. Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Phil Holland discusses Sipp Ives, one of the 30 men killed at the Battle of Bennington, a member of Seth Warner's Continental regiment of Green Mountain Boys, who was Black. The presentation is also concerned with historical memory and how it is preserved and constructed.

FRIDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Hubbardston. Friday, Oct. 14, Taconic Mountains Ramble. Walk the western and eastern trails at Taconic Mountains Ramble State Park. About 4 miles with one ascent to Mt. Zion Major. Trails are moderately challenging. Hike includes a stop at the park's Japanese water and rock garden. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, lunch and hiking poles. Limited to 10 participants, contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116 to register, for meeting time and carpooling from the Middlebury area. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact-free pick up. Chicken cacciatore over rotini, peas and carrots, wheat bread, strawberry shortcake and milk. \$5 suggested donation. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Oct. 9 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.

Graphic Novel book group in Middlebury. Friday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Celebrate Jason Reynolds visit to Middlebury with a special Graphic Novel Book Club dedicated to his award-winning YA tale, "Long Way Down." Free copies will be available in the children's room while supplies last.

SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, Oct. 15, Kingsland Bay State Park. Moderate morning hike, approximately 2 hours, starting from the Ferrisburgh Town Beach. For starting time and other details, contact leader David Andrews, at 802-388-4894 or vtrevda@yahoo.com. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

Craft fair, bake sale and luncheon in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 Maple St. Proceeds go to support the St. Peter's Cemetery Association.

MUMS fun run and games in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m., Middlebury Union Middle School, 48 Deerfield Ln. Walk, skip, or dance your way around the 1.3-mile course that starts and ends at MUMS, or just come to cheer participants on - there will be games and refreshments for all. All MUMS and ACSD students, families and staff are invited, as well as members of the broader community. Games begin at 9 a.m., fun run at 10 a.m. Free. No pre-registration needed. Donations welcome.

"Hypnosis Myths and Truths" in Orwell. Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Psychologist Rae Anne Barry, Ph.D., will address the common misconceptions and myths surrounding the practice of hypnosis and its many positive clinical uses. The presentation will end with a Q & A session.

Historic Town Hall open house in Addison. Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-2p.m., Addison Town Hall, Route 22A. Residents of the Town of Addison are invited to come say hello to neighbors, enjoy music and refreshments, tour the building, and find out more about the upcoming bond vote to restore the historic Addison Town Hall.

"Make a Bug! A Found Object Workshop" in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 15, noon -1:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Ilsley and the Henry Sheldon Museum invite you to join folk artist Gene Childers and make a bug out of found objects decorated with acrylic paint. All participants will make their own bugs and give them creative names and stories. For all ages. Space is limited. Register by Oct. 14 at www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-bug-workshop-tickets-420589413257. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Comics Workshop in Middlebury. Saturday, Oct. 15, 8-9 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St.

Come create comics with award-winning cartoonist and graphic novelist Marek Bennett. Using only blank pages, pencils, and ink we'll craft dynamic characters in rich settings and bring them to life in comic panels, strips, and pages. 6th grade and up.

SUNDAY

Car Show and Fall Festival in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown Middlebury & Triangle Park. See more than 75 classic cars and trucks. Vendors, great food, music, raffle drawings, piston toss, kids' activities, and more. Fun for the whole family! Free for spectators. Classic car owners who want to show off their vehicle should contact Maria at the Addison County Chamber of Commerce at 802-388-7951 or maria@addisoncounty.com.

Scooter competition in Bristol. Sunday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m., Bristol Skatepark, Airport Dr. For ages 7-17, show off your scooter stuff. Registration \$5, starts at 10 a.m., competition at noon.

Perennial Harvest Festival in Monkton. Sunday, Oct. 16, noon-5 p.m., Willowell Foundation, 36 Stoney Meadow Ln. Live music, magic show by Tom Verner, poetry readings, hot cider and local snacks, horse-drawn wagon rides, kids' activities, migrant justice presentation, face painting. Free. All are welcome. More info at www.willowell.org or 802-453-6195.

"Nurturing A Child's Sense of Wonder" discussion series in Bristol. Sunday, Oct. 16, 3-4:30 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. Join this three-week free discussion series to explore topics and best practices in supporting nature-based play and adventure while nurturing a sense of wonder, place, and well-being in your children. Continues Oct. 23.

MONDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Bristol. Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower, diced beets, roll, watermelon and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

American Red Cross blood donation in Brandon. Monday, Oct. 17, 12:30-5 p.m., American Legion, 550 Franklin St.

TUESDAY

"Could We Do Better" discussion in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., outside in the tent, Counseling Center of Addison County. Join in this discussion of health and wellness for all in our county. Bundle up and share in the discussion. There are three time slots: 8:30- 9:30 a.m., noon-1 p.m., and 4:30-5:30 p.m. RSVP appreciated to ECLPinc@gmail.com.

Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in-person meal in Vergennes. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at 11:45 a.m. of beef stew with a biscuit, green and kidney bean blend, banana bread and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Oct. 12, 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. 18, 10:30 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower, diced beets, roll, watermelon and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

"Vermont's Child Care Campaign" talk in Middlebury. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The American Association of University Women and Ilsley will host a presentation by Aly Richards, CEO of Let's Grow Kids. Come learn about the advocacy efforts of Vermont's Child Care Campaign, which is on a path to transform Vermont's childcare system by 2025.

Grief "talk" group in Middlebury. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5-6:30 p.m., Zoom. Facilitators Mika Barker-Hart & Laurie Borden lead discussions for those experiencing grief. Advanced registration. Must commit to full 8 weeks. Send referrals to mikavt@gmail.com and licher@portermedical.org. Group lasts 8 weeks, through Dec. 16.

Book discussion in Orwell. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Come and discuss "Evicted," by Matthew Desmond. This discussion is led by Joe Adriano. Books are available to check out at Orwell Free Library.

WEDNESDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower,

diced beets, roll, watermelon, and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Age Well grab and go meal in Monkton. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. Drive up, check-in, pick-up. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower, diced beets, roll, watermelon and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

"Environmental Justice: More than Just a Law" in Middlebury. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Learn more about how the state and local organizations are making Vermont's Environmental Justice Law a priority. Panel includes: State Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale; Jen Myers, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity; Lindsey Berk, ACORN; and Vanessa Rule, 350VT. Free. Light refreshments provided. Register at www.mobilize.us/rightsdemocracy/event/522727/.

THURSDAY

Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes. Thursday, Oct. 20, 10:45 a.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower, diced beets, roll, watermelon and milk. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Oct. 16, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

How Collins Aerospace came to Vergennes: History of the L.F. Benton Company in Vergennes. Thursday, Oct. 20, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come learn how L.F. Benton Company led the way for Collins Aerospace finding a home here in Vergennes when William D. Benton gives this presentation on his family history. It will also be broadcast on Zoom. More info at bixbylibrary.org/event/Benton.

Community Conversation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - LGBTQIA Affinity Group in Middlebury. Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The first in a series of community conversations aimed at learning more about your experiences and suggestions for how Middlebury can improve in serving the community and what the town should celebrate, too. The larger goal is to inform the Town of Middlebury's Strategic Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) plan. Children welcome. Light refreshments provided. Register at tinyurl.com/Com-convo-diversity or at the Town Manager's Office, 802-458-8001.

FRIDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Salisbury. Friday, Oct. 21, Rattlesnake Point. This is a 4-mile hike of moderate difficulty. A generally gentle hike but with several steep inclines to gain the cliff area, 1,160 ft. ascent. Wear appropriate clothing; bring water, lunch and hiking poles. Limited to 10 participants. Contact leader Ruth Penfield at ruthpenfield@gmail.com or 802-458-1116 to register, for meeting time and carpooling from the Middlebury area. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro. Friday, Oct. 21, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Pork outlet with gravy, mashed cauliflower, diced beets, roll, watermelon and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Oct. 16, at 802-377-1419. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

Family movie night in Vergennes. Friday, Oct. 21, 6:30-8 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come watch "Hotel Transylvania" upstairs in the Bixby Hall.

SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club hike in Weybridge. Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m., Snake Mountain, Mountain Road Extension lot (with the falling down sign). A moderate hike of 5-6 miles, on the seldom-traveled, southern Snake Mountain, elev. 700 ft. Well behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Advanced registration required. Limit 10 participants. Intermediate hikers and fully vaccinated participants are welcome. Rain or shine. Please bring a mask just in case. More info contact leader Deborah Lewis via text at 203-856-6187 or email, deborahlewis@optonline.net. More at gmbreadloaf.org.

American Red Cross blood donation in Bristol. Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bristol Recreation Department, 1 South St.

Share the Warmth: A Winter Outerwear Giveaway in Bristol. Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., town green. Everyone is invited to come take whatever they need for the upcoming winter season — winter coats, snow pants, winter boots, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks. It is all free thanks to the 5 Town Partnership. More info at familylife@bristolfederated.com or 802-453-2321.

Craft supply sale in Vergennes. Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 S. Water St. Assorted craft supplies; fabric, yarn, beading, rug hooking, embroidery, notions, etc. including unfinished projects. Donations accepted the week of Oct. 16 at the church. Call 802-877-2435 before drop off. All proceeds go to the work of the Vergennes Congregational Church.

Take-out community meal in Monkton. Saturday, Oct. 22, 4-5 p.m., Monkton Friends Methodist Church, 77 Monkton Ridge. Menu includes baked ham, macaroni and cheese, squash, coleslaw, dinner roll and apple crisp. Gluten-Free versions of all items available. Please specify the number of gluten-free and/or regular meals that you want. Meal is \$12. Order by Monday, Oct. 17. Pay when you pick up. Order at <https://forms.gle/wqAPbDpccm5s2HA> or call 802-453-3020 and leave your name, phone number, number of regular and number of gluten-free meals.

SUNDAY

Sibling-to-Sibling event in Middlebury. Sunday, Oct. 23, 1-4 p.m., Chellis House, 56 Hillcrest Rd. Middlebury College's Sister-to-Sister and Brother-to-Brother have merged to create Sibling-to-Sibling, which holds monthly events for middle school students in Addison County, mentoring and facilitating thoughtful discussions with middle school students, focusing on common issues in the students' lives. More info and registration at go.middlebury.edu/sib2sib/. Questions? Reach out sistertosister@middlebury.edu.

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One man's battle

SIPP IVES WAS one of 30 men killed at the Battle of Bennington. He was a member of Seth Warner's Continental regiment of Green Mountain Boys, and he was Black. In "The Black Presence at the Battle of Bennington" Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Orwell Free Library, Phil Holland will discuss Ives and explore historical memory and how it is preserved and constructed.

"The Battle of Bennington" by Don Troiani



Weybridge garden gets a pollinator makeover

By JILL VICKERS

If you've passed the flower garden at the Weybridge end of the Pulp Mill Bridge recently, you may have thought it looks unkempt, even dead. Not so, exclaim its gardeners. It's full of life. Birds are eating seeds from seed heads and native insect pollinators will be

sheltering in the stems and under fallen leaves to overwinter. This is part of the plan.

A group of Weybridge neighbors are now tending the flower garden at the triangular plot. The garden is almost 75 years old, having been planted by Joe D'Avignon and his family when they moved to town. Their children and neighbor Wilfred Bilodeau maintained it until the late 1980's, when Jane Burton took over. Over the past two years, neighbors have removed some plants and added others, watered and watched over the garden. At the end of this summer, they had a pleasant surprise. Most of the garden is now made up of native plants used by native pollinators. More native plants will be added to reach a goal of 70% native.

With the support of the Weybridge selectboard, the gardeners and members of Pollinator Pathway Addison County, Weybridge placed the Pollinator Pathway sign on a rainy Sept. 25. It is now officially part of public and private pesticide-free corridors of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds.

For more on the topic of fall gardens for pollinators, please join the Oct. 11 webinar, "Putting Our Gardens to Bed for Pollinators" by Emily May of Middlebury. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/420805198677 to register.

Also, if you're curious about what gardeners committed to creating a Pollinator Pathway are doing locally, as the Weybridge group hopes passers-by who see the sign will be, please contact pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com. The group's efforts include: local garden tours, education relative to native plants and pollinators, elimination of neonicotinoids and other pesticides, regular meetings, and an upcoming book discussion, as well as creating and maintaining private and public gardens. A secondary goal is to create community by bringing together residents around a common cause.



PULP MILL BRIDGE Garden in Weybridge is now officially on the Pollinator Pathway. Pictured: front row, left to right: Julie Barry, Bethany Barry, Fran Putnam, Jane Burton and Martha Hill; back row, left to right: Anna Benson, Alison Jones, Spence Putnam, Louise Cadwell, and Jill Vickers.

Photo courtesy of Susan Humphrey



SPENCE PUTNAM AND Anna Benson erect the official Pollinator Pathway sign at the Pulp Mill Bridge Garden in Weybridge.

Photo courtesy of Susan Humphrey

Time to button up your home

WINOOSKI — With heating fuel prices at their highest level in years and winter just around the corner, Button Up Vermont is getting the word out: The best time to weatherize your home is right now.

The annual Button Up Vermont campaign, supported by a partnership of energy services providers and clean energy champions, works each fall to raise awareness of the need to weatherize and helps connect Vermonters with tools and resources to save. From tips on air sealing and insulation to weighing the benefits of upgrades like energy efficient heat pumps, Button Up Vermont works to encourage Vermonters to make their homes more comfortable and affordable in winter.

"Buttoning up your home is one of the best ways to make your family more comfortable this winter, while lowering heating bills in a time of high fuel prices," said Peter Walke, Managing Director of Efficiency Vermont.

"Weatherization investments you make now will help you be more resilient for years to come,

as climate change brings more volatile weather, and likely volatile fossil fuel prices as well."

Signs that you need to button up
If your home is losing heat, it's likely you've noticed one or more of these common problems:

- Drafts. If cool air leaks in while your heat is on, you can be sure that energy is being wasted.
- Snow melt. Snow melting in some areas of your roof and not others can indicate that your attic is not properly sealed and insulated.
- Icicles. They may look pretty, but icicles often indicate that heat is escaping through your roof
- Mold. Lack of insulation can cause moisture to rise and get trapped in the attic.

What you can do

Stopping heat loss increases comfort and saves money. Here's what you can do:

- Attend an event to learn about buttoning up.
- Sign up for a free Virtual Home Energy Visit with an Efficiency Vermont expert. VGS customers with high energy use may also qualify for a complementary energy audit.

• Complete DIY projects to stop drafts and get \$100 back.

• Find a qualified contractor through Efficiency Vermont's Efficiency Excellence Network.

• Install an efficient heat pump system to save on fossil fuel, with discounts from your local utility

• Get started on a comprehensive weatherization project to air seal and insulate your home.

Efficiency Vermont and VGS are offering incentives to cover 75% off project costs — up to \$5,000 — to offset the cost of a comprehensive weatherization project. Combined with 0% financing for qualified households, the monthly cost for many households could be as little as \$50. DIY incentives are also available to Vermonters who aren't ready to take on a comprehensive project but want to roll up their sleeves and make small improvements to increase comfort this winter.

Income-eligible families may also qualify for free whole-home weatherization service, through the state's Weatherization Assistance Program.



October silhouette

A FULL MOON rose over Chandler Ridge near Lake Dunmore on a recent night.

Photo Angelo S. Lynn

Monkton

Have a news tip?
Call Liz Pecor at 453-2180

NEWS

MONKTON — The Monkton Friends Methodist Church is preparing for its annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 22. This year will be a takeout-only event. You must order your dinner by Monday, Oct. 17, with pickup and payment for your meal(s) on Oct. 22 at the church in Monkton Ridge. Pickup time will be between 4 and 5 p.m. on the 22nd. Each meal will cost \$12 and there are gluten-free versions of all items available. Please specify the number of gluten-free and/or regular meals that you want. This wonderful meal will consist of baked ham, macaroni and cheese, squash, coleslaw, dinner roll and apple crisp.

To order your dinner(s) by the 17th, use the form at <https://forms.gle/wqAPbkDpccnm5s2HA> or call 802-453-3020 and leave your name, phone number (in case there are questions), number of regular and number of gluten-free meals. Remember that payment is due at pick-up time between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The church would also like to take this opportunity to collect donations to help sustain the Little Free Pantry. For your convenience you can drop off items or cash/

check donations when you pick up your dinners. The church appreciates your generosity in helping your fellow townspeople.

'Spirits of Rokeby'

The Russell Memorial Library will host "Spirits of Rokeby" on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the library. Members of the Robinson family held and participated in séances at Rokeby Museum 170 years ago. Dr. Lindsay Varner will discuss the Spiritualism papers in the Rokeby Museum's collection. She will also share stories of communicating with people beyond the grave. Come join in on this free and interesting event! For more information, call 802-453-4471. Leave your name and number in a message and someone will get back to you.

Willowell

The Willowell Foundation invites you to join in on its Perennial Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 16, from noon until 5 p.m.

There will be live music, a magic show by Tom Verner, poetry reading, hot cider, horse drawn wagon rides, kids' activities, face painting, a blacksmithing station and migrant justice and regenerative agriculture talks.

This event is free and everyone is welcome!

Town Election info

Town Clerk Sharon Gomez would like to remind voters that although you will receive your General Election ballot in the mail from the state, you need to request the local ballot from your town clerk. If you plan on voting in person on Nov. 8, all necessary local ballots will be given to you during your check-in. If you plan on voting in person, please be sure to bring your ballot that was mailed to you from the state. If you do not bring it you will have to fill out an Affidavit Form in order to receive another ballot. This is to ensure all voices are heard on local issues, particularly the school merger decision this year.

For any questions, it is best to e-mail the town clerk at townclerk@monktonvt.com. Then she will have a written record of who wants ballots mailed. Please include the name and address of whom to send to. Town Clerk phone: 802-453-3800; Fax: 802-453-5612; Hours: Monday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

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Practitioner of the Week

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Middlebury will hold its annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Photo/Ruth Penfield

Bazaar to be held Nov. 5

MIDDLEBURY — The Congregational Church of Middlebury is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's 98th Bazaar features a wide variety of items for sale on the building's two levels. Shop upstairs for handmade crafts, jewelry, scarves, silk neckties, and a collection of gently used books. Also upstairs, bid on a wide selection of theme baskets that make wonderful gifts for a friend or for yourself. On the lower level of Fellowship Hall is a room with games, puzzles and toys for both children and adults. This year's Garden Table will have a wide variety of indoor

plants and garden-related items. Homemade foods will be available and safely packaged for take-out. Food tables will be filled with jams and jellies, breads, as well as specialty and traditional pies. And, just in time for the chilly weather, a variety of delicious, hearty soups can be purchased by the pint or quart. New this year will be a limited collection of small home furnishings. Entrances will be open at 30 North Pleasant Street and also under the Seymour Street portico. All proceeds from the Bazaar benefit the church's programs. Face masks are optional inside the building. More at midducc.org.

Elections are weeks away, time to make a voting plan

MONTPELIER — Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos is encouraging Vermonters to make their voting plan for the Nov. 8 Vermont General Election. "Whether you plan to vote early by mail, in-person at your Town Clerk's office, by dropping your ballot at a secure ballot drop box, or in-person at the polls on Election Day, having a voting plan helps ensure that you don't experience any issues when casting your ballot," said Condos. All active, registered voters have been mailed a ballot. Any voter who has not received a ballot should contact their Town or City Clerk. Secretary Condos issued the following guidance, which can be found on the Secretary of State's

website, on the 2022 General Election voting process to educate Vermonters on their voting options: Once you receive your ballot, voting it is as easy as Sign, Seal & Send. • Sign: Place your voted ballot in the ballot envelope and sign the certificate on the outside of the envelope, following all instructions included with your ballot. • Seal: Seal your signed ballot envelope, with your voted ballot inside. Place and seal your ballot envelope inside the mailing envelope. • Send: Return your ballot to your Town or City Clerk. They must have your ballot in hand by 7 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8) for it to be counted.

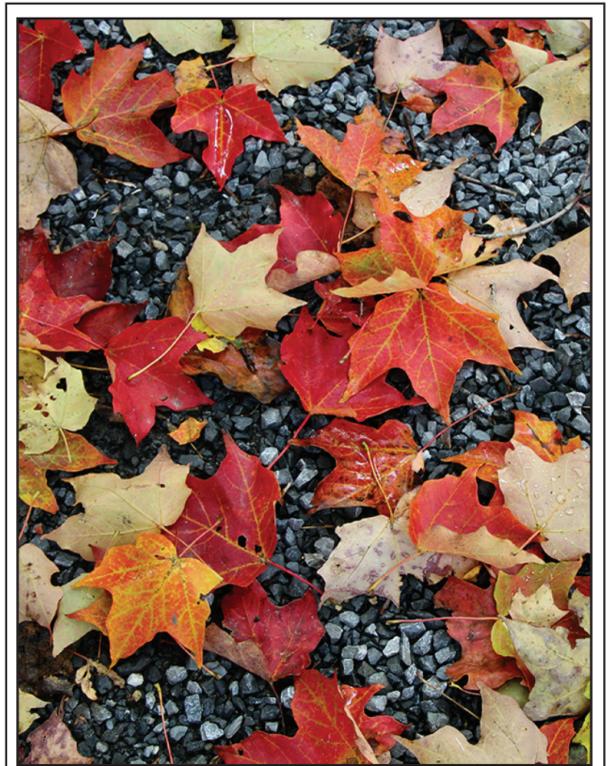
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close at 7 p.m. All polls will be open as usual on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Check mvp.vermont.gov or directly with your Town or City Clerk to find out where your polling place is, check your registration status or check your voter mailing address." Some municipalities may also be holding elections on local or regional issues. Voters are encouraged to check directly with their Town or City Clerk to verify whether or not there is a local election they can vote in, and to discuss their voting options for obtaining a ballot. "Remember — your vote is your voice," said Condos. "Make sure you're ready to use it!"

Proposals sought for research projects

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY — The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) is requesting pre-proposals for research projects that will improve understanding of water and ecosystem resources in the Lake Champlain Basin and guide effective management. Proposed projects should be planned to begin in early 2024. The total request for each project may range from \$25,000 to \$300,000. A subset of successful applicants will be asked to submit a more detailed proposal for further consideration. All awards are subject to available funding. Research pre-proposals should support the Clean Water or Healthy Ecosystems goals outlined in the Opportunities for Action, the Lake Champlain Basin Program's management plan. The LCBP is particularly interested in funding projects that address any of the following research priorities: • Research to understand the root causes of environmental trends in the Lake Champlain Basin, including in-lake trends and tributary loading trends. • Research to increase understanding of groundwater

transport of nutrients and contaminants in the Lake Champlain Basin through monitoring and modeling efforts. • Research to develop innovative watershed or in-lake management approaches likely to improve water quality, including engineering solutions, socio-economic studies, and/or cost-benefit analyses for proposed approaches. • Research to develop new and innovative aquatic invasive species spread prevention programs and control technologies capable of addressing real and potential aquatic invasive species impacts, including sea lamprey, to the Lake Champlain ecosystem and fishery, human health, and the regional economy. • Research to improve understanding of aquatic invasive species impacts to Lake Champlain's ecosystem and economy under climate change predictions. This request for pre-proposals is available at the Lake Champlain Basin Program website. Applicants must submit pre-proposals no later than noon EST on Nov. 11.



Remember to look down
FALL COLORS SHINE from the ground as well as up in the trees, making for a colorful outdoor carpet. Independent photo/Steve James

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Amanda Gomes



Amanda Gomes
MUHS

Amanda Gomes, the daughter of Zilda and Roberto Gomes of Middlebury, is Middlebury Union High School's Student of the Week. Amanda has been involved in all aspects of MUHS and the ACSD community. When asked what she likes about school, her immediate response is "Everything!" Amanda is interested in community, politics and local affairs, as evidenced by her commitment to serving on various committees and clubs at MUHS. She served as the Co-Chair of the Addison Central School District Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee. She worked closely with the ACSD Superintendent Peter Burrows, Principal Justin Campbell and community members on equity issues. Amanda is a member of the WomenSafe Youth Advisory Board. She's very involved in MUHS's Model UN Club and is serving as Co-President this year. She's a member of the MUHS Dance Team and has been involved in Student Council. Amanda is also a Peer Leader this year. She attended the Vermont Governor's Institute on Global Issues and Youth Action, where she learned more about government, policy and political bills. Amanda spent a week at Green Mountain Girls State, which focused on the American political system, toured the State House and was able to meet with the governor, the governor and other elected state officials. She was chosen to participate in the week-long National Student Leadership Congress in Washington, D.C., an all-expense paid experience where she met with Senator Leahy, toured Capitol Hill and the Smithsonian. Now considering a future in politics, she secured a summer 2022 internship with a Chittenden County Representative, Emma-Mulvaney Stanak. Amanda thanks her teachers at MUHS for their constant encouragement, especially Ms. Brigger, who has been especially supportive, and Ms. Arenson, who makes her classes hands-on and interesting. Amanda's dedication to her studies has earned her a spot on the MUHS Honor Roll. She has also been honored by the College Board with two awards, a Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award and a Hispanic Recognition Award. As she looks ahead to life after MUHS, Amanda seeks a college with majors in international affairs, political science and study abroad opportunities. She's open to location but wants to attend an institution with a strong sense of community, just like the one she has experienced at MUHS. We know the road ahead is full of opportunity for Amanda and wish her well.

Vergennes Union High School

Jasmine Little



Jasmine Little
VUHS

Jasmine Little is Vergennes Union High School's Student of the Week. Jasmine lives in Vergennes with her mother, sister and grandmother, and a 20-year-old cat named Pickles. Jasmine is a gifted student — a regular on the honor roll taking challenging coursework. She is especially enjoying German, Humanities, band, her two-person French class and piano. While she doesn't have a favorite teacher, she enjoys having class with Frau Kepes, Parker Mann and Michael Thomas. Jasmine received UVM's Green and Gold award this year as well as a scholarship (George Eastman Young Leaders Award) from the University of Rochester. Outside of the classroom Jasmine has been a key player on the VUHS softball team. Last spring she was selected as the Lake Division First Team All-League Third Baseman and awarded the coaches award for the team. She was a member of the rowing team until this year, when she decided to try running cross country. She is looking forward to a great year for both the basketball and softball teams. Jasmine does music at VUHS as well: chorus, band, piano and morning jazz band. She was one three girls to represent VUHS at Green Mountain Girls State and was a finalist to attend girls nation. As all of this might suggest, Jasmine says she enjoys living a well-rounded life. In the past she has worked as a junior counselor at the Champlain Maritime Museum, helping a boat-building class and as a guide for a paddling trip on Lake Champlain. She has volunteered for Vermont Symphony Orchestra, donated meals to local civic institutions and donated time and money to walks in the area. She says she loves searching for new ways to volunteer and build positivity and a sense of community. Her spare time is taken up with family and friends, sports (both participating and spectating), playing board and card games, hiking, cooking, baking and reading. One of her most memorable experiences at VUHS was taking an AP class during her sophomore year, which forced her to acknowledge the importance of work ethic in addition to intelligence. "You get out of an experience what you put in," she says, "so take advantage of all opportunities and resources." Jasmine is interested in a number of schools, but she says UVM is very high on her list. She hopes to stay in or near Vermont. Good luck, Jasmine. The Commodore community wishes you well.

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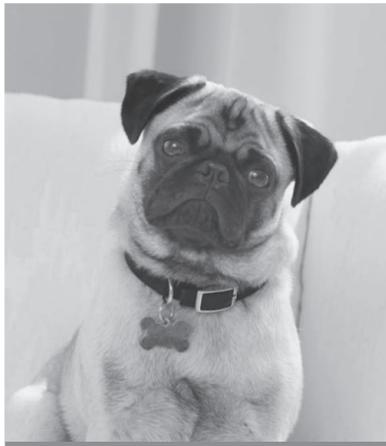
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Social Worker Qualifications:

- Minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work or a bachelor's degree in human rehabilitation counseling, and psychology from an accredited institution; and services/field including, but not limited to, sociology, gerontology, and special education
- One year of supervised social work experience in a health care setting working directly with individuals
- Experience in casework required
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record required
- Work experience in the admission or discharge area of social work is very desirable
- Desire and ability to work with the elderly and cooperate with other staff members are necessary

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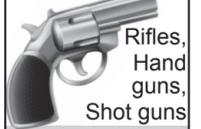
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Addison County Area

Store Managers at Maplefields are expected to lead their team to success by training their staff members effectively every day and by giving them opportunity to grow, learn and develop their skills. Your primary goal will be to set a positive tone and encourage the best customer service.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STORE MANAGER:

- Lead day to day store operations including scheduling, training, supervising staff, overseeing outstanding food service and coffee program.
- Work with District Manager to select and train an Assistant Manager/Manager with the goal of being able to run a store.
- Recruit, hire, train and motivate positive individuals to become members of the team.
- Work to understand store profit drivers and controllable expenses including labor and cash/inventory variances.
- Implement and enforce daily operating procedures to ensure store cleanliness standards are met.
- Have the ability, availability and flexibility to perform established expectations of a staff member regularly, including covering shifts when necessary to ensure smooth store operation.
- Maintain the ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances in a fast-paced environment.

REQUIREMENTS:

At least one year in a supervisory/management role * Retail and/or food service experience is required * Dependable transportation, valid driver's license and insurance.

BENEFITS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:

Paid vacation time · Paid personal/sick time/holidays · Health, dental, vision and supplemental insurance plans are available · 401k plan also available · Substantial bonus potential · Opportunity for advancement.

Please apply if you have retail or relevant supervisory experience and would like to consider a career in store management

Apply at Maplefields.com/employment

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MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT
Sales for 10/6/22 & 10/10/22

BEEF	LBS.	COST /LB	\$
J. Fifield	1395	1.19	\$1660.05
Barnes Bros.	1505	1.18	\$1775.90
Woodnotch	1235	1.11	\$1370.85
Nea Tocht	1620	1.105	\$1790.10
Vorstevel	1260	1.02	\$1285.20
Goslga Farm	1940	.95	\$1843.00
Champlainside	1510	.94	\$1419.40
CALVES	LBS.	COST /LB	\$
Kayhart Bros.	106	3.10	\$328.60
Savello Farm	94	3.00	\$282.00
L. Garvey	103	2.80	\$288.40
Wilson Farm	79	2.20	\$173.80
Correia Ltd.	117	1.40	\$280.80

Total Beef - 185 Total Calves - 318
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Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.
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CHECK IT OUT!

ETHAN ALLEN HIGHWAY STORAGE NOTICE OF SALE

Lowrie Gibb - Units 98, 99, & 112
Jamie Jennings - Unit 141
To be sold at public auction on
October 15, 2022 at 9 am
to the highest cash bidder.
All sales are final.
Unit must be broom cleaned.

Church holiday bazaar planned Nov. 5

MIDDLEBURY — The Congregational Church of Middlebury is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's 98th Bazaar features a wide variety of items for sale on the building's two levels. Shop upstairs for handmade crafts,

jewelry, scarves, silk neckties, and a collection of gently used books. Also upstairs, bid on a wide selection of theme baskets that make wonderful gifts for a friend or for yourself.

On the lower level of Fellowship Hall is a room with games, puzzles and toys for both children and adults. This year's Garden Table will have a wide variety of indoor plants and garden-related items. Homemade foods will be available and safely packaged for take-out. Food tables will be filled with jams and jellies, breads, as well as

specialty and traditional pies. And, just in time for the chilly weather, a variety of delicious, hearty soups can be purchased by the pint or quart.

New this year will be a limited collection of small home furnishings. Entrances will be open at 30 North Pleasant Street and also under the Seymour Street portico. All proceeds from the Bazaar benefit the church's programs.

Face masks are optional inside the building. More at midducc.org.

Liberty Head Post & Beam



Bid Online or In Person

Sat., Oct. 15 @ 12PM (Reg. & Insp. from 11AM)
2855 Main Rd., Huntington, VT



Duncan Keir, of Liberty Head Post & Beam, is retiring after 40+ years. 300+ lots incl: a JCB 940 Lift Truck; Interstate Box Trailer; many 1,000s BF of timber & wood; Mafell saws, mortising tools, & more; Makita saws, drills & tools; Bosch & other power tools; specialty tools including hewing axes, chisels, jigs, drawshaves & cable hoists; antiques & barn finds; & much much more!

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TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Over the last 18 months, Middlebury Officials, including the Selectboard, members of the Town Administration, Middlebury Police and all other Town Departments, have worked to gain a better understanding of systemic barriers and inequities that may impact the quality of life for people in Middlebury. The process has included learning sessions, internal assessments, and most recently, a public survey that gave insight into the experiences and needs of the Middlebury Community.

The next activity of this phase is deeper community engagement through community dialogue. We wish to learn more about your experiences and suggestions for how the Town of Middlebury can improve in serving the community and what the Town should celebrate, too. Our larger goal is to inform the Town of Middlebury's Strategic Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) plan. Those who attend will also be invited to participate on the DEI steering committee to help oversee this ongoing longer-term work.

LGBTQIA Affinity Group: Thursday, October 20, 2022 - 6:30-8 PM - Ilsley Public Library Community Meeting Room, 75 Main Street

BIPOC Affinity Group: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 - 6:30-8 PM - Ilsley Public Library Community Meeting Room, 75 Main Street

General Community: Thursday, October 27, 2022 - 6:30- 8 PM - Large Conference Room, Town Offices, 77 Main Street

New Americans, Immigrant-Identifying Community Members, and those for whom English is a 2nd Language: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 - 6:30 - 8 PM - Ilsley Public Library Community Room, 75 Main Street

People with Disabilities: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 - 6:30- 8 PM Large Conference Room, Town Offices, 77 Main Street

All Sessions: Children are welcome: Miss Tricia from the Ilsley Public Library will gather a cart of books and games for children attending the sessions. **Light refreshments provided.**

Our community is stronger when we work together, so please visit the Town's website, www.townofmiddlebury.org, or call the Town Manager's Office, 802-458-8001, to register! All are welcome to attend, regardless of registration. Those with need for accommodation are encouraged to pre-register several days before the event so that we can make appropriate arrangements for attendance.

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/t/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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CORNWALL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Cornwall Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7 pm.

The hearing will be held by teleconference, with an option to attend in person at the Town Hall. An online meeting link and a dial-in number will be published on the agenda for the meeting, so that Board members, the applicant, and interested members of the public may participate electronically or by telephone. The agenda will be posted at least 48 hours before the hearing at the Town Hall and the Town Garage, and on the Town's website.

Purpose of the hearing:

To hear a preliminary subdivision application by M. Hartley MacFadden to subdivide 17.33 acres located at 625 Vermont Route 30, in Cornwall, Vermont, into 3 lots. This matter was classified as a major subdivision by the Cornwall Development Review Board on June 1, 2022.

Electronic copies of this application are available to the public on the Town's website, www.cornwallvt.com. The application is also available to the public at the Cornwall Town Clerk's office, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall, Vermont. You are free to review the file for any additional information concerning this particular matter.

Persons wishing to be heard at this public hearing, or their representatives (a licensed Vermont Attorney or an authorized agent), may participate in the hearing by using the online meeting link or the dial-in number. Please note that in accordance with Chapter 117, Section 4464, of the Vermont statutes, participation in this public hearing is a prerequisite to the right to make subsequent appeal.

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 masonry and block work around the foundation, 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@gmail.com. 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 stevedupoise@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.

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Any questions regarding this sewer and waterlines can be directed to Dave Conger at dconger@dubois-king.com. Powerline questions can be directed to stevedupoise@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.

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ADDISON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRUST MONKTON, VERMONT VAUGHN MOBILE HOME PARK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Addison County Community Trust – Vaughn Mobile Home Park Water System Improvements** will be received by **Addison County Community Trust** by hand delivery only on the day of the bid opening at **272 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 05491**, until 10:00 am local time on **Friday, November 18, 2022**. Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. The Project consists of the **replacement of the existing water distribution system, including mains and services within the mobile home park and construction of a new well pump control building.**

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Schedule.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **Otter Creek Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 712, 404 East Main St., Middlebury, VT, (802) 382-522.** Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of **\$75.00** for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to **"Otter Creek Engineering, Inc."** mailing address: **P.O. Box 712, East Middlebury, VT 05740.** Upon request and receipt of the document payment indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents. 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 upon request to all parties recorded as having officially received the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office, as portable document format (PDF) files, via e-mail.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **3:00 pm** local time on **October 12th, 2022**, at the Vaughn Court, Monkton, VT 05473. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Owner: Addison County Community Trust

By: Elise Shanbacker Title: Executive Director Date: October 3, 2022

LOCAL CONCERNS MEETING NOTICE FOR THE MUNGER ST. SCOPING STUDY TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

The Town of New Haven will hold a Local Concerns Public Meeting for the Munger St. Scoping Study to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety between Cobble Rd. & River Rd. along Munger St. on November 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm. This will be an in-person meeting held at the New Haven Town Office Building, 78 North St, New Haven, VT 05472.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a Local Concerns Meeting with the Town of New Haven, ACRPC, VTrans staff, and the public to gather input. The feedback received at this meeting will be vital to understanding the concerns and objectives of the community. This project is being funded by a grant through the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

If anyone has any questions about the project they can contact Maddison Shropshire, ACRPC Planner, at mshropshire@acrpc.org.

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules.
Vermont Proposed Rule: 22E15
AGENCY: Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families
CONCISE SUMMARY: The purpose of the Transitional Housing Program is to offer more stability to households experiencing homelessness. The Transitional Housing Program provides financial assistance to eligible households for up to 18 months in the form of direct monthly payments to motel and hotel owners who have executed an Occupancy Agreement with an eligible household. This emergency rule is substantially similar to the emergency rule adopted March 31, 2022, with the following additions: (1) language addressing the use of state funding; (2) deadline of October 1, 2022 for new applications; and (3) limit of \$5,250 on monthly financial assistance and \$3,300 on security deposits (the limit on security deposits was implemented via procedures when the Department adopted the first emergency rule).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Heidi Moreau, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671- 1080 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: heidi.moreau@vermont.gov URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/rules/current>.

FOR COPIES: Nicole Tousignant, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department for Children & Families, Economic Services Division, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671- 1080 Tel: 802-241-0588 Email: nicole.tousignant@vermont.gov.

TOWN OF ORWELL, VERMONT ORDINANCE FOR REGULATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AMENDMENTS - TO SECTION II - REGULATION OF SPEED

September 2022
WE, the Select Board of the Town of Orwell, pursuant to 24 VSA §1972, and other state laws that are applicable, do hereby make the following AMENDMENT as to highway signs regulating traffic within the limits of the Town of Orwell:

SECTION I- DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE
As used in this ordinance "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.
Amended September 26, 2022

SECTION II - REGULATION OF SPEED

A. THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT -

1. North Orwell Road from Daigneault Hill Road, North past Obyrk's at GMP pole #24.
2. North Orwell Road from GMP pole #24 by Obyrk's, South to Daigneault Hill Road.

B. FORTY (40) MILES AN HOUR SPEED LIMIT -

3. North Orwell Road from GMP pole #24 by Obyrk's, North to the Shoreham Town Line.
4. North Orwell Road from the Shoreham Line, South to GMP pole #24 by Obyrk's.

As Adopted by the Orwell Select Board at their regular warned meeting, Monday, October 10, 2022. Legal voters have the right to petition (signed by 5% of the legal voters of Orwell) for a vote on the ordinance amendments at an annual or special meeting. Complete petition information and copy of ordinance available at the Town Clerk's Office M,T,Th,F 9:30 to noon & 1 to 3:30 pm 802-948-2032. Website: townoforwellvt.org.

Thomas Audet, Chair
Orwell Select Board

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the City of Vergennes that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. for discussion of the final draft of the revised Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

This public hearing will be held as a remote-only meeting with participation remotely through Zoom, or by phone. To join the meeting by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9268360439>

Meeting ID: 926 836 0439 Passcode: 907999.

To join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099, passcode 907999.

For participants joining by phone:

- To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9
- To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing the Zoom meeting, contact Zoning Administrator Peter Garon at 802-377-9527.

Statement of Purpose:
The Vergennes City Council adopted the municipal development plan for the City of Vergennes on March 10, 2020 and amended Zoning and Subdivision Regulations on May 24, 2022. The purpose of the proposed amendment to the zoning and subdivision regulations is to bring them into conformance with the municipal development plan and make other minor amendments.

Geographic Area Affected
The Historic Neighborhood District.

Table of Contents of Proposed Amendments – There is no change in the Table of Contents.

ARTICLE XVI, Section 1603 (D): MODIFIES DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR MULTIPLE HOUSEHOLD USE FROM 2500 SQUARE FEET PER UNIT TO 4000 SQUARE FEET PER UNIT.
A copy of the full text of the final revised version of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations is available for public review by contacting Peter Garon at pgaron@vergennes.org. Copies are also available for review at the office of the City Clerk, or on the City website at www.vergennes.org.

October 11, 2022
Shannon Haggett, Chair
Planning Commission
City of Vergennes

The Tangled Tale of The Ash-Tree Bolete

By RACHEL SARGENT MIRUS

If the enemy of my enemy is my friend, then surely the friend of my enemy is my enemy. This inverted cliché is one way to characterize the tangled relationship between ash trees and the ash-tree bolete.

The Outside Story

The ash-tree bolete (*Boletinus merulioides*) is a fan-shaped brown mushroom with an off-center stem. It grows in association with ash trees throughout eastern North America; however, that association is an odd one. Typically, when mushrooms consistently pop up near a particular species of tree, the fungus that produces those mushrooms has either a symbiotic or parasitic relationship with that tree species. Yet when researchers took a close look at the ash-tree bolete fungus, they didn't find either type of relationship. Instead, they discovered a secondary, symbiotic connection between the fungus and an ash enemy: an aphid that feeds exclusively on ash trees.

In 1987, mycologists Mark Brundrett and Bryce Kendrick, then at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, surveyed ash roots during a field study and found abundant ash-tree bolete sclerotia. Sclerotia are a hardened form of mycelia (the root-like structures which allow fungi to absorb nutrients). In the ash-tree boletes Brundrett and Kendrick found, the sclerotia were small hollow balls. They partially enclosed the associated roots and were also distributed in the nearby soil. Although hollow, these sclerotia were not all empty. Those attached to roots contained multiple wax-covered leafcurl ash aphids (*Prociphilus fraxinifolii*).

Leafcurl ash aphids are tiny, semi-transparent green insects found only on ash trees. Like

many other aphids, they alter the growth form of their host to create safe feeding — and breeding — platforms. As the name suggests, leafcurl ash aphids cause leaf curling in new leaves. The crumpled leaves provide both food and shelter for a growing aphid colony. While the damage caused by aphids can be an unsightly nuisance — the curled leaves drop prematurely, and the honeydew and wax the insects excrete leave a mess beneath infected trees — they rarely pose a serious threat to a healthy ash tree.

But why were these aphids sheltering below the trees, with the boletes? Every summer,

that the aphids use sclerotia for housing and protection. The aphids pay rent in the form of the honeydew they excrete, which contains sugar, amino acids, and minerals that they acquired from the tree. Researchers believe that ash-tree bolete gains a nutritive benefit because this fungus is more prolific than other mushroom-forming fungi in the same habitats.

Ever since learning of the tangled story of ash, aphid, and fungus, I'd been on the lookout for ash-tree boletes. When I finally stumbled upon the mushrooms, it was within sight of my house. They ranged from two to four inches wide and had spongy sepia caps. Digging around their bases I found tiny, hollow spheres that matched Brundrett's pictures of sclerotia, but were empty of aphids. We've never seen evidence of aphids on our ash trees — it seems the mushrooms on our land must make do without their insect partners.

As with any symbiotic relationship, a threat to one partner may mean a threat to the other. The ash-aphid-bolete connection demonstrates the ecological losses — no doubt, some of them passing unknown and unnoticed — that come with the spread of an invasive insect, emerald ash borer (EAB), and the subsequent decline of native ash species. "I am concerned about the future of the ash bolete," said Brundrett. "The last time I was in Canada, ash trees were in very serious decline, and the fungus is likely to follow."

Brundrett's point is a valuable reminder that threats to ash trees also threaten all the species that have ecological relationships with these trees. To put it another way, the friend of my enemy may be my enemy, but in the face of a major ecological threat, all fates are entangled.

Rachel Sargent Mirus lives in Duxbury, Vermont. Illustration by Adelaide Murphy Tyrol. *The Outside Story* is assigned and edited by Northern Woodlands magazine and sponsored by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: www.nhcf.org.



female aphids drop from the trees and into the soil, where they can live and reproduce parthenogenetically — in other words, without requiring fertilization — to form their own underground aphid colonies. These clonal colonies suck nutrients from roots from midsummer to late fall, often while enclosed in an ash-tree bolete sclerotium.

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Local hikers tell stories of a ramble in Turkey on Oct. 26

MIDDLEBURY — Green Mountain Club's Bread Loaf Section's outings manager and local resident Morris Earle will present "The Lycian Way: A month crossing the Taurus mountains and ancient ruins of Turkey," on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court, Middlebury.

Earle will discuss the Turkish hospitality he encountered in the Taurus Mountains on his 300-mile hike through ancient ruins and old goat paths above the Mediterranean. Earle will show pictures and tell tales from his 2022 hike.

The program is free and open to the public, though donations will be accepted. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. All donations support the Green Mountain Club.

Earle and his partner Lynn Luginbuhl spend most of their free time in the mountains and have been trail adopters since 2011 on the Middlebury Gap north section of the Long Trail. When Earle is not hiking, he works as a pediatric intensive care doctor in Massachusetts, and with Doctors



MORRIS EARLE AND Lynn Luginbuhl pose by the Mediterranean Sea in Antalya, Turkey.

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Accessible parking and nearby parking is available at Middlebury Union High School. Find more

information about the Bread Loaf Section and its activities on their website at www.gmbreadloaf.org.



LYNN LUGINBUHL HIKES on a rocky trail far above the Mediterranean Sea. Morris Earle will present "The Lycian Way" on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., in Middlebury.

Photo/Rob Luginbuhl



A GREEN MOUNTAIN Power crew works to replace a pole hit by a vehicle in Middlebury on Route 7 just south of High Street on Sunday around 10 a.m. The road was closed from Maplefields on Elm Street to Exchange Street and power was knocked out for residents for more than two hours.

Independent photo/Steve James

Car crashes into pole, ties up Rte. 7

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police responded to a single-vehicle crash, with minor injuries, that tied up traffic on Route 7 North for several hours this past Sunday, Oct. 9, and knocked out power to a section of Middlebury.

Police said that around five minutes before 10 a.m. a woman drove her vehicle into a utility pole off North Pleasant Street. The woman was taken to Porter Hospital or treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, while Route 7 was shut down as Green Mountain Power replaced the damaged utility pole, according to police, who added Middlebury firefighters assisted at the scene.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Were informed a handgun had allegedly been stolen from a vehicle parked off Boardman Street on Oct. 3.

- Found assistance for a person who had been experiencing mental health difficulties on Academy Street on Oct. 3.

- Responded to a report of a bear trying to get into a trash enclosure at a Route 7 North home on Oct. 4.

- Responded, with Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS), to a Water Street home where a man was having a medical emergency on Oct. 4.

- Assisted a man experiencing a mental health crisis in the Woodland

Park area on Oct. 4.

- Notified the local dog warden about a skunk that had reportedly

been acting strangely in the Stonegate Drive area on Oct. 4.

- Investigated a possible domestic

dispute at a Court Street location on Oct. 4.

- Responded to a report of a gunshot in the Maple Street area on Oct. 4. Police said they found nothing amiss in the neighborhood.

- Received a report of a bike stolen from Middlebury College campus on Oct. 5.

- Assisted MREMS on a service call at a North Pleasant Street home on Oct. 5.

- Helped a local woman who was trying to exit an abusive relationship on Oct. 6.

- Served a no-trespass order on Oct. 6 on a man who had been causing a disturbance at a Mill Street business.

- Received a report that a vehicle had been vandalized while parked off South Pleasant Street on Oct. 6.

- Responded to the report of a houseless person sleeping in a wooded area next to a Cross Street home on Oct. 6.

- Interviewed a local man who on Oct. 7 said someone had spray-painted his vehicle while it was parked off Schoolhouse Hill Road.

- Responded to a report of

someone starting a campfire off Halladay Road on Oct. 7.

- Spoke with a Colonial Drive resident on Oct. 7

who alleged that underground drilling was occurring on her property without her permission.

- Provided traffic control for a tractor-trailer truck that had become stuck at the corner of North Pleasant Street and Court Square on Oct. 7.

- Were informed of the theft of a tree stand and crossbow from a tree in the Monarch Court area on Oct. 7.

- Responded to a report of a loud party in the Maecliff Court area at almost midnight on Oct. 8.

- Received an anonymous report of alleged drug activity in the Jayne Court neighborhood on Oct. 8.

- Assisted officials from the Vermont Department for Children & Families in taking a newborn infant into state custody at Porter Hospital on Oct. 8.

- Looked into a report of a loud party in the Cross Street area at around 6:30 a.m. on Oct. 9.

- Investigated a report of snow tires taken from behind a Main Street business on Oct. 9.

- Assisted MREMS on a medical call to Middlebury College on Oct. 9.

- Warned four houseless individuals who were allegedly drinking alcohol on public property off Bakery Lane on Oct. 10.

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Bristol photographer Anne Majusiak likes to capture familiar scenes with a new lens. Like this flight of Snow Geese from Dead Creek in Addison. She has an exhibit of her work on view through October at Art on Main in Bristol.

IMAGES COURTESY OF ANNE MAJUSIAK

Camera sees familiar world in new ways

Photography offers a unique opportunity to literally see the world through someone else's eye. It's a chance to reframe and refocus on scenes that may feel foreign or familiar. This month, we get to see through Anne Majusiak's lens in her most recent

BY **ELSIE**
LYNN PARINI

exhibit at Art on Main in Bristol.

"As a Vermont photographer, I feel fortunate to be surrounded by our rich and varied landscape of incredible natural beauty," Majusiak said in a statement. "I am inspired by our landscapes of mountains, rivers and lakes, woodlands,



ANNE MAJUSIAK

villages and farms, night skies brilliant with stars, and our magnificent four seasons that each have a unique splendor. I never know when something might catch my eye and so, my rule is to always carry my camera with me."

Majusiak first studied photography at South Dakota State University more than 40 years ago. At that time, she remembers, "it was all film and negatives and pungent chemicals in darkrooms."

"Studying photography was really interesting," she said. "It was a magical experience and I enjoyed it a lot."

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Feral Stitching: New exhibit at Jackson Gallery

FEATURING FIBER ART BY SARAH ASHE, JANET FREDERICKS, KARI HANSEN, LILY HINRICHSEN

The Jackson Gallery presents "Feral Stitching: Four Artists Collaborating," a collection of fiber art explorations created by Sarah Ashe, Janet Fredericks, Kari Hansen and Lily Hinrichsen.

In early spring of 2021, the four artists began a weekly journey into the unexplored topography of textile bringing with them needle, thread, curiosity and each other's encouragement. Each is an accomplished artist in other media, be it painting, printmaking or multi-media sculpture. The four artists have shared the collaborative experience of creating art by piecing and layering fabrics of many textures, punctuated by stitching and found objects.

"There is a wildness in our approach to this age-

old art of needlework," the artists said in a group comment. "With little experience and much enthusiasm about this medium we decided, in our initial gathering, to jump in and follow our instincts. We came to it as painters — free of conventions, unencumbered and joyfully fierce. We let our minds and needles wander, exploring a new territory of pattern, color and process, which we call feral stitching."

At first, they challenged themselves by each selecting the same fabrics, then taking them home to stitch personal interpretations. A week or two later they came back together to share their creations. The excitement of seeing each other's work provided inspiration, further explorations, and technical learning that transcended the work itself. As the weeks and months passed, they each began to find their own methods and aesthetic.

"It has been, and continues to be, a rich exploration where our backgrounds in other art disciplines



Sarah Ashe, Janet Fredericks, Kari Hansen and Lily Hinrichsen are the creators behind the new exhibit "Feral Stitching" at Jackson Gallery in Middlebury.

inform our work, and where we find the comfort of collaboration in these uncertain times," they added.

An opening reception will be held Friday, Oct. 14, from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will be on display from Oct. 7 through Nov. 30. The Jackson Gallery in Town Hall Theater's lower level is open Monday-Friday from noon-5 p.m., as well as during performances.



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Majusiak has taken photos ever since those college years, but in the past 20-30 years, she's devoted herself to

learning technique.

"Photography equipment has changed ... and the new world of digital offers enormous opportunity," said Majusiak, who served as director for the Frog Hollow gallery when it was here in Middlebury. "Ultimately, though, it always comes back to how one sees the world and how one expresses that vision."

The Bristol photographer said her favorite images are those that reveal themselves to her when her heart is open to the world around her. That's when she suddenly feels captivated by a scene she may have passed dozens of times before. That's the feeling Majusiak tries to pass on to her viewers.

From her home, Majusiak hops in the car with her 13-year-old Chihuahua terrier mix, Mocha, and off they go... looking for the unexpected.

"One day we were up near Waitsfield and saw a piano sitting on the side of the road covered in leaves," Majusiak remembered from a trip last fall. "What is this piano doing here? I wondered."

And then she took a picture.

She's also drawn to reflections at this time of year. "I call it 'pond poetry,'" she explained. "The reflections can seem calligraphic."

Another favorite: Dead Creek. "I try to go as often as I can," she said. "It's just soul filling."



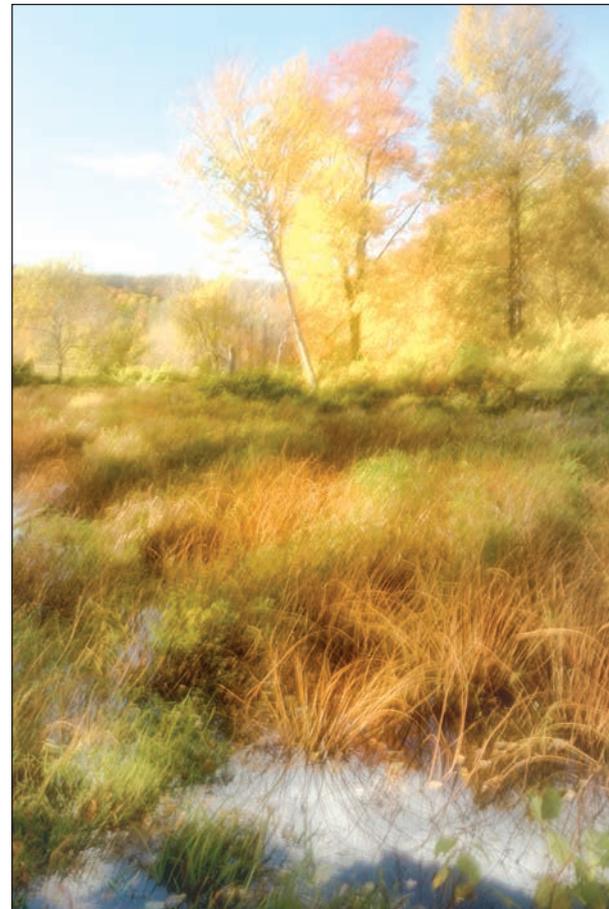
"Autumn Music" by Anne Majusiak.

Most of Majusiak's images are taken within 30 miles of her home in Bristol.

"There's so much to see right in this area," she said. "I like to try to find things people who've been here a long time might not see... The roads and hills and villages and farms are familiar, but when I am in that magical place of openness, I see familiar scenes through new eyes."

What will you see when you go visit Majusiak's exhibit?

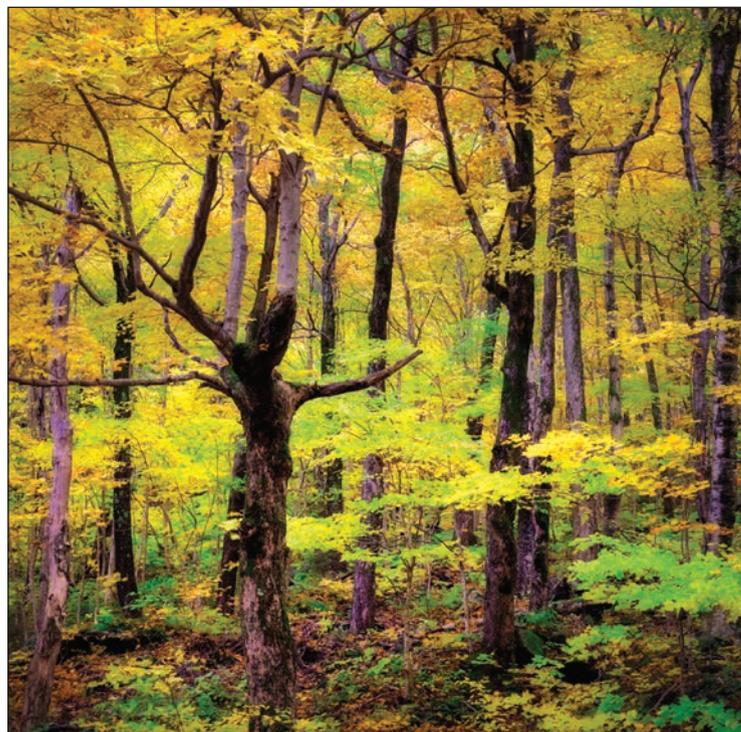
Follow Anne Majusiak @amajanne on Instagram, or visit AMPhotographyVermont.com for more info and galleries.



This image is part of Anne Majusiak's "Dreamscapes of A Vermont Autumn" series that she worked on during the early stage of the pandemic. She uses a technique called Intentional Camera Movement (ICM), which creates a dreamy, ethereal quality in the images.



"Orange Trees" by Anne Majusiak.



"Tree Goddess" by Anne Majusiak.

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Check out the new concert series in Cornwall

The West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series has teamed up with the Friends of Cornwall School and the Cornwall Congregational Church to bring into being the Cornwall Community Coffeehouse. The hope is to present monthly shows on the third Thursday of each month October through April. This month, Scarlet Annie's Jazz Quartet will perform on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 7-9 p.m., at the Cornwall Congregational Church, 2598 Route 30.

Dan Whittemore, the leader behind the West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series, was contacted by Maggie Holmes of the Cornwall Congregational Church's parish council.

"She iterated to me that 'these walls need to hear some noise,'" Whittemore explained. "I met with the council and proposed the idea of The Cornwall Community Coffeehouse and it was received with much enthusiasm. So off we go."

The show on Oct. 20 features Scarlet Annie — aka Annie Nessen. Practically born on stage, she has been a perennial star of Night Fires and Marrowbone for decades. One of the most powerful, talented and versatile vocalists the county could offer. She may be recognized as the front for Scarlet Annie and the Individuals. She has put together this project with Glenn Goodwin (of

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more tunes



Celebrated local pianist gives free concert

The Middlebury College Music Department presents pianist Diana Fanning in a solo concert featuring Schubert's monumental Sonata in A Major, D. 959. One of the outstanding piano works of the Romantic era, it is a dazzling masterpiece of imagination, virtuosity and expressivity. Works by Chopin, Lili Boulanger and Ravel complete the program, which Fanning

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The Champlain Philharmonic returns to Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on Oct. 23

The Champlain Philharmonic (CPO) is back to their regularly scheduled programming and will perform their Fall Concert Series on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 23, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, at 4 p.m. The Champlain Philharmonic is a community orchestra that performs regularly in the Addison and Rutland regions of Vermont. This is their 19th performance season.

The upcoming concert will feature works that reflect all the different ways we have love in our lives; passion, joy, beauty, the stories that love can tell, and love for our family and community. The orchestra will perform Bernstein's "Selections from West Side Story," Elgar's "Salut D'amour," and Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture." The program will also feature works by Vermont composers, Su Lian Tan, and CPO's own Matt LaRocca.

Su Lian Tan is a much-sought-after flutist and composer. Tan has been commissioned by groups such as the Grammy-winning Takacs String Quartet, Da Capo Chamber Players, and the Vermont Symphony. Also a

dedicated teacher, Tan is Professor of Music at Middlebury College, where she continues to be a mentor to talented young musicians. She has given seminars and master-classes at Oberlin College, Boston University, and the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore, to name a few.



CPO Music Director, Matt LaRocca is on the faculty of the University of Vermont and is also the Director of Music-COMP, an organization that teaches composition to students throughout Vermont and facilitates live

performances of their music by professional musicians. LaRocca is the Artistic Advisor and Project Conductor for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and curates their Jukebox concert series.

Tickets are available at the door for both performances. Online tickets can be purchased at champlainphilharmonic.org for the Saturday performance and at townhalltheater.org for the Sunday performance. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for seniors (60+), and \$5 for students.



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"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.

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"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.

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Gumbo YaYa) on bass, Dan Whittemore (of Blues Without Borders) on drums and her long time friend and musical collaborator from her recent years

on tour in Maine, guitarist Tom Obomsawin. Expect to hear classic jazz covers and some Latin jazz, as well.

The Friends of Cornwall School will sell coffee and pastries to raise funds. Freewill cash donations will be accepted for the performers.



ARIES: March 21-April 20. Aries, maintain your alignment with your dreams and tap into your warrior instinct if you come up against a significant obstacle later in the week.

TAURUS: April 21-May 21. Taurus, you're naturally good at juggling many different tasks simultaneously. Don't be surprised if someone recognizes this and gives you a few projects to handle.

GEMINI: May 22-June 21. The theme of this week is "opposites" for you, Gemini. If you're a normally tidy person, you'll leave a mess behind. If you are prompt, you will arrive late. It could be refreshing.

CANCER: June 22-July 22. This week there will be a great deal of pressure on you, Cancer. Try to remain as calm as possible while ticking off the boxes on your to-do list. Ask for help if you need it.

LEO: July 23-Aug. 23. Your leadership skills will be on display this week, Leo. People at work and at home will call on you to make decisions and guide them through various situations.

VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22. Virgo, this week you could come up with a new plan to make a big difference in the world. It may start with an assignment at work or be inspired by volunteering.

LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Libra, try to learn as much about the people around you as possible. They may share strategies that can affect your life in many positive ways. Start asking the right questions.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22. You may need to brush up on your charm skills, Scorpio. Sometimes you come at people at full force. You could benefit from employing a more slow and steady approach.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Sometimes you can be naturally shy and quiet, Sagittarius. This week show others what lies beneath that quiet surface. Use your voice and get others excited about your thoughts.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Try not to hide in the shadows this week, Capricorn. This is your time to be in the spotlight and show others what you are made of. A spark will inspire you to act.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Getting back into the swing of things after time away can take a little while, Aquarius. You may have forgotten some steps or feel out of practice. Don't be too hard on yourself.

PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20. You're used to dealing with situations as they arise, Pisces. Plan ahead for what you anticipate will come along this week.

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ASK A MASTER GARDENER

— HOW TO HELP BUMBLEBEE QUEENS OVERWINTER —



Laura Johnson, who is based in the UVM Extension office in Berlin, is the Extension pollinator support specialist.

Wild bees are important pollinators for our crops, gardens and wild plants. In Vermont there are over 350 types of wild bees, including 17 different species of bumblebees.

BY **LAURA JOHNSON**

Bumblebees are efficient pollinators that are especially important for spring crops, such as early blooming berries and tree fruits. But by late fall, a colony that may range in size from 50-500 bees will have all died except for a single new queen.

As with all bees, the queens depend on pollen, nectar, clean water and safe nesting sites for

survival, all of which are limited resources in our managed landscapes. In addition, there is strong competition among species for these resources.

Queen bees will be one of the first visitors of spring crops, hungry after a long winter. To help them survive the winter, here are some things gardeners and landowners can do.

Leave blooms standing until the first hard frost. To gain enough body mass for winter survival, bees require a lot of pollen and nectar. Leaving plants up as far into the fall as possible, ideally until they are killed by frost, provides a good source of both.

Established rodent burrows are known nesting sites for bumblebees. Maybe all those voles

tunneling through your landscape have a saving grace?

Consider reduced mowing and avoid cutting back ornamental bunch grasses. Don't rake up fallen leaves, and skip the winter brush pile burn party. All these provide great rodent burrow materials and locations where bumblebee queens can nest during winter months.

Man-made structures can also become wild habitat. Whether it's your 1800s stone wall reminiscent of New England sheep farming, an old foundation or your new \$30,000 retaining wall, each provides protective cracks and crevices where bumblebees can find shelter.

Consider conserving historical structures on your land. Or cultivate new habitat by taking rocks picked from your property to make a rock pile where bumblebee queens can nest as they enter diapause, a state of dormancy, for the winter.

Offering pollen, nectar and water sources late into the fall and abundant and diverse undisturbed shelters for nests will help ensure each queen's survival and early season pollination services next spring.



To gain enough body mass for winter survival, bees require a lot of pollen and nectar so leaving plants up far into the fall provides a good source of both.

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COVERED IN CLOVERS

Matt Heywood is the artist behind the new mural on the backside of County Tire in Middlebury. Business owners Lisa and Steve Dupoise funded the mural project that was completed this month.

INDEPENDENT PHOTOS / STEVE JAMES

Have you noticed the new blooms on the back of the County Tire building in Middlebury? Yeah, it's hard to miss the almost 16-foot red clovers now painted on the Seymour Street building's large backside.

BY **ELSIE LYNN PARINI** We have Matt Heywood to thank for this new mural, and business owners Steve and Lisa Dupoise for funding the project.

A few years ago all the trees were removed for the rail project, and the owners decided they needed to make it "something better to look at than a large, blue, industrial building."

"Matt is a customer here, and we originally connected with him for logo work," Steve and Lisa said, trying to remember how exactly the mural project got started. "We just got to talking and we learned he did large murals too."

The project started pre-pandemic, took a pause and Heywood just recently completed the mural this month.

Sponsoring a mural project like this was a first for the Dupoises — and a huge success.

"You've got to give back to the community," Steve noted.

And this sure does. A beautiful painting that covers 1,250 square feet across the 140-foot-long wall.

Heywood, a designer, artist and cofounder of The Image Farm based in Middlebury, recently shared more about his process creating this piece.

HOW AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE RED CLOVER?

I chose red clover for several reasons. It can be easily overlooked, but holds extraordinary value for other plants, animals and people. It has naturalized so successfully in the Americas that we see it as belonging to our region while it's actually native to parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. It has the incredible ability to fixate nitrogen, which helps build healthy soils and creates protein-rich growth for wildlife like deer and turkey. It's edible. It's medicinal. It's the Vermont state flower. Red clover is an important food source for pollinators,

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— Matt Heywood

especially bumblebees.

So red clover was perfect to symbolize a strong community with oodles of resilience and resourcefulness. And of course it's a pretty little flower with delightful coloring, a simple form and distinctive leaf markings. I could see it working well in my graphic approach to the artwork.

WHAT GOES INTO PAINTING A MURAL THAT SIZE?

This wall is only about 16 feet high with a level



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the ribbed steel obstacle course, while evading extreme heat, soaking rains and a quick turn to frosty mornings was quite something. In the sun, even into cooler days, I could only paint until around noon until the metal was nearly scalding and my paint became a sticky mess. Then long drying times and heavy condensation complicated the process as temps dropped further.

But as I was out there sweating and freezing, I always appreciated the friendly nods, horn honks and heartwarming support that I heard from people of all ages and all walks of life. It felt great to

be creating something to brighten things up a bit.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

I'd like to thank the small crew of fellow local artists that volunteered their precious time (you know who you are). Most importantly, I'd like to express my deep gratitude to owners Steve and Lisa Dupoise for investing in their property by commissioning this artwork. While this mural is not public art by definition, it serves the same important purpose. Steve and Lisa chose to beautify their space and give back to their community — just like that humble red clover.

grassy surface below, so logistics for the wall weren't much more than basic staging and ladders. Working with the County Tire Center owners Steve and Lisa Dupoise to make sure everyone was cool with 24/7 access was also essential. We even gave the police department a heads up that I would be there at odd hours.

HAVE YOU DONE A MURAL LIKE THIS BEFORE?

Yes. I painted the campfire mural inside American Flatbread Middlebury Hearth in Marble Works. In the Cabot/Agri-Mark plant I covered a wall with sign painting and a background for large-format employee family photos. And supported by an Animating Infrastructure grant I'm in the final stages of approval for an installation on multiple walls of the Interstate 91 underpass in Fairlee, Vt.

WHAT IS SPECIAL OR UNIQUE ABOUT THIS PIECE?

The wall itself turned out to be a constant challenge. Initially I thought that passenger and freight trains thundering by just eight feet away would be an issue. That was no big deal and became enjoyable to see and feel each day. But hand-painting across



PUZZLES

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ACROSS

- 1. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 5. A way to season
- 8. North-central Indian city
- 12. Emaciation
- 14. Actress de Armas
- 15. A way to score in basketball
- 16. Odd
- 18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
- 19. A right of local jurisdiction
- 20. Hard, colorless compound
- 21. Diving seabird
- 22. Wild goat of the mountains
- 23. Not shortened
- 26. Someone who

learns from a teacher

- 30. Is inclined
- 31. Still asleep
- 32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
- 33. Town in Surrey, England
- 34. Indian music patterns
- 39. Birth control means
- 42. People tend to be on one
- 44. A way to keep meat moist
- 46. Home of the Crimson Tide
- 47. Pasta type
- 49. Late 1990s rapper
- 50. One circuit of a track
- 51. Surrounded by water
- 56. Late "Growing

Pains" actor Thicke

- 57. Married couples say it
- 58. Drool
- 59. Sicilian city
- 60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
- 61. Grayish-black mixture
- 62. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 63. Midway between east and southeast
- 64. Athletes who get paid

DOWN

- 1. Genus of owls
- 2. Hindu queen
- 3. Cain and __
- 4. Hindu female deity
- 5. Islamic calendar month

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Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

- 6. Changes posture
- 7. More stubborn
- 8. Give work to
- 9. Round maps of the Earth
- 10. Gathered fallen leaves
- 11. Popular credit card
- 13. Separation of church and state
- 17. Founder of Sikhism
- 24. They __
- 25. Where you find the milk
- 26. Institute legal proceedings against
- 27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
- 28. Expresses surprise
- 29. Have a debt to
- 35. Businessman
- 36. State on India's western coast
- 37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
- 38. Patty Hearst's captors
- 40. Put into service
- 41. 10-year periods
- 42. Crony
- 43. Surgical clamp
- 44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
- 45. Where rockers work
- 47. Valleys
- 48. Ancient lyric poem
- 49. Wise men
- 52. It lights a room
- 53. Assert
- 54. Fifth Roman Emperor
- 55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace



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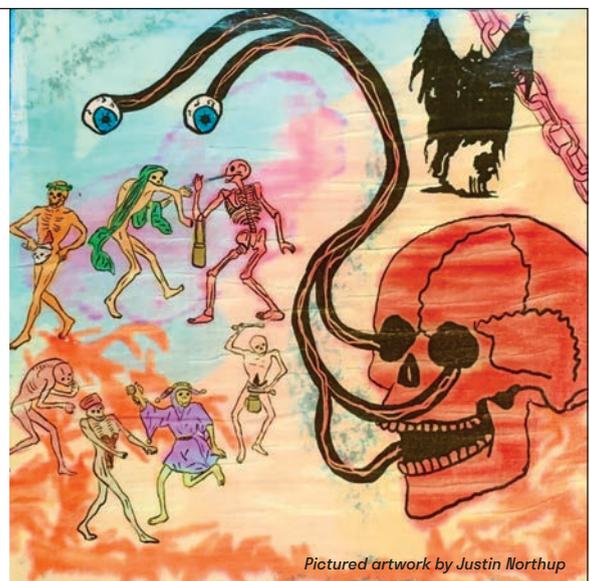
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Hinesburg Artist Series hosts free concert featuring chorus & band

The Hinesburg Artist Series will perform an exciting mix of choral and band music at the Champlain Valley Union High School on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

"Our fall concert is always popular, as the music selection is designed to appeal to everyone," said Rufus Patrick, Hinesburg Artist Series Music Director. "We love sharing our music, and there is no charge for this concert."

The South County Chorus selections include spirituals like "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" and "The Dreamer in Me," as well as moving pieces like "Tuimbe," "Sing Out Your Joy," and "Sing to Me." The Hinesburg Community Band is performing "Extraordinary Machines of Clockwork and

Steam," "Legacy," "Sawdust City Celebration," and the exhilarating "Wild Rose Jamboree."

Maris Rose, a soprano who has performed with the Hinesburg Artist Series for many years, said "I love the spirit of the music we are doing this year and I'm looking forward to sharing it with the community."

"We are so pleased

to have such strong community support from our audiences, our performers, our donors and our advertisers," said Mr. Patrick. "The past few years have been tough, but it is due to this community that we are able to continue to spread joy through music."

While the concert is free, donations are gratefully accepted. For more info visit hinesburgartistseries.org.



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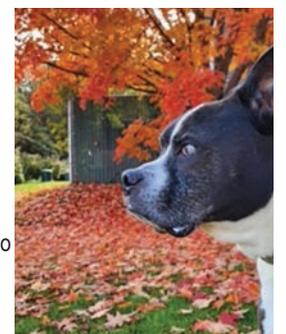
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Amber is a sweet and loving 47-pound 5-year-old who likes to snuggle up on your lap! She came in as a stray and it has taken her some time to get used to shelter life. She's on the right path to becoming more trusting and relaxed. Amber needs a family that has dog-ownership experience. She's working on her leash training and staying calm when passing other dogs. Amber loves playtime in our training room and hanging out in the backyard. She's curious about cats, but should be the only pet in a home for now. Amber should be in a home without young children.



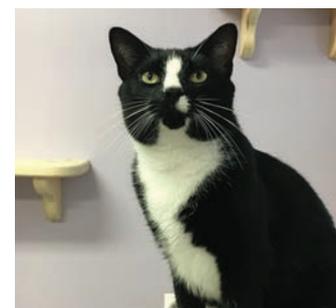
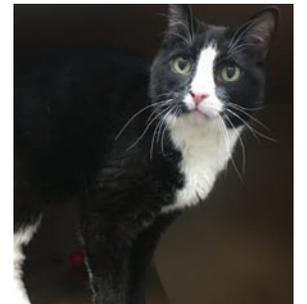
Aster is a fantastic hiking/walking buddy! Exercise is key for her. She loves playing fetch and has excellent agility skills. She is strong on a leash but walks well with proper positive reinforcement and harness equipment. Aster is very treat-motivated, housebroken, and knows basic commands. She absolutely loves snuggle time. She has the most beautiful eyes and her wagging tail will make anyone smile! Aster is human-affectionate and dog selective, and she reacts negatively to cats. Older kids would be fine.

Buddy is a 10-year-old terrier mix. He was adopted from our shelter many years ago and is now back, ready to find a new home. He can't see too well through one eye and can get startled easily. In general, he's a super sweet dog who loves being around people. Buddy resource guards and doesn't seem to like other dogs. He is highly treat motivated and likes to do tricks. He definitely values his naptime!



Callie is a sweet and timid 3-year-old. She would be great for someone who simply wants a feline presence in their home or someone who has lots of time and patience to help her reach her full potential as an affectionate kitty. Callie spends most of her time curled up in a hidey hole and gets scared by fast movements. She does great with other cats but we are unsure how she would react with dogs.

Crosby is approximately 4 years old and was found as a stray with a bite wound on his back end. He was underweight and has, understandably, become addicted to his cat food, particularly canned food, now that food is easily accessed. Crosby can be very sweet, but he is mostly independent unless you offer him food. His coat needs a little help by being brushed as he sheds a lot. Crosby does not get along with other cats and does not like dogs.



Otter is a handsome and affectionate 2-year-old. He is chatty and likes to lounge on high perches. Otter gets along well with female cats, but he is aggressive with male cats. He is cautious but okay with dogs. Otter came to the shelter with some missing toes on one of his back feet.

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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

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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 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.

SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury
For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage."

Artists from Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Ukraine, and several US states created collages to explore how the archival material expresses an aspect of a community. On view Sept. 2 through Jan. 7, 2023.

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"6x6" features 2D artwork with dimensions of only 6 inches by 6 inches. Spanning painting to collage to fibers across all subject matters, "6x6" is a showcase of pieces by over 50 local artists. The theme of this mini show commemorates Sparrow Art Supply turning 6 months old. On view Sept. 22-Oct. 29.

PIANO

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performed in Paris last summer.

"American pianist Diana Fanning transported her audience into a scenic paradise," said the daily newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, published in Munich.

The Middlebury concert will take place on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m., in Robison Concert Hall at the Mahaney Arts Center, Middlebury College. Admission to the concert is free and the public is invited.

Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) required. Masks optional (but welcome).



CALENDAR

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havoc on the stage of the Annual Halloween Play. Tickets \$8 adults/\$5 seniors and students/children 5 and under free.

"ADMISSIONS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See Oct. 13 listing.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION THROUGH LATINX ART" ILLUSTRATED LECTURE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 4:30 p.m., Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center, 356 College St. Charlene Villaseñor Black, professor of Art History and Chicana/o Studies at UCLA, gives this presentation in conjunction with the exhibit "No Ocean Between Us: Art of Asian Diasporas in Latin America & the Caribbean, 1945–Present."

"SPIRITS OF ROKEBY" IN MONKTON.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6-7 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, Monkton Ridge. Members of the Robinson family held and participated in séances at Rokeby Museum 170 years ago. Dr. Lindsay Varner will discuss the Spiritualism papers in the Rokeby

IN BRANDON.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. An accidental twist of fate creates

Museum's collection. She will also share stories of communicating with people beyond the grave. Free. More info at 802-453-4471. Leave a message.

"ARTISTS IN THE ARCHIVES: COMMUNITY, HISTORY & COLLAGE" VIRTUAL PRESENTATION.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Collage artists and exhibit curator, Ric Kasini Kadour, will discuss their work in a round-table discussion presented online. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org.

"MAYA ANGELOU: AND STILL I RISE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. An MNFF Selects Series monthly movie screening. Advance tickets, \$14, available at townhalltheater.org, THT box office at 802-382-9222, or Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. in person. Tickets night of show \$16.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

"FROM ARCHIVE TO HYPERFOLIO," A GALLERY TALK BY COLLAGE ARTIST TODD BARTELL IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Oct. 22, noon, Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Presented in conjunction with the "Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage" exhibition on view until Jan. 7. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org.

CRAFT SUPPLY SALE IN VERGENNES.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 S. Water St. Assorted craft supplies; fabric, yarn, beading, rug hooking, embroidery, notions, etc., including unfinished projects.

Donations accepted the week of Oct. 16 at the church. Call 802-877-2435 before drop off. All proceeds go to the work of the Vergennes Congregational Church.

POETRY READING IN VERGENNES.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 12:30-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Come hear local poet and essayist Ruth Farmer read from her new book of poetry, "Snapshots of the Wind." Signed books will be for sale.

MEDEA LIVE IN HD IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 12:55 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Sondra Radvanovsky stars as the mythic sorceress who will stop at nothing in her quest for vengeance in this Metropolitan Opera performance. Tickets \$24 adult/ \$10 student, available at townhalltheater.org.

SISTER SPEAK PERFORMS IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Feel free to bring a chair and your own picnic. Hard cider and donuts will be available too. Not a dog-friendly event. More info at 802-388-2411.

"NOSFERATU" SILENT FILM IN BRANDON.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Brandon town Hall, 1 Conant Square. Just in time for Halloween, celebrate the 100th anniversary of F.W. Murnau's original adaptation of Bram Stoker's "Dracula." Live music for each silent film program by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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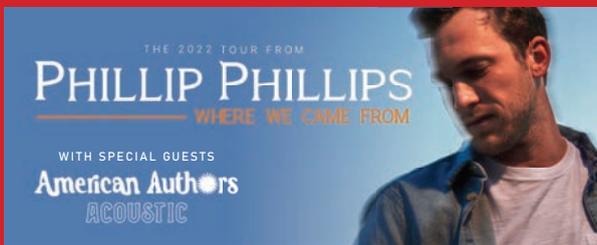
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 7:30 PM



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | 3+7 PM



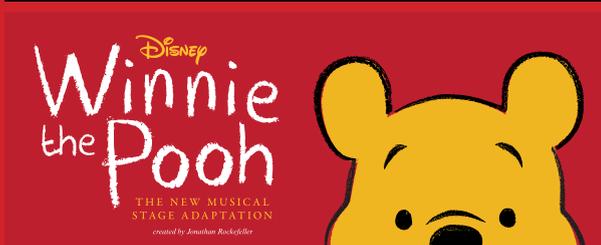
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 | 7:30 PM



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 | 6:30 PM



THURSDAY, APRIL 20 | 7:30 PM



FRIDAY, APRIL 21 | 7:30 PM

Full Listing

**BUDDY:
THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY**
Friday, October 14 | 7:00 PM

**JIM BRICKMAN:
Brickman Across America**
Saturday, October 15 | 7:30 PM

EAGLEMANIA
Friday, October 21 | 7:30 PM

**SIDEWALK PROPHETS:
I Believe It Now Tour**
Sunday, October 23 | 7:00 PM

**KIP MOORE:
Fire On Wheels Tour**
Saturday, October 29 | 8:00 PM

THE FRONTMEN
Saturday, November 5 | 7:30 PM

**AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE:
STUDIO COMPANY**
Saturday, November 12 | 7:00 PM

**PHILLIP PHILLIPS:
WHERE WE CAME FROM TOUR
Special Guest American Authors (Acoustic)**
Friday, November 18 | 8:00 PM

**RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED
REINDEER THE MUSICAL**
Friday, November 25 | 3 & 7 PM

**SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR:
Hope - It's Been A Long Time Coming**
Tuesday, December 13 | 7:30 PM

**PINK FLOYD LASER
SPECTACULAR**
Saturday, January 14 | 8:00 PM

**America's Top Psychic Medium
MATT FRASER**
Friday, January 20 | 7:30 pm

**NATALIE MACMASTER
& DONNELL LEAHY**
Sunday, February 19 | 7:00 PM

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL
Saturday, March 18 | 2 & 7 PM
THE PEKING ACROBATS®
Featuring *The Shanghai Circus*
Friday, March 31 | 7:30 PM

**DISNEY'S WINNIE THE POOH:
THE MUSICAL**
Wednesday, April 5 | 6:30 PM

TERRY FATOR
Thursday, April 20 | 7:30 PM

WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?
Feat. Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops,
Jeff B. Davis & Joel Murray
Friday, April 21 | 7:30 PM

**TUSK: ULTIMATE FLEETWOOD
MAC EXPERIENCE**
Saturday, April 22 | 7:30 PM

The Metropolitan Opera
Plus upcoming Opera: **HD LIVE**

MEDEA Cherubini
Saturday, October 22, 12:55 PM

LA TRAVIATA Verdi
Sunday, November 6, 12:55 PM **Encore**

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