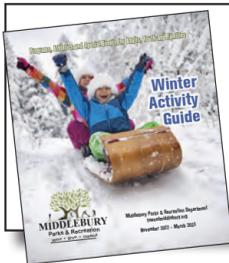




## Quantum poet

Jack Mayer's interest in particle physics reflects in his poetic musings. See Arts & Leisure.



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## County residents invite new faces to govern

### Michael Elmore tapped to move up to sheriff's post

**By MARIN HOWELL**  
ADDISON COUNTY — Voters on Tuesday selected Addison's Michael Elmore to serve as Addison County's next sheriff. Elmore won 8,177 (44.45%) of the 18,396 votes cast, prevailing over fellow candidates Gerald Grant of Addison and Mark Stacey

of Leicester. Grant received 3,807 (20.69%) of the votes and Stacey won 3,105 votes (16.88%). Elmore, who won the Republican primary, currently serves as a sergeant in the Addison County Sheriff's Department and has overseen daily operations there (See Sheriff, Page 15A)

### Voters pick Eva Vekos as the county state's attorney

**By JOHN FLOWERS**  
ADDISON COUNTY — Middlebury Democrat Eva Vekos on Tuesday scored a decisive win to become the county's new state's attorney, besting Addison County Deputy State's Attorney Peter Bever, 8,478-6,147. "It's overwhelming, exciting and

astounding," Vekos said of her win during a Tuesday night interview. "I'm incredibly grateful to the folks on the ground who supported me, not just for getting the word out, but for lifting up the issues I thought were important, like criminal justice reform, stopping (See Vekos, Page 12A)

### McGill wins race for seat in redone Addison-5 district

**By JOHN FLOWERS**  
BRIDPORT — The Addison-5 House district has, for four years, been the GOP's lone red beachhead in an otherwise blue Addison County. But that beachhead was swept up in a blue wave that flooded across Addison County election

landscape on Tuesday, with Bridport Democrat Jubilee McGill scoring an emphatic 1,355-788 win over New Haven Republican Jon Christiano in the district that includes Bridport, Weybridge, most of New Haven, and a small chunk of Middlebury that encompasses (See McGill, Page 15A)

## ANWSD, Mt. Abe merger rejected by nine towns

### Districts' residents say a resounding no to plan

**By MARIN HOWELL**  
ADDISON COUNTY — Voters in the nine towns making up the Addison Northwest and Mount Abraham Unified school districts on Tuesday voted 4,282-1,886 to oppose the merger of the two entities as a way to combat declining enrollment and rising overhead costs. ANWSD serves the towns of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Waltham, Panton and Addison. Voters in that district voted against the merger referendum 2,001-771.

Martha DeGraaff, co-chair of the Merger Study Committee, said despite the results she is proud of the committee's work and was pleased with the large turnout for Tuesday's vote. "I'm really happy that so many people did their due diligence and their homework and felt they had enough passion to go out and vote. It really shows how strongly people feel about our local schools," she said. "I'm incredibly proud of and stand by the work that the merger study group did. I think it was very important, and I'm proud of everything, of every aspect." (See Merger, Page 11A)

**ANWSD opposed the merger 2,001-771; for MAUSD it was 2,281-1,115.**

MAUSD is made up of Bristol, Starksboro, New Haven and Monkton. Voters in those towns rejected the merger proposal, 2,281-1,115.

## Midd re-elects Scheu and Sheldon

**By JOHN FLOWERS**  
MIDDLEBURY — Incumbent Addison-1 House Reps. Robin Scheu and Amy Sheldon, both Middlebury Democrats, breezed to reelection on Tuesday in a three-person race for two seats that included Middlebury Republican Peter Caldwell. Sheldon, a four-term incumbent and land use planner residing in East Middlebury, was the top vote-getter with 2,329. She currently chairs

the House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee. Scheu, a three-term incumbent and the former executive director of the Addison County Economic Development Corp., tallied the second-most votes with 2,234 tallies. She's currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Finishing a distant third, with 704 votes, (See Addison-1, Page 11A)

## Region's voters follow state trends

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
ADDISON COUNTY — County voters joined Vermonters overall in supporting winning candidates for federal and statewide office and in protecting reproductive rights in the state constitution. Republican Gov. Phil Scott won support with a majority in every one of Addison County's towns, as did Democrats Peter Welch

in his successful bid to replace retiring Sen. Patrick Leahy in the U.S. Senate, and Becca Balint in her campaign to replace Welch in the U.S. House of Representatives. Veteran Democratic Vermont House member Sarah Copeland Hanzas lost just one county town (Addison) in her successful quest to replace retiring Jim Condos as Vermont's (See Statewide, Page 12A)



JUDY CHAVES, AN active member of the North Ferrisburgh community, fills out her ballot in the Route 7 town offices and community center on Tuesday. Ferrisburgh voters joined citizens in Panton, Waltham, Addison, Vergennes and a sliver of New Haven in returning Addison-3 incumbent Reps. Diane Lanpher and Matt Birong to the Statehouse.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Addison-3 incumbents Lanpher and Birong coast to victory

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**  
VERGENNES — Addison-3 Vermont House District incumbents Diane Lanpher and Matt Birong, both Vergennes Democrats, cruised to reelection on Tuesday over a pair of Republican challengers, Rob North of Ferrisburgh and James McClay of New Haven.

The final vote tallies were Lanpher, 2,540; Birong, 2,520; North, 1,790; and McClay, 1,298. Lanpher and Birong were the top two vote-getters in every district town except Addison, where North and McClay ran 1-2. Lanpher won her eighth term to represent a district that after the 2020 Census added the part of New Haven in which McClay resides to the five communities that also make up the Addison Northwest School District: Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes and Waltham. Birong earned his third term.

Lanpher formerly co-owned with her husband a South Burlington insurance agency; worked for many years as the Training Coordinator for the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug (See Addison-3, Page 12A)

## Bristol area returns its state reps to Montpelier

**By MARIN HOWELL**  
ADDISON COUNTY — Democratic incumbents Caleb Elder of Starksboro and Mari Cordes of Lincoln were re-elected on Tuesday and will keep their Vermont House seats representing the Addison-4 district. Both Elder and Cordes will be entering their third term in the Legislature on behalf of a district that encompasses Bristol, Lincoln, Starksboro and Monkton. Elder received 2,769 (29.37%) of the 9,428 votes cast, and Cordes followed closely with 2,675 votes (28.37%), according to the results on the Vermont Secretary of State's office's website on Wednesday morning. The two incumbents once again prevailed over Republican competitors Lynn Dike of Bristol and Valerie Mullin of Monkton, whom they faced in the 2020 Addison-4 race. This time around, (See Addison-4, Page 12A)



### Strike up the band

DURING A TUESDAY rehearsal of Middlebury Union High School's production of "The Music Man," con man Harold Hill, played by Asa Baker-Rouse, tries to sell his plans to Marian the Librarian, played by Camila Blanco, who is having none of it. Eavesdropping in the background are actors Bea Hopper, Xavier Fuentes-George, Anika Heppel and Nel Stein. The musical will be staged at the school this Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 2 p.m. See more photos on Page 10A.

Photo by Jason Duquette-Hoffman



## By the way

Congratulations to the Vergennes Union High School Math Team for placing fifth out of 15 teams at a Nov. 7 meet hosted by BFA St. Albans. The team's top scorers overall were, in order, Parker Kayhart, Elijah Duprey, Megan Mentzer and Calder Rakowski (tie), and Finnley Jacobson and Shamus (See By the way, Page 15A)

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# Sens. Hardy and Bray to return to Senate

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Incumbent state Sens. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury and Chris Bray, D-Bristol, easily won re-election to their positions representing Addison County, Huntington, Buel's Gore — and for the first time, Rochester — in the Legislature's upper chamber.

Bray was the top vote-getter, with 11,261 tallies (14.72% of the vote), followed by Hardy, with 11,116.

Rounding out the field were Republican and first-time candidate Lloyd Dike of Bristol, with 5,464 tallies, followed by Cornwall Republican Robert Burton, also a first-time candidate, with 4,705 votes. Rochester independent Mason Wade, who made previous runs for the House and Senate when Rochester was part of the Windsor Senate district, finished last, with 812 votes. This was the first election in which Rochester was a part of the Addison County senatorial district.

"I love serving; it's an honor to run and get re-elected," Bray, a five-term incumbent, said Tuesday evening. "I always feel that if you get re-elected on your record, that's a good thing in terms of your relationship with your people at home. They've seen what you're working on, they like it, and they send you back to do more."

Hardy, a two-term incumbent, was also pleased to have been returned to office.

"I'm grateful and honored to have been re-elected by the voters of the Addison district," she told the *Independent*. "I'm glad they've recognized the hard work I've done for them in the Legislature and I'm really happy to continue as their representative in Montpelier."

The only community that didn't go into either the Bray or Hardy win column Tuesday evening was Addison, which narrowly went to Dike, with 342 votes. Bray ended up the top vote-getter — in some towns by a mere handful of tallies over Hardy — in 14 communities, compared to the eight towns that made Hardy their favorite. The winning duo tied in two municipalities, Granville (80) and Hancock (74).

Hardy topped the field in Rochester, while Bray won the most votes in Huntington (Buel's Gore ballots are counted with Huntington's).

The Vermont Secretary of State's election-results website didn't offer complete town-by-town results and a handful of Addison County communities were late in providing their results to the media.

Bray said he hopes to be reappointed as chair of the Senate Natural Resources & Energy

Committee. He also serves on the Senate Finance and is a member of a variety of other legislative panels, including the Joint Energy Committee and the Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction Committee.

"I'm planning on tackling right off the bat energy issues again," he said.

Senate Addison County					
	C. Bray	R. Burton	L. Dike	R. Hardy	M. Wade
Addison	308	305	342	303	19
Bridport	269	247	261	268	36
Bristol	1107	424	658	985	73
Cornwall	485	141	138	495	28
Ferrisburgh	900	440	554	871	48
Goshen	59	32	33	71	5
Granville	80	27	30	80	12
Hancock	74	40	35	74	21
Huntington	756	221	258	747	48
Leicester	205	160	154	219	22
Lincoln	536	148	201	497	36
Middlebury	2,171	535	547	2,221	119
Monkton	705	292	399	666	49
New Haven	134	81	108	132	7
Orwell	249	248	246	254	39
Panton	204	106	123	203	8
Ripton	220	44	57	222	16
Rochester	295	136	121	359	64
Salisbury	261	157	181	248	27
Shoreham	310	178	173	306	21
Starksboro	515	228	313	480	28
Vergennes	806	292	294	798	48
Waltham	150	80	93	149	6
Weybridge	384	82	82	376	21
Whiting	78	61	63	92	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,261</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>5,464</b>	<b>11,116</b>	<b>812</b>

Among them: Passing a so-called "clean heat standard" bill that would encourage Vermonters to use renewable energy in heating their homes and businesses; helping the state meet a series of already

*"Roughly 200,000 Vermonters are uninsured or under-insured. It doesn't seem right to me that the wealthiest nation in the history of the planet we have people who can't get something as fundamental as timely primary care when they need it."*

— Sen. Christopher Bray

agreed-upon climate targets; and developing a pilot program to making weatherization assistance affordable to all Vermonters, regardless of income.

He noted Gov. Phil Scott vetoed a clean-heat standard bill during the past biennium and Bray wants to take another stab at the effort in 2023.

"We need to find a way to use less fossil fuels and switch to clean alternatives (for heating)," Bray said. "We have a legal imperative to meet our climate goals and we have an economic development opportunity to meet them, because the more energy we're producing in-state and the more weatherization work we're

doing, we're reducing (heating) expenses and keeping the money in Vermont."

Also on Bray's to-do list: Introduce a universal primary care bill.

"Roughly 200,000 Vermonters are uninsured or under-insured," he said. "It doesn't seem right to me that the wealthiest nation in the history of the planet we have people who can't get something as fundamental as timely primary care when they need it. We can do better, and we should do better."

Hardy, a two-term incumbent, is vice chair of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and serves on Senate Finance. Like Bray, she's a member of a variety of other legislative panels, including chair of the Senate Sexual Harassment Panel and the Joint Committee on Judicial Retention.

Looking ahead to the 2023-2024 biennium, Hardy said she'd like to chair a committee and remain on the Senate Finance Committee.

"Being able to do both might be difficult, but that's my ultimate goal," she said.

Her priorities for the coming session include "continuing a lot of the work we've already done over the past couple of years to recover from the pandemic, focusing now on economic factors and housing, as

well as child care, education, health care access and affordability."

Looking beyond her own election result, Hardy said there's a lot for Vermont Democrats to be happy about.

"I'm very excited and proud that Addison County now has a fully Democratic contingent in the Legislature," she said, alluding to Jubilee McGill's victory in Addison-5 (see story on Page 1A).

And she's also pleased to see more gender balance in the General Assembly.

"I'm looking forward to a new Senate with a lot of new members, working with a new crop of senators — many of them women, and I'm thrilled about that," Hardy said. "I think a lot of that is related to the hard work I've done training, recruiting and supporting woman running for office."

Senate Democrats are slated to caucus this weekend, during which they'll sort out leadership posts. Plans call for Sen. Phil Baruth, D-Chittenden County, to be nominated as Senate President Pro Tem, according to Bray.

"I think we're setting things up for a really productive session," Bray said.

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ADDISON VOTERS ON Tuesday agreed to pay up to \$2.07 million to restore the old Addison Town Hall, which sits on the corners of Route 17 and 22A, into a fully functioning town office and community center.

Independent photo/John S. McGriff

## Addison backs town hall bond

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON — Addison residents on Tuesday approved a bond for up to \$2.07 million to renovate the town's historic former town hall on Route 22A into a new town office building and community center. The vote ran in favor of the project, 322-262, or 55%-45%.

Town Hall Committee members had said the final cost to taxpayers could be lower for the final project, which could begin next summer, now that residents have backed the bond.

In an earlier interview Town Hall Committee Chair John Spencer said the group could actively pursue more grants once residents showed their support.

"We also anticipate getting some more grants. That's the most important message. A lot of grant funders won't consider you unless you already have money set aside," said Spencer said. "We're going to be diligent working on those."

On Wednesday morning, Spencer said the committee "very much" appreciated residents' support for a project that has been more than a decade in the making.

The more-than-150-year-old former town hall sits on Route 22A near its junction with Route 17, just a couple of hundred yards from Addison's current tiny town clerk's office. The building requires a complete interior rehabilitation and foundation work, but retains a sturdy shell, according to the committee.

Plans call for three levels and 7,000 square feet of space to provide room for town boards to meet and host hearings, accessible rest rooms, a vault big enough to store all Addison's vital town records, adequate offices and storage for its clerk/treasurer and assistant clerk/treasurer and listers, and two community meeting rooms, the larger one to fill the top floor and include a stage.

Spencer said the committee would meet soon to prepare for the next step, which will be to "get active with the architect to start building technical plans so we can put a bid out."

The goal remains for a project to begin next summer.

"We'd love to do that," Spencer said. "That's our goal."

As it stands, the building

essentially lacks everything except the in-ground septic system that residents have already supported and that has been installed to the west of town-owned land at the junction of Routes 17 and 22A.

That septic system also serves the Addison Fire Department and the church next to the old town hall. Voters approved it in part to serve the church in exchange for ownership of the building, which had rested with the church.

According to the Town Hall Committee, if the former town hall were renovated it could offer much that the cramped current town office building cannot.

Spencer, who has been working on the town hall project for more than a decade, has acknowledged there is no way to be fully confident about the project's estimated price tag, especially in the current inflationary climate.

"I'd say we are as confident as we can be," he said in the earlier interview, while adding the project architect worked on the plans this summer and "put some margin in there."

Regardless, he said, voter authorization would only allow borrowing up to the face value of the bond. "We have to live within that budget. If we have to cut something, we have to cut something."

The bond is not the only funding for the project. Addison has already won a \$75,000 grant from the Bruhn Foundation, and the selectboard has earmarked \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward the work.

The bond vote on Nov. 8 assumes no more grant funding will be obtained. The Town Hall Committee published tax impact estimates using a 30-year bond for \$2.1 million with 4% interest, which would require an initial annual payment of \$155,890 that would drop as loan principal was repaid.

Again, assuming no more grant funding, the committee projects at the present Addison grand list a 7.4-cent municipal tax rate increase would be required to fund that payment. That increase would translate to an additional \$74 a year per \$100,000 of assessed value to fund the project, according to committee projections as a worst-case scenario.

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# Eastern red bat, the migrating maverick

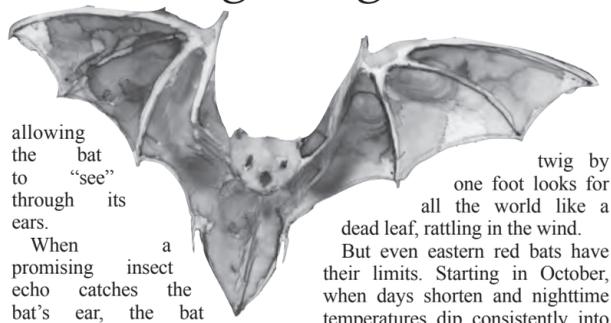
By CONRAD BAKER

Swift and apparently silent, a lone bat traces the contours of the woods' edge at dusk, floating through canopy and meadow. In the last daylight, a sharp-eyed observer might catch a glimpse of white armpits, indicating that this is no barn bat or attic bat. This is an eastern red bat.

Eastern red bats (*Lasiurus borealis*) are mavericks. Where flocks of little brown bats huddle en masse in caves and human-made structures, eastern red bats roost in breezy treetops — and are mostly solitary. One of the few occasions that brings red bats together is migration. During their southward journey in October, two bats might suddenly find each other and engage in a brief aerial romance. The female will store the male's sperm through the winter, delaying fertilization until the following spring.

Mothers raise their pups alone. Twins are common, although litters may include up to five. The pups cling to their mother all day. She leaves them to catch flying insects in the early evening, returning frequently to allow the pups to nurse. After about a month, pups are flight worthy. Another few weeks later, and they're weaned mosquito and moth killers themselves.

Throughout the summer, an eastern red bat consumes its weight in flying insects every night. This amounts to about 3,000 insects, including such pests as mosquitoes, spongy moths, and eastern tent caterpillar moths. Red bats are quick and agile and adeptly intercept flying prey. In common with other northeastern bats, they use echolocation, emitting extremely high-pitched "barks" normally inaudible to humans. The sound of a bat's bark reflects off nearby obstacles and flying insects,



allowing the bat to "see" through its ears.

When a promising insect echo catches the bat's ear, the bat barks faster, playing a high-stakes game of "Marco Polo" with the prey. The closer the bat comes to potential prey, the more frequent its barks, allowing it to pinpoint the insect's movements. As the bat closes the gap, the barks become a brilliant vibrato — a "feeding buzz." The coup de grace comes when the bat either snatches the insect out of the air like a poodle receiving a frisbee, or reaches out with a wing to flick the morsel into its mouth.

Although most insects have poor odds against a bat that has locked onto them as prey, Tiger moths, including the parents of our beloved woolly bear caterpillars, have a remarkable defense. They have specialized tymbal organs, drumstick-like structures which vibrate madly when the moths detect a bat feeding buzz. The sudden noise from the tymbal organs disorients the bats just enough to give the moths a fighting chance of escape.

While many other bat species spend their winters hibernating in caves and other shelters, eastern red bats are adapted to cope with the cold. They have fully-furred tails, which they can partially wrap around themselves, like half an umbrella. Not only does this warm them, but it keeps their core dry in rain — and serves as camouflage. An eastern red bat dangling from a

twig by one foot looks for all the world like a dead leaf, rattling in the wind.

But even eastern red bats have their limits. Starting in October, when days shorten and nighttime temperatures dip consistently into the low 30s, eastern red bats in the northern parts of their range head south. Surprisingly little information is available about their wintering grounds, but there seems to be a consensus that bats from Canada and the northeastern United States head south, with some of them traveling as far as Mexico.

According to journals and records from before the Industrial Revolution, swirling swarms of red bats were once common on the East Coast during the fall. Apparently, they share a similar migration route with many birds, including warblers.

Gone are the days of large-scale red bat migrations. Now, these bats are normally seen alone, or in small migrating groups. This might be due to light pollution and habitat fragmentation spreading red bat populations out, however, rather than evidence of a steep population decline. Eastern red bats are listed as secure throughout their range in the northeastern United States, although the general decline in flying insect populations is a noteworthy change for all northeastern bats.

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## The Outside Story

# Two advance in uncontested races

Conlon to return for 4th term, Andriano earns his first

By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

ADDISON COUNTY — Voters in two local Vermont House districts had only one name on their ballot, and in both cases those candidates — unsurprisingly — won.

Rep. Peter Conlon, a Cornwall Democrat, was re-elected to his fourth term representing Addison-2 in the Vermont House with 1,611 votes. His district includes Cornwall, Salisbury, Ripton, Goshen and Leicester.

In August, Conlon turned back a Democratic primary challenge from Wendy Harlin of Ripton.

As an incumbent with six years seniority, Conlon is ranking member of the House Education Committee and is likely to become chair of the panel. Among the

issues he will help the state face as a legislator in the coming biennium are taking care of aging school facilities, overall school financing and paid family leave. Other topics he'd like to tackle are addressing climate change solutions, improving the state's child care system, and creating more affordable housing.

First-time candidate Joseph Andriano, an Orwell Democrat, won the election for the Addison-Rutland House seat that is being vacated by Rep. Terry Norris, who is retiring. Andriano garnered 1,473 votes in the district that encompasses Orwell, Shoreham, Whiting, Hubbardton and Sudbury.

On Wednesday, Andriano said he was happy to win the seat and looked forward to working on the

three main goals he campaigned on: making housing more affordable, helping towns keep their local elementary schools open, and addressing infrastructure needs, including making Route 22A safer.

Andriano said that while campaigning he enjoyed talking to all kinds of people, including those he might not otherwise have spoken to.

"I learned a lot," he said. He found his attendance at town selectboard meetings to be educational, and he pledged to continue sitting in on at least one selectboard meeting a month (while the legislature is out of session).

"It's my job as a representative to be a conduit between Montpelier and my towns," he said.

# Dean to speak about midterms

Former governor will examine Nov. 8 results in Midd

MIDDLEBURY — Physician and former six-term governor of Vermont Howard Dean will present the talk "What Do the Midterms Mean for American Democracy?" this Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Middlebury. The public is welcome to this free event at Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society at 2 Duane Court.

Dean is a prominent political leader in the state of Vermont, a former head of the Democratic National Committee and at one point a front runner in the 2004 campaign for the Democratic nomination for president.

This presentation is jointly sponsored as a community program by the Henry Sheldon Museum and the Hawthorne Club, both long associated with the history of Middlebury and Addison County. The Hawthorne Club was founded in 1877 to establish closer relations between members of the Middlebury College community and citizens of the town. It is named for Nathaniel Hawthorne, a national literary hero whose talks at the college made him a local celebrity. The Henry Sheldon Museum

of Vermont History was chartered in 1882 as an art museum, storehouse of archeological information and historical society; the institution continues to fulfill roles associated with those fields. Amongst its holdings are the archives of the Hawthorne Club.

The two organizations formed a partnership in 2015 to offer annually to the public at large a talk by a recognized specialist. The organizations have welcomed Judge William K. Sessions III (2015), who reflected upon his judicial career and philosophy, and Jay Parini (2016), who detailed his Hollywood experiences when his books were made into movies. In 2017, Alex Wolff, veteran *Sports Illustrated* journalist, examined the recent history of the Olympic Games, and in 2018, Jane Lindholm, radio journalist, host and commentator, reflected on her years with VPR's "Vermont Edition."

This year, Gov. Howard Dean will provide insight into the relationship between the democratic political process Democracy in the United States today.



## Lining up and voting

NORTHERN ADDISON COUNTY residents went to the polls on Nov. 8 to cast their votes and re-elected incumbents in both Addison-3 and Addison-4 House districts. Ed and Martha Keagle, left, cast their votes at the Town Clerk's office in Addison. Poll workers at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall, below, kept close tabs on incoming voters and also made it plain through signage that same day voter registration was an option.

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## Editorial

Post-election reflections

## Dems have unexpected hope as GOP's Red Wave fizzles

The big news on the national front is two-fold: 1) the promised Red Wave fizzled, and 2) Trump is being blamed. And because politics in America is a "blood sport," especially how today's GOP plays it, the sharks within the GOP are after Trump like he's chum in the water.

Fox News commentators pinned the GOP's lackluster performance on one thing: in many of the races, Trump had championed inferior candidates with little political experience in the primaries because they pledged their allegiance to him and his Big Lie, instead of stronger candidates often preferred by the GOP establishment.

Meanwhile, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has shot to the fore of the GOP with a win of historic proportions and carrying Republicans in down-ticket races to victory, turning what had been a swing state into a solid red foothold for the party. With a new champion to adore (DeSantis), and a caustic force (Trump) to blame, the Republican Party's landscape is what has flipped — suddenly becoming more uncertain than it has been since Trump beat Hillary Clinton for the presidency in 2016.

Apparently the rule of thumb in today's GOP politics is that you can tell lies, cheat on taxes, deny public scrutiny of your income, steal top secret presidential records from the White House, have multiple sexual affairs (and be a sexist, homophobic, racist, white supremacist pig), attempt to bribe foreign leaders to sully a political opponent, and still curry the party's favor — but don't ever appear weak.

But that's the label the Fox commentators have pinned on Trump, blasting him as a weak leader, picking weak candidates with weak platforms. Weak, weak, weak. Rather than the perverted muscle-bound posters that had previously characterized Trump in his four years as president, today's poster might better reflect Popeye's hamburger-loving sidekick, Wimpy.

Is it, one wonders, the death-kiss to Trump?

One could hope.

But Trump understands the GOP populace better than most of us, and his fragile ego rests on his ability to reverse this political setback. That could mean duking it out with DeSantis if both opt to run for the Republican presidential nomination — a surefire recipe that will tar both candidates' reputations and split the party ahead of the 2024 election.

Add that inter-party squabble to what appears to be a chance that Democrats will maintain control of the U.S. Senate (only the seventh time in the country's history that the Senate hasn't flipped in a midterm election) and held its losses in the House to a bare minimum, and you have what is almost a best-case scenario for Democrats coming out of Tuesday's election.

Losing the House is not ideal, of course, but the margin of that loss, and the potential win in the Senate far beats pre-election expectations.

Furthermore, looking ahead to the probable Dec. 6 runoff in Georgia between Republican wildcard Herschel Walker and Democrat incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock, a weakened Trump would still be needed to support a very flawed candidate (Walker) over the next four weeks — a high-stakes contest that would control the balance of power in the Senate. However, it would also put Trump right in the center of the blame-game if Walker loses. All of which gets even more complicated if Trump decides to go ahead with plans to announce his candidacy for president in 2024 next week. Will Trump continue to align himself with a possible loser; would Walker want him?

It's a sorry state of affairs that the nation's political sanity rests on whether Walker is defeated or not, but if you're a Democrat, the GOP's political conundrum is its own kind of sweet justice.

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Vermont politics, on the other hand, have become too predictable. Gov. Phil Scott won by a landslide, besting Democrat Brenda Siegel, 69% to 23%, while Democrats swept the remaining statewide offices, maintained their supermajority in the state Senate (23 out of 30 seats), and gained a veto-proof majority in the House — going from 99 seats during the last biennium to 108 seats (out of 150).

Two points stood out:

- The race for lieutenant governor was closer than expected.

Democrat/Prog David Zuckerman bested Republican Sen. Joe Benning, R-Caledonia, by just 10 points — 51% to 41% — not the 20-point spread that some polls predicted early on, and not by the 30-point margins that other statewide Democrats beat their Republican opponents. Had Benning been able to raise money for a credible campaign, and had the party helped him do so, this could have been a close contest. That's as much a reflection on Zuckerman's lack of popularity as it is on Benning being a relatively strong Republican (that is, pragmatic and reasonable in the mold of Phil Scott).

The tight race also casts doubt on Zuckerman's appeal at the top of the Democratic ticket and provides an opening for other Democrats/Progressives wanting to run for higher office.

- Of those other possible candidates, four Democrats crushed their Republican opponents by almost equal amounts, 65% to 35%, in statewide races for State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Auditor of Accounts. That bodes well for leadership within the Democratic Party, but it also points out a disappointing reality: about 35% of Vermont voters will vote Republican regardless of the candidate's qualifications. In each statewide race, Democrats fielded strong, capable candidates. However, in two races, Republican H. Brooke Paige, a perennial candidate who is a conspiracy theorist with almost no qualifications for the two offices he ran for (state treasurer and secretary of state), received the same number of votes as did each of the four Republican candidates for those offices.

That's a clear sign that those Republican voters are voting for the party without any thought of the candidate's qualifications. Surely, voters can strive to take our elections more seriously.

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In local elections, the sea-change in representation hit a high point as voters elected Democrats to represent them in every House and Senate seat in Addison County. Just 25 years ago, in the late 1990s after the Take Back Vermont tide swept the state, Republicans held most Addison County seats. The current sweep by the Democrats, however, doesn't have to do with a single issue, but rather because Democrats have recruited quality candidates, while the state GOP party (and too many local Republicans) have followed a failed Trumpist agenda.

If Trump is dethroned, and DeSantis or others offer a new way forward, perhaps local Republicans can regain a political footing.

Angelo Lynn



## Canine two cents

VERGENNES RESIDENT CATHERINE Brooks gets some unsolicited voting advice from her dog Simon outside the polls in the Little City on Tuesday morning. Addison County residents joined most other Vermonters in sending Democrats to the Legislature and statewide office, as well as re-electing Republican Gov. Phil Scott.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Monkey taught valuable lesson

Some years ago a gentleman named Jim could be spotted around Addison County with a young capuchin monkey named Cassie perched on his shoulder. Her face was open like any child's, curiously viewing her surroundings. If she spotted an item of interest, Cassie's delicate hands would reach out to inspect it, turning a leaf or a stick in her hand, bringing it to her face for a whiff or a lick.

Whenever I saw them I questioned Jim about Cassie and their relationship. He told me he was preparing Cassie to serve as a lifetime aide and companion.

Capuchins are well-suited to this task. They are small and dexterous, capable of adapting to and bonding with humans. A woman with PTSD resulting from an abusive childhood reported that her relationship with a capuchin saved her life. Likewise, capuchins help once-athletic individuals now confined to a wheelchair renew their sense of joy and independence. Watching Jim and Cassie, it was clear that adopting a capuchin is also a responsibility and commitment in many ways similar to caring for a child. This role offers folks who may have lost hope a sense of purpose and a reason to look forward to each new day.

On one of our chance encounters I invited Jim to visit my 5th-6th grade classroom. We were studying evolution, and seeing Cassie's human-like qualities would be a powerful lesson. It was likewise a way to spend more time with this intriguing creature while sharing the experience with my students.

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## Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



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## Paranormal podcast gets to me

A couple of weeks ago on my way to bed, I was walking past the bedroom closet that serves as our laundry room when the dog, two steps behind me, stopped so fast his brakes squealed.

With the fur down his spine bristling, he growled in the direction of the dark little room.

Normally, I wouldn't have given it a thought. But I had just been listening to the "Spooked" podcast, in which people share stories of their paranormal encounters. In this episode, a man's first hint that his apartment was haunted was when his two cats kept staring in alarm at an empty corner (and things got much more frightening from there).

In my heightened state, I wondered briefly if the dog might be seeing the same kind of evil spirit those cats had, in which case we'd be moving out. More likely: The dog had spotted something out of the ordinary and panicked accordingly.

Following his sightline into the laundry room, I saw the threat: a terrifying eight-count package of toilet paper I had set on the dryer that morning. Laughing, I grabbed the package and showed it to him, causing him to set a new vertical jump record.

Unlike the dog, I was a hardcore skeptic. And though I got chills from "Spooked," I didn't believe the stories in it; the people in them never reacted the

way I'd expect.

I didn't get, for instance, why a couple would remain in a house where, every night, the apparition of a little girl holding a knife stood at the foot of their bed. "Sure, sometimes we wake up and find bloody claw marks all over the walls," they'd say. "But the school district is the best in the tri-state area."

In real life, I tended to scoff at people who attributed every odd happening to ghosts or poltergeists. Of course, I might be more charitable if I'd ever experienced anything truly creepy myself.

Then I did. One morning around Halloween, shortly after finishing another "Spooked" episode, I glanced out the kitchen window and froze. Someone — or something — was standing out in our field.

Probably just one of our nephews scouting for deer, I thought at first. But the shape didn't look right.

It sort of resembled a man, about six feet tall, wearing gray pants and a black sweatshirt with the hood up. He had his back to me, and he didn't move. Weird.

Unable to make out any details, I grabbed our old binoculars. Though they had only slightly more magnification power than a pair of toilet paper tubes (See *Jessie*, Page 5A)

## Letters to the Editor

## Give public say on schools' fate

I'm writing in regard to the recent Addison Central School District Board conversations around a potential revision to Article 14 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement, "Provision for Closure of a School."

Personally, I believe towns should have a say as part of any process to close a school within its borders. Asking the entire district to vote on the fate of a single town's elementary school feels like it will pit towns against one another.

I believe in honoring town independence because I value a single educational community that develops ways to celebrate the differences between each of our seven towns. The International Baccalaureate's own mission statement centers this tension of creating freedom and unity: "Other people, with their differences, can also be right."

Even as I believe in the importance of a town's voice in the matter of closing a school, I believe more that the electorate should decide how to best amend Article 14. Does our electorate believe that a school should be closed with an affirmative vote of the voters residing in the town(s) in which the school is located? Or does our electorate believe that a school should be closed with an affirmative vote of the voters of the entire Addison Central School District?

It's time to take the burden of fixing the ACSD Articles of Agreement off of the shoulders of our volunteer school board and ask the electorate. Asking the electorate is a choice the ACSD Board can make.

Tim O'Leary Ripton

## Trust voters on school closures

An open letter to the Addison Central School District Board of Directors:

We believe our organization shares a vision with the ACSD board to embrace a single educational community that is stronger together. SOS also believes that to be more inclusive and culturally responsive we must find better ways to empower each town's identity within our larger educational community. In fact, we believe that honoring the autonomy and identity of each of our towns is foundational in order to move forward as a single educational community, just as teachers celebrate the differences each student brings into a class.

We request that any change to Article 14, the process to close schools, requires a supermajority vote of the ACSD board as well as a majority vote of the town in which the school is located. These specific changes would be a paradigm of Vermont's state motto: "Freedom & Unity" — and it would finally put this issue to rest, so that future board work and elections may look far beyond this conversation.

Save Our Schools LLC was formed over two years ago as a grassroots organization to uplift small-town voices within this ACSD educational community due to an imbalance of power reflected in the vast discrepancy between voter bases across our seven towns.

Currently the town of Middlebury has 5,860 registered voters. The other six towns collectively hold 4,927 registered voters, giving Middlebury the majority in the District by 933 votes. Middlebury has 4,850 more voters than Cornwall, which has the largest voter checklist of the six small towns. What these numbers demonstrate is that Middlebury can carry virtually any district-wide vote on a school closure and critically affect the district's smallest and most vulnerable towns.

At the Oct. 24, 2022, ACSD Board meeting, a motion was tabled to be taken up at the next meeting scheduled for Nov. 14. That motion was to amend Article 14 to close a school by taking

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# Veterans deserve respect, support

The service of America's veterans never truly ends. Even when they hang up their military uniforms for the last time, many still choose to protect us.

Noah Shahnnavaz was one of them. After serving five years as a military police officer in the U.S. Army's 591st MP Company, Noah returned to his home state and graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in May 2022.

As he drove past a restaurant last summer in Elwood, Indiana, he noticed an artist painting a large American Flag mural covering the exterior of the building. Noah exited his patrol car and complimented the painter for his patriotic rendering. The two briefly conversed. The artist, Theodore Winters, thanked Noah for his military service. They then went about their business.

A few hours later, Noah was tragically killed in the line of duty when a motorist allegedly shot him during a traffic stop. End of watch for Noah Shahnnavaz was July 31, 2022. He was 24. After

hearing the news about Noah, Theodore immediately recalled their conversation and decided the mural would be dedicated to the fallen hero and veteran who gave everything to his community and country.

Noah was the embodiment of service and sacrifice. He was not alone. The U.S. Justice Department estimates that 25% of law enforcement officers have a military background. Bravery and dedication to community are common among veterans.

Veterans Day is a day to honor all of the men and women who served in the U.S. military. It is about the approximately 19 million U.S. veterans who are still with us today and the millions who have preceded them since the American Revolution. Many serve their communities as first responders, teachers, health care workers or church leaders. Some are business owners, farmers, company workers or retirees.

Veterans are a diverse group represented by men and women of every economic, ethnic and

religious background. They come from every state, territory and beyond, but are bound by one common commitment — to defend America with their lives if called upon. It is fitting that Veterans Day be observed so close to Election Day. It is, after all, the veterans, who have preserved our constitutional rights for 246 years.

For many veterans, this nation was worth enduring long separations from their families, missing the births of their children, freezing in sub-zero temperatures, sweating in the Sahara, sacrificing their health and, far too often, losing their lives. When some lament the cost of a veteran's program or the cost of their benefits, particularly as relates to health, it is up to us to remind them of the cost of being a veteran.

The veterans of the United States military have not only fought wars, but they also prevented them. For that they also deserve our gratitude. And while on Veterans Day we rejoice and honor the service of America's veterans, we also remember the wise words of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. "The soldier above all other people prays for peace." *Let Us Never Forget Them Nor Their Sacrifice ...*

## Community Forum

This week's writer is Tom Scanlon, Adjutant of Middlebury American Legion Post 27 and Commander of the American Legion Department of Vermont.

## Letter

(Continued from Page 4A) a district-wide vote, which will inevitably pit towns against each other. We find such ideas and a proposed vote to be premature and in need of further discussion, so we ask that at the meeting on Nov. 14 gets underway, the motion be withdrawn or amended. If amended, we ask that the motion

take into consideration the strong, widespread support for each ACSD town to have a vote in order to ratify a closing or repurposing of a school in its town.

In addition, we are eager to engage in dialogue and collaborate with you on a potential revision to this Article of Agreement. We look forward to that opportunity with

the ACSD Board.

Sincerely,  
**Save Our Schools LLC**  
**President Millard Cox, Ripton**  
**Secretary Chris Kramer, Cornwall**  
**Treasurer Michele Fay, Ripton**  
**Board Members Tanya Scuteri and Ruth Bernstein of Shoreham**

## Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) a highlight of our school year. She arrived on Jim's shoulder wearing a cute little shirt and diaper. Upon entering, she immediately took off, hopping from desk to desk, turning pages in students' notebooks and peering inquisitively into their delighted faces.

Soon she discovered the chalkboard. Picking up a stick of chalk, she scribbled across the board. This was fun! She kept at it for a while.

By now, Jim had also been introduced. As Cassie scampered around, captivating the students. Jim spoke about their relationship as well as Cassie's unique physical qualities. He explained that monkeys don't have human-like shoulders; instead, their

vertical shoulder-like structures points their powerful arms upward, adapted to climbing and swinging from branch to branch.

Jim pointed out that young monkeys instinctively cling to their parents, who need their arms free to move about the treetops and gather food. If we reached out to embrace her, Cassie would panic. Only a predator would do that in the wild. I noticed students sitting on their hands to restrain themselves, still shrieking with delight at Cassie's every antic.

The kitchen ladies heard the commotion and rushed across the hall to catch a glimpse. Soon folks from around the building appeared at our classroom door for a quick peek, all equally enchanted.

Suddenly, Cassie jumped from the chalkboard into my lap, cuddling against me and looking into my face, then gently stroking my cheek. I could barely keep myself from cuddling her back. Jim speculated she missed a maternal presence. I reflected again on her early loss.

Unlike humans, Cassie and her peers have no say about adoption into this life. I hope the obvious gains are worth the hidden traumas we bring to these wonderful beings.

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

## Jessie

(Continued from Page 4A) taped together, I could tell that the figure was impossibly skinny, too skinny to be human. I couldn't make sense of it.

My heart raced. What I was seeing didn't comport with reality. What if there was no rational explanation?

Then the thing shifted, and I gulped.

Slowly, it half-raised one unnaturally long arm, and I noticed that its black sleeve hung down in tatters, like the robe of a deathly visitor from beyond the grave. Would it turn and point a skeletal finger at me?

My extremities went numb. In

that moment, the curtain between the normal and paranormal was being pulled back, challenging everything I thought I knew.

When the figure moved again, hunching its narrow shoulders, I gasped, afraid of what it might do next.

My hands shook as the hideous thing began to twist its head toward me. It stretched out both arms, the ragged sleeves flapping in the wind. Was I about to stare into the hollow eyes of death?

Uh, no.

In an instant, I understood. The shape was not, after all, a malevolent being in black and gray. It was a turkey vulture perched on

a weathered fencepost. Oblivious to me, it began preening its long, black wing feathers. Nothing supernatural. Just a big bird grooming itself.

I knew it, I told myself, pretending I hadn't almost fainted. There is always — always — a rational explanation. The relief I felt was, however, tinged with disappointment that the world as I understood it had not changed.

I haven't changed either. I still like listening to those silly ghost stories. And I still don't believe in the paranormal.

But I will be leaving the light on in the laundry room for the foreseeable future.

# Letters to the Editor

## Renew federal law to help feed world's many hungry

In Vermont, one in 11 people face hunger. The situation is even worse for children, with one in eight Vermont children facing hunger. There is much we can do to solve this problem at home. We can donate to our local food shelves, and the Vermont Food Bank as a start. As bad as food insecurity is for some in our midst here in Vermont, the situation is even worse around the world.

Since 2019, the number of people who go to bed hungry each night has almost tripled from 135 million to 345 million. Food prices have been on the rise since the start of the pandemic, and the war in Ukraine only made matters worse. These factors, coupled with a historic drought, have pushed millions of people to the brink

of famine in Somalia, where a child is hospitalized for acute malnutrition every minute.

The U.S. has stepped up to provide emergency food relief, including specific resources for the Horn of Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya), several times this year. But, as a whole, this urgent crisis has not received the international response it merits. We can, and must, do more.

That includes passing the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2022. Since it was passed in 2016, the bipartisan GFSR has played a key role in addressing the root causes of food insecurity and, through the Feed the Future program, has helped lift millions of families out of hunger. But the bill is about to expire,

putting those vital resources and programs at risk. The House of Representatives has already passed a bill to reauthorize GFSR— now, it's the Senate's turn.

Urge Sens. Leahy and Sanders to show their support for the fight against hunger by co-sponsoring S. 4649, the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act. We have the tools to help lessen the severity of this crisis and, with millions knocking at famine's door, we cannot afford to wait. And it's important to note that hunger affects global security, hungry people are often ripe targets for extremists, and that can end up on our doorstep.

Richard Butz  
Bristol

## There is a better way for posting private property

Vermont should adopt the Purple Paint Law (PPL) to replace the annual posting of private property.

The PPL allows landowners to "post" their property with stripes of purple paint applied according to specific instructions on trees or fence posts. Most states stipulate the stripes must be vertical and not less than eight inches long and not less than one inch wide.

They are to be placed no lower than three feet and no higher than five feet above the ground and must be readily visible to anyone approaching the property — no more than 100 feet apart in forested land and 1,000 feet apart in open land.

This system would allow a welcome alternative to the current yellow posted signs but would not replace the current system. Under the PPL, landowners could choose which method they want to use to protect their property. If a property were sold and the new owner wanted to allow access, the stripes could be painted over.

Posting with "signs" that are permanent and do not have to be updated every year would be beneficial for many landowners who wish to prohibit hunting on their property. The present posting regulations are arduous and challenging for many people for a variety of reasons. Signs made of metal or plastic are extremely

expensive, especially for large properties or farms. The less expensive Tyvek signs degrade over time and must be replaced. They are also easily damaged or removed, which may make property no longer legally posted.

Under the current system, every single sign must be dated annually and must include the name and address of the property owner. Landowners must file annually with their town clerk and pay a small fee. If these conditions are not met every year, your land is not posted legally, and you have no control of what activities may take place there. People can legally hunt without permission, in some cases at night, for most months of the year on unposted, or improperly posted, land.

I am 69 years old and have 30 acres surrounded by properties open to hunting and trapping. I have a herd of rescued equines including five minis about the same size and coloring as bears or deer. I enjoy walking my property every day year-round with my dogs, who also resemble bears or deer in size and coloring, and especially enjoy the autumn months (i.e.: hunting season) when the foliage is so beautiful.

To ensure the safety of my animals and myself I do not want hunting or trapping on my property. So, every year I must walk the perimeter of my 30

acres and update my posted signs. Due to the regulations about placement, some signs must be in areas that can be challenging to access due to the terrain. I'm fine now, although this task is time-consuming, but I worry about the future and what will happen if I am unable to physically maintain the posted boundary of the land I own and on which I pay hefty property taxes.

An additional concern is that Vermont leads the nation in incidents of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Forcing people to traipse through fields of high grass and shrubs, the perfect habitat for ticks, to post their property, is unfair and unsafe. Painting a stripe is clearly more economical, efficient, equitable, and physically easier, than the current posting system. People who are physically challenged due to age or disability would benefit from this law.

As an alternative option to the present posting regulations, the Purple Paint Law would offer a fair and effective means of posting and protecting private property.

If you agree with me and would like Vermont to join the 17 states that have already adopted this law, please contact your state legislators, and let them know you support the implementation of the Purple Paint law in Vermont.

Jennifer Lovett  
Starksboro

## Letters to the editor

The Addison Independent encourages readers to write letters to the editor. We believe a newspaper should be a community forum for people to debate issues of the day.

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# Obituaries

## Rick Clark, 69, longtime Addison County resident

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Rick Clark passed away suddenly due to complications related to Parkinson's Disease. He was born Feb. 24, 1953, in Bristol, Conn., the son of Doris and Don Clark.

A resident of Shoreham, Whiting, and Middlebury for over 40 years, Rick loved Vermont, riding his mountain bike up and down Snake Mountain and road biking throughout the Champlain Valley. Always passionate about music, as a young man he played bass guitar with the band Out of Bounds, and even after Parkinson's robbed him of the ability to always hit the right note he was grateful to his friends Jim Keating and Tom Boise and to his brother-in-law Scott Canavan for long afternoons spent jamming.

Most of all Rick loved his large, loving and boisterous family, with whom he was especially close. The annual "lake week" at Sunset Lake, holidays and other laugh-filled occasions with his children Sofia and Oakley and stepdaughter Georgiana, and his five brothers and sisters and his many nieces and nephews, were a source of great joy to him, as were visits to Colorado to visit his stepdaughter Emma and her partner Drew. And more recently, his nearly daily visits from his stepdaughter Annie Powell, her husband Christopher, and grandkids Caroline and Jack, who loved their "Ricky," brightened his days.



**RICK CLARK**

A self-proclaimed "foodie," he enjoyed great food and drink shared with Kirsten, his wife of nearly twenty years, and close friends.

Rick showed amazing courage as he traveled along his "Parkinson's Journey," as he called it. He welcomed the friends he made participating in the Parkinson's Rock Steady boxing program and later formed firm bonds with his caregivers, Philip Edles and Bill Glover. He loved to share stories with them about his attempt to ride his bike across Canada and to laugh about other youthful escapades. Rarely complaining, even as his disease severely degraded his quality of life, he relished dinners and outings with his sister Sue and

her husband Syd.

He is survived by his wife, Kirsten Hoving; daughter, Sofia; son, Oakley; stepdaughters, Giorgiana Perna and her daughter Camila Bisogno, and Annie Powell McDaniel and her husband Christopher McDaniel and their children Caroline and Jack McDaniel, and Emma Powell; brother Jim Clark and his wife Nanette Lefevre Clark and their son Jasper Clark; sister Catherine Canavan and her husband Scott Canavan and their daughter Winter Canavan her husband Nate Beckles and their son Grayden Beckles, and their son Silas Canavan and his wife Allyson Crasnick and their children Ryleigh and Kellen Canavan; brother Tom Clark and his wife Liz Clark and their daughters Avery, Alivia, Emily, and Kaitlyn Clark; sister Sue Shuler and her husband Syd; sister Patty Small and her husband Steve Small and their daughters Alaina and Emma Small.

He will be greatly missed by his family, and his many friends in Vermont and South Carolina. A celebration of Rick's life will be held at a future date.

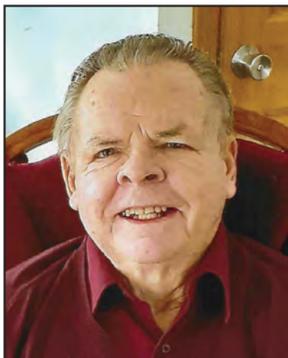
Contributions in his memory can be made to: Rock Steady Boxing (<http://rocksteadyboxing.org/donate>), and The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<http://michaeljfox.org/give>). ◊

## Floyd Robert Siple, 81, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Floyd Robert "Sonny" Siple went home to his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, after a battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 7, 1941, at home in Fredon, N.J.

He is survived by his wife Dina of 62 years; his four children, Judy and Gerard Sabourin of Shoreham, Vt., Nancy and Roger Smith of Houghton, Mich., Brian and Carole Siple of Fredricksburg, Iowa, and Lisa and Eric Vander Heide of Fort Mill, S.C.; his nine grandchildren, Rebecca and Bill Vander Weert of Vergennes, Jennifer Sabourin of Middlebury, Elizabeth and Brian Ryks of Bridport, Mike and Ellie Sabourin of Bridport, Zachary, Benjamin Siple of Iowa, Emily Siple of Colorado and Ashley and Camron Vander Heide of South Carolina; and his seven great-grandchildren, Daniella, Jacob, Juliette and Lyndsey Vander Weert,



**FLOYD ROBERT SIPLEY**

Finley LaFerriere, Daniel Sabourin and Lucas Ryks.

He is survived by his sisters, Harriet Van Gorden and Joyce and Bruce Kampka in Newton, N.J.; and brother Harry Siple of Va. Also by in-laws, Cornie and

Wilma Dykema of Ferrisburgh, Cora Dykema of Michigan, Ann Dykema of Bridport and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Harriet Siple of Newton, N.J. and his brother Ronald in Pennsylvania.

Floyd drove a tractor trailer into New York City for Skuba & Klemm. Then he went into farming. In 1976 they moved to Vermont. After he lost his barn in 1989, he worked at Saputo Cheese for 16 years. After he retired, he worked several summers on the Lake Champlain Ferry.

The viewing will be at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, at New Haven United Reformed Church on Route 7 in New Haven. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven on Town Hill Road at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19.

A big thank you to all his hospice caregivers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Champlain Valley Christian School, Church St., Vergennes or Addison County Home Health and Hospice, 254 Ethan Allen Hwy, New Haven, VT 05472. To send online condolences to his family please visit [www.brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com). ◊

## James Robert Galenkamp, 68, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — James (Jim) Robert Galenkamp, age 68, of Middlebury, Vt., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at home. Jim was born in Ridgewood, N.J., son of Harold and Betty Galenkamp. He was married to Judy McDonald.

Jim was a graduate of Ramapo High School, class of 1972. He grew up on his family farm, Sicomac Dairy, where he specialized in refrigeration. He went to school for HVAC/R, and eventually started Sunset Ridge Farm in Orwell, Vt. After moving to Vermont, Jim was a volunteer fire fighter and worked in HVAC/R at Agri-Mark Cabot and Middlebury College.

Jim enjoyed spending time with family, cooking, and working on his model railroad. He loved the



**JAMES ROBERT GALENKAMP**

outdoors, but only if it was under 60 degrees; petting dogs; and dancing around in the kitchen. He had a great

sense of humor and would often tell his children when they were in distress that their woes could be cured by hanging upside down in the closet. He was a philanthropist who generously gave to many local organizations and charities.

Jim is survived by his spouse, Judy; daughters Amanda and her partner Jon and Laura and her husband Tyler; his son Kevin; his brother Ken of Wyckoff, N.J.; and his stepchildren, Colin and his wife Katie, Ian and his partner Kelley, Cameron and his wife Samantha, and Jill and her partner James.

Service will be private. His family asks if you wish to donate in his memory, because he was such a lover of animals, please make a donation to Homeward Bound in Middlebury. ◊

## Margaret Helene Childs, 81, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Our loving mom, nana, wife and sister, Peggy, as she was affectionally known to her friends and family, passed away on Nov. 3, 2022, at the Residence of Otter Creek in Middlebury, Vt., with her daughter by her side.

Peggy was born in Newburyport, Mass., on May 19, 1941, to Edward and Margaret (Casey) Reardon. Peggy lived her entire life in Newburyport until this last handful of years that she spent in Middlebury near her daughter and grandchildren.

As a graduate of The Immaculate Conception Elementary and High School, Peggy went on to receive her Master's in Teaching from Salem State College. Soon thereafter she married Thomas "Timmy" Childs Jr. on July 11, 1965. They enjoyed 42 years of marriage before Timmy passed away on Jan. 25, 2007.

Prior to starting a family with Timmy and raising their two daughters, Mary Beth and Stephanie, Peggy taught mathematics at Newburyport High School, where she went on to be the head of the Math Department. After her daughters entered high school, Peggy went back to teaching, this time teaching mathematics at The Governor's Academy, formerly known as Governor Dummer Academy, where she also coached the JV soccer team and the JV and varsity tennis teams.

Peggy enjoyed many interests in life. Tennis was a passion she shared with her husband and daughters. As members of the Newburyport Racquet Club and Old Town Country Club, she enjoyed countless hours of playing tennis with friends and family. Dinners on the porch and time spent on friends' boats at the O.C.C. brought her great joy, too.

Later in life, Peggy picked up a passion for golf. She regularly played with friends at courses around Newburyport area, including being a member at Old Town in Newbury. Later in life, Peggy and Timmy enjoyed spending winter months in Naples,



**MARGARET HELENE CHILDS**

Fla., playing golf and bocce with old friends from Newburyport and new friends met down there.

Peggy's love of gardening showed with her backyard filled with beautiful flower beds and lush green gardens. Her home was filled with house plants and fresh cut flowers. She was a longtime member of the Newbury Garden Club, including being its treasurer, until the time she moved up to Vermont. Whether it was playing Bridge or Cribbage with Timmy and other couples, or playing in her weekly Bridge Group, Peggy enjoyed playing cards — a pastime that her mom also very much enjoyed and something that Peggy passed down to her children.

If you knew Peggy, you knew that she did multiple crossword puzzles and sudokus a day and always with her red pen — a habit acquired from her days correcting all those math tests and homework. An avid reader, Peggy would be reading two or three books at once and always belonged to a book group. She volunteered at the local neighborhood branch of the Newburyport Public Library, the Emma L. Andrews Library. And she loved the beach — sitting, reading a book or taking long walks to collect seashells and seagrass was how she loved to spend summer days with her family.

Peggy knit the most beautiful blankets and sweaters. Many have

received a hand-knit sweater at their baby shower or a beautiful Irish-knit blanket as a wedding gift. And no-one did Christmas like Peggy — her favorite holiday of the year.

But what Peggy loved most of all was her family. She was a wonderful and doting mother and very loving grandmother.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Mary Beth Childs, and her grandchildren Creed, Anna and Beckett; her daughter Stephanie Vallejo and her grandson, Joshua; her brother, Paul Reardon, and her sisters Joanne Shoemake, Alice McLeod and Elizabeth Pettingell; her brothers-in-law Gordon Shoemake, Paul McLeod and William Pettingell; and her many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Haven Memory Care at the Residence at Otter Creek in Middlebury, Vt., who provided loving care to Peggy in her last few years as she succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease.

Family and friends called from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at the Twomey, LeBlanc and Conte Funeral Home, 193 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950. A devout Catholic, her funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m., at Immaculate Conception in Newburyport, followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Peggy's memory to either the Emma L. Andrews Library and Community Center in Newburyport, [www.emmaandrewslibrary.org](http://www.emmaandrewslibrary.org) or to help find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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## Shirley Ann Trombley, 87, of Brandon

BRANDON — Shirley Ann Trombley, age 87, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Shirley was born at Porter Hospital in Middlebury on Sept. 18, 1935. She was the daughter of Emery and Catherine (Murray) Muller. She grew up and then raised her five children in Middlebury.

In her earlier years she worked at Desabrais Laundry, then Abrams Department Store, and later was a caregiver for her mother and a few other special ladies in her Cornwall home.

She enjoyed her beautiful flowers with her green thumb, birds and many fun nights of playing Scrabble with her sister and friends. But her biggest pleasure came from her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by five children: Paul (Debbie) Many, Michael (Diane) Many, Cathy Blaise, David (Liz) Many, and Darrell (Diane) Many. Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren also survive her.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery in Cornwall,



SHIRLEY ANN TROMBLEY

with the Rev. Robert Bove pastor of the Brandon Baptist Church officiating.

A celebration of her life will follow the service at the home of Mike and Diane Many in Leicester.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to Brandon Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home.

Online condolences at [www.sandersonfuneralservice.com](http://www.sandersonfuneralservice.com).

## Ronald James Germond Sr., 79, formerly of Brandon

FLORENCE, S.C. — Ronald James Germond Sr., born May 3, 1943, passed away Oct. 9, 2022, at home in Florence, S.C. Ron was retired from the U.S. Navy after 29.5 years as an E8. He loved serving his country. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle.

Ron is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elsie. He is also survived by his sons, Ronald Jr. (Emily) of Vermont, Robert Sr. (Tina) of Pennsylvania, and Scott (Marie) of South Carolina; his sister, Charlene Germond of Florida; seven grandchildren, Robby, Steven, Summer, Josh (Jordan), Andrew and Avri; two great-grandchildren, Maycee Lake and Emma; and cousins Stevie Curtis, Doreen O'Mara and Janice Layes.

To celebrate Ron's life a gathering



RONALD JAMES GERMOND SR.

of family and friends will take place at the Germond camp in Sudbury in the summer of 2023 at a date to be determined. ♦

## Wendy Jane Frederick, 67, of Brandon

BRANDON — Wendy Jane Frederick, age 67, passed away Nov. 3, 2022, at Porter Medical Center

in Middlebury. Please go to [www.millerandketchamfuneralhome.com](http://www.millerandketchamfuneralhome.com) to read the full obituary.

## Isley's Media Lab is a modern-day secret passage

By DANA HART

A few weeks ago, a young library patron, perhaps five or six years old, asked to speak with me. He knew that a Project Team had been tasked with addressing the library's facilities issues, and he had a suggestion; he told me quite seriously that the new library should have a secret passage. I assured him that we would do the best we could. Many children think of the library as a magical and exciting place, and I wasn't surprised by this charming suggestion.

The more I thought about it, however, the more I warmed to the idea of the library as a kind of portal. In fact, I realized, the library already does have a secret passage of sorts: our Digital Media Lab. The Digital Media Lab is a sound baffled room tucked away in a corner of the library; you may have walked past it many times and not even known it is there. But this small room is a hidden gem in our community, and all you need to get inside is your library card.

Several years ago, Isley Public Library partnered with Middlebury Community Television to create the Digital Media Lab with the goal of increasing community access to technology. The lab features an iMac workstation with full Adobe Creative Cloud suite, studio grade audio recording capability, turntable, cassette player, VCR/DVD deck, and scanner. Patrons can receive free training on the equipment specific to their needs.

Community members use this room for an unbelievably wide variety of purposes. Many people use the lab to digitize archival materials. For example, lots of people have old family VHS tapes, but don't want to purchase expensive conversion technology

for a project that they could finish in a few hours. The Digital Media Lab enables the community to share these resources. Another popular use for the lab's technology is for creative pursuits, such as recording a podcast, or producing music, or working on graphic design.

During the pandemic, the use of the Digital Media Lab for remote meetings has increased significantly. As it becomes more common to attend important events remotely, such as job interviews or conference presentations, reliable spaces with high-speed internet and high-quality sound and video equipment are absolutely essential. Because the lab is a private space and has sound baffling, community members can engage in telehealth appointments, a growing need in our community. As far as I know, it is the only free space in the entire community that supports telehealth.

The opportunities to grow the Digital Media Lab are limited only by the size of the facilities available, an issue we hope to address in the coming years. What new technology would spark your creativity? What resources would enable you to take the next step in your remote work? Libraries are in the business of managing shared resources, and we are here to support you in all of your digital endeavors.



Building the Library of the Future

By Dana Hart, Isley Public Library Director

## Media lab to the rescue

By Ross Conrad

When much of society shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, we all stopped gathering together in person, and one of the primary ways I made a living, by teaching beekeeping classes and giving beekeeping presentations and workshops, went with it. People pivoted to online gatherings and events, but my unreliable and slow home internet access prevented me from following the crowd into cyber space.

Thankfully the Isley's Digital Media Lab (DML) was available and allowed me to continue giving presentations online without worrying that my screen would freeze up or my Zoom connection would drop out, disconnecting me from the group in the middle of a talk.

More recently I have learned that some magazines are starting to offer audio QR Coded versions of their print articles. I don't own a smart phone, only a dumb phone that flips open, but apparently there are smart phone users out there who like the convenience of being able to listen to articles instead of having to read them. When the editor of the national beekeeping magazine that I regularly write for asked me to start recording audio versions of my articles so folks could scan and listen to them, I was again able to make use of the DML to accomplish this task.

Not only is the DML an effective way to produce, edit and share digital audio and video information but it allows me to do so in an environmentally friendly manner. I could invest serious sums of money in purchasing the equipment to try to duplicate what the DML allows me to do, but by sharing the equipment with others through the DML I can help reduce consumption of resources and rampant consumerism.

This is especially important given the rapid pace of technical innovation occurring these days, which makes any computer or piece of technology you can buy practically obsolete shortly after it is purchased. In addition, the IT help desk services that one can typically purchase with a new piece of technology could never equal the high quality, ease of availability, and thoroughness of the IT help staff of the Isley Public Library and Middlebury Community Television provide for media lab users on a regular basis. If you have not checked out the Digital Media Lab, I strongly encourage you to do so.

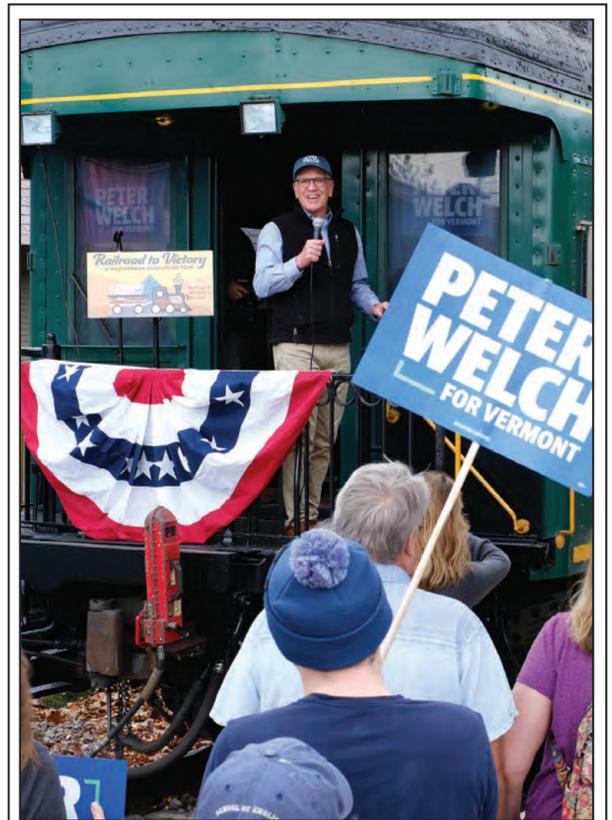
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### CORRECTION

My campaign team made the unintentional error of including Mary Gaines in the list of Rob North's supporters that appeared in our recent advertisement in the 11/3 edition of this newspaper and in our mailed media. We sincerely apologize for any harm this has caused. We care for Mackey as a good friend but recognize she does not support Rob in this campaign. We also thank and apologize to Rob's many supporters who did not get included in the published list but wanted to be. We simply didn't have time and space to include everyone.

Sincerely, Rob North

Paid for by the North for State Representative Committee.



## The Whistle stop returns

THEN U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, now U.S. Senator Peter Welch was among the Democratic ticket candidates to pass through Middlebury on a traditional whistle-stop tour Sunday. Welch was joined by fellow candidates Becca Balint, David Zuckerman, Charity Clark, Sarah Copeland Hanzas, and Mike Pieciak. Members of Addison County's legislative team were also on hand at Middlebury's new train station.

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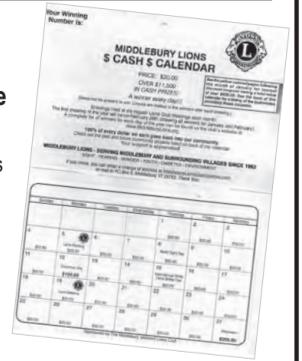
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# MAUSD launches safety systems assessment

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Unified School District will soon begin assessing the systems it has in place for supporting students, an effort prompted by a series of incidents that occurred within the district last year and raised concerns about the safety of staff and students.

The assessment will be conducted over the next several months and aims to measure the effectiveness of these support systems and their ability to maintain a safe learning and working environment.

“It’s really taking a comprehensive look at and celebrating what we’re doing well and where we could grow,” MAUSD Superintendent Patrick Reen said of the assessment. “Then we can take a look at those areas of growth and make a plan for how to do that.”

Last fall, multiple incidents involving students at Bristol Elementary School prompted teachers to approach the MAUSD board asking for help. The group

of teachers shared a list of violent and destructive instances initiated by students at the school. They described a growing feeling of fear at the elementary school and called on the board to address these safety concerns.

Reen said a grievance filed to the board during that time last year is what prompted the assessment.

“It’s no secret that last year we had some challenges that we were working through,” he said. “That got the teachers union and leadership in the board talking about those challenges, and that led to an agreement that a good place to go was an assessment of where our systems are strong in supporting students and where there’s room for growth.”

The assessment will evaluate the district’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports, in which levels of support build

off one another depending on a student’s needs. In this structure, Tier 1 students receive regular instruction, Tier 2 students receive regular instruction and targeted support based on their needs, and

Tier 3 students receive regular instruction, targeted support and additional support determined by an intensive support team.

Generally, the assessment will analyze these systems and identify what is working and what could be improved. Though, how that will be assessed is yet to be decided. The first phase of the assessment will consist of a group of district staff members collaborating to determine what information needs to be gathered during the assessment and how to gather it.

Reen said this team consists of faculty with a variety of perspectives, including classroom teachers, school and district administrators, school psychologists and a special education specialist.

“The idea was to have a handful members on this team that have a district-wide perspective and a handful of members with a building-specific perspective,” Reen explained. “That team will work on deciding what resources might we bring to bear, who are the stakeholders we want to get information from, what information we need to gather.”

The ways in which families can provide information for the report will also be determined by this team.

Reen said the district is currently working with consultants that could become resources for the assessment. These potential resources include UVM-based Vermont Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and Dave Melnick of the Northeastern Family Institute, a social worker with background in trauma and stressed-informed approaches to supporting students.

“There’s potential for some of those additional connections but that will be driven by this team and based on what information we want to gather,” Reen said.

Another aspect of the assessment yet to be worked out is the cost.

“I expect (the cost) will be in the multiple thousands, probably not in the multiple tens of thousands,” Reen told the MAUSD board at their Oct. 25 meeting.

Phase one is expected to begin this month when team members meet for their first discussion. The process determined by those conversations will be conducted over the next several months and is anticipated to wrap up with a completed report in the spring.

Reen said the district plans to share the findings of the assessment with the community but hasn’t yet decided how to do so.

“Whether it ends up as a presentation or updates along the way is yet to be determined, but we will definitely be sharing the learning that’s happening,” he said.



*“It’s no secret that last year we had some challenges that we were working through.”*

— Superintendent Patrick Reen

# Sophrin named asst. manager

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — David Sophrin, the current deputy chief of staff for Wilmington (Delaware) Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, has been hired as Middlebury’s new assistant town manager.

He succeeds Chris English, who recently retired from the job.

Sophrin, 36, was among 72 applicants for Middlebury’s assistant town manager vacancy. He was one of seven finalists who advanced to interviews with Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay.

“I’m very excited,” he said during a recent phone interview. “It will be wonderful to get up there and see the community and learn about it.”

As the new assistant town manager, Sophrin’s duties will include special projects, overseeing and supporting day-to-day operations, performing human resources functions and communicating municipal policies and directives to town staff and the community at large.

Ramsay was impressed with Sophrin’s professional résumé, as well as some intangibles.

“We were fortunate to have several well-qualified candidates to apply for the position,” Ramsay said, “but what set David apart was his combination of education and experience. In my view, I thought he could really come to Middlebury and hit the ground running, with his previous work experience in the mayor’s office of the city of Wilmington.”

She said she appreciates his past experience in not only developing housing policies, but also reviewing them to make sure they’re accomplishing their intended purposes. His grasp of both project and budget management are also appreciated.

“Moreover, when he came to Middlebury for a day-long, grueling interview, I could see him fitting in well here, with the things he likes to do in his off-time and his easygoing, professional approach,” Ramsay concluded.

Sophrin acknowledged the population disparities between Wilmington (70,750) and Middlebury (9,152) but stated in his letter of interest for the Middlebury job that “many of the broader goals that I reviewed in Middlebury’s most recent



DAVID SOPHRIN, WHO for the past decade has worked in municipal government in Wilmington, Del., has been named new assistant town manager for the town of Middlebury. Photo courtesy of David Sophrin

2017 Town Plan mirror those that I have worked on in my current role. Both communities, for example, have focused efforts on ensuring a viable and sustainable downtown, promoting an incentive and regulatory framework that will better ensure potential and

existing housing is well maintained and affordable, and shifting the community’s transportation mindset and investments towards a more multi-model system.”

A 2011 graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law and the University of Delaware (Bachelor of Arts in political science), Sophrin has spent his entire professional career in Wilmington municipal government. He’s been the mayor’s deputy chief of staff since July of 2021. He’s also served the city as a project manager, policy director, special assistant to the chief of staff and administrative assistant to the chief strategy advisor.

In essence, he’s been performing roles he’ll be asked to fulfill in Middlebury, albeit on a

larger scale. “I’ve always been interested in a long-term career in municipal management and have been specifically focused on finding a smaller community, a place that appeared to have a sense of community and vibrancy,” he said. “As I saw the Middlebury job (posting), it seemed to fit what I was looking for — both personally and professionally.”

While he’s lived and worked in Wilmington for the past decade, Sophrin is no stranger to Vermont. “With family living in both Saint Johnsbury and Montpelier, I have spent considerable time over the years traveling to Vermont and exploring the natural landscape and many of the smaller communities there,” he explained. “I know that Middlebury will be a place where I would enjoy both working and living for many years to come, and the broader skills and issues associated with local government management that I have developed here in Delaware will certainly be applicable and beneficial in this new role with your community.”

His interests outside of work include hiking with his dog Cathy, biking and tennis.

Assuming a smooth relocation to the Middlebury area, Sophrin is expected to start his new job on or around Nov. 28, according to Ramsay.

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— David Sophrin

## Nursing crisis talk to be held Nov. 15 at the Ilsley

MIDDLEBURY — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Ilsley Public Library will present Dr. Annie Moore-Cox, who will give the talk “Nursing Education in Crisis.” The talk will take place Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Jessica Swift meeting room of Ilsley Library.

A steady supply of new nurses is needed in the U.S. to replace those who leave or retire from the profession. While there had been steady growth in nursing with school enrollments through 2019, since 2020 enrollments, numbers of newly licensed nurses, and numbers of nurse educators have all declined substantially, a

worrisome trend. Dr. Moore-Cox, a nurse for over 35 years and an educator for more than 25, will examine how negative social media posts by nurses, reports of violence against nurses during the pandemic, reportedly low salaries, and frequent reference to burnout may be pushing college-age students away from a career in nursing, along with strategies to combat them.

For more information about AAUW, visit [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). With questions about local AAUW activities, call Ann Straub (207-210-5563) or Liane Barrera (802-388-7421).



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# THE MUSIC MAN

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## There's trouble right here in River City

MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL's production of *The Music Man* hits the stage Nov. 10, 11, and 12. Pictured clockwise from top center are: Asa Baker-Rouse as Harold Hill and Mary Johnson as Eulalie McKecknie Shinn; Camila Blanco as Marian; Baker-Rouse and Norman Foster; Lily Finn, Piper Farnsworth, Avery Hamilton and Lucas Flinner singing a quartet; Mary Johnson with Bea Hooper, Clara Chant, Ainsleigh Johnson, and Orlinne Maceno; Maceno, A. Johnson, Chant, M. Johnson and Ella Kozak as the Pick-A-Little Ladies; Baker-Rouse singing "Trouble"; and Kozak, Farnsworth, M. Johnson, Eli Pike and Hooper.



# Addison-1

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 was Caldwell, a writer and a retired college administrator, professor, small-business consultant and accountant. He had waged a successful write-in campaign on Aug. 9 to have his name placed on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

The Addison-1 district encompasses most of Middlebury, with the exception of a carve-out that includes the Marble Works complex, the Seymour Street neighborhood, the west side of Main Street and the north side of Weybridge Street. That carve-out resulted from the reapportionment process that realigned the state's legislative district boundaries based on population shifts during the past decade.

Sheldon on Tuesday evening said she's happy to get voters' endorsement for a fifth two-year term representing Middlebury. She hopes to return as chair of the House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee, which will have a busy agenda during the next two years. Some of that work will be carrying over from the past biennium, according to Sheldon.

"In the early stages, we'll send back some things that we passed that either didn't get to the governor, or that the governor vetoed," she said.

Sheldon specifically cited two proposals Gov. Phil Scott has vetoed: An expanded bottle bill, and a commitment that the state conserve 30% of its lands and waters by 2030 — and 50% by 2050.

Recent surveys have shown that 80% of Vermonters support expanding the state's bottle bill to wine and other receptacles, she noted.

Also on Sheldon's priority list: legislation that would define and protect river corridors, and efforts to fight climate change.



**"There will be more challenges — more like we used to have, pre-COVID."**

— Rep. Robin Scheu

"Whether or not it's in our committee, the renewable energy standard is going to be big," she said. "Getting that right and supporting the Global Warming Solutions Act and the climate action plan is going to be high on my list."

Scheu said she, too, was pleased to get another two years and looks forward to maintaining her position on House Appropriations, a key money committee.

"I'm very grateful to the voters of Middlebury for reelecting me and I'm excited to be going back," she said.

Scheu's return will provide some continuity on House Appropriations, a panel that has lost seven of its 11 members through retirements. Gone are the committee's chair, vice chair and ranking member.

She's predicting a more challenging state budgeting process in 2023, largely due the absence of federal COVID-relief funding that has helped Vermont and other states weather tough economic times triggered by quarantines and business/school shut-downs during the past two years.

"There will be more challenges — more like we used to have, pre-COVID," Scheu said.

Along with budgetary concerns, the Legislature will need to address the state's lack of housing, it's need for mental health services and a laundry list of other issues, according to Scheu.

While she'll be very busy on House Appropriations, Scheu vowed to spearhead a "paid family and medical leave" bill, an issue that she's felt strongly about for many years.

She's also keen on supporting a bill that would require the teaching of civics in Vermont high schools, something she believes is necessary given widespread misplaced distrust of the nation's election system.



## Civic duty

A FERRISBURGH VOTER carries out his civic duty at the Ferrisburgh town offices this past Tuesday as a proposed school merger encouraged high turnout from towns in the ANWSU and MAUSD districts. The merger proposal was soundly defeated.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Merger

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The "No" vote brings an end to over 18 months of work by the study committee, which was tasked last year with exploring whether a merger would benefit both districts and help address their common challenges.

As a result of their research, the committee voted in June to recommend a merger, writing in their final report that they believed a merged district would "enhance educational opportunities, provide greater equity for students, and increase financial and educational stability in our region."

Despite their optimistic findings, the committee's drafted articles of agreement sparked concerns from many community members, particularly regarding how potential school closures and consolidations would be handled in a merged district.

Some took issue with the article surrounding the closure of local

schools, which specified that after the first four years of operation, a school in the merged district could be closed with approval from two-thirds of the school board and two-thirds of voters in the entire district.

Other community members expressed confusion and concern over the potential physical consolidation of the districts' middle and high schools, although that was not asked for in the merger article, but rather left for a future board that would govern a merged district to decide. Still, before Tuesday's voting, residents in the districts expressed worry that a merged district would lead to the consolidation of the middle and high schools, possibly in separate locations.

It appears those concerns held weight amongst voters in the two school districts, as 69.4% of voters in the districts opposed the merger on Tuesday.

Nancy Cornell, a member of the Starksboro Save Our Schools

committee that spearheaded a widespread Stop the Merger campaign, said she and committee members were pleased with Tuesday's results.

"The SOS committee is grateful that so many voters turned out to vote and agree that this is not the time to endorse a merger between our two districts. We certainly want to express our respect to the committee and those who support the merger. While we may disagree on solutions, we do agree that there are problems facing both of our districts that are difficult to solve," she said in a Wednesday phone interview with the *Independent*.

Cornell also said she is optimistic about the districts' ability to address ongoing challenges in other ways.

"We're hopeful that our communities can work together within our towns to find ways to control costs and expand learning opportunities in our districts and increase enrollment by attracting

young families to our community," she said.

DeGraaf said she believes the work of the merger committee, which was officially terminated once Tuesday's vote took place, will hopefully remain useful for the districts in the future and inspire further collaboration when possible as school officials in both districts continue to navigate fiscal and educational challenges.

"Hopefully the community will continue to encourage the school boards to have a merger thought in their head. The work that (the merger group) did will probably be used for a long time," she said. "(Potential collaboration) has been on our minds the entire time we've been working. Unfortunately, that wasn't our charge, and we have a lot of restrictions with teachers' contracts and regulations put forth by the state that prevent the collaboration the public has said they wanted to see."

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# Vekos

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 mass incarceration, reducing the court backlog and implementing a rational criminal-justice policy here in Addison County.”  
 Vekos, an attorney with Marsh & Wagner P.C. in Middlebury, had advanced to Tuesday’s General Election thanks to an Aug. 9 primary win over fellow Democrat Tim Lueders-Dumont. She won in more than two-thirds of the county’s 23 communities, scoring particularly decisive wins over Bevere, a Middlebury independent, in Bristol (952-622), Ferrisburgh (784-493), Lincoln (440-218), Middlebury (1,657-1,129), Monkton (612-326) and Vergennes (676-380).

Vekos has accumulated more than 24 years of experience as a criminal law practitioner and litigator. She’s served as a public defender and ad hoc appellate counsel in various jobs in the New York and Massachusetts court systems. Vekos moved to Vermont in 2015.

Bevere first ran for the top prosecutor’s spot in 2018, losing to then-incumbent Dennis Wygmans by fewer than 10 votes. He has previous experience in private practice and as an assistant district attorney with the Cape & Islands District Attorney’s office; a domestic violence prosecutor for the Chittenden County State’s Attorney’s Office; and as a deputy prosecutor with the Rutland County State’s Attorney’s Office, before beginning his current job in early 2019.

Bevere has been presiding over the Addison County State’s Attorney’s Office since early May, when Wygmans left to take a different job. Gov. Phil Scott declined to appoint a new top prosecutor to serve out Wygmans’s term.

Vekos and her supporters put up copious numbers of lawn signs, told friends and acquaintances

about her candidacy, and mounted an aggressive digital campaign.

“I ran my campaign like the primary — on a small budget,” Vekos said.

And it paid off.  
 “The experience overall has been personally rewarding, and of course very challenging as a first-time candidate in any political race,” she said. “I couldn’t have done it without friends and family who supported me.”

She’ll spend the next few months laying the groundwork for her entry into the office, and one of her first orders of business will be to have a sit-down with Bevere. Vekos on Tuesday was unsure whether Bevere will want to stay on, and hopes to learn more about his plans during a one-on-one.

“He has a lot of experience and know-how that I could learn from, and vice versa,” she said.

Bevere provided the following statement to the *Independent* on Wednesday morning:

“I would like to congratulate Eva,” he said. “I’m proud of the work that Dennis and I have done in this office for the citizens of Addison County. I have enjoyed the opportunity to lead this office and the opportunity to work with all our community partners these last few months. I’m very grateful for all the support I’ve been given from so many different people. As for my future, it is too early to think about that.”

Vekos’s preliminary plans call for continuing the office’s DLS (driving with suspended license) diversion program, and looking into a DUI (driving under the influence) diversion program modeled after one that’s in place in Chittenden County.

She also wants to meet with Addison County Restorative Justice officials to “talk about other reparative programs they think would be successful.”

Vekos will reach out to the

State’s Attorney		
	Bevere	Vekos
Addison	355	260
Bridport	279	237
Bristol	622	952
Cornwall	261	371
Ferrisburgh	493	784
Goshen	30	52
Granville	41	77
Hancock	51	71
Leicester	197	188
Lincoln	218	440
Middlebury	1,129	1,657
Monkton	326	612
New Haven	108	118
Orwell	301	193
Panton	127	182
Ripton	88	205
Salisbury	244	212
Shoreham	260	240
Starksboro	272	441
Vergennes	380	676
Waltham	104	132
Weybridge	185	306
Whiting	76	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,147</b>	<b>8,478</b>

Counseling Service of Addison County to coordinate services for offenders in need of mental health and addiction treatment, and “make sure (CSAC) has the resources available to get these cases either closed out or resolved in the appropriate way.”

While Vekos was pleased for herself after Tuesday’s votes had been counted, she was also pleased that the county had broken what had been a longstanding gender barrier in Addison County government.

“Most of all, thank you to the voters who just put the first woman state’s attorney into office in Addison County,” she said. “That’s big.”

John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.



AS THEY ARRIVE at the Addison Town Office on Tuesday, residents Annie and Keith Craig look excited to cast ballots in the General Election. Addison was the only town in the Addison-3 Vermont House district not to give majority votes to incumbent state Reps. Matt Birong and Diane Lanpher. Independent photo/Steve James

# Addison-3

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 Abuse Programs and also served on the Vergennes City Council.

Lanpher was grateful for the strong support.

“I’m very, very pleased to have the communities’ trust and continued encouragement,” she said. “It is an honor.”

She attributed hers and Birong’s big win to their legislative track record and experience in getting out their message.

“We’ve been doing this,” Lanpher said. “Matt has great community contacts. I think we’re a pretty good team.”

She has most recently served as the chair of the House Committee on Transportation, but said she might be asked to head the House Appropriations Committee in the upcoming session.

“There’s only one person who has been in Appropriations for more than two years,” Lanpher said. “I’ll go where the Speaker needs me the most and where the caucus needs me the most.”

Birong, whose election in 2018 gave Addison-3 two Democratic representatives for the first time, cut his political teeth as a Vermont delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He is the owner-operator of downtown Vergennes eatery 3 Squares Café and an advocate for small businesses.

Birong said he and Lanpher’s efforts on behalf of the entire district and willingness to be forthcoming with its residents contributed to the victory.

“The district really does view us that even though we’re both from Vergennes we really do represent everybody,” Birong said. “Diane and I were transparent about our votes and why we did them. We were available to people as to why we did things, whether they agreed with us or not.”

He said he hopes to remain on the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

“I actually really enjoy that room. We have big stuff under that General banner,” Birong said, citing National Guard, affordable housing, and labor issues, such as wage discrimination and family leave. “We’ve got a lot of big policy that moves through there.”

North, a 58-year-old longtime Ferrisburgh resident and New Jersey native, retired from Collins Aerospace two years ago after 27 years at the city firm and was making his first run for elective office. He said he perceived a lack of “common sense” and “balance” in decision-making in the Democratic-dominated Statehouse and ran in hopes of challenging that status quo.

North chose to comment via email and did not immediately respond to an emailed follow-up question of whether he would consider running again: “Thank you to all the great Vermonters who supported me in this tough race. Thank you to my excellent campaign team and my encouraging wife. And I thank the Lord for the strength and wisdom he gave me to run this race. We have no regrets. We ran a well thought out, well executed, clean, and ethical campaign. My favorite part was meeting a lot of the great people throughout our district.”

McClay, 69, is a former Vergennes resident who now lives in New Haven and was also a first-time candidate. He retired from the military after more than 25 years, including service in the Iraq War, and then worked for a

number of years as the Northlands Job Corps Safety, Security and Transportation Manager.

McClay now raises Morgan horses and works part-time. McClay has an extensive résumé of community involvement and considers former GOP House member Harvey Smith a mentor. He had hoped to emulate Smith’s approach in Montpelier.

He said he enjoyed his run for office. “It was nice talking to people,” he said. “When I got out to visit with the people around here, it seemed like they all had something interesting to say. It was a good experience.”

McClay didn’t rule out seeing if that experience might pay off in the future.

“It was a learning huge curve, and I told someone today I’ve still got another box of yard signs that I haven’t opened yet,” he said. “There’s no date on them, so maybe down the road I might get to apply some of the lessons I learned this time around.”

By community, the Addison-3 voting went:

Addison: Birong, 295; Lanpher, 301; McClay, 310; North, 404.

Ferrisburgh: Birong, 883; Lanpher, 921; McClay, 426; North, 657.

New Haven: Birong, 122; Lanpher, 141; McClay, 103; North, 115.

Panton: Birong, 208; Lanpher, 203; McClay, 101; North, 152.

Vergennes: Birong, 843; Lanpher, 811; McClay, 284; North, 372.

Waltham: Birong, 169; Lanpher, 163; McClay, 74; North, 90.

*“I’m very, very pleased to have the communities’ trust and continued encouragement. It is an honor.”*

— Diane Lanpher

# Addison-4

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 Dike garnered 1,509 votes (16.01%) and Mullin received 1,429 votes (15.16%).

Elder said he was happy with Tuesday’s results and the opportunity to continue working in the Legislature on issues such as public education and the state’s renewable energy standards. This past term, Elder served on the House Committee on Education.

“I’m really pleased that voters are giving me a chance to return to Montpelier and work on issues I know are priorities of mine and priorities of my constituents,” he said.

He’ll also be focused on addressing Vermont’s housing crisis, which he said is an issue that voters are particularly concerned about.

“Coming out of the pandemic, issues surrounding housing are kind

of undeniable and have come to the forefront in every conversation. I do think that some of our work around career technology education and construction are not necessarily immediate solutions but is definitely important in that area,” Elder said.

Cordes was also pleased with her re-election. Upon her return to the Legislature, Cordes said she’ll continue to prioritize issues that include healthcare. During this past term, Cordes served as clerk of the House Committee on Health Care.

“I am grateful for the trust of the voters, and I look forward to continuing to work with these communities and their great ideas over the next two years,” she said. “Health care is always at the top of the list, and of course much of the work that would have the most significant impact has to be done at the federal level,

but I’m going to continue working on access to medication and more state oversight into pharmaceutical company practices.”

She also plans to make some headway with climate legislation this term.

“I will be continuing to work on climate change and the environment and have at least one bill that I’ll be introducing to help with both of those. I don’t have details yet, but we will be moving the legislation forward,” she said.

Meanwhile, Dike said she will continue to work on the addressing the issues she campaigned on, particularly protecting parents’ rights, though she will be taking some time to evaluate how best to do that.

“I was surprised and disappointed (with the results), but I do thank everybody that offered support, there was a lot out there,” she said during a phone interview on Wednesday morning. “I’ve got to regroup, and I’ve got to see what I’m going to do. I’m not going to fade into the woodwork.”

# Statewide

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 new secretary of state.

**PROPOSAL 5**  
 But the biggest margin of victory in any statewide race came from voters’ support of Proposal 5, also known as Article 22, which was described in legislation passed by the Vermont House and Senate as intended to “amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to ensure that every Vermonter is afforded personal reproductive liberty.” That liberty included abortion rights.

The proposal asked Vermonters to support an amendment that read: “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.”

Residents in every town in Addison County backed the amendment by substantial margins, and it passed statewide, 211,789-62,466, meaning about

77% of those who voted one way or another favored the proposal.

**GOVERNOR’S RACE**  
 Scott easily won re-election over Democratic challenger Brenda Siegel, earning his fourth term as governor. Scott’s statewide margin over Siegel was 201,096-67,944, or about 69% of the total votes cast in the race to Siegel’s 23%.

Housing became a major issue in the contest. Scott pointed out that thanks in large part to a major influx of federal cash during the pandemic, his administration, in partnership with the Legislature, has made historic investments in affordable housing in recent years. That spending has not yet born fruit, but Scott said it will in time.

Siegel made her housing activism a centerpiece of her campaign. Siegel had twice

previously run for statewide office unsuccessfully and has advocated for drug policy reform as well as affordable housing.

She is perhaps best known for a 2021 protest: She and a friend who was homeless at the time camped out on the Statehouse steps for 27 days to pressure the Scott administration to reinstate a pandemic-era motel program housing the homeless population. Siegel also talked openly about having relied on public benefit programs at various points throughout her life.

**U.S. SENATE**  
 In Vermont’s U.S. Senate race, Welch easily outpolled his closest challenger in a field of eight, Republican nominee Gerald Malloy. Welch’s margin over Malloy was 195,410-80,237, or by about 67% to 24% of votes cast in

the race.

Welch was the only candidate of eight with any political experience. He served 13 years in the Vermont Senate before being elected to Congress 16 years ago. Since 2011, he has served on the House Energy, Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform and Agriculture committees.

Malloy is a military veteran and former Massachusetts resident who moved to Vermont in 2020. He is a Trump backer who says he supports the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol, but he claims not to be an election-denier. He championed tax reductions for the wealthy, while rejecting the Affordable Care Act as a program that contributes to the national debt.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**  
 Democrat Becca Balint, who was Senate President Pro Tempore in the Vermont Legislature for the past four years, cruised to victory in her quest to become the first woman from Vermont to earn federal elective office. Balint defeated her closest rival in a

six-candidate race, Republican nominee Liam Madden, 175,474-78,162 or by about 60%-27% of votes cast in the contest.

Madden, a Marine Corps veteran, calls himself an independent, but said he ran as a Republican because he was more likely to have a larger platform. Madden’s views blend liberal and libertarian positions. His platform stated the nation’s two-party system is “broken” and needs a healthy injection of new thinking.

**LT. GOVERNOR**  
 The closest race came between Democrat/Progressive and former Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman and Republican state senator and Lyndon Town Moderator Joe Benning, but in the end Zuckerman prevailed fairly comfortably, 149,276-118,236, or about 51%-41% of votes cast in the race.

Within Addison County, Benning won the towns of Addison, Bridport, Leicester, New Haven, Orwell and Salisbury.

As a member of the Vermont Progressive Party, Zuckerman

served as lieutenant governor from 2017-2021; was a Vermont state senator from 2013-2017; and served in the Vermont House from 1997-2011. His politics skew liberal.

Benning, a trial lawyer, has served on the Senate’s Natural Resources & Energy, Institutions, Government Operations Committee, Education and Judiciary committees, and has spent the past four years as Chair of Senate Institutions. Overall, his positions echo that of Gov. Scott, who appeared in advertising on Benning’s behalf.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Copeland Hanzas, a Bradford resident and respected House member, did not sweep all the county towns, but still brushed aside her GOP opponent, H. Brooke Paige, who did not campaign seriously. Copeland’s margin of victory was about 61%-33% statewide, 177,825-95,614. In the county Paige won Addison, and results in Bridport and Orwell were close.



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**Taking ownership**  
**VOTERS IN BRISTOL, Monkton, Starksboro and New Haven on Tuesday cast ballots on a question asking if they wanted to merge their Mount Abraham Unified School District with the Vergennes-area Addison Northwest School District. The highly contested question failed. See our story on the issue on Page 1A.**  
 Independent photo/Steve James

# Bristol Beat

## New Haven seeks land for fire station

**By MARIN HOWELL**  
 NEW HAVEN — The town of New Haven is looking to purchase land that could one day house a new fire station. While still in the early stages of the search, selectboard Chair John Rouleau said the need for a new station has been felt for years, as the fire department currently shares a building space with the town's highway department.

Both departments could benefit from more space, he said.

"We have been hunting for a location probably for the last couple years, Rouleau said. "We've been looking to upgrade the fire station because currently our road crew doesn't have enough room to keep all of their equipment under cover, so it kind of sits outside."

Rouleau said the hope is to relocate the fire station and upgrade the current facility on Main Street to better serve the highway department. Finding the right location for a new station is an

important first step, according to Rouleau, who said deciding on a piece of land would hopefully open up more funding opportunities for the remainder of the project. The fire station also serves as the town's emergency shelter, a designation that could draw in additional grant money.

"Many of (the grants) come with a stipulation that you have to have a piece of property either picked out or purchased in order to qualify," Rouleau explained.

Rouleau also said the fire station would remain in the village area.

"It is really important to us to try to keep the fire station as close to where it is now so that it doesn't

negatively affect people's insurance rates," he said.

Other potential funding sources include a portion of the town's \$509,688 in American Rescue Plan Act money and a potential donation the selectboard was recently approached about on behalf of a former New Haven resident.

Selectman Steve Dupoise said ultimately how the next steps of the project unfold is something that would need to be discussed with residents and put to a vote.

"We can't expend, what I assume is the amount of money we'd be looking at, without voter approval," he said.

*"We have been hunting for a location probably for the last couple years. We've been looking to upgrade the fire station because currently our road crew doesn't have enough room to keep all of their equipment under cover, so it kind of sits outside."*  
 — John Rouleau

## New Haven native Paul Dupoise honored

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — On Oct. 31, New Haven native Paul Dupoise was inducted into the Defense Logistics Agency Hall of Fame in a ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Air Force Brig. Gen. Jimmy Canlas said Dupoise and the three other Hall inductees weren't selected because of their ranks or positions.

"They earned this recognition through their efforts, sacrifices, and contributions to our mission," said Canlas, commander of DLA Energy. "Today's inductees embody those essential qualities that make Energy special. And

we can all truly say that what we do here, in support of the Defense of our Nation, is among the most noble of pursuits."

Dupoise is the son of the late Francis and Helen Dupoise. He graduated from Beeman Academy in 1960 and provided 50 years of government service. He now resides in Woodbridge, Va., and is the father of New Haven resident Susan Bruhl.

For 50 years he was a mainstay in the Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force and DLA fuels community and is regarded as a consummate professional in every aspect of his duties.

Dupoise joined the Air Force in 1960, and over 25 years reached the highest enlisted Air Force rank, chief master sergeant. Honored by President Ronald Reagan as one of "12 Outstanding Airman," Dupoise took his knowledge and significant fuel experience and joined DLA Energy in 1987. For 24 years, he served as a logistics management specialist traveling to multiple world theaters in response to exercises, contingency operations, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions.

## Health care forum to be held in Bristol

VERMONT — The Addison County and Bristol Democrats have organized a forum this Thursday where people can learn about an effort to offer primary health care to all Vermonters. The forum, called "The Crazyiness of Vermont's Health Care! How Universal Primary Care can start to turn it around," will take place on Zoom on Nov. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Two primary speakers will be Dr. Deb Richter from Plainfield and Lincoln resident Mike Fisher, a Vermont Health Care Advocate. Addison County legislators will discuss what they are doing now and what needs to be done to make this kind of publicly funded health insurance a reality.

"The objective of the forum is to engage the public and get them motivated enough so that they will

contact their elected officials and get them to act on primary care access legislatively," said Linda Andrews, Bristol town Chair of the Democratic

Committee, in an email.

To take part in the Zoom forum head online to [tinyurl.com/UPCinVermont](https://tinyurl.com/UPCinVermont).

## Lincoln

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### NEWS

LINCOLN — Hunter/early bird breakfasts will be available at Burnham Hall on Saturdays through the month of November (12, 19, and 26) for an All-You-Care-to-Eat buffet of eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, home fries, local maple syrup, home baked goods, juice, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. The cost is \$10 for ages 11 and over, \$5 for ages 5-10 and children under 5 are free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and all proceeds benefit the Schoolhouse Preservation Fund.

A gratitude art-making session with Betsy Graziadei will be held at the library on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 3-5 p.m. There will be craft and writing materials available. Kids ages 5 and up and their families are invited to join. Snacks will be provided.

When you're at the library make

sure to stop by the community room. For the months of November and December the library will be showcasing Watercolors by Barbara Lane. She began painting in watercolor while raising a family and working as a surgical nurse at Porter Hospital. Lane, a self-taught artist, was inspired by the barns and farms in the Champlain Valley and many of her paintings reflect the beauty of Vermont's landscape.

The library will be closing at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving. It will open again on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

It's that time of year! Lincoln Preschool families are once again selling wreaths. They are 20" balsam wreaths, and all come with bows. Wreaths cost \$25. If you are interested, get in touch with a preschool family you know or put your name down at the general store.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Ripton Coffee House presents Bruce Molsky on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Burnham Hall.

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## Woman cited for aggravated domestic assault after incident

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Holly MacDougal, 28, of East Middlebury for aggravated domestic assault, after an alleged incident in the North Branch Road area before 8 p.m. on Nov. 5.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Spoke with a local woman about a potential phone scam on Oct. 31.
- Assisted Middlebury Union Middle School officials with a student who had left campus prematurely on Oct. 31.
- Assisted an Exchange Street worker who reported receiving threats on Nov. 1.
- Assisted a woman who believed an ex-coworker had been following her on Boardman Street on Nov. 1.

• Assisted a woman who was having a mental health crisis in the Middlebury South Village area on Nov. 1.

• Gave a local person information on how to obtain a relief-from-abuse order on Nov. 2.

• Assisted MUMS with an unruly student on Nov. 2.

• Investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle parked off Court Street Extension on Nov. 2.

• Found a Middlebury Union High School student to be in possession of marijuana on campus on Nov. 2.

• Responded to a report on Nov. 2 of a tractor-trailer hitting a fire hydrant at the intersection of Washington and High streets.

• Investigated a report of an unwanted person at a Court Street store on Nov. 3. Police said the man left the store without incident.

• Served a temporary restraining order on a person in the Route 7 North area on Nov. 3.

• Spoke with a man on Willow Drive about a possible theft on Nov. 3.

• Assisted a person experiencing a mental crisis in the Main Street area on Nov. 4. Counseling Service of Addison County officials responded to the person's home to

help, police said.

• Cited Daley H. Ashworth-Harbas, 20, of Middlebury for retail theft, following an alleged incident at Hannaford Supermarket on Nov. 4.

• Interviewed a woman on Nov. 5 who said she'd been assaulted by another woman the day before.

• Assisted the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations with a sexual assault investigation at Porter Medical Center on Nov. 5.

• Responded to a report of a man having a mental health crisis in the Middle Road area on Nov. 5.

• Got help for a drunken man found off Court Street Extension on Nov. 5.

• Responded to a report of a loud party at a Cross Street residence at around 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 6.

• Checked on a report of someone screaming and shouting in the Main Street area at around 2:40 a.m. on Nov. 6.

• Served a no-trespass order on Nov. 6 on a woman who wasn't wanted at a Main Street business.

• Assisted a Court Street resident who reported receiving multiple unwanted phone calls from a neighbor on Nov. 6.

• Investigated a report of a vehicle being driven dangerously behind Hannaford Supermarket on Nov. 6.

• Searched in vain for the driver of a Toyota Highlander that was allegedly passing vehicles dangerously on Route 7 South on Nov. 6.

• Were informed of the theft of a bike from a Seminary Street location on Nov. 6.

• Assisted a woman who was experiencing mental health problems on Main Street on Nov. 6.

• Cited Michael Whitley, 20, of Weybridge for driving with a criminally suspended driver's license on Weybridge Street on Nov. 6. Whitley was released on a citation, police said.

### Middlebury Police Log



MORE THAN 100 luminaries attended a dinner last month at which Middlebury College President Laurie Patton recognized and thanked dozens of local leaders for their contributions in protecting the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## College and town leaders Gather to discuss getting through the pandemic

MIDDLEBURY — At a special town-gown dinner hosted at Atwater Dining Hall on Oct. 21 by Middlebury College President Laurie Patton, more than 100 area residents, members of the Middlebury College board of trustees and various members of the administration were on hand to celebrate the community's successful navigation through the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Citing many of the initial steps taken by the college and the community early on in the pandemic's onset, in late March 2020, Patton recalled that the college and area communities kept the spread of the virus to a minimum. The result was we had one of the lowest incidents of infection in a state that ranked, early on, as having the least amount of COVID-19 in the nation.

In addition to Patton, speakers at the event were Vermont Commissioner of Health Dr. Mark

Levine, State Epidemiologist for Infectious Disease Dr. Patsy Kelso, and Middlebury College Chief Health Officer Mark Peluso.

Patton praised the close town-gown ties, emphasized its symbiotic relationship as the town's college, and then went on to laud many community members and the roles they played to not only mitigate the virus' spread, but also to bolster the community throughout the pandemic is ways big and small. Throughout her comments, much praise was given to the effectiveness of members of the community's MICE (Middlebury Information-Sharing in Coronavirus Emergency) Task Force, whom she said were "were key strategic partners with the college during the pandemic — and this continues to this day."

While her comments called out each individual for specific praise during her half-hour presentation, the thrust was to honor, as she said, "our state and local officials, community leaders, healthcare providers, artists and other partners who have supported the town and its college throughout the pandemic."

Those honored, included:

- Town officials: Brian Carpenter, Middlebury selectboard chair; Kathleen Ramsay, town manager; Jennifer Murray, Director of Planning & Zoning; Jim Gish, Rail Project Community Liaison; Ripton Selectboard Chair Laurie Cox; Ripton Town Clerk Alison Joseph Dickinson; the town of Ripton for welcoming undergraduate students to Bread Loaf last fall; Middlebury Fire Chief David Shaw; and Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services Executive Director Kate Rothwell.



VERMONT HEALTH COMMISSIONER Mark Levine, left, and Middlebury College Chief Health Officer Mark Peluso were among the speakers at a recent dinner celebrating the contributions of county people who helped their communities during the pandemic.

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Health and Medical Services: Health Commissioner Levine; State Epidemiologist for Infectious Disease Kelso; Middlebury College Chief Health Officer and College Physician Peluso; Porter Medical Center President and Chief Operating Officer Tom Thompson; Porter Chief Medical Officer Anna Benvenuto, M.D.; Porter Emergency Management Director Michael Leyden; Addison County Home Health and Hospice CEO Deborah Wesley; ACHHH&H Director of Development Maureen Conrad; Open Door Clinic Executive Director Heidi Sulis; Open Door Outreach Nurse & Nurse Case Manager Julia Doucet; and Counseling Service of Addison County Executive Director Rachel Lee Cummings.

• Greater Middlebury Community: Tom Scanlon, Adjutant of American Legion Post 27 and Middlebury Town Health Officer; Karen Duguay, Executive Director of Better Middlebury Partnership and Co-chair Neighbors Together; Amy Carlin, Community Relations Specialist & Middlebury College Presidential Events Coordinator; Linda Horn, Co-chair Neighbors Together, along with co-chair Nancy Malcom; Angelo Lynn editor/publisher of the Addison

Independent and the paper's entire staff; Lloyd Komesar, Chair, Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival; Magna Dodge, President of the Board of Directors, Town Hall Theater and on behalf of Lisa Mitchell, Town Hall Theater's Executive Director, and Doug Anderson, Town Hall Theater's Artistic Director; Sadie Brightman, Founder & Executive Director, Middlebury Community Music Center; Middlebury Police Chief Tom Hanley, also a member of the MICE Task Force; Peter Burrows, Superintendent, Addison Central School District, Member of the MICE Task Force; Moira Cook, Director of Field Operations, Department of Health; Christina Dean, Public Health Nurse, Department of Health (Middlebury District Office); Jeffrey Heath, former Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Vermont Department of Health (Middlebury District Office); and Bill Brooks, Former Executive Director, Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History.

Each person honored, Patton said, played a unique role to either serve the community or bring it together through the arts in ways that kept the community protected, informed, united and entertained during difficult times.

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# McGill

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the Marble Works, Seymour Street neighborhood, the west side of Main Street and the north side of Weybridge Street.

Addison-5 has for more than a decade been represented by Rep. Harvey Smith, R-New Haven, who decided to retire at the end of this term. This engendered a lot of interest in the seat. Christiano defeated Bridport's Zachary Kent in an Aug. 9 GOP primary for the right to face McGill in Tuesday's General Election.

Christiano on Tuesday bested McGill in only one town — ironically, her hometown of Bridport, which has historically tilted Republican. Christiano took Bridport 312-286, but McGill scored overwhelming victories in Weybridge (417-110), New Haven (389-302) and the Middlebury precinct (263-64).

McGill, jubilant in breaking through in her second bid for the Addison-5 seat, said she can't wait to be sworn in.

"I'm so grateful to the folks of Addison-5 for giving me this opportunity, and I'm looking forward to serving them and being their voice in the Statehouse," she told the *Independent* Tuesday evening. "I plan to get started addressing the climate crisis, creating more affordable housing and making it possible for families to make their lives here. I'm hoping to work on affordability, making life sustainable here in Vermont — cutting health care costs, expanding childcare and making sure that's affordable for folks."

McGill has been living through the very challenges she hopes to address while in Montpelier.

She's a 38-year-old mom of four. At one point she was a single mom on the brink of homelessness. But she got a project-based (housing) voucher from the Addison County Community Trust (ACCT), which provided her with the stability to return to school and get her life back on track.

Now McGill is helping others secure a place to live through Vergennes's John Graham Housing



BRIDPORT DEMOCRAT JUBILEE McGill, seen here campaigning with her baby daughter Marella outside the Middlebury polls on Tuesday, became the first Democrat since Christopher Bray to win the Addison-5 House seat, long held by New Haven Rep. Harvey Smith.

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& Services, where she serves as property manager and coordinator of rental housing. She previously (until early 2020) worked as senior property manager and compliance chief for ACCT, the county's largest affordable housing provider.

McGill and her spouse, Lawrence Yetnick, have settled into a Bridport home with their

young children.

Christiano, a retired IBM executive, had previously run for the state Senate and had hoped to bring another business perspective to the Vermont House. He and his wife Jane Ross relocated to New Haven 11 years ago, where they run a small farm operation, raising pigs and chickens and selling eggs.

Like winning Addison County

State's Attorney candidate Eva Vekos (see related story on Page 1A), McGill is breaking a gender barrier, as she's believed to be the first woman to hold the Addison-5 seat. She said she's eager to work with the balance of the county's House and Senate delegation in "creating a better, stronger Vermont, where everyone can thrive."

Sheriff Addison County			
	Elmore	Grant	Stacey
Addison	299	290	95
Bridport	288	194	77
Bristol	749	374	366
Cornwall	363	111	92
Ferrisburgh	585	459	252
Goshen	47	14	20
Granville	64	32	23
Hancock	67	31	20
Leicester	144	52	217
Lincoln	330	131	99
Middlebury	1,652	355	526
Monkton	526	275	125
New Haven	102	85	42
Orwell	311	121	103
Panton	121	106	85
Ripton	165	49	59
Salisbury	265	62	130
Shoreham	251	175	75
Starksboro	421	175	100
Vergennes	457	308	294
Waltham	128	78	30
Weybridge	282	71	79
Whiting	88	34	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,705</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>2,948</b>

## Sheriff

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since incumbent Sheriff Peter Newton was arrested in June on charges of sexual assault, domestic violence and unlawful restraint.

Grant and Stacey, both independent candidates, have previously served as deputies in the sheriff's department. Grant also has experience as a jail officer and now works within the Addison County public school system. Stacey works as a senior patrolman for the Vergennes Police Department and as Addison County's traffic safety coordinator.

In a phone interview with the *Independent* on Wednesday morning, Grant said he was feeling satisfied despite his loss.

"I gave it my best," he said of the contest. "I'm good, I am happy and have a good job, life goes on."

Stacey was also feeling optimistic following the results

and wished Elmore well in his new position.

"He ran a great campaign and I'm very happy for him," he said. "I think and hope he'll do a great job. I'm hoping he brings that department to new heights."

Elmore could not be immediately reached for comment. He campaigned on plans to restore the community's trust in the sheriff's department through good job performance and a return to the department's core services of keeping the county and its roads safe.

He also said he'd explore funding opportunities to finance healthcare benefits and retirement plans for employees in the sheriff's department. Elmore has served in the department since 2017 and said in a previous interview with the *Independent* that he feels his recent experiences there have prepared him to step into the role of sheriff.

## By the way

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Rooney (tie). In Category Tests, Ethan Croke, Xavier DeBlois and Mentzer were the top performers in arithmetic; Kayhart, Jing Williams and Duprey in Geometry; Kayhart, Duprey and Jacobson in Algebra; and Rakowski, Rooney and Kayhart in Advanced Math. Organizers noted Rakowski submitted a perfect paper in Advanced Math. Neil Brons, Grey Fearon and Ben Hargett joined Rakowski and Rooney as Team Test Takers.

Age Well has a critical shortage of volunteers to visit with older Vermonters in their homes. Typically, these seniors need help with such chores as grocery shopping, errands, medical appointments, bill paying, respite and minor home repairs. And let's not forget the priceless gift of just

a friendly visit. Age Well is also in need of folks willing to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. Time commitment is based on your availability — it can vary from one day a week to two days a month (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Volunteers feel an incredible sense of satisfaction and reward seeing the impact they have on those they support. Call 802-662-5249, or email [volunteer@agewellvt.org](mailto:volunteer@agewellvt.org), for information.

The Better Middlebury Partnership will offer a free entrepreneurial experience for children next month. It's a kids' holiday market, and it will be held during the Very Merry Middlebury festivities on Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. The holiday market will be held outside at Middlebury's Triangle Park, during the Santa and Mrs. Claus

visit, which will take place from 9-11 a.m. This opportunity is open to children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Participants are responsible for their own table, chair and 10-foot-by-10-foot tent, if they'd like one. There's limited space, so please email [Karen@bettermiddleburypartnership.org](mailto:Karen@bettermiddleburypartnership.org) if you're interested.

Friends, colleagues and admirers of Attorney Pam Marsh will celebrate her impending transition from attorney to Addison County Probate Court judge, at a party on Nov. 19, from 2-5 p.m., at the Middlebury American Legion post off Boardman Street. Marsh has spent more than three decades as a Middlebury attorney, during which she's worked in the best interests of children. She has elected to retire from her post at Marsh & Wagner P.C. to become the county's

next probate court judge (she ran unopposed for that position on Tuesday). The gathering is expected to draw some of her professors and former classmates from Middlebury College, state social workers, court staff, many attorneys both practicing and retired, along with other friends and family who have benefited from her many years as juvenile public defender of Addison County.

The Center on Rural Addiction has provided Narcan and Fentanyl test strips to Mountain Health Center in Bristol to distribute free of cost to members of the community. The goal is to prevent deaths of people addicted

to opiates. If you or somebody you know in the 5-Town Area is using illicit opiates, having these can save a life. To get Fentanyl test strips, stop in at Mountain Health Center, 61 Pine St., to request them at the front desk. They will be handed to you, along with instructions, discreetly, no questions asked. Those in need of clarification on how to use them should call 802-453-4316, or 802-453-6075.

The 5-Town Area's Have-A-Heart Food Shelf spends more than \$4,500 each month to buy food (in addition to food donations) to give to 200 individuals in 80 households.

That comes out to about \$23 per person, per month. You can help the food shelf purchase food for the holidays and all the other months by sending a check made out to "Have-A-Heart Food Shelf," in care of Allison Pouliot, 446 Hazel Dr., Bristol, VT 05443. There's also the option of sponsoring an individual by making a monthly contribution. Have-A-Heart Food Shelf is a 501c3 Charitable Organization that is totally independent and volunteer-run, and it is not affiliated with any church denomination. The Food Shelf is located in the basement of St. Ambrose Church, which generously donates the space.

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**Gender and justice**

CONCERNED MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE students and members of the broader community on Friday afternoon marched in solidarity with protests for women's and human rights now occurring in Iran. The 50 or so participants included Middlebury Associated Professor of Religion and Iranian native Ata Anzali (top right); his wife and their daughter, Fahimeh Bahrami and Narges Anzali (right); and members of the Middlebury Union High School Student Coalition On Human Rights club. Middlebury College junior Sophia Afsar-Keshmiri led the marchers from the College Chapel to Twilight Hall, where she spoke (bottom left) and the marchers then held a "die-in" (bottom right). Some held signs naming the Iranian women who were killed by authorities in that country; participants also had a chance to cut their hair at Chellis House in solidarity with Iranian women.

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PANTHER ADAM HARRINGTON makes a move on a 25-yard kickoff return during the Middlebury College's 48-34 victory over visiting Hamilton on Saturday.

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## Ritter, seniors winners in home football finale

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College football seniors and Coach Bob Ritter, who is stepping down after 22 years, made the most of their final home game on Saturday, when the Panthers cruised to a 48-34 victory over Hamilton.

The 7-1 Panthers clinched at least a second-place finish in NESCAC, and could finish in a first-place tie with 8-0 Trinity. On this coming Saturday Trinity hosts 6-2 Wesleyan, while the Panthers visit Tufts (5-3).

As much as the Panthers focus on the tasks at hand, the fact the final home game for the seniors and their coach leader was in the back of their minds, acknowledged senior captain Greg Livingston, a receiver

who on Saturday caught seven of quarterback Cole Kennon's passes. Kennon shredded Hamilton for 29 completions in 42 attempts for six touchdowns and 431 yards.

Livingston stuck with the team mantra at first.

"We take it one week at a time, and Coach Ritter does a great job of getting us prepared for the game we're playing that week," Livingston said. "We're on to Tufts now."

But doesn't it mean a little more to have won this particular game?

"I'm so glad we were able to get the win the last time he and the rest of the seniors were playing on this field and end our time on this field victorious," Livingston said. "But I know Coach Rit, and he's focused



MIDDLEBURY RECEIVER DONOVAN Wood dives in for one of his two touchdowns on Saturday. Panther QB Cole Kennon threw six touchdown passes in the team's 48-34 victory over Hamilton.

Independent photo/Steve James

on next week."

Still, Ritter doesn't receive hugs from the college president after every game (though he did this week). More of his former players and fellow Class of 1982 graduates

than usual were also at Alumni Stadium to shake his hand and pose for pictures with him.

Ritter said he couldn't help but flash back to the years of playing (See Football, Page 3B)

## Tigers top BBA in semi MUHS football to face CVU in D-I final

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MANCHESTER CENTER — For the second time in two weeks, the Middlebury Union High School football team upset host No. 2 Burr & Burton Academy, this time on Saturday in a Division I semifinal, 14-9.

The 7-3 Tigers, who have gone 7-1 after an 0-2 start, will take on No. 1 Champlain Valley Union (9-0) for the D-I title. That game will be played this Saturday at 5 p.m. at Rutland High School.

CVU trounced MUHS on Doc Collins Field on Sept. 2 in the opener for both teams, 56-19. But Coach Dennis Smith said in a phone interview the Tigers are a different team now.

"We're a long ways away from when we played them the first time," he said. "We've matured and grown up, and we're definitely playing our best football right now. And we're looking forward to next Saturday."

Burr & Burton dropped to 7-3 with Saturday's setback. The Bulldogs lost only to the Tigers twice and once to CVU this fall. The first time the Bulldogs and Tigers met came on Oct. 21, when the Tigers rallied from down by 22 points in the second half to win in overtime, 43-36.

Smith said this past Saturday's game was a continuation of the Tigers' second-half defensive turnaround in that earlier game, coupled with diligent work preparing in part through watching game films.

"We did pretty much what we did from the last game," he said. "Our guys we're pretty confident in knowing what they were going to be doing out of certain sets in certain situations. They've learned that film study is a big part of this game and can help immensely."

Smith said the Tigers picked off Bulldog quarterback Jack McCoy twice, both by Jackson Gillett. As well as strong play in the secondary, he credited the Tiger defensive front for pressuring the quarterback, even if he managed to complete 14 of 20 attempts for 136 yards and a 16-yard TD pass to Trevor Green.

"Our pass rush was just

relentless," he said.

The Tigers got their first touchdown after Gillett's second interception set up the Tigers on the BBA 20-yard line. Soon afterward fullback Cam Stone plunged into the end zone from the 1-yard line. Gillett kicked the extra point.

The Bulldogs took the lead after the McCoy TD pass and a 37-yard field goal from Seb Dostal and led by 9-7 at the half. Smith said a key sequence came late in the half, when the Tigers fumbled on their own 30, but the defense kept BBA off the scoreboard.

"The defense held strong there. That was huge," Smith said.

Gavin McNulty and Stone led the Tiger defense with eight tackles apiece, with Stone's total including a sack.

The Tigers mounted a scoring drive in the third quarter capped by another 1-yard Stone run and Gillett kick that made it 14-9. Smith said that score was set up by a third-and-eight conversion on a halfback pass following a fake reverse to Gillett. McNulty kept the ball and tossed a 40-yard pass to tight end Angus Blackwell to the BBA 15.

The Tigers clinched the victory in the fourth quarter by running out the clock with a drive that consumed the game's final 10 minutes. The Tigers ran 18 plays on the march, all on the ground. Even though they didn't score, Smith said it didn't matter.

"They punted the ball to us with just under 10 minutes left and never got the ball back," Smith said. With the two long Tiger second-half drives the Bulldogs ran only 13 plays in final 24 minutes, he added.

McNulty led the Tigers with 59 yards rushing on 12 carries, followed by Stone with 55 yards on 10 attempts and Cole Schnoor with 37 yards on nine.

More of the ball-control attack with which the Tigers closed out this past Saturday's game could be critical if the Tigers are to knock off the top-seeded Redhawks on this coming Saturday, Smith said.

"They've got a high-powered offense," he said, "and the more times they touch it the better chance they have of scoring."



PANTHER JUNIOR FORWARD Katie George celebrates her goal late in the second period of Sunday's NESCAC title game, assisted by Sadie LeStage (No. 11). George later picked up an assist in Middlebury's 2-0 win over Tufts.

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MIDDLEBURY JUNIOR MIDFIELDER Sadie LeStage looks to make a play on a ball bouncing waist high during Sunday's NESCAC field hockey final. LeStage assisted the winning goal as the Panthers claimed their fifth straight crown.

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## Panthers rack up another title NESCAC field hockey crown is fifth straight; NCAAs next

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — One of these years a NESCAC field hockey team will wrest the playoff championship away from Middlebury.

But for now the Panthers' dynasty rolls on: They won their record fifth straight league title on Sunday by topping Tufts, 2-0, in the NESCAC final. It was also their NESCAC-best ninth crown.

And that result gives second-ranked Middlebury a chance to make more history. The 17-1 Panthers can now take aim at their fifth straight NCAA Division III

title and sixth in seven years.

That quest starts this weekend, when Coach Katharine DeLorenzo's program will make its 19th straight NCAA appearance by hosting an NCAA regional.

Their opponent on Saturday will be known after Wednesday's first-round games. On Saturday at 11 a.m., Middlebury will entertain the winner of a showdown between No. 12 MIT (15-4) or SUNY-Cortland, Saturday's 2 p.m. game will pit the winners of Wednesday games between No. 5 Trinity (13-4) and Catholic University (11-7), and The

College of New Jersey (12-6) and Wilson College (12-3).

It would be a surprise if Middlebury and Trinity, which upset the Panthers this season, do not square off on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the regional final. The Bantams won at Middlebury, 2-1, on Oct. 15, despite being outshot 17-2.

Sunday's winner advances to the NCAA final four, which No. 3 Rowan will host. Rowan (19-1), Salisbury (17-0) and Babson (18-4) are this weekend's other regional hosts along with Middlebury. (See Panthers, Page 4B)

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Football	
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# Tiger soccer rally falls short in semi

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Despite a stirring rally while playing the final 27 minutes short a player and a head coach after simultaneous red cards, the season came to an end for the No. 2 seed Middlebury Union High School boys' soccer team on Nov. 2, when No. 3 Harwood escaped with a 3-2 overtime victory.

The Tigers trailed the 15-2 Highlanders, 2-0, with 23 minutes left in regulation when center midfielder Ollie Anderson received a red card and was sent off.

The head referee had already stopped play late in the first half to warn both teams to tamp down rough play and end constant complaints about the officiating, many coming from the Tigers.

In the play in question, Anderson and a Highlander made contact going after a ball, and the Harwood player went down, quite possibly a little too easily. Anderson left with 23 minutes left in regulation, and Tiger Coach Chris George, already having received a yellow card for dissent, received a red card for objecting to the call. He was told to stay "out of sight and sound" for the rest of the game.

The Tigers had gotten off to a ragged start and allowed two goals in the first 12 minutes, one on a justly called penalty kick, to Harwood standout Jordan Shullenberger. Those two strikes brought his career total to 75.

But after the red cards the Tigers took over the rest of regulation

despite playing a man down and without Anderson, their senior captain and a key playmaker.

Their first golden chance came with about 18 minutes left, when striker Zach Wilkerson deflected a shot past Harwood goalie Liam Combs. But defender Liam Porterfield cleared it off the goal line near the right post. A minute later forward Ronen Silberman got a good look from long range on a feed from back Trey Bosworth, but his bid sailed over the crossbar.

The Tigers kept pressing, and Wilkerson made a run into the left side of the box and drew a foul at 11:59 — again, a penalty kick was fairly assessed. Midfield Ollie Choudhury buried it into the right side of the net as Combs guessed wrong, and it was 2-1.

The Tigers kept moving the ball purposefully and pressing Harwood, which was kicking long and hoping for the best. The Highlanders' wishes were not immediately granted. The Tigers forced a foul about 40 yards directly out from goal with less than 40 seconds left, and defender Gus Hodde tested Combs.

He made the save, but the rebound drifted to the right of the penalty stripe to middle Iver Anderson, who calmly deposited the ball inside the right post to tie the game.

Despite being outshot, 5-2, in the first half, the Tigers, even while shorthanded most of the second half, had bounced back to outshoot the Highlanders, 6-4, in the second

half, and earn a 3-2 edge in corners. Their two shorthanded goals came at the expense of a Harwood team that had a 61-0 scoring streak and were a fair indication of the team's quality.

Tiger goalie Owen Lawton, who could not be faulted for the two Shullenberger goals in the first half, made only one of his three saves in the second half. He did his best work in the first half stopping a Shullenberger free kick and then Xavier Brookens on a point-blank rebound. Combs also finished with three saves.

But no goalie could have gotten what proved to be Harwood's game-winner. The Highlanders regrouped after regulation and controlled overtime. Early on Tiger back Henry Hunsdorder made a defensive save, and then Harwood earned two corner kicks.

On the second, the ball bounced out to Brookens about five yards outside the box, and his blast carried high into the net with 3:56 on the clock to send Harwood into Saturday's final against undefeated Montpelier.

Brookens's bomb also ended another successful season for the 13-3-1 Tigers. They were unbeaten against D-II opponents until the semifinal, and also did not lose during Lake Division play in winning the league title.

The Tigers were also a force in the playoffs for the fourth straight season. The program reached the semifinal round in 2020 and 2021, and reached the final in 2019.



MUHS SENIOR CAPTAIN Ollie Anderson soars in front of a Harwood player to make a play on the ball during the No. 2 Tigers' overtime loss to the No. 3 Highlanders in a Nov. 2 D-II semifinal.

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MUHS MIDFIELDER IVER Anderson tied a Nov. 2 D-II semifinal with this rebound goal late in the second half. But in overtime No. 3 Harwood defeated the No. 2 Tigers, who played much of the second half shorthanded.

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TIGER IVER ANDERSON, right, gets a chest-bump from Zach Wilkerson to celebrate Anderson's game-tying goal in the team's Nov. 2 semifinal. Despite late heroics, No. 3 Harwood topped the No. 2 Tigers in overtime.

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## With an uncle on the family farm

I sat on a wide chair atop a tall ladder, leaning against a pine tree with a mature oak growing around the back side of the tree, its brown and brittle leaves mingling with the green needles of the pine. Ahead of me was the upper end of a vast hillside meadow. Sixty yards to my left stretched a long line of woods: mixed hardwoods giving way to a small patch of pine, and back to more hardwoods. Although sunset was still an hour away, the sun had disappeared behind the trees and the more distant peak of Mount Ascutney leaving the meadow in shadow. The first deer that wandered out from the woods was young. I doubt it weighed much more than 60 pounds. Although it was no longer spotted, it was barely more than a fawn. Pausing now and then to sniff the air, it made its way over toward where I sat in the last rays of the evening light looking down at it.

Both of my wife's parents were born in Vermont. Although they

now live back in Vermont, at some point both of their families migrated across the Connecticut River into western New Hampshire, which is where most of my wife's relatives now live. And for decades my wife's uncle Jerry has been inviting me to come across the big river in November to the family farm to harvest some free-range, antibiotic-free venison with him.

The Windsong Hill farm is not a dairy, vegetable farm or fruit farm. It is not even a venison farm per se. It is a tree farm. Uncle Jerry and Aunt Karen are currently in the process of a large timber harvest. They also lease out maple taps for a sap harvest on the farm. But while they have often sent us a jug with some of the delicious results of the maple harvest, the venison is something I need to come over and harvest myself.

I've wanted to accept the offer for some time for many reasons. One is that I enjoy spending time with Jerry and Karen. Another is the 35 years of wonderful memories I have of family time on that property, especially over holidays. Sledding. Eating pies. Riding ATVs and snowmobiles. Eating more pies. It is a truly beautiful and peaceful place.

There is also this: Jerry's property is great for whitetail. The pictures I see each fall leave quite an impression. It's a good place to harvest venison. Given the number of non-organic cornfields scattered across the valleys, and the propensity of deer to feed there, I never assume that any whitetail harvested in Vermont or New Hampshire is organic.

But it is local, free-range and antibiotic-free. It's also meat that — unlike most industrial-scale red meat — does not come with a large environmental footprint. And Jerry manages his farm with that venison harvest in mind. He does an excellent job of it, in fact. They have apple trees on the property, a great mix of woods and open meadow, and oaks everywhere. Big, healthy, mature oaks. I'm pretty sure Jerry manages the forest as much or more for the acorns and mast crop than for any timber sales.

Unfortunately, the venison harvest season has always been a busy time of year for me — a tough

period, between work and family schedule, to get out of state for more than a day. So I've never been able to accept the offer. More recently, however, New Hampshire has changed and expanded its harvest seasons. They now have an early muzzleloader season that includes three days when the harvest laws do not require the venison to be walking around wearing antlers. The added flexibility of an early season finally made it possible for me to join him last year. Except...

Except in 2020 and 2021 New Hampshire — which requires a hunter safety class in order to purchase a hunting license — did not allow out-of-staters to take their in-person hunter safety class because of the pandemic. And though I have taken hunter education in Vermont, New Hampshire did not recognize courses from other states. And another opportunity to harvest with my uncle slipped away.

This year, however, the stars aligned. My schedule was more flexible. And New Hampshire Fish and Game decided to recognize hunter safety courses from other states. So there I was sitting on one of Jerry's stands at the edge of his big meadow looking down at a young deer. Although it was an antlerless season and the deer was legal, I had no interest in harvesting one so small. I turned my eyes toward the woods assuming another deer or two would be following it. And one was. Except just as the much larger doe appeared, a brisk wind shifted direction. The fawn sniffed the air, raised its flag, and bolted for the woods spooking off the other with it. I waited until the sun set, but they never returned.

The next day, I sat at noon atop a high ridge two miles away. Jerry and I had been out on the ridge all morning. He radioed me to let me know he was walking my way. Five minutes later, I heard the pounding of hoofprints in the dry leaves behind me. Jerry had spooked one my way, I assumed, and it had just come bolting over the hill and stopped right behind me. I turned slowly to see the animal — more than twice the weight of the previous night's fawn — standing broadside to me just 30 yards behind me down in a little gully between two lines of the ridge.

Two hours later, sweaty from hauling the harvest a mile through the woods, we were back at the car. Jerry sent me home with some local, organic, free-range antibiotic-free maple syrup too.

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**THIS PAST SATURDAY'S Middlebury College football game was the last home contest in Bob Ritter's 40 seasons coaching. The 1982 Middlebury graduate has guided Panther football to three NESCAC Championships and won 112 games. He closes out his final season on Saturday vs. Tufts.**

Photo by Will Costello

## Football

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for and then coaching at his alma mater, and the fact that the next game would be his last.

"It is really bittersweet, which is why I try not to think about it, honestly," Ritter said. "It kind of gets you thinking too much. So it's a weird feeling I'm trying not to have. I'm just thinking about the next game."

In Saturday's game, the Panthers took charge early. After a pass breakup by Middlebury linebacker Kwesi Adu-Diawuo on fourth-and-five at the Panther 37, Middlebury quickly moved 63 yards in six plays, including a 37-yard toss from Kennon to Livingston down the left sideline to the Hamilton 9. Senior back LeeCharles McNeil punched it in from the two, and it was 7-0.

The Panthers stymied the next two Hamilton possessions with a Rocco Stola interception and a Liam High sack. Late in the first quarter, Kennon launched a 42-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Wood down the left sideline, and it was 14-0.

A short punt and a Hamilton penalty set up the Panthers on the Hamilton 34 early in the second quarter. Four plays later Kennon scrambled to his right and threw on the run to Patrick Jamin for a 17-yard TD at 11:13, and it was 21-0.

Hamilton and QB Matt Banbury got untracked on their next

possession, marching 75 yards with the help of two Panther penalties. Banbury ran four times for 24 yards and completed a 14-yard pass on fourth-and-five from the Middlebury 15 to Colin Kelter. Banbury snuck in for the score on the next play, and it was 21-7 at 7:26.

Two possessions later the Panthers took advantage of a short field: A short Continental punt and a penalty on the play put the Panthers on the Hamilton 41.

A 20-yard pass to Jamin soon moved the ball to the 10, from there Kennon hit Wood on the 5, and he dodged a tackler and dove into the end zone, and it was 28-7 at the half.

Banbury heated up in the second half, finishing 27 of 42 for 291 yards and three touchdowns. But the Panther lead never felt threatened, even after the Continentals moved 75 yards to make it 28-14 to open the second half. Banbury completed four passes on the drive and scored on a 1-yard keeper.

But Adam Harrington returned the kickoff 25 yards to the Panther 40, and it was quickly 35-14. Kennon launched a 43-yard pass to Livingston and then found Cole Crider down the middle for a 17-yard TD.

Hamilton scored with 1:38 left in the third quarter when Banbury, as he was hit, flicked a nine-yard TD pass to Joseph Campanella. But the

Panthers then moved 69 yards and scoring on a seven-yard pass from Kennon to Jamin to make it 41-21 early in the final period.

The Continentals then fumbled the kickoff, and Stola recovered at the Continental 4-yard line. From there Kennon tossed a TD pass to Jamin, and it was 48-21.

The Continentals scored on a drives capped by a 9-yard Banbury pass to Ezra Lombardi and an 11-yard pass to Lucas Perez-Segnini.

Stola and Finn Muldoon led the Panthers with nine tackles each, and Tomas Kenary had two sacks, a pass breakup and two quarterback hurries. Seven Panthers caught Kennon passes. Wood led with eight catches for 131 yards, and Jamin (126 yards) and Livingston (118) added seven each.

Livingston said it is fun to play in the Panthers' wide-open attack.

"We're incredibly lucky to have a lot of talented players on our team, and Cole is a great quarterback. He makes a lot of plays and puts the ball in a good spot for us," he said.

The team has found different ways to win, with game-clinching interceptions and stirring comebacks in close, low-scoring games as well as blowouts like Saturday's.

Livingston gave his views on what has made this year's season successful.

"I've never been on a team that is so close, that cares about each



**MIDDLEBURY RUNNING BACK LeeCharles McNeil punches in the Panthers' first touchdown in their 48-34 victory over visiting Hamilton on Saturday. The Panthers improved to 7-1 in Coach Bob Ritter's final home game.**

Independent photo/Steve James

other and cares about the game. The energy, effort, intensity, it's just really special."

Ritter's last words after the game were about Tufts, who he said like Hamilton has an excellent quarterback, but also boasts a "big,

physical defense."

"It's going to be a battle. We're going to have to play our best," he said. "1-0. That's all we're thinking about."

Livingston's last words after Saturday's game focused on his

coach.

"He's been very humble about it, but we know it's a special day. Coach Ritter has been the best. He is Middlebury football, every bit of him," he said. "I feel so lucky to have been able to play for him."

## Eagle football falls in semifinal to conclude strong campaign

By ANDY KIRKALDY

WINDSOR — A successful season for the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative football team came to an end in a Division III semifinal on Saturday, when top seed Windsor cruised past the Eagles, 45-6.

No one has finished close to the undefeated Jacks this season, but No. 2 seed Fairfax-Lamoille will give it another shot in this coming Saturday's D-III final in Rutland.

Windsor quarterback Maison Fortin rushed for one score and tossed two touchdown passes, running back Travis McAllister rushed for two scores and caught two TD passes and Logan Warroll

rushed for a score for the Jacks.

Senior MAV fullback Jamison Couture rushed 14 times for 137 yards and scored the Eagle touchdown, and quarterback Zeke Dubois completed 10 of 20 passes for 87 yards.

The Eagles' 5-5 record includes a dramatic quarterfinal road win. They had won three straight to reach the semifinal.

"The MAV football team played hard yesterday to finish their season," Coach Jeff Stein told the *Independent*. "I don't feel the score dictated the effort the players put forth and met Windsor with the intensity and effort on the field."

Stein said he believed the

2022 campaign was a positive experience for everyone involved with the program.

"This was an amazing season for MAV football," he said. "To make the playoffs and get a playoff win is something that hasn't been done for several years now. It was amazing to see the communities that feed into these two schools come together and show support for the football program. We made a giant step moving forward for this program this year, and though it's sad to be over, these seniors have forever embedded a mark on this program."

## VUHS boys lose semi

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Playoff misfortune continued to haunt the Vergennes Union High School boys' soccer program on Wednesday, Nov. 2, when visiting No. 5 seed Woodstock scored twice in the final five minutes to upset the No. 1 Commodores, 3-2, in a Division III semifinal.

It was certainly another successful season for Coach Kevin Hayes's Commodores, who finished at 12-2-2 and finished in second place in the Lake Division behind D-II No. 2 seed Middlebury. Their only previous loss this fall came in overtime at MUHS.

But the semifinal setback was the fourth in the past six tournaments for the program, and in the other two years they lost to finalists in quarterfinal rounds. In four of the previous five D-II tournaments the team that has ousted the Commodores has gone on to claim

the D-III crown. Woodstock (13-5) advanced to Saturday's final against No. 3 Peoples, an overtime winner on Nov. 2 over No. 2 Stowe.

In this past Wednesday's semifinal at VUHS, all five goals came in the final 26 minutes. Ben McKenna gave the Wasps the lead in the 54th minute, but Shamus Rooney equalized a minute later with an assist from leading scorer Elijah Duprey. Then in the 68th minute the Commodores took the lead on Ryder Messinger's unassisted strike.

With five minutes to go Woodstock's Ezra Lockhart tied the game from the penalty stripe, and Declan McCullough netted the game-winner two minutes after that.

VUHS outshot Woodstock, with Wasp goalie Ethan Zayas stopping seven shots, and Commodore keeper Abram Francis making four saves.

## Men's soccer nets NCAA bid

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — Third-seeded Amherst ousted the No. 4 Middlebury College men's soccer team from the NESCAC tournament on Saturday, 2-1, in overtime in a semifinal game played at Williams College.

Despite the setback, on Monday the 10-4-3 Panthers received a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. They will take on Rowan (11-5-5) at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday in a regional hosted by Stevens Institute (15-0-3). Stevens will face Worcester State (13-3-7) on Saturday at 1 p.m. The winners will meet on Sunday at 3 p.m. in hopes of advancing to an NCAA sectional the following weekend.

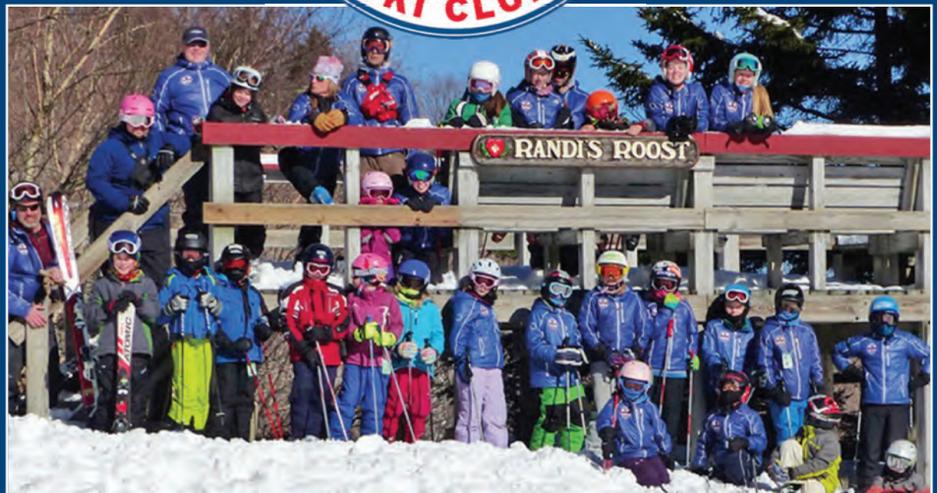
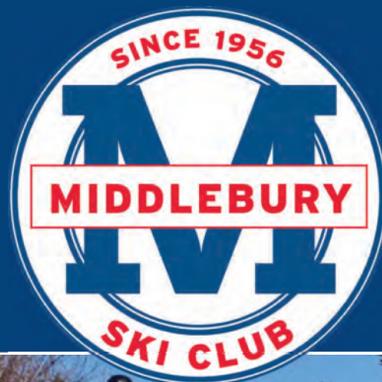
In this past Saturday's NESCAC semifinal, the Mammoths outshot the Panthers, 18-11, but shots on goal were close: Amherst goalie Bernie White and the Panthers' Ryan Grady each finished with six saves. The Panthers had first-half

chances from Luke Madden and Jordan Saint-Louis before Amherst took the lead at 22:32, when Fynn Hayton-Ruffner headed a Niall Murphy cross from the right side into the upper left corner.

Only 27 seconds into the second half, Middlebury equalized. Michael McFarlane headed a Saint-Louis corner kick into the bottom right corner.

Early in overtime, White pushed a long-range Saint-Louis free kick wide left. A minute later, Amherst took the lead. Aidan Curtis tucked a ball inside the right post after Shawn Rapal flicked on a long throw-in.

Middlebury had two final chances to level the score late in the second overtime period. Andrew Juarez drove a volley that whistled wide of the left post from 25 yards away, and as time wound down White denied a Casey Lund header at the right post.



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**MINOR APPLICATION #9A0381**  
**10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 - 6111**

On October 28, 2022, R.L. Vallee, Inc. filed application #9A0381 for a project generally described as a variety of "as-built" and new improvements at the existing gas station/convenience store. As-built improvements include: (1) creation of the north parking area; (2) wastewater system reconstruction; (3) construction and subsequent removal of a 12' x 20' shed; (4) replacement of rear storage room and loading area; (5) a ±300 square-foot building addition; and (6) installation and replacement of the business sign. New improvements include: (1) construction of a 28' x 48' canopy over existing diesel pump; (2) construction of a 12' x 24' trash enclosure with concrete pad; and (3) parking and access improvements. The project is located at 3201 US-7 in Middlebury, Vermont. This application can be viewed online by visiting the Act 250 Database here: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0381>.

No hearing will be held and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, a party notifies the District 9 Commission in writing of an issue requiring a hearing, or the Commission sets the matter for a hearing on its own motion. Any person as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1) may request a hearing. Any hearing request must be in writing, must state the criteria or sub-criteria at issue, why a hearing is required, and what additional evidence will be presented at the hearing. Any hearing request by an adjoining property owner or other person eligible for party status under 10 V.S.A. § 6085(c)(1)(E) must include a petition for party status under the Act 250 Rules. To request party status and a hearing, fill out the Party Status Petition Form on the Board's website: <https://nrp.vermont.gov/documents/party-status-petition-form>, and email it to the District 9 Office at: [NRB.Act250Barre@vermont.gov](mailto:NRB.Act250Barre@vermont.gov). Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law may not be prepared unless the Commission holds a public hearing.

For more information contact the District Coordinator below.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF ADDISON**

The Addison Development Review Board will convene a public hearing on **Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Addison Town Clerk's Office** to address the following applications:

- Application (22-11) from Richard Thurber requesting Board's approval of a sketch plan for a Subdivision located on Lake Street, Addison, VT. The sketch plan will show no plans for developing at this time, only wants to subdivide for an easier transfer of the property at a later time to a relative. This is tabled until the November meeting with a new reconfiguration to meet road frontage and requirements for Section 3.7.
- Application (#22-12) Richard Thurber requesting approval for a new house construction (Variance) on property located at 40 Van Ornum Road, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 4-01-35). It does not meet criteria & requirements for Section 3.7. Wants to put on hold for now.
- Application (#22-15) from Shay Pouliot & Tyler Hornidge & Penny & Reed Lander requesting Board's approval for a Boundary-Line Adjustment located at 4430 Lake Street, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 4-01-65).
- Application (22-16) from William Barnes representing the Barnes Family Farm, requesting Board's approval for a Conditional-use to build a farm workers house on the property located at 3811 Otter Creek Road, Addison, VT (tax map ID# 2-2).

The applications are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal office hours. Interested parties who wish to appeal or to be heard must attend the hearing or may be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearings.

N.B.: Participation in a hearing is necessary to establish status as an "interested party" and the right to appeal a decision rendered in that hearing, according to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 117 S.S.4464 (a) (1) (C), 4465(b) and 4471 (a). Participation consists of offering through oral or written testimony, evidence or a statement of concern directly related to the subject of the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Spencer, Chair  
Starr Phillips, Board Secretary  
Michael Wojocichowski, Zoning Administrator



**PANTHER SENIOR FORWARD Audrey Lazar** knocks in the Panthers' second goal in their 2-0 win over Tufts in Sunday's NESCAC final. Middlebury will host an NCAA D-III regional this weekend.

Independent photo/Steve James

## Panthers

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Tufts (12-6) is lurking in Rowan's bracket, while Williams (12-5) could challenge Salisbury.

**SEMIFINAL GAMES**

On this past weekend Trinity, seeded No. 3 in the NESCAC tournament, lost to No. 2 seed Tufts, 1-0.

Also on Saturday, the Panthers blanked No. 5 Williams, 4-0. Middlebury took a 2-0 halftime lead, holding the Ephs without a shot on goal in the first half and scoring twice in the second quarter.

In the 25th minute, Audrey Lazar banged in the rebound of a Caroline Segal shot, and 2:41 before the half Katie George tapped in a Lazar shot that pinged off the crossbar.

Williams came out strong in the second half, and Amy Griffin made a defensive save behind senior goalkeeper Grace Harlan. Harlan also made two kick saves, the second a difficult one on Emily Batchelder, before the Panthers

restored order.

The Panthers clinched the win with two goals early in the fourth quarter. Lilly Branka tapped in a loose ball following a scramble in front, and George made a strong move from the left side, beating three defenders and finding the right side of the cage. Harlan made four saves, and Carson Stephenson made eight for the 12-5 Ephs.

**SUNDAY FINAL**

That set up Sunday's clash between the Panthers and the Jumbos, their top NESCAC rival in recent years. The Jumbos came out strong, forcing four penalty corners in the first quarter and controlling much of the territory, but failing to put a shot on Harlan as the Panther defense held firm.

"Our defenders played really well in the red zone," DeLorenzo said. "We were quite organized ... We have a double-teamer in the right place by design."

DeLorenzo added Tufts is the only team that uses a zone against

the Panther clearing attempts, a tactic that requires patience and teamwork by the Middlebury backs and midfielders. It took the Panthers a while to adapt, she said.

"They did an incredible job of zoning," DeLorenzo said. "They don't mark us. They take their structure to wherever the ball goes."

Once the Panthers adjusted, they began to threaten, and active Tufts goalie Sam Gibby (six saves) denied George, Branka and Amy Griffin before the Panthers broke through 1:04 before halftime with a George goal on a penalty corner. The insert went to Sadie LeStage at the top of circle, and she angled a pass back toward the left post. George cut in and tipped the ball home.

Tufts again controlled territory in the third period, but the only scoring chance came from the Panthers. George drove down the left side, but saw Gibby come out and sprawl to deny her shot. Lazar

pounced on the rebound and sent it toward the goal's right side, but Tufts defender Gabby Sousa stuck it away.

George and Lazar teamed up again in the first minute of the fourth quarter, and this time Lazar's shot could not be denied. The Panthers drove the ball into the circle from long range, and George tipped it to her right to Lazar, who poked the ball under a diving Gibby to make it 2-0.

Gibby made a sprawling save on Grace Murphy later in the period, while Tufts had a golden opportunity with two minutes to go. Jumbo Ashley Zolin, to the left of the stroke line, ripped a shot that was ticketed for the lower right corner, but Harlan flashed her right foot at the last moment to kick the ball wide. That was her second and final save of the game and preserved her 21st career shutout, tying the program record.

DeLorenzo would not be surprised to see Tufts again.

"They're certainly the highest caliber team we've played," she said.

If anything could improve for the Panthers in the NCAA tournament, DeLorenzo said she would like her team to "make good on high-quality chances" and try to "play direct more often" from the midfield and even the back.

But make no mistake, DeLorenzo is both pleased with and for the Panthers.

"I'm very, very proud of them," she said. "I'm happy for them, because they pour themselves into it. They love it."

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**Practitioner of the Week**

**Georgia Dune** is a Certified Massage Therapist (18 yrs), Reflexologist (15 yrs) and Licensed Esthetician (4 yrs). She specializes in Reflexology-based foot massage and provides an eclectic menu of professional bodywork and skin care services by appointment. All of her work has an emphasis on pain relief, self-care, body positivity; wellness inside and out.

Georgia's holistic wellness practice, DuneSpa is located in Somawork Wellness Center at 50 Court Street in Middlebury.

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## Locals make North-South football game

**NORTHFIELD** — A number of local athletes of have been chosen to play in the 21st annual North/South Senior All-Star Football Game at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Norwich University in Northfield. Rosters were announced in late October by the Vermont Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Selected for the North roster from the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative team were Zeke Dubois and Caleb Russell.

The South roster includes Middlebury's Sawyer Cadoret, Penn Riney, Cole Schnoor and Cameron Stone, and from Otter Valley Kevon Parks and Caleb Whitney.

Head coaches are Jeff Stein of Mount Abraham-VUHS for the North and Mount Anthony's Chad Gordon for the South.

Tickets will be available at the gate starting an hour prior to game time and online at [www.nffvt.org/game](http://www.nffvt.org/game). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. All proceeds benefit the scholarship and grant programs of the Vermont Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

All 31 of the state's high school football programs from all three divisions are represented on the rosters, which are subject to change prior to the game.

# community calendar

## nov 10 THURSDAY

**Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 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. Roast Pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, roll, apple crisp and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Nov. 6 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.

**"Fraud, Scams, and Con Artists: Coming to a Computer Near You" in Shoreham.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, School St. Elliott Greenblatt from AARP will discuss the why, how and basic defense regarding scams perpetrated over the internet. Free and open to the public.

**Age Well grab and go meal in Starksboro.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116. (Date adjusted for Veterans Day). Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast Pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, roll, apple crisp and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Nov. 6 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.

**Health care virtual forum.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Zoom. Join Addison County and Bristol Democrat committees to learn about Universal Primary Care from Dr. Deb Richter from Plainfield and Mike Fisher, VT Health Care Advocate from Lincoln, who will discuss the need for access to Universal Primary Care for all Vermonters. Addison County legislators will discuss what they are doing now and what we need to do. Registration link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/828473p0Q2C>.

**The Music Man on stage in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. There's trouble right here in Middlebury. Come see the MUHS fall musical production of Meredith Willson's classic musical. Tickets \$8 students/\$10 adults. More info at 802-382-1192 or [www.acsdvt.org/muhs](http://www.acsdvt.org/muhs). Repeats Nov. 11 and 12.

**"What do the Midterms Mean for American Democracy?" with Howard Dean in Middlebury.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society 2 Duane Ct. The Sheldon Museum and the Hawthorne Club invite all to come hear former Vermont governor and 2004 presidential candidate Howard Dean discuss midterms and the state of our Democracy.

## nov 11 FRIDAY

**Veterans Day Ceremony in Bristol.** Friday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m., Veterans' memorial, Town Green. The return of Bristol BSA Scout Troop 543 annual Salute to Veterans. The troop invites all veterans (and active members) of the United States Military, all members of the American Legion Post 19, and fellow citizens in Bristol and surrounding communities to join them for a Recognition Ceremony of Veterans.

**The Music Man on stage in Middlebury.** Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. Come see the MUHS fall musical production of Meredith Willson's classic musical. More details in Nov. 10 listing.

## nov 12 SATURDAY

**Hunters/early bird breakfast in Lincoln.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 7-10 a.m., Burnham Hall, 52 E. River Rd. All-you-can-eat buffet breakfast. \$10/ages 11 and up, \$5/ages 5-10, Free/under age 5. Proceeds go toward the restoration of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. More info at 802-453-4573.

**Wildlife walk in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 8-10 a.m., Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information call 802-388-6019.

**Foley Brothers Brewing 10-year anniversary celebration and chili fest in Brandon.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Gazebo Park, downtown. Chili fest with local restaurants, music, games, and more. Featuring 10-Year Anniversary Ale Release (wine barrel aged golden sour ale). Proceeds will be donated to the local American Legion Veterans fund.

**Cook the Book club in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 12, noon-2 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Sign up to cook an item from "The Immigrant Cookbook: Recipes that Make America Great" and bring it to share and discuss at a potluck lunch. No recipes left? Join us to enjoy the food and find out about the next "Cook the Book." Copies of the cookbook available to check out.

**Live reptiles in Shoreham.** Saturday, Nov. 12, noon, Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Get up close and personal with reptiles. Learn about and handle 15 different kinds of snakes and lizards. There may even be a tarantula. Free and open to the public.

**The Music Man on stage in Middlebury.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. Come see the MUHS fall musical production of Meredith Willson's classic musical. More details in Nov. 10 listing.

**Live reptiles in Orwell.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 3 p.m., Orwell Town Hall, 436 Main St. Get up close and personal with reptiles. Learn about and handle 15 different kinds of snakes and lizards. There may even be a tarantula. Free and open to the public.

**Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

**Takeout lasagna supper in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., across from the opera house. Menu includes lasagna, salad, vegetable, roll and dessert. Preorder by 7 p.m., Nov. 10. Call 802-



## Dean on Democracy

**THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS are over. Join former Vermont Governor and presidential candidate Howard Dean as he discusses what the election results mean for our Democracy on Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Court in Middlebury.**

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877-3150. Cost: \$12.

## nov 13 SUNDAY

**Breakfast buffet in Vergennes.** Sunday, Nov. 13, 8-10 a.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 58 S. Maple St. Omelets to order, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, fruit, plain and blueberry pancakes, maple syrup, sausage gravy on biscuits, cornbread, home fries, mini muffins, juice, milk and coffee. \$10 adults/\$6 children 8-12/\$32 immediate family maximum.

**"The Importance of Being Earnest" auditions in Middlebury.** Sunday, Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 58 S. Maple St. The Middlebury Community Players hold auditions for the February 2023 production of Oscar Wilde's comedy. Roles for men and women from their 20s through their 60s/70s. All those attending auditions are required to provide proof of COVID vaccination. Visit [www.middleburycommunityplayers.org](http://www.middleburycommunityplayers.org) for more information, including detailed character descriptions. Questions? Contact Director Peter Kristoph at [pkristoph@gmail.com](mailto:pkristoph@gmail.com).

**Sibling-to-Sibling movie and pizza in Middlebury.** Sunday, Nov. 13, 3-6 p.m., Axinn Center at Starr Library (Room 232), Old Chapel Rd. Middlebury College's Sibling-to-Sibling Program invites all Addison County middle-schoolers to a movie and pizza gathering. RSVP and vote on which movie we should watch. [go.middlebury.edu/sib2sib](http://go.middlebury.edu/sib2sib).

## nov 14 MONDAY

**Age Well Thanksgiving grab and go meal in Bristol.** Monday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Dr. Drive in, loop around, and stay in your car. Roast Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Nov. 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.

**"The Importance of Being Earnest" auditions in Middlebury.** Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30-9 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 58 S. Maple St. See Nov. 13 listing.

## nov 15 TUESDAY

**Age Well and Vergennes Seniors in person meal in Vergennes.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at noon of Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, spinach with white kidney beans, apple date cookies and milk. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation. Please bring your own place setting. Open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice. Masks encouraged unless seated and eating. Please stay home if you don't feel well.

**Age Well Thanksgiving grab and go meal in Bridport.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, 54 Middle Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Nov. 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.

**"The Theological Beliefs of Reinhold Niebuhr" virtual lecture.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m., EastView at Middlebury, Zoom. Victor Nuovo gives his second lecture, "Reinhold Niebuhr on the Meaning of Life," in this three-part series. Free. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for the general public. More info and

zoom link contact Cari Burkhard at [cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com](mailto:cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com) or 802-989-7515.

**ACORN Annual Meeting and presentation in Bristol.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6-7:30 p.m., Minifactory, 16 Main St. Hear about ACORN's brand new Food Hub and what it means for our local food system, the success of the 4th annual Farmacy: Food is Medicine collaboration and see what ACORN has in store for 2023. Celebrate local food with our community. \$15/person. Light dinner provided, cash bar. Registration required at [events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejesdtul6d992bda&llr=rm4yijdb](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejesdtul6d992bda&llr=rm4yijdb). Email [info@acornvt.org](mailto:info@acornvt.org) if you prefer to pay at the door.

**Estate Planning for Millennials in Orwell.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Attorney Joseph Andriano will demystify estate planning for millennials and anyone else interested.

**Author readings in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Vermont Book Shop hosts first-time novelists and friends Bobbi Loney and Michele Lowy as they read from and discuss their respective works, "Jenny's Law" and "A Small Door." Free. Books available for sale.

**"Nursing in Crisis" presentation in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Jessica Swift Meeting Room, Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Annie Moore-Cox Ph.D., R.N., a nurse for over 35 years and an educator for more than 25, will explore how negative social media posts by nurses, reports of violence against nurses during the pandemic, reportedly low salaries, and frequent reference to burnout may be pushing college-age students away from a career in nursing.

## nov 16 WEDNESDAY

**Age Well Thanksgiving grab and go meal in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd. Please stay in your car. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Roast Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Nov. 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.

**Age Well Thanksgiving grab and go meal in Monkton.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge. Roast Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Wednesday, Nov. 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.

**Knights of Columbus Turkey Bingo in Middlebury.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd. 72nd annual K of C Turkey Bingo, with 18 regular games for turkeys, five special game prizes, break-open tickets for sale. Raffle tickets for sale — Prizes, \$400 Vt. Field Sports certificate, handmade quilt, three fresh Misty Knoll turkeys. Refreshments available. All proceeds to benefit Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

**Orwell Artists Group opening reception in Orwell.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. After art shows at various locations in Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Florida, the Orwell Artists are returning home to show their latest artwork, which will include pottery, painting, fiber art and more.

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# RNESU faculty and staff honored

BRANDON—Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union recently hosted its annual Celebration of Contribution to recognize, honor and celebrate teachers and staff members who have made outstanding contributions and have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence.

The 2021-2022 school year honorees included:

**Distinguished Professionals:** Jennifer Hogan, Art Teacher and Academic Interventionist, Barstow Memorial School; Melanie Parker, School Nurse, Lothrop School; Katherine Kloss, Literacy Interventionist, Neshobe School; Brenna Kimball, 1st Grade Teacher, Otter Creek Academy; Alyson Callahan, HS Social Studies Teacher, Otter Valley Union Middle High School; and Susan Smiel, EEE Early Ed Teacher, RNESU.



RNESU recently announced its 2022 Celebration of Contributions honorees. Among the honorees are, back from left, Alyson Callahan, Lisa Frasier, Jennifer Hogan, Melanie Parker, and Sara Eddy; front, Cretia Waldie, Brenna Kimball, Susan Smiel, Emily Ferraro, Heather Page, and Stephanie Hull.

Photo courtesy of RNESU

**Outstanding Support Staff:** Heather Page, Paraeducator, Barstow Memorial School; Sara Eddy, Secretary, Lothrop School; Lisa Frasier, Paraeducator, Neshobe School; Cretia Waldie, Paraeducator, Otter Creek Academy; Stephanie Hull, Library Assistant/Media Specialist, Otter Valley Union Middle High School; and Emily Ferraro, EEE Paraeducator, RNESU.

In addition to the above honors, Susan Smiel was chosen as the RNESU Outstanding Teacher for grades PreK to 6, along with Alyson Callahan as the RNESU Outstanding Teacher for High School for the 2022 UVM Teacher of the Year award.

Superintendent of Schools, Kristin Hubert said, "RNESU is dedicated to the development of character, competence, creativity

and community and we have a faculty and staff that embody these qualities on a daily basis. Although it is never easy to celebrate only a few individuals, this year's recipients are extremely deserving of the recognition. It is my distinct honor and privilege to call them colleagues and members of the RNESU professional community serving our schools, its students, and families."

## Midterms

Here in Cornwall, my small town in Vermont, a precinct of deer and leaves, I like to think

Of my neighbors who are likely to volunteer for anything. Coming to our town hall

to set up enough booths. easily taken down. I like to think of them

as little puppet theaters, cabanas for changing our government every

two and four years. Our own version of voting democracy. Where,

if you lived here and were standing in the booth next me. trying to decide who would make a good

watcher of fence posts, counter of coal, even a next best president, it wouldn't surprise you to hear one of us

asking, from booth to booth, Charlie, who are you voting for? How's your good wife?

Did you get your deer? Questions, I like to think whomever it is next to you answers.

Privacy, a luxury, native and flat-lander alike, we give up, for the beauty of stepping outside in the coming

snow. Leaving tracks with our boots and poles, the skis on our snowmachines. The privilege of feeling the plow

in the middle of the night shaking the house. Like votes from the heavy branches. Falling. Making a country again.

— Gary Margolis  
Cornwall

## E. Midd historian receives Vt. award

BARRE — The Vermont Historical Society (VHS) annually presents the League of Local Historical Societies & Museums Achievement Awards to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and community heritage organizations throughout the state that collect, preserve, and share Vermont's rich history.

Bruce Yelton of East Middlebury was among the awardees this year, receiving the Individual Achievement award, which honors a person's work and commitment to local history over an extended period.

Yelton was among the six

awardees recognized at the VHS annual meeting.

*Bruce Yelton was among the six awardees recognized at the VHS annual meeting.*

Yelton's arrival at the East Middlebury Historical Society immediately moved the organization into the digital era. One of his first projects was to set up a website for the society. Working with another new arrival, his efforts have helped the society's both website and digital files become extensive — including a listing of all the paper files the society has available.

His expertise also greatly expanded programming, with Yelton assisting speakers with tech and sharing his own studies of Carlton's Raid on Middlebury, General Crook, and petroglyphs

and pictographs.

Yelton's activities extend beyond the computer. He assembled an East Middlebury Walking Tour brochure and then expanded it into a booklet in 2021. He assembled photos/postcards for an exhibit titled "Then and Now." He arranged excursions, and at the East Middlebury Community Picnic in June set up an historically themed scavenger hunt for the children.

The last functioning ironworks in Vermont was situated in East Middlebury. Currently Yelton is negotiating the hurdles of erecting a historic marker at the site. The contributions Yelton has made to the East Middlebury Historical Society have allowed the group to spread information to residents about their community and take

## VCF creates new charitable fund

BURLINGTON — The Fund at Hula, a venture capital firm that invests in seed and early-stage technology start-ups, has partnered with Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) to create a new fund, VCF at Hula. This collaboration couples two entities who share a commitment to advance economic and community development in the state. Investment returns from VCF at Hula go back into the specific charitable funds that participate, increasing their future grantmaking capacity to drive greater community impact.

The Vermont Community Foundation manages and invests donor-advised and other funds for more than 900 Vermonters and Vermont organizations, primarily for the purpose of charitable giving. The new VCF at Hula fund was established to provide Community

Foundation fundholders with an opportunity to invest charitable assets in growth-stage, Vermont-based companies.

VCF at Hula will prioritize investing in local startups who have the greatest potential to generate venture returns, create jobs in Vermont, advance economic activity, and make positive change with innovative solutions for their respective industries. VCF at Hula is aiming to raise \$3M and is open to additional elective participation through Dec. 15, 2023.

Dan Smith, CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation says, "We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with the Fund at Hula. This strategy is a key part of our growing commitment to mission investing in Vermont communities. We know that the long-term vitality of the state relies upon growing

innovative businesses that can foster economic resilience and the growth of good jobs, both of which are key to closing the opportunity gap. I am convinced that the ripple effect will be felt across the region."

The Fund at Hula is known for their seed, Series A, and early-stage venture investments in technology companies. The Fund has supported over 20 Vermont-based startups over the past three years, such as BETA Technologies, Benchmark Space Systems, Coremap Medical, and many others. The Vermont Community Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and bring people and resources together to make a difference in Vermont. The Community Foundation and its partners put more than \$60 million annually to work in Vermont communities and beyond.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

## Middlebury Union High School

### Lily Lapiner

Middlebury Union High School has chosen Lily Lapiner, the daughter of Janet and Sven Lapiner of Middlebury, as our next Student of the Week. With her two older sisters in or graduated from college, Lily says she has adjusted to being an "only child" and loves playing with the family dog, Rumi.

Lily has been active in all aspects of MUHS and is a candidate for the full International Baccalaureate diploma. She's grateful to each of her teachers and especially wants to thank Ms. Slater and Ms. Manley. Lily says the Environmental Systems and Societies class prompted her interest in wanting to study biology in college. She hopes to attend school in California and has applied to a wide range of institutions on the west coast.

She has found the IB program to be demanding and says it has pushed her "in a good way." The curriculum has put her on the right track for success, as she has learned valuable time management skills. Having traveled to Jamaica several times and developing an interest in Jamaican culture and community, Lily has focused her IB projects on that country. She did a Personal Project in 10th grade focusing on Covid relief for Jamaican primary school students and now she is writing her extended essay on the rise of female representation in the Jamaican government.

Lily is a member of the varsity soccer and track teams at MUHS, serves as a Peer Leader and is on the board of the high school's chapter of Best Buddies. She is involved in the human rights club, SCHOR, and was instrumental in helping to raise the Black Lives Matter flag last year. She especially enjoys her participation in Hope Happens Here; a group that focuses on mental health for teens. Each week they plan fun activities and next up is "Capture the Turkey" under the lights on Doc Collins field.

She spent last summer working at Otter East Bakery and practices yoga daily. One thing she learned from the pandemic is that "balance is key." Given the rigor of her academic program, she finds that balancing her coursework with fun outdoor activities with friends helps her to maintain a healthy outlook. Everyone at MUHS wishes Lily well as she prepares for a bright future.



Lily Lapiner  
MUHS

## Vergennes Union High School

### Peyton Paquette

Peyton Paquette is Vergennes Union High School's Student of the Week. He is the son of Laura and Kevin Paquette of Addison. He has an older sister Taylor—one of his idols, and three dogs, Quincy, Coco, and Sophie.

Peyton really enjoys school and says that it is the environment at VUHS that has made his experience so meaningful. He's constantly surrounded by friends and peers who brighten his school day just through a conversation. Some of his favorite classes are AP Language, Chorus and his dual enrollment course, Intro to Political Science. In the past Peyton has not been very interested in politics, but since participating in Green Mountain Boys State, Political Science has become one of his chief pursuits and he hopes to make it a focus when he goes to college.

A gifted singer, Peyton has been selected for the New England Music Festival three times. He played Buddy in last year's VUHS fall musical, "Elf," and has the lead in this fall's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." He was also elected President of Chorus and is a member of the Commodore singers. Musicals at VUHS have been his favorite activity since 8th grade. "I just feel so happy when I get to perform for an audience and my life would be without a purpose if I didn't have music," he says. Peyton plays baseball and says he has loved every second of it, taking time to learn, critique and better his skills. Coach Andy O'Brien has been particularly supportive and influential in this. He is also active in student government. On top of it all, Peyton is an excellent student, receiving High Honors all semesters so far, as well as membership in the National Honor Society. He dedicates most of his spare time to anything associated with either music, writing, hanging out with friends, or travelling.

An important takeaway VUHS has provided Peyton is patience. He says, "everything takes time, and you have to learn how to manage your time well so you're not sitting around waiting for something to happen."

Looking forward, Peyton wants to get a degree in Political Science and then go on to work in government, or possibly get a Law degree. And of course, he wants to continue singing and take classes in voice and theater. The VUHS community wishes him all the best.



Peyton Paquette  
VUHS

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A CLOSE COMPETITION arose between the Mount Abraham Union High School's intermediate four-oar skiff and the experienced six-oar gig at the Otter Creek Challenge Race in Vergennes on Oct. 29. Photo/Buzz Kuhns



BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL rounds the last turn in the race at Vergennes Falls for victory in the novice four-oar race at the Otter Creek Challenge on Oct. 29. Photo/Buzz Kuhns

## Rowers compete on the Otter Creek

By REBECCA BURNS, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

VERGENNES — More than 100 youth rowers gathered at Vergennes Falls Park on the morning of Oct. 29, for the annual Otter Creek Challenge rowing race. The morning air was crisp with mist rising off the surface of the water and frost covering the fleet of rowing gigs as the sun rose above the falls just in time for the start of the first race of the day.

The Otter Creek Challenge is an annual youth rowing race held by Lake Champlain Maritime Museum for participating Vermont middle and high school open-water rowing teams. It is the final Vermont race of the fall rowing season for these intrepid rowers as they row in four and six-oar wooden rowing gigs. Crews race down a two-mile course that starts and ends at the Vergennes Falls. The race is divided into three divisions: novice, intermediate, and experienced, who compete within their groups for the best times.

First to hit the water were novice teams: four-oar skiffs and six-oar gigs. The crews raced one mile downstream, made a tight 180-degree turn, then raced one mile back upstream to Vergennes Falls, where they made one more 180-degree turn to the finish line.

In the four-oar novice group,

*The crews raced one mile downstream, made a tight 180-degree turn, then raced one mile back upstream to Vergennes Falls, where they made one more 180-degree turn to the finish line.*

Burlington High School's team won first place followed closely by Champlain Valley in second. The Lake Champlain Waldorf School made an impressive third-place finish in their first-ever rowing race, and CVU wrapped up this novice four-oar division in fourth.

In the novice six-oar gig division, South Burlington came in first and one of two Vergennes teams came in a remarkable second place with the majority of their crew in middle school competing in their first-ever race. Burlington and the second Vergennes team rounded out the novice six-oar race in third and fourth place respectively.

The intermediate and experienced crews hit the water next to compete on a longer, three-mile course down Otter Creek with two 180-degree turns. Mount Abraham had a strong showing as the only entry in the intermediate four. Three crews competed in the intermediate six-oar division with CVU bringing home the victory, Vergennes in second, and Rice closed out the field in third place.

Burlington and South Burlington raced head-to-head for victory in the experienced four-oar division. Burlington was victorious and set the fastest time of the day on the three-mile course. South Burlington came in a close second. In the final event of the day, CVU won



VERGENNES MIDDLE AND High Schools, Burlington and South Burlington make a strong start in the novice six-oar race at the Otter Creek Challenge in Vergennes on Oct. 29. Photo/Buzz Kuhns

the experienced six-oar division race. Mount Abraham fought hard for second place, followed by Burlington. All competitors demonstrated incredible teamwork and tenacity as they raced down the creek.

In a nod to Halloween, which usually closely coincides with the Otter Creek Challenge race, the day ended with a costume contest

for the best dressed teams and individuals. Many competitors and spectators embodied the spirit of Halloween with an assortment of creative costumes. Among the best costumes were a team dressed as Pac Man and the ghosts, chefs racing in hats and aprons, FBI agents, and more.

While some of the teams to compete this past weekend are done

for the season, several others will brave the chilly fall temperatures and dark evenings for a few more weeks as they train for the final race opportunity of the season: The Icebreaker Northeast Regional Youth Open-Water Rowing Championships in Boston on Nov. 19.

Fall and winter also mean the start of the Museum's boat-

building season as the team at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will be busy maintaining this fleet of hand-built longboats and building a new 25' four-oar rowing gig with our student boat builders from local high schools. Learn more about the Museum's boat building and rowing program at [www.lcmm.org/champlain-longboats-program/](http://www.lcmm.org/champlain-longboats-program/)



VERGENNES HIGH SCHOOL, Rice Memorial, and Champlain Valley are off to a strong start in the intermediate six-oar race at the Otter Creek Challenge race on Oct. 29. Photo/Buzz Kuhns



COMPETITION WAS CLOSE at the start of the experienced six-oar and four-oar race at the Otter Creek Challenge race on Oct. 29, with teams from Burlington and South Burlington, Champlain Valley Union and Mount Abraham Union high schools. Photo/Buzz Kuhns

## Film on hunger & homeless to be shown on Nov. 13

MIDDLEBURY — Addison County Community Trust and John Graham Housing and Services will co-sponsor a screening of the film "A Place at the Table," Sunday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m., at the Marquis Theater as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, a nationwide endeavor by the National Coalition for the Homeless to promote education, action, and awareness about hunger and homelessness.

"A Place at the Table," winner of the 2013 Pare Lorentz Award, is a documentary that investigates incidents of hunger experienced by millions of Americans, and proposed solutions to the problem.

An audience Q and A with Elise Shanbacher, Addison County Community Trust, and Susan Whitmore, John Graham Housing and Services, will follow the film

at 7:30. Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission is free, with a canned good donation.

Addison County Community Trust (ACCT) is a nonprofit affordable housing trust located in downtown Vergennes. ACCT develops, owns, and manages over 700 units of perpetually affordable housing in Addison County, including multifamily rental apartments, mobile home parks, single-family home ownership opportunities, and resident services programs like Support and Services at Home for area seniors.

John Graham Housing and Services, founded in 1981, has a mission to provide emergency shelter, affordable housing, and essential services to individuals and families without a home or facing housing instability in Addison County.

## Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on Nov. 2 worked with federal law enforcement and the Bank of America's fraud department to prevent a fraudulent check for about \$6,900 being charged to a city law firm.

A representative of the law firm reported to city police a check written to a fire protection firm had at some point been altered from \$115 to \$6,900. City police contacted Bank of America and said it was determined the check was being held at a postal processing center in North Attleboro, Mass.

Federal law enforcement and bank officers determined the identity of the person who had deposited the check and were able to halt the transfer of funds, city police said. As of earlier this week an arrest of a Massachusetts resident was believed to be

imminent, they added.

Between Oct. 31 and Nov. 6, Vergennes police also conducted one patrol on foot and one by cruiser, one traffic stop and three VIN inspections, and also:

- On Nov. 1 checked the welfare of a city resident's ex-girlfriend, to whom he had lent his car. Police said she was OK.

- On Nov. 3:
  - After spotting a man walking at least partially on Route 7's traveled lanes just south of Vergennes, spoke to him and discovered he was walking to Middlebury. Police gave him a ride to the downtown Tri-Valley Transit bus stop.
  - Helped a South Maple Street resident get into a locked vehicle.

- On Nov. 4:
  - Heard from a woman that she had removed \$200 from a National Bank of Middlebury

ATM, but forgotten to take it with her when she left. The money was gone when she returned, she told police. The incident remains under investigation.

- Backed up a Colchester police officer who was citing a driver for operating with a suspended license on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh.

- On Nov. 5:
  - Cited Jeremy Jennings, 39, of Bristol for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without insurance and with plates not assigned to a vehicle, and driving with a suspended license and an open container of alcohol.

Police said they first spotted Jennings driving erratically near the intersection of New Haven Road and Green Street in the city, and followed him onto Route 7 heading south, alleging he drove 65 mph and had trouble staying

in his lane before they pulled him over on the highway in New Haven. Police alleged his blood-alcohol content tested at 0.117; the legal limit for driving is 0.08.

- Accepted a tip about a local man allegedly driving with a suspended license.

- After checking a report of a car parked after hours at the former Meigs Road home of DR products, issued court diversion paperwork to three juveniles in the car for THC consumption. Police also called the teens' parents to pick them up.

- Responded to spray-paint vandalism at the city recycling center, including to the interior of a portable toilet, a truck and the recycling building. Police said the most notable of the painted objects was a clown face on the back of the building.

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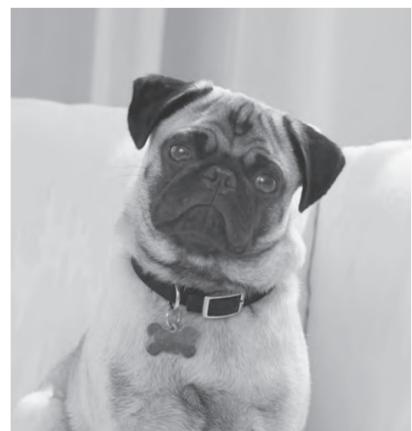
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**AL-ANON OFFERS HELP** and hope to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's drinking. Middlebury hosts an online meeting Sunday night 7:15pm and a face to face one Wednesday at 1:30pm at CVUUS (2 Duane Court Middlebury near the high school) that you can also access by Zoom. Visit [vermontalananonlateen.org](http://vermontalananonlateen.org) for links and list of other meetings in the region. If you'd like to speak to an Al-Anon member, call our answering service (866-972-5266) and an Al-Anon member will call you back.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in person meetings are available. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-388-9284.

**THE TURNING POINT CENTER** of Addison County is open for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm, 54A Creek Road, Middlebury. We are available by phone 24/7 at 802-388-4249.

**Public Meetings**

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**Public Meetings**

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**Middlebury Agway - 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.**  
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**Help Wanted**

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**Addison County Parent/Child Center**  
**CHILDCARE WORKER/PARENT EDUCATOR**  
 Join the Parent/Child Center Team  
 CHILDCARE WORKER/PARENT EDUCATOR  
 Childcare Staff Position:  
 We are seeking a childcare worker who will work with children and parents in our therapeutic program. This is a full-time position with generous benefits. We are a therapeutic childcare program that supports children birth through 5 and their families.  
 Strong candidates must have knowledge of child development, family systems, excellent communication skills, and want to work with young families. Flexibility and collaboration are a must.  
 Please send a resume and cover letter, to Donna Bailey at [d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org](mailto:d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org).

**Help Wanted**

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**MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MUHS COACHING POSITIONS**  
 Middlebury Union High School is seeking the following:  
**Varsity Boys' Assistant Hockey Coach**  
**Varsity Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach**  
 Applicants must possess a strong knowledge of coaching principles with previous coaching experience preferred. Must possess strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate and relate to student athletes.  
**Interested parties should send a letter of interest, resume, and three current letters of reference to:**  
 Sean Farrell/Athletic Director  
 Middlebury Union Middle School  
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**Volunteer Scheduler**  
 Help the team schedule client appointments one or more days per week. Skills required include:  
 • Organization skills and attention to detail.  
 • Excellent computer skills and the ability to use and update shared Google spreadsheets/calendars.  
 • Being comfortable on the phone, a great listener and a clear communicator.  
**Volunteer Mailer**  
 Help the team address envelopes and mail letters to clients. Computer skills are needed as this position utilizes a Google spreadsheet.  
**Please contact RSVP of Addison County at 802-388-7044 or [lynnsrvptfgp@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsrvptfgp@gmail.com) if you would like to join our team!**  
  


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Help Wanted

(September and March). Potential exists for the right person to move into the Treasurer's position. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to: Assistant Treasurer, P.O. Box 66, Salisbury, VT 05769 EOE.

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Help Wanted

**HOME CARE PROVIDER** needed for elderly independent individual with special needs. Care for the individual in your home. Per Diem Respite Position in Brandon - Weekly/weekend hours available. Flexible Employer. Competitive hourly rates. Call for more information, 802-398-5657 or [respites2022@yahoo.com](mailto:respites2022@yahoo.com)

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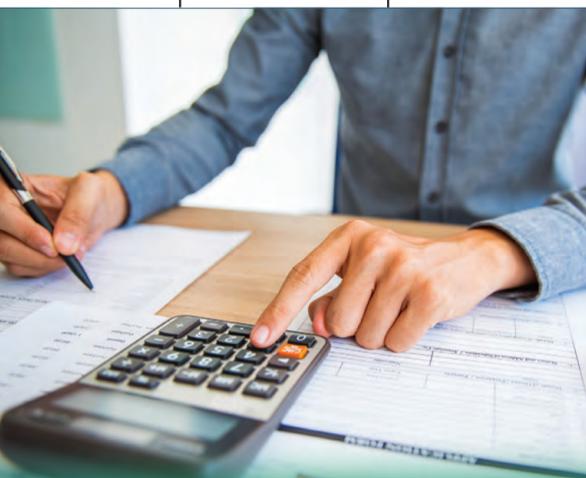
  
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## Part-time bookkeeping

We're seeking a bookkeeper who has room in their schedule to take on another account. Payroll (and quarterly income taxes) are done by a third party firm. Position writes checks for accounts payable, but does not handle receivables. Knowledge of Quickbooks essential, as are basic accounting principles. Hours required: about 4-5 per week.

## INTERESTED?

Send resumé, cover letter with a few references, to: Angelo Lynn, Addison County Independent, at [angelo@addisonindependent.com](mailto:angelo@addisonindependent.com).

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Help Wanted ads can be found on Page 10B, 11B and 12B.

  
**Addison County Parent/Child Center**  
**Co-Director**  
The Addison County Parent/Child Center (ACPC) is seeking a Co-Director to LEAD this well-known and highly respected non-profit located in Middlebury, Vermont. The ACPC is dedicated to providing family support services, therapeutic childcare and education, prevention and support for youth, adults and children in Addison County.  
This is a great opportunity for an innovative, creative, energetic, engaged community leader who is passionate about making a difference in a co-directorship model.  
**The successful candidate will possess:**  
• Strong communication skills  
• A team-oriented work style  
• A passion for working with families and children  
• A dedication to social justice issues  
**The successful candidate will have experience:**  
• Working with human services and state agencies in all aspects of human resource and personnel management  
Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to Donna Bailey at [d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org](mailto:d Bailey@addisoncountypcc.org).

  
**Addison County Parent/Child Center**  
**Outreach Position**  
We are seeking a staff person to be a part of our Outreach team, which provides support to young families through center and home-based services.  
Position includes individual and group work opportunities, collaboration with community agencies and home visiting. MSW preferred or a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a related field is required.  
**Great working environment and benefits!  
Total hours are negotiable.**  
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BY MARRIOTT  
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**Interested, qualified candidates can apply in person at 309 Court Street, Middlebury.**  
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**ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COACHING POSITIONS**  
**Middlebury Union High School:**  
Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Coach  
Junior Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Coach  
Varsity Softball Coach  
Applicants must possess a strong knowledge of coaching principles with previous coaching experience preferred. Must possess strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate and relate to student athletes.  
**Interested parties should send a letter of interest, resume, and three current letters of reference to:**  
Sean Farrell/Athletic Director  
Middlebury Union High School  
73 Charles Avenue  
Middlebury, VT 05753  
**Middlebury Union Middle School:**  
7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach  
Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
Applicants must possess a strong knowledge of coaching principles with previous coaching experience preferred. Must possess strong organizational skills and the ability to communicate and relate to student athletes.  
**Interested parties should send a letter of interest, resume, and three current letters of reference to:**  
Esther Charlestin/Dean of School Culture & Climate  
Middlebury Union Middle School  
48 Deerfield Lane  
Middlebury, VT 05753  
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**Sunday School Coordinator**  
The Congregational Church of Vergennes, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation of 135 members seeking a Sunday School Coordinator. We are a vibrant, Christian community—full of life, music, and laughter. We have a long history of deeply appreciating the gifts of our staff in supporting an inclusive, loving, and compassionate ministry in the heart of our little city.  
The pay rate is \$25 per hour, and the hours range from 8 to 15 hours per week depending upon applicant interest. We seek a person of faith with experience working with children, who will direct a program of stimulating and nourishing faith formation. If this sounds like the way you want to make a big impact in our community, please contact Rev. Elliott Munn at [elliott@vergenesucc.org](mailto:elliott@vergenesucc.org).  
**For more information, including the Job Description, please go to the church's website: [www.vergenesucc.org/cfmsearch](http://www.vergenesucc.org/cfmsearch)**

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## Help Wanted

**SWIFT HOUSE INN** is hiring a Breakfast Server to take and deliver orders. If you're an early bird who enjoys talking to people and thrives in a fast-paced workplace, we'd like to

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meet you. Weekend availability a must. Full-time. To apply please call 802-388-9925, email: rissa@swifthouseinn.com, or drop by the inn and ask for an in-person application.

## For Sale

**CABINET:** \$25.00. 28" tall X 30" wide. 2 deep drawers. 518-942-3325.

**FIBERGLASS CAP FOR S10 Chevy truck,** cab high with slide window. L76", W59", and aluminum cap for Ford Ranger truck, cab high with slide window L86", W62". Best offer. 802-453-3396.

**FIREPLACE MANTEL,** 220 yrs old. \$1,000. obo. 802-877-2255.

## For Rent

**12' X 24' STORAGE SPACES** in Brandon. Call 802-349-4212.

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**DRY, SECURE WINTER storage.** 12' wide, 16' high, 32' deep. Middlebury. \$300/mo. 802-388-0860.

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## For Rent

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- Bristol Stor-Mor (1)
- New Haven (1)
- Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (1)
- Slate Valley Unified School District (1)
- State of Vermont (1)
- Vergennes Panton Water District (1)

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## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District will hold a public hearing on its proposed draft 2023 Annual Budget on **Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM** remotely via Zoom. Log-in instructions will be included on the meeting agenda. For a copy of the meeting agenda and/or proposed draft 2023 Annual Budget, please visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org) or call the District at 802-388-2333.

## NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF PERSONNEL RECORDS RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

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Let this serve as notice that Personnel Records of employees who were employed at Barstow Memorial School, Lothrop Elementary School, Neshobe School, Otter Creek Academy (formally known as Leicester Central, Sudbury County and Whiting Elementary Schools), or Otter Valley High School prior and up to the 1992 school year are being destroyed in accordance with Federal, State and Local Guidelines.

Anyone who would like their record should call Pam Reed at the RNESU Office at (802)247-5757 prior to December 31, 2022 to make arrangements to pick it up.  
Brooke Dahlin  
Human Resources Coordinator

## WARNING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. DECEMBER 13, 2022

The legal voters of VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. are hereby notified and warned to meet at the V.P.W.D. office building on Canal Street in the City of Vergennes in said District, on the 13th day of December, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in person to transact the following business to wit:

**ARTICLE I:** To elect by ballot the following officers:

- (a) a moderator
- (b) a clerk
- (c) a treasurer

**ARTICLE II:** To hear and act upon the reports from the officers of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC.

**ARTICLE III:** To have presented by the Board of Commissioners of the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. their estimate of expenses for the ensuring year and to appropriate such sum as it, the VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT, INC. deems necessary for said expenses together with the amount required to pay the balance, if any, left unpaid expressing said sum in dollars in its vote.

**ARTICLE IV:** To establish salaries for the Commissioners and other elected officers of the Water District.

**ARTICLE V:** To see whether the voters of said Water District will authorize its Board to borrow money pending receipt of water rents, by issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one(1) year to date.

**ARTICLE VI:** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated at Vergennes, Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2022  
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VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT

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## 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).

Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) Amendments.  
Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P028

**AGENCY:** Department of Public Service

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** These standards regulate the design and construction of residential buildings to require adequate thermal insulation, low air leakage, effective and efficient mechanical, ventilation, electrical, service waterheating and illumination systems and equipment to enable effective use of energy in residential buildings. This is an update of the 2020 Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES). Among the more significant changes from 2020 RBES are: Increased insulation R- values for walls, ceilings and basements; a continuous insulation requirement for walls; increased minimum window R-values; tighter airsealing requirements; efficient balanced whole-house ventilation system with heat recovery requirement; EV Capable and Solar Ready requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Kelly Launder, Department of Public Service, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-4039 Email: [kelly.launder@vermont.gov](mailto:kelly.launder@vermont.gov) URL: <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/building-energy-standards-update>.

**FOR COPIES:** Ben Civiletti, Department of Public Service, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-622-4388 Email: [Benjamin.Civiletti@vermont.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Civiletti@vermont.gov)

Vermont Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES) Amendments.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P029

**AGENCY:** Department of Public Service

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** This proposed rule amends the existing Vermont Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES), last updated in 2020. The amendments reduce energy use in commercial buildings and improve efficiency of building operations by regulating the design of building envelopes for adequate thermal resistance and low air leakage and the design and selection of mechanical, ventilation, electrical, service water- heating and illumination systems and equipment which will enable effective use of energy in commercial building construction. This will reduce costs of operation while improving efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing the internal environment of a building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Barry Murphy, Department of Public Service, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-828-3183 Email: [barry.murphy@vermont.gov](mailto:barry.murphy@vermont.gov) URL: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/building-energy-standards-update>.

**FOR COPIES:** Ben Civiletti, Department of Public Service, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 Tel: 802-622-4388 Email: [Benjamin.Civiletti@vermont.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Civiletti@vermont.gov)

Licensing Regulations for Foster Homes in Vermont.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P030

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** This rule adds language to Section 200 of the Licensing Regulations for Foster Homes in Vermont prohibiting a foster parent from discriminating against a foster child based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, or political beliefs. The rule also adds language to section 201 requiring foster parents to support children in wearing hairstyles, clothing, and accessories affirming of the child's racial, cultural, tribal, religious, or gender identity. The rule amends section 035 to prohibit DCF from granting variances to the nondiscrimination provisions of the rules. The rule corrects typographical and grammatical errors that are present in the current rule.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Heidi Moreau, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-595-9639 Email: [heidi.moreau@vermont.gov](mailto:heidi.moreau@vermont.gov) URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/laws-rules>.

**FOR COPIES:** Jennifer Myka, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1080 Tel: 802-798-9824 Email: [jennifer.myka@vermont.gov](mailto:jennifer.myka@vermont.gov)

**NOTE:** The four rules below have been promulgated by the Agency of Human Services who has requested the notices be combined to facilitate a savings for the agency. When contacting the agency about these rules please note the title and rule number of the rule(s) you are interested in.

- Telehealth – Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P031
- Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices – Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P032
- Podiatry Services – Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P033
- Transplantation Services – Vermont Proposed Rule: 22P034

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The proposed rules set forth criteria for coverage and service delivery for the Medicaid program. These rules are part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules (HCAR) designed to improve public accessibility and comprehension of the rules under Vermont's Medicaid Program. The amendments to each of the four rules align with relevant federal and state law and guidance. The amendment to telehealth adds audio-only services and outlines requirements for service delivery via audio-only as well as updates terminology and added clarity. The amendments to prosthetic and orthotic devices, podiatry services, and transplantation services were made to be consistent with HCAR language and formatting and to align with current practices.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Hillary Hill, Agency of Human Services, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1000; Tel: 802-989-4245; Fax: 802-241-0450; E-mail: [Hillary.hill@vermont.gov](mailto:Hillary.hill@vermont.gov); URL: <https://human-services.vermont.gov/rules-policies/health-care-rules/health-care-administrative-rules-hcar>

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# ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

November 10, 2022



Middlebury poet and pediatrician Jack Mayer has published another collection of poetry. "Entanglements: Physics, love, and wilderness dreams" is now available at The Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

## Get 'Entangled' in poetry by local pediatrician

**W**hen Jack Mayer is walking alone on the Long Trail, he carries a small notebook — a place to jot down whatever comes to his mind.

BY **ELSIE**  
LYNN PARINI

"When I'm walking alone, I'm not distracted by conversation or worldly concerns... I'm available for whatever

percolates up," explained Mayer, a long-time pediatrician who established Rainbow Pediatrics in Middlebury. "I very quickly feel this change come over me... I start to feel my

interconnectedness and interdependence with the world. It's a sense of meditation and an opportunity for metaphors to become manifest."

For more than four decades Mayer has been walking and writing; leaving first drafts of his poems at shelters along the trail. Next week, Mayer's most recent collection of poetry, "Entanglements: Physics, love, and wilderness dreams," will be released.

"I am fascinated by the compelling strangeness of sub-atomic physics and quantum theory," Mayer wrote in a statement. "I am a retired pediatrician and a writer, not a physicist. I hear poetry in particle physics, which is all about entanglements and

relationships."

This collection of poetry draws on decades of Mayer's writings. He divides the collection into themed sections — Doctor Poems, Quantum Entanglements, Covid/Plague, Love, Wilderness and Dreams — with a delightful "intermission" poem that reaches back to his days in Gross Anatomy as a medical student.

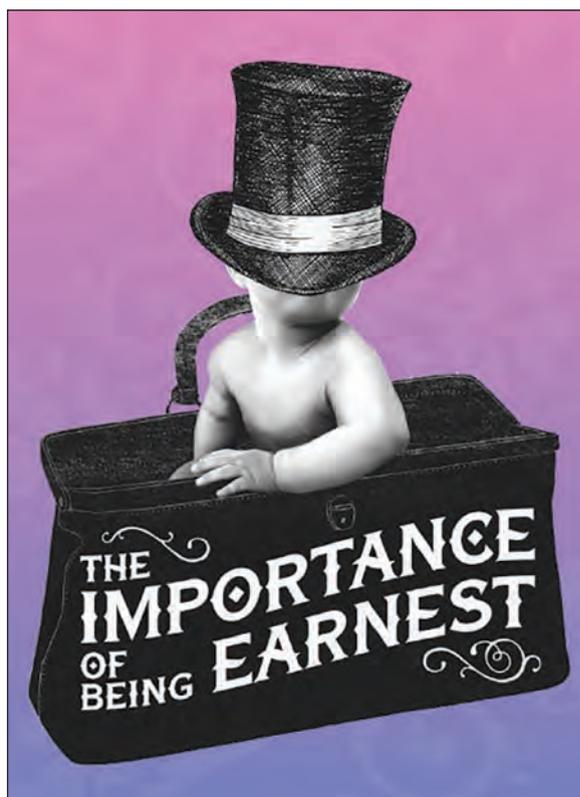
The collection starts with poems inspired by Mayer's pediatric practice in Franklin County, Vt. "I take the reader into the heart and soul of a healer inspired to find meaning in my patients' often difficult lives," Mayer wrote. "Unique connections are unearthed."

SEE POETRY ON PAGE 3

# Audition for *The Importance of Being Earnest*

**T**he Middlebury Community Players will hold auditions for their February 2023 production of Oscar Wilde's classic comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," on Nov. 13 and 14, at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury. Set in late-19th century England, the play explores the pretentiousness of the upper-class Victorian society that forces Jack and Algernon to create fictitious lives to avoid the social repercussions of their less attractive lifestyles. But their clever tricks become increasingly difficult to maintain when they insist on proposing marriage to the women they love.

There are roles for men and women in a wide range of ages, from their 20s through their 60s/70s. The play will be directed by Peter Kristoph, who directed MCP's acclaimed production of Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in June 2022. Actors should try to put forth their best British accents at auditions, but need not worry if they feel inexperienced in doing so. Learning to speak in the manner of late-19th century Victorians will be part of the rehearsal process.



## AUDITION DETAILS

(Please come to only one audition session.)  
• Town Hall Theater, 68 South Pleasant St.,

Middlebury

- Sunday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m. Check-in: 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m. Check-in: 6:30 p.m.
- Callbacks will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m. (if needed).

## ADVANCE SCRIPT ACCESS

Actors auditioning may want to read the play beforehand. You may access the script online (and download and print it out for free, if you'd like) at [gutenberg.org/ebooks/844](http://gutenberg.org/ebooks/844).

Rehearsals will begin Nov. 27. Performances will be Feb. 16-19, 2023 (7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, 17, 18; 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 19) at Town Hall Theater.

COVID Protocols. All those attending auditions are required to provide proof of vaccination. Masking will be optional for participants. These protocols will be in effect throughout rehearsals, depending on current health recommendations.

Visit [middleburycommunityplayers.org](http://middleburycommunityplayers.org) or Facebook for detailed character descriptions, contact information and more.

# ART ON EXHIBIT

## Brandon Artists Guild opens Holiday Show exhibit and shop

The downtown Brandon gallery is hung with care to share the joy of the holidays. Find the perfect gift in the gallery's artisan market, full of handcrafted wonders, from enticing pottery and stained glass, distinctive jewelry and glorious photography, precious ornaments and eccentric dolls, as well as a delightfully large selection of finely crafted original artworks by more than 30 Vermont artists.

Joining the guild this holiday season are three talented exhibiting members: Ashley Wolff, Catherine Palmer and Judith Reilly. The Holiday Show exhibit will run from Nov. 11-Jan. 29, with an opening reception, free and open to all, with an opportunity to celebrate and meet the artists, on Friday, Nov. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

For more information visit [brandonartistsguild.org](http://brandonartistsguild.org) or call 802-247-4956.



Come see work by Ashley Wolff (above), Judith Reilly (left) and Catherine Palmer (below) at the Brandon Artists Guild. An opening reception with the artists will be held on Friday, from 5-7 p.m.



## POETRY

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Mayer remembers vividly a time when he was making weekly house calls to a family of a newborn with a

terminal disease. She lived for six months.

"I was so moved by this family," he said. "That's when I started dipping my toe into this poetry pool."

"There is also a 'micro' world," Mayer's introduction reads, "grounded in Cosmology, in the fundamental laws and theories of physics, the very boundaries of existence, and in the quantum world of particles: quarks, Higgs bosons, muons, neutrinos, and those yet to be discovered. Each is bounteous with metaphor and wonder; another world of connection and relationship."

But don't worry, Mayer assured, "there isn't one physics equation in the whole book."

In fact, Mayer didn't even like physics when he was in school. But somewhere in his 20s or 30s, he encountered the concept that the table he was sitting at was made up of mostly empty space and he recognized it as a table because of his relationship with the atoms — well, that made him think.

"What is this thing we call reality?" Mayer asked.

"I am continuously drawn to articles about the quantum world; in contradistinction to

Newtonian laws, quantum theory is based on probability and uncertainty... It allows a space for wonder and perplexity without coming to conclusions or solutions."

Consider love at first sight, Mayer offered, pointing to the poem "Spooky" *Entanglements*.

**".. In the weird world of quantum physics,  
A particle on one side of the universe  
Simultaneously effects a particle  
On the other side of the universe.  
A long-distance relationship.  
Physicists call it "simultaneity"  
And "quantum entanglement."  
Einstein had his doubts.**

**"Spooky action at a distance," he scoffed.  
Something has to exceed the speed of light,  
And that is forbidden, a civil violation,  
Three points on your license  
And a warning not to reoffend.**

**And talk about a long-distance relationship.  
Lovers connected by something unknown,  
Something more than banal electrons, photons,  
particles and other barely visible  
and invisible "spooky" stuff.**

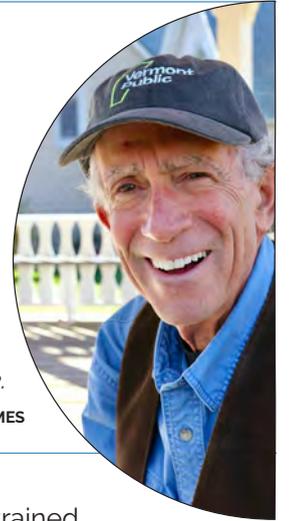
**What Einstein didn't appreciate,  
Much less understand,  
Was love at first sight,  
Recognition of soul mates  
From opposite ends of the universe  
And in 11 dimensions.  
"Spooky" is another way of saying,  
"I love you."**

— Written by Jack Mayer on the Vermont Long Trail, Cooley Glen Shelter, May 19, 2021.

"I REFRAIN FROM  
TAKING THE  
UNIVERSE  
PERSONALLY OR  
SERIOUSLY."

Jack Mayer posed for a  
portrait last week.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES



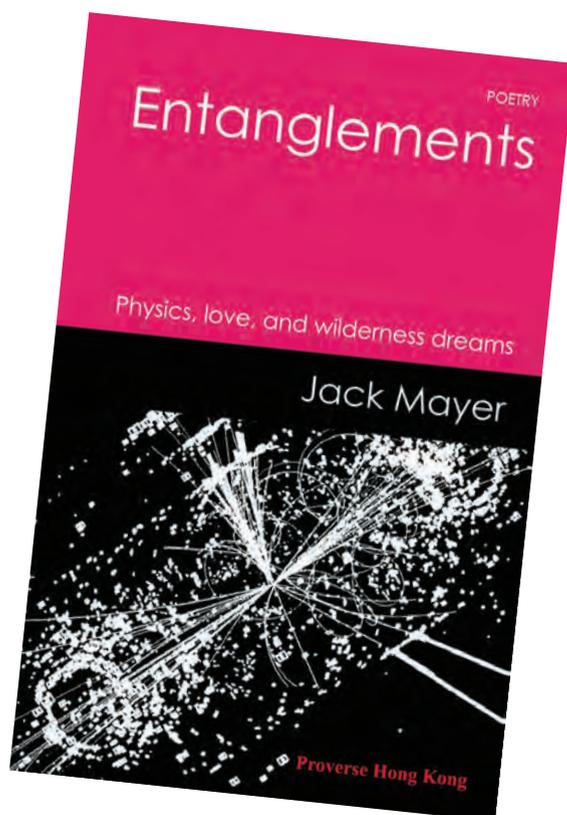
Mayer calls himself an "untrained poet," and takes a "non-academic approach to poetry." The result is a collection of poetry that reads with ease, humor and accessibility — a comfy companion to quantum physics. And for those readers more keenly involved in all things quantum, Mayer's work is vetted by Rich Wolfson, an Emeritus Professor of Physics at Middlebury College.

"I refrain from taking the universe personally or seriously," Mayer recited one of his affirmations. "Another is: 'I practice mindfulness moment to moment, non-judgmental awareness.'"

Simply put, Mayer writes his poems from his spectrum of experiences in the wilderness, as a parent and as a doctor.

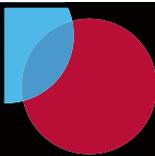
"I have discovered a durable thread that connects these musings on entanglements — our fundamental connections," Mayer summarized. "Our quest for meaning depends on relationships, the matrix within which we endeavor to understand. Like the fundamental physics that defines the mechanisms of life, we are entangled."

Editor's Note: "Entanglements" is available at The Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury.



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— Jack Mayer



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# UPCOMING MUSIC

## New Rhythm and Blues Quartet will rock the Vergennes Opera House on Nov. 16

### details

**What:** NRBQ mid-week concert

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 16.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Vergennes Opera House

**Tickets:** \$30 in advance / \$40 at the door. Available at [VergennesOperaHouse.org](http://VergennesOperaHouse.org).

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, New Rhythm and Blues Quartet (NRBQ) with horns (Whole Wheat Horns) will rock the old bones of the historic Vergennes Opera House and turn the stage into a fantastic musical playground.

NRBQ is that rare group that's eclectic, stylistically innovative, and creatively ambitious while also sounding thoroughly unpretentious and accessible. They casually serve up barrelhouse R&B, British Invasion pop, fourth-gear rockabilly, exploratory free jazz, and dozens of other flavors while giving it all a stomp-down rhythm that makes fans dance in the aisles with joy.

"I heard NRBQ when they opened the Bonnie Raitt concert at the Flynn this past spring and I was blown away," said Gerianne Smart, President of the Friends of the Vergennes Opera House. "Before the intermission was over, I had made contact with their manager and booked them five days later."

The opening act for the Vergennes Opera House show is the Kris Lager Band, which is based out of Omaha, Nebraska and is zig zagging the country spreading their brand of "Feel Good Funk & Heavy Soul." Their swaggering rock-n-roll and blues infused electric guitar grooves will set the stage perfectly for an amazing night of music.



As always, 100% of the proceeds go toward the continued operations and renovations of the Vergennes Opera House, with a special focus this year on Phase 1 of the "All Access Project." Phase 1 will provide "shovel ready" architectural plans for the new elevator tower access and lift for the dressing room and stage levels. Information on the All Access Project as well as the full slate of

performances scheduled for the 2022-2023 Vergennes Opera House season can be found at [VergennesOperaHouse.org](http://VergennesOperaHouse.org).

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, if available. General seating. Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, visit [VergennesOperaHouse.org](http://VergennesOperaHouse.org).

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## BRANDON ARTISTS GUILD

7 Center St, Brandon

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**"2022 Holiday Show,"** showcases finely crafted original artworks by more than 30 Vermont artists. Joining BAG this season are Ashley Wolff, Catherine Palmer and Judith Reilly. On view Nov. 11-Jan. 29, with an opening reception, free and open to all, with an opportunity to celebrate and meet the artists, on Friday, Nov. 11, from 5-7 p.m.

## EDGEWATER GALLERY AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit [edgewatergallery.com](http://edgewatergallery.com), call 802-458-0098 or email [info@edgewatergallery-vt.com](mailto:info@edgewatergallery-vt.com) for more info.

**"Tidal,"** a solo exhibition of new paintings by Ellen Granter, who chronicles the effect of the progression of the day and the changing seasons on the coastal landscape and its birdlife. On view Oct. 1-Nov. 15.

## JACKSON GALLERY

68 S Pleasant Street, Middlebury

Visit [townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery](http://townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery) or call 802-382-9222 for more info.

## "Feral Stitching: Four Artists Collaborating,"

featuring a collection of fiber art explorations created by Sarah Ashe, Janet Fredericks, Kari Hansen and Lily Hinrichsen. On view through Nov. 30.

## SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://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.

## PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit [photoplacegallery.com](http://photoplacegallery.com).

**"Monochrome"** celebrates the beauty and powerful expressive ability of monochrome photography. Jennifer Schlesinger juried 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 Oct. 27-Nov. 25.



**ARIES:** March 21/April 20. You may become impatient with the slow progress of a project at work, Aries. Before you get your feathers all ruffled, figure out if bringing more people on the team may help.

**TAURUS:** April 21/May 21. It may have taken a while, but you'll start to see some results from actions you initiated weeks ago, Taurus. Your steady pace will pay off in a big way.

**GEMINI:** May 22/June 21. Lean on all of your social contacts this week, Gemini. If you're looking to get out of the house and have fun, they will probably have some ideas on where to go.

**CANCER:** June 22/July 22. Be on guard with issues concerning your love life and relationships, Cancer. Things that were working out smoothly may need a little extra attention for the time being.

**LEO:** July 23/Aug. 23. Luck will manifest itself in some surprising ways over the course of the next few days, Leo. Seemingly out of nowhere you will have a good turn of events that propel you forward.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Negotiations will go in your favor this week, Virgo. Therefore, if you've been seeking a raise or a promotion, you may see that the tides have finally shifted in that direction.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Watch out for overspending that can derail the careful budget that you have set in place, Libra. It

may be wise to leave a credit card at home for the next few days.

**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Brace yourself, Scorpio, as things could get a bit wild this week. Energy levels rise and tempers may flare. Figure out the best way to stay calm amid this confusion.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Plenty of good vibes are coming your way, Sagittarius. You just need to figure out if you're going to share some good fortune with others and when that will occur.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22/Jan. 20. A sweet connection with someone else could happen this week, Capricorn. This may be the start of a lasting relationship, whether it is romantic or platonic.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Don't be afraid to showcase your natural talents, Aquarius. Your unique skill set enables you to have a little fun with others and show off a bit at work.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19/March 20. Figure out ways to connect with the life force that is all around you, Pisces. Try meditation in the outdoors to blend two experiences.

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## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 10 — Neil Gaiman, writer (62)

NOV. 11 — Kurt Vonnegut, writer (d)

NOV. 12 — Roland Barthes, literary theorist (d)

NOV. 13 — Robert Louis Stevenson, writer (d)

NOV. 14 — Astrid Lindgren, writer (d)

NOV. 15 — Liane Moriarty, writer (56)

NOV. 16 — Chinua Achebe, writer (d)

# CALENDAR

NOV. 10-19  
2022

## THURSDAY, NOV. 10

### "A KILLING COUPLE: THE COUPLE THAT KILLS TOGETHER (IN BOOKS) STAYS TOGETHER... OR DO THEY?"

in Vergennes. Thursday, Nov. 10, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Award-winning author S. Lee Manning and debut author J. B. Manning discuss not just their very different thrillers, their writing processes and why they write what they write, but how the writing affects their marriage, and their marriage affects their writing.

### MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY CLASSIC FILMS CLUB "IRONWEED" DISCUSSION IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library. Watch "Ironweed" on Kanopy then join Chris Kirby for a discussion of the film in the library lobby or via Zoom. Contact [chris.kirby@ilsleypubliclibrary.org](mailto:chris.kirby@ilsleypubliclibrary.org) for more information.

### "CREATIVE INFESTATION: HOW INSECTS HAVE CRAWLED, FLOWN, AND BURROWED THEIR WAY INTO MY (HE)ART" WEBINAR.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. Artist Judith Klausner has a love for small, intricate and overlooked things. Her experience of invisible disability and chronic pain play an integral role in how she views the world and creates art. She will discuss her work in a webinar presented by the Henry Sheldon Museum. More info [henrysheldonmuseum.org](http://henrysheldonmuseum.org).

**"KURT VONNEGUT: UNSTUCK IN TIME" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. An MNFF Selects Series monthly movie screening., Advance Tickets, \$14, [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org), or THT Box Office, 802-382-9222, or Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Walk Up Tickets night of show, \$16.

### THE MUSIC MAN ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. There's trouble right here in Middlebury. Come see the MUHS fall musical production of Meredith Willson's classic musical. Tickets \$8 students/\$10 adults. More info at 802-382-1192 or [acsdvt.org/muhs](http://acsdvt.org/muhs). Repeats Nov. 11 and 12.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 11

### VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR

**ANDERS MORLEY.** Friday, Nov. 11m 2 p.m., Eastview at Middlebury. Author Anders Morley discusses his book "This Land of Snow," the story of Morley's four-month journey through the wilds of northwestern Canada on cross-country skis. Winner of the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award for travel writing. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for the general public. For more info and Zoom link contact Cari Burkhard at [cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com](mailto:cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com) or 802-989-7515.

**ART OPENING IN BRANDON.** Friday, Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. Opening reception for "Just Imagine! A Holiday Giving Market." Free. Runs through Jan. 29.

**MAMAJAMAS IN BRANDON.** Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. This co-ed a capella group from Middlebury College makes its initial appearance in the Brandon Town Hall. The Group was formed in 1994 and craft exciting original arrangements, stretching their harmonic vocabulary and producing killer soloists. Tickets \$8 adult/\$6 seniors and students.

**ATOM & THE ORBITS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Far, far away or just on the Town Hall Theater stage, Atom & the Orbits will be jamming out to kick off your weekend right. Part of Town Hall Theater's Space

Week. Tickets \$15 adults/ \$10 for students, available at [townhalltheater.org](http://townhalltheater.org).

**THE MUSIC MAN ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 10 listing.

### "THE OWL HOUSE" WATCH PARTY IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, No. 11, 6:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Come watch the first episode of the third season with us. Discussion, laughs, and snacks to be had. The Owl House is an American animated fantasy television series.

**CASTALIAN QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. This internationally acclaimed quartet treats us to a free concert of exceptional works: Janáček's Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata"; Sibelius' Quartet in D Minor, "Voces intimae"; and Beethoven's Op. 130 Quartet, with the epic "Grosse Fuge" finale. Free.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 12

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN HANCOCK.

Saturday, Nov. 12, Middlebury Gap, Route 125. Hike the Long Trail south from Middlebury Gap. Moderate, 1.5 miles each way. Good views. Contact Morris Earle at [morrisearle@gmail.com](mailto:morrisearle@gmail.com) with questions or to register. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 8-10 a.m., Otter View Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all

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## MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091

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<p><b>MCTV Channel 1071</b> <b>Friday, November 11</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 6:30 a.m. Vote for Vermont - Manufactured Homes 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Select Board, Public Affairs 3 p.m. VICII: Anti-Semitism at UVM? A Constitutional Analysis of Louis Brandeis Center Complaint Against UVM 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Perspectives on Trauma <b>Saturday, November 12</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 4 a.m. VICII: Anti-Semitism at UVM 5 a.m. Sen. Bernie Sanders with Finland's Ambassador 7:30 a.m. What is going On - Free Speech with Christopher Aaron Felker 8 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 9 a.m. VICII: Anti-Semitism at UVM? 10 a.m. Select Board, Gov. Scott 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass <b>Sunday, November 13</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 9 a.m. Catholic Mass</p>	<p>10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 3 p.m. VICII: Anti-Semitism at UVM? 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. VICII: Anti-Semitism at UVM? 8:30 p.m. Gov. Scott 10:30 p.m. Green Mountain Care Board <b>Monday, November 14</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 8:30 a.m. Be Aware To Be Prepared 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Select Board &amp; Public Affairs 8 p.m. The 251 Club of Vermont 8:30 p.m. The News Project <b>Tuesday, November 15</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Energy Week 6 a.m. Anti-Semitism at UVM? 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Select Board &amp; Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Select Board &amp; Public Affairs <b>Wednesday, November 16</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5:30 a.m. Gov. Scott 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Select Board &amp; Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Select Board, Public Affairs <b>Thursday, November 17</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Select Board, Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Service 12 p.m. Select Board, Press Conf., Public Affairs 8 p.m. Energy Week 9 p.m. Eckankar <b>MCTV Channel 1091</b> <b>Friday, November 11</b> 4 a.m. GMALL Lecture - The Crisis of Knowledge 5:19 a.m. Saint J. Academy Fall Concert 6:05 a.m. Friends of the Burlington Barge Canal 10 a.m. State Board of Education 12:30 p.m. Local School Board Meeting 6 p.m. Saint J Academy Fall Concert 6:45 p.m. Lyndon Inst. 2022 Fall Concert 7:31 p.m. Annual Battle of the Bands 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. Art from Above - Caleb Kenna <b>Saturday, November 12</b> 2 a.m. State Board of Education 5 a.m. Medical Matters</p>	<p>5:30 a.m. Friends of Barge Canal 6 a.m. Battle of the Bands 7:20 a.m. Kid's Yoga, Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 1 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Battle of the Bands 7:30 p.m. Art from Above -Caleb Kenna 10 p.m. Dr. John Campbell <b>Sunday, November 13</b> 5 a.m. All Things LGTQ 6 a.m. Art from Above -Caleb Kenna 6:46 a.m. Kid's Yoga, Yoga 8 a.m. Snowflake Bentley - His Life and Work 9 a.m. Battle of the 12 p.m. Local School Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. Friends of Barge Canal 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. St. J. Academy Fall Concert 6:45 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 8 p.m. Snowflake Bentley <b>Monday, November 14</b> 5 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen 6 a.m. Yoga 7 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 4 p.m. All Brains Belong Vt 6 p.m. Lyndon Inst. Fall Concert 9 p.m. Dr. John Campbell</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 15</b> 5 a.m. Caleb Kenna 5:45 a.m. Lyndon Inst. Fall Concert 6:30 a.m. School Board Meetings 12 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 1 p.m. Festival On the Green 4 p.m. Interviews with Artists and Authors 8 p.m. Lyndon Institute Fall Concert 9:30 p.m. Medical Matters Weekly <b>Wednesday, November 16</b> 6 a.m. GMALL Lecture 7:30 a.m. Kid's Yoga 9 a.m. Festival On the Green 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. Artists and Authors 7 p.m. Current Topics in Science 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. All Brains Belong VT <b>Thursday, November 17</b> 5 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen 7 a.m. Kid's Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 1 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Festival On the Green 9 p.m. Artists and Authors</p>
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**"A DAY LONGER IN THE FIELD" LIVING HISTORY EVENT IN TICONDEROGA, N.Y.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fort Ticonderoga. Meet American Provincial soldiers who were eager to go home at the end of the 1759 Campaign. Witness how the soldiers in 1759 dealt with the harsh realities of winter on the northern frontier. Help us make history and try out timber framing.

**MUSHROOMS OF VERMONT WITH MEG MADDEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 10-11 a.m., Agway, Exchange Street. Join Mushroom maven, author, photographer, and mycology educator, Meg Madden on a visual tour of her favorite photography subject — the colorful, fascinating, and extraordinary world of mushrooms. Free.

**FOLEY BROTHERS BREWING 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND CHILI FEST IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Gazebo Park, downtown. Chili fest with local restaurants, music, games, and more. Featuring 10-Year Anniversary Ale Release (wine barrel aged golden sour ale). Proceeds will be donated to the local American Legion Veterans fund.

**COOK THE BOOK CLUB IN VERGENNES.** Saturday, Nov. 12, noon-2 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Sign up to cook an item from "The Immigrant Cookbook: Recipes that Make America Great" and bring it to share and discuss at a potluck lunch. No recipes left? Join us to enjoy the food and find out about the next cook the book. Copies of the cookbook available to check out.

**DISNEY'S "TREASURE PLANET" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 12:30 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. As part of Town Hall Theater's Space week, the Marquis Kids café will hold a free screening of "Treasure Planet."

**MUSIC SATURDAY IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Come hear Calypso Connections, featuring Jennifer Cohen on lead pan and Gary Meitrott on conga.

**THE MUSIC MAN ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m., Auditorium, Middlebury Union High School, 73 Charles Ave. See Nov. 10 listing.

**SPACE TALK IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2-4 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. In a family-friendly matinee, Town Hall Theater features local experts discussing all things outer space. Astrophysicist and Middlebury Professor Eilat Glikman guides a discussion featuring Paul Walker from The Vermont Astronomical Society, Chris Carella and Laura Smith share an exciting announcement from Benchmark Space Systems, plus details on topics such as how astronauts go to the bathroom in space, the library loaner telescope program, and more space facts and surprise appearances. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door. More information and tickets at townhalltheater.org.

**"THE PAPER POET IN THE ARCHIVES," AN AFTERNOON OF POETIC COLLAGE PLAY IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 3-5 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Step into the role of an artist and a poet during this afternoon of decoupage poetry led by Vermont-based performance poet, artist, and advocate Bianca Amira Zanella. Free. In conjunction with the exhibit "Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage" currently at Museum. All supplies will be provided, but participation will be limited to 20 individuals ages 14 and up. More info at henrysheldonmuseum.org.

**KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall and Community Center, Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Pede is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

**MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE ORCHESTRA IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. Free and open to the public.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 13

**"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST" AUDITIONS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 58 S. Maple St. The Middlebury Community Players will hold auditions for their February 2023 production of Oscar Wilde's comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest." There are roles for men and women from their 20s through their 60s/70s. All those attending auditions are required to provide proof of Covid vaccination. Visit [middleburycommunityplayers.org](http://middleburycommunityplayers.org) for more information, including detailed character descriptions. Questions? Contact Director Peter Kristoph at [pkristoph@gmail.com](mailto:pkristoph@gmail.com).

**"A PLACE AT THE TABLE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main Street. Come see this film about hunger in America and help raise funds for homeless services in Addison County. An audience Q & A with Elise Shanbacker, Addison County Community Trust, and Susan Whitmore, John Graham Housing and Services, will follow the film at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission is free, with a canned good donation.

## MONDAY, NOV. 14

**"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST" AUDITIONS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30-9 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 58 S. Maple St. See Nov. 13 listing

## TUESDAY, NOV. 15

**POETRY READING IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12:15-1:15 p.m., The Feminist Resource Center, Chellis House, 56 Hillcrest Road. Come hear Vermont poet and author Ruth Farmer read from her collection "Snapshots of the Wind." A free sushi lunch will be served.

**"THE THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS OF REINHOLD NIEBUHR" VIRTUAL LECTURE.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m., EastView at Middlebury, Zoom. Victor Nuovo gives his second lecture, "Reinhold Niebuhr on the Meaning of Life," in this three-part series. Free. In-person for EastView residents only and via Zoom for the general public. For more info and Zoom link contact Cari Burkhard at [cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com](mailto:cburkard@eastviewmiddlebury.com) or 802-989-7515.

**TOME TALK IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee and other group members for thought-provoking discussion of this "House of Broken Angels," by Luis Alberto Urrea.

**MIDDLEBURY AFROPOP BAND CONCERT IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Wilson Hall, McCullough Student Center, Old Chapel Rd. Middlebury African Music and Dance Ensemble performs repertoire that showcases the stylistic and instrumental diversity of traditional East African musical cultures. In the second half of the concert, the Middlebury Afropop Band performs original compositions and arrangements of classic and contemporary popular songs from all over Africa. Open to the public.

**AUTHOR READINGS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov.

15, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Vermont Book Shop hosts first-time novelists and friends Bobbi Loney and Michele Lowy as they read from and discuss their respective works, "Jenny's Law and A Small Door." Free. Books will be available for sale.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

**"IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN DO!"** onscreen in Middlebury. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30-8 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main Street. HomesFirstVT, in collaboration with Patricia Hannaford Career Center's Construction Tech Program, is hosting this fundraising event. The film is a 30-minute documentary made by a Vermont high school and college student crew who drove across the country learning from communities who have/are building right-sized homes for their neighbors. Q&A to follow. Proceeds go to HomesFirstVT's collaboration with PHCC to build homes for our working neighbors.

**ORWELL ARTISTS GROUP OPENING RECEPTION IN ORWELL.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. After art shows at various locations in Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Florida, the Orwell Artists are returning home to show their latest artwork, which will include pottery, painting, fiber art and more.

**NRBQ IN VERGENNES.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. NRBQ (New Rhythm and Blues Quartet) rocks the house and turns the stage into a fantastic musical playground. NRBQ are that rare group that's eclectic, stylistically innovative, and creatively ambitious while also sounding thoroughly unpretentious and accessible. Tickets \$35 general seating, available at [vergennessoperahouse.org](http://vergennessoperahouse.org). Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 p.m.

**CONCERT BY PIANO STUDENTS OF DIANA FANNING IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. The fall concert by Diana Fanning's students is a popular event celebrating our talented Middlebury pianists. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) required. Masks optional except under certain conditions. Free and open to the public.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 17

**JANICE OBUCHOWSKI IN VERGENNES.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Obuchowski will read from her short story collection "The Woods," which explores the lives of people in a small Vermont college town and its surrounding areas. The collection is the 2022 winner of the Iowa Short Fiction Award. Q&A with the author will follow.

**"HELLO DOLLY" IN BRISTOL.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, 220 Airport Dr. Mt. Abe's fall musical is here. Come and see what the Eagle thespians can do.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 18

**FANTASTIC MR.** Fox onstage in Ferrisburgh. Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Ferrisburgh Central School, 56 Little Chicago Rd. Come see the Ferrisburgh Central School student production of the play adapted from the much-loved Roald Dahl story about the clever Mr. Fox and his tricks to get food for his family. More info at 802-877-3463.

**"HELLO DOLLY" IN BRISTOL.** Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, 220 Airport Dr. See Nov. 17 listing.

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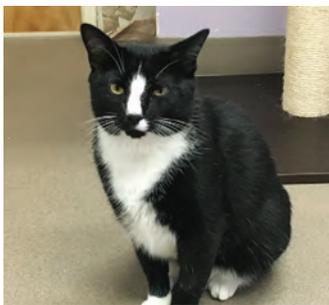
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**Hoppy** is a sweet little 1-year-old. He is great for cuddles and loves affection. Hoppy loves treats and food. He plays tug of war with wand toys and gets aggressive with them by growling and hissing while the toy is in his mouth. Hoppy gets along with other cats but does not like dogs.



**Otter** is a handsome and affectionate 2-year-old guy. 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.



**Jitterbug** is a very curious, eager, and playful bunny! She's a sweetie that likes to follow people around, waiting to be petted and get forehead kisses. She is litterbox trained and comes when you call her name. Jitterbug loves her treats and toys! She enjoys company and gets along great with bunny-savvy kids and adults alike. She does not like to be picked up but, with patience, she could get used to it. She is not interested in having bunny friends but gets along with bunny-friendly cats and dogs.



**Wagon** is almost 3 years old and is a spayed female who likes veggies and fruit and absolutely LOVES her hay and vegetables! She could use a bit more socialization as she can be nervous around sudden movements. She is warming up to staff and volunteers. Wagon's perfect home would be a nice cage/pen to live in and have possible access to the outdoors in a protected area during warmer weather.

**Hunter** is a 58-pound adolescent (between 1.5-2 years) who is still learning how to control his size. He is full of puppy-like energy and loves going on long walks. Hunter is very strong and pulls on the leash so he will need a person who is willing to put in the time and dedication for his ongoing leash and manners training. Hunter is impatient and will nip or bark for attention. He is on a training protocol for impulse control and needs an owner who is fully committed to following this training. Being outside is where he's the happiest and having access to a large, fenced-in yard would help work out some of his pent-up energy. He is dog friendly but should be in a cat-free home. Hunter needs to be in a home without children.



**Odin** is a charming, 11-year-old, 65-pound boxer mix with the most adorable tail wag. He absolutely loves nap time but also spending time outside in the fresh air. Odin is very friendly with humans. He doesn't mind other dogs but would prefer a quiet home with less activity around the house. Odin needs to be with someone who allows him to walk at his own pace and lets him take his time to explore new situations. Odin knows how to sit and is housebroken. He loves giving kisses to everyone around him!

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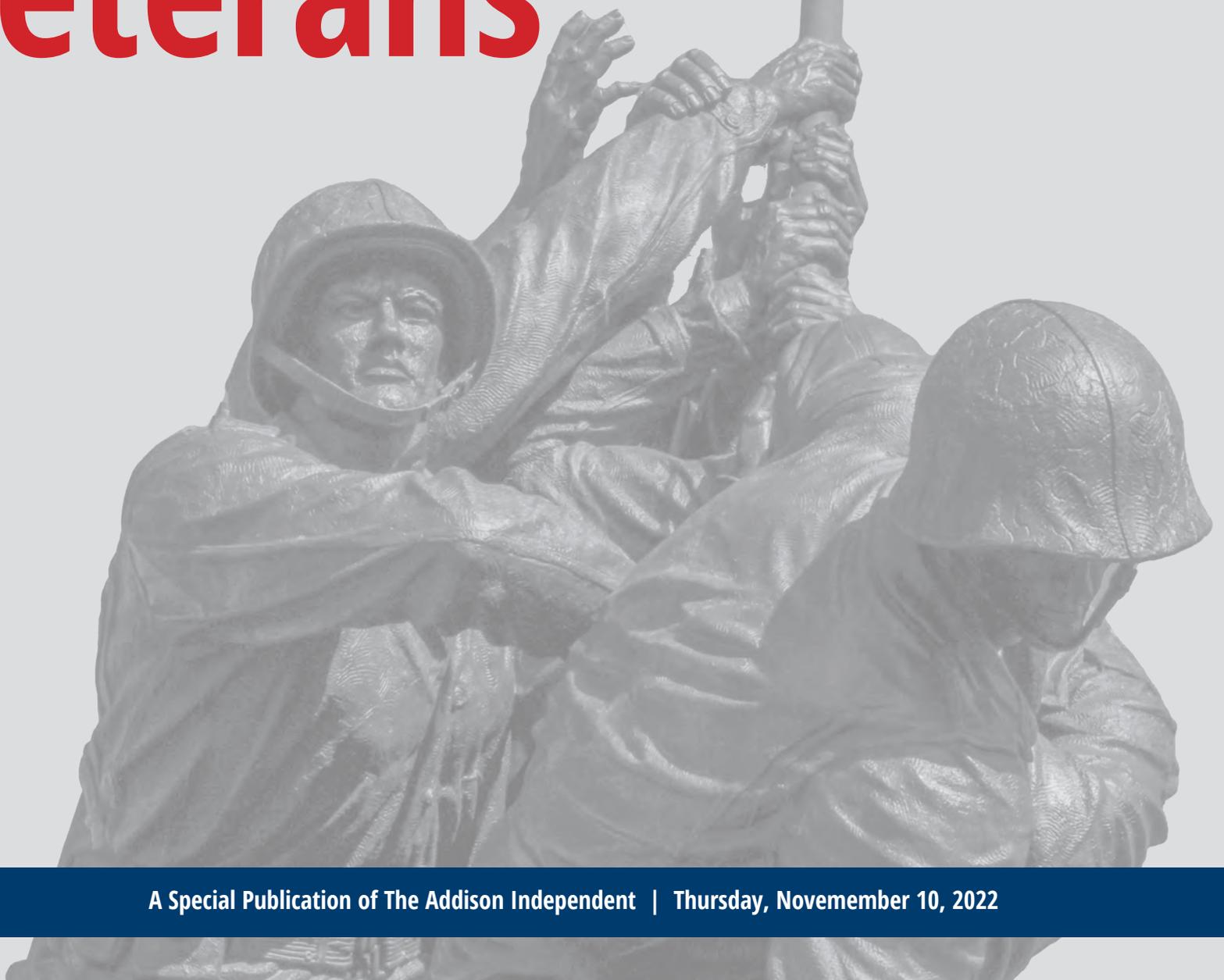
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## Pandemic programs stick around as well

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — In March of 2020, American Legion posts across Addison County were forced to figure out how to continue serving local veterans while creating the necessary distance to keep everyone safe from COVID-19. Two-and-a-half years later, as most local Legion posts are enjoying a return to some traditional, fully in-person events, some veterans organizations are continuing programs they pivoted to during the pandemic, such as “buddy checks.”

Throughout the pandemic, protecting each other from COVID-19 posed a challenge to meeting with one another in person. As a result, American Legion Post 19 in Bristol started a program called buddy checks to keep tabs on the wellbeing of veterans in the county when local Legion members could no longer see their fellow veterans regularly.

Post 19 Commander Ron LaRose explained that Adjutant Alan Smith would call local veterans to see how they were doing and ask if the post could provide any help.

“He knows all of the veterans in the area, whether they belong to the post or not, and he keeps track of them, making sure there’s not any issues emotionally or mentally,” LaRose said of Smith. “He’s

making sure they have what they need and are getting where they need to go.”

Buddy checks have continued at Post 19 even as in-person gatherings have returned. LaRose said these calls are a good way to check in on the mental wellbeing of local veterans, which is a priority at Post 19.

“We can be aware of the veterans that might be struggling a little bit so that we can just be a voice, be a shoulder to lean on,” he said. “We stress that at all of our meetings.”

Bristol’s Post 19 has also continued to offer use of a Virtual Living Room, or VLR, a space was set up just a month before the start of the pandemic and gives veterans throughout the state a way to remotely conduct telehealth appointments with their doctors at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction.

The room has soundproof doors and an acoustic ceiling, suited for veterans to log on and set up a video call with their healthcare provider. It opened in February of 2020 and was originally intended to alleviate the burden of driving across the state to access healthcare services. Turns out the VLR offered an added benefit

when COVID-19 hit Addison County and meeting remotely was a way to stay safe from the virus.

LaRose said veterans are still able to call Post 19 and make an appointment to use the room, though the service hasn’t seen as much use as originally hoped.

“The VA is doing the best they can to get the word out about it,” he said. “I think we’ve had maybe six or 10 people use it.”

While they’ve continued some successful pandemic-inspired programs, local Legion posts have also enjoyed a return to fully in-person gatherings. Brian Gebo, commander of American Legion Post 14 in Vergennes, said the post is currently trying to build back up its programming that withered under COVID-19 restrictions.

“I think we are in a serious rebuilding stage after the pandemic. We tried to keep going the major events that we could, but in reality the post kind of shut down during COVID-19,” he said.

Post 14 has seen an increase in attendance at recent dances and bingo events, and Gebo said the post was

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— Vergennes Legion Post 14 Commander Brian Gebo

# Groups aim to get younger members

By JOHN FLOWERS

ADDISON COUNTY — Bristol American Legion Post 19 Commander Ron LaRose presides over a graying membership that does great service for local veterans and the community at large.

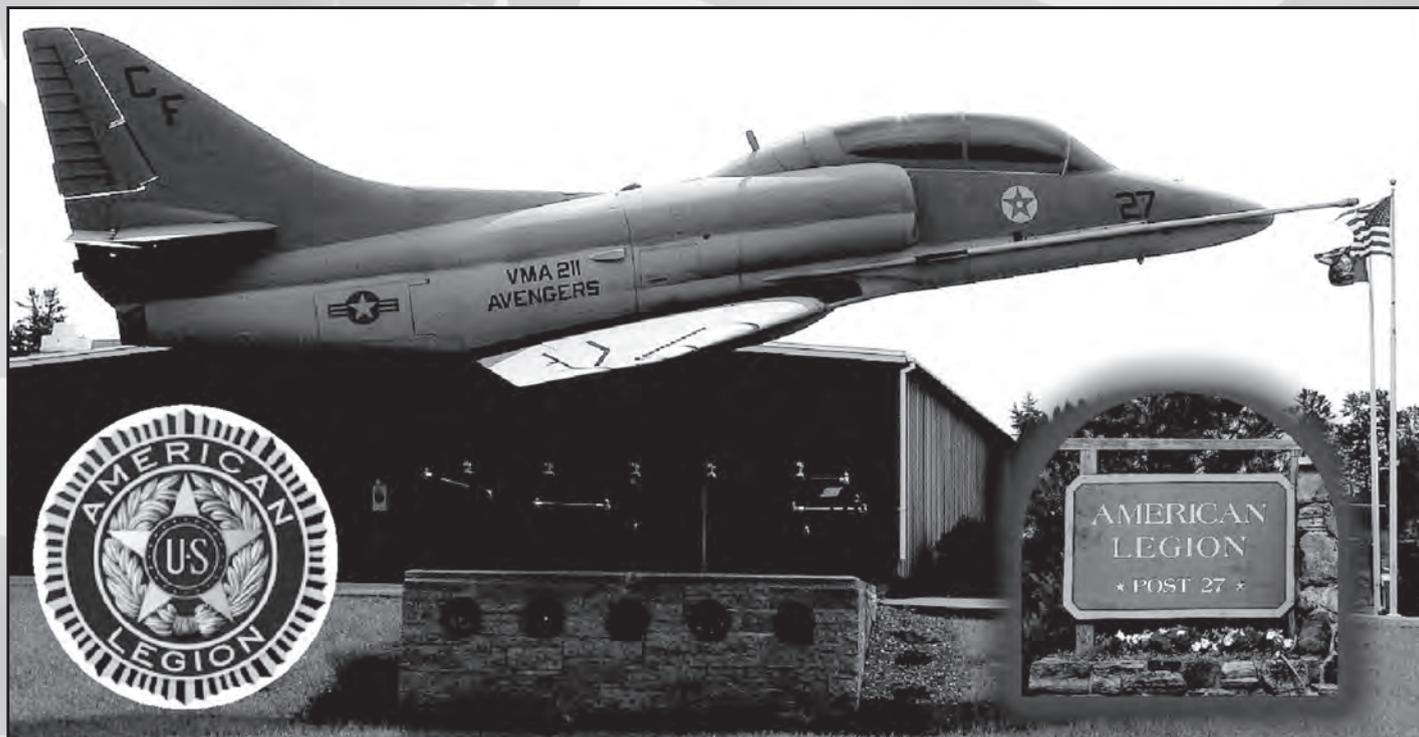
He and his fellow leaders of the Addison County veterans’ organization share a common lament: Why aren’t the younger generation of veterans becoming involved in an organization that pays great dividends for them and the community at large?

“The people we’re not getting are the people who’ve served since Desert Shield/Desert Storm,” said LaRose, referring to the military campaign to remove invading Iraqi forces from Kuwait during the early 1990s. “And this isn’t just in Addison County; it’s nationwide.”

He fears the ranks of Post 19 could dwindle to a point where it

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VFW POST 7823 Quartermaster Bub Crosby, shown holding the flight helmet he wore during his service in Vietnam, said his Middlebury veterans organization uses media outreach, one-on-one pitches and special events in its efforts to expand its ranks.

## Members

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 members through their spouses. Post 19's auxiliary organization has around 150 members, its Sons of the American Legion group numbers around 220 and there are 350 folks signed up on the Post 19 membership list. All told, that's more than 700 members of the Post 19 family.

Trouble is, not all those folks are active in local Legion activities, and some don't even live in the Bristol area anymore. Still others are away on active duty, during which their dues are paid by Post 19 until they return.

LaRose wants all local veterans to know that membership is about more than an occasional dinner get-together and a couple hours each week in the members' lounge. It's about supporting fellow veterans and keeping a valuable resource alive for current and former military personnel when they need help.

### AT POST 14 IN VERGENNES

Brian Gebo is commander of the Vergennes American Legion Post 14, based at 100 Armory Lane. He pointed to Post 14's annual membership dinner —

held this past Saturday, Nov. 5 — as part of its strategy to grow the organization. It's an event "where we try to bring our current members back in as much as we can, and at the same time asking them — and ourselves — to look for new members and pull them in," he said.

Gebo acknowledged the membership invitation is tough for some veterans to accept due to other commitments.

"It's hard when you say, 'Hey, come on in, and then we want you to help with this, this and this,'" he said with a chuckle. "Coming out of COVID, it's tough. I think it will be a while before (membership) picks up.

"We're trying to do sort of a low-pressure, check-it-out-and-see-what-it-is (pitch)," Gebo added.

Post 14 also uses its annual "Early Bird" and Veterans' Day Dinners to promote the Legion

— which currently counts around 150 members — to new prospects. Like Bristol, the Vergennes Legion has Auxiliary and Sons groups.

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— Tom Scanlon,  
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## Middlebury

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But unlike other posts in our area, the Vergennes Legion has a nearby Vermont Army National Guard Armory, at 37 Monkton Road. It's a place where young servicepeople can be approached with membership invites.

"We have to bring new members in," Gebo said, noting the similarity of a graying Vermont's challenge in attracting young families. "We have to get them involved in helping other vets."

Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations, like Middlebury's VFW Post 7823, are in the same boat. Post 7823 Quartermaster Bub Crosby said that while the local VFW has a fairly robust roster of 190, the average age of its members is 74.

Crosby said Post 7823 uses media outreach, one-on-one pitches and special events in its efforts to expand its ranks. But it's an uphill battle, made even tougher for the VFW because it can only draw combat theater veterans.

"It limits the scope of our membership," Crosby explained.

Middlebury American Legion Post 27 Adjutant Tom Scanlon is getting a look at the membership challenge on multiple fronts. He's currently serving as Legion commander for the state of Vermont.

"Some of it depends on where your post is," Scanlon said on recruiting success. "Here in Middlebury, there aren't a lot of young veterans."

He acknowledged the Vergennes Armory as a good recruiting base for Post 14 and added the Rutland Legion also has an abundant pool of servicepeople and vets to draw from.

Scanlon recognizes the time demands on younger veterans with full-time jobs and families. He conceded he didn't join the Legion until his early 40s.



**RON LAROSE, COMMANDER of American Legion Post 19 in Bristol, wonders what will happen to his organization if it doesn't attract more younger members.**

"I only joined because I was threatened," he said with a smile. He was at the time president of the Little League organization in his hometown in Connecticut. The Little League organization met in the local Legion Hall. A longtime friend (and fellow veteran) saw him at the Legion Hall and asked him what he was doing there. When Scanlon explained his Little League role and his desire to keep meeting at the Legion (See 'Be the One,' Page 6)

## Legions

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happy this past spring to bring back the Memorial Day parade, which is typically the largest of its kind in the state.

"That was something that we felt we needed to do. We got the parade back and continued with the fireworks in town and getting the community engaged again," he said.

The Vergennes post is still trying to get back to pre-pandemic levels of programming, but Gebo said the post is glad to be able to host in-person gatherings again for veterans and community members.

"We've had absolutely outstanding attendance at those events. People are hungry to get back out there, and so we're trying to make sure we're offering those events for the community and of course for our veterans," he said.

Post 19 in Bristol has also appreciated a return to fully in-person operations. LaRose said retired community members often use the space and have enjoyed being able to spend time at the Legion again.

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— Bristol Post 19  
Commander  
Ron LaRose

"They come to play tickets and socialize, and so when we opened back up they were right back in the routine again," he said.

LaRose said opening the Legion up last year was also important for the community because the Legion hall is a space often used for programs like Boy Scout and staff meetings, as well as other community events.

"The Legion in many small communities is the center for a lot of activities, not just for veterans," he explained. "It is a focal point in our community."



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# 'Be the One'

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Hall, his friend said, "If you don't join (the Legion) you won't be able to meet here anymore."

## GETTING INVOLVED

It was the nudge Scanlon needed, and he's been a devoted Legion member ever since. He's contributed a lot of his time to Middlebury Post 27, which donates tens of thousands of dollars each year to charitable causes, including veterans' services, scholarships, the Memorial Sports Center, Scouts and many others.

"It's the way a lot of people get involved — it's just happenstance," Scanlon said of his own experience.

He's found that most veterans who do sign up end up being great contributors.

"They aren't ones who want to sit at a bar," he said. "Those are bygone days. They want something to do — to be given a project, to be told there's a veteran who needs a deck built, and they jump in and help."

Like other Legion organizations, Post 27 is recruiting through a variety of avenues. And it's also participating in a

national American Legion initiative to help young veterans in need. It's called "Be the One," a campaign aimed at preventing suicides among veterans. "Be the One" is receiving ample promotion from National Commander Paul E. Dillard, whom Scanlon recently took

on a tour of the Vermont Legion network of facilities and services.

More than 120,000 veterans have died by suicide during the past 20 years, according to stats at legion.org.

The campaign, among other things, asks that Legions make sure their doors are open to any veteran contemplating self-harm, and to get help for that person. Help might include one call, or a combination of calls, to the national suicide hotline: dial 988, and press 1. Other forms of help might be putting the veteran in touch with their primary care

physician and/or connecting the veteran to their clergy person, if the veteran is a religious individual.

"We have 12,000 American Legion posts and want them to be that place where a veteran feels comfortable to drop in

and talk to someone who understands them, what they went through... and get them pointed in the right direction," Scanlon said.

And the coalition of Vermont Legion posts has already taken some major steps in suicide prevention services. Case in point: "Josh's House Vt.," a wellness and recreation drop-in center for veterans located at Forth Ethan Allen in Colchester. The free facility is named for the late Josh Pallotta, a Vermont Guard member who was deployed to Afghanistan, returned with post-traumatic stress and tragically ended his life on Sept. 23, 2014.

Scanlon has made support of Josh's House his top project during his year-long stint as state commander, and he and other supporters are raising funds to see the facility replicated in other parts of the state.

Along with creating more facilities like Josh's House, Scanlon believes

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★ To learn more about Bristol Post 19, call 802-453-2951 and ask for Alan Smith, or contact Ron LaRose at 802-989-8573.

★ Vergennes Post 14 can be reached at 802-877-3216.

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Vermont could keep more young veterans in-state by making their pensions tax-free.

"We're losing a lot of veterans who exit the Vermont Guard and move to Tennessee and Kentucky (where military pensions aren't taxed)," he said.

Scanlon wants to remind veterans that their Legion membership would give the organization strength in numbers when it comes to lobbying for state and federal legislation.

"Being a member means that you're looked at as a vote," he said. "The Legion was responsible for the GI Bill, and the Veterans Administration as we know it. There were thousands and thousands of Legion members who

made those things possible, because the politicians saw that voting block was so big."

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# Bristol vet helping give his comrades a voice

ESSEX — Bestselling author Sebastian Junger has announced the launch of a nonprofit to create connections and increase understanding between veterans and non-veterans. Vets Town Hall will provide resources to help individuals and organizations coordinate events where veterans of any era who served in any capacity are invited to stand before their community and speak for up to 10 minutes about what it was like to serve their country. These events are designed to be non-political, and all perspectives are valued.

“It takes courage to stand up and speak. It also takes courage to sit down and listen,” says Junger, referencing a quote often attributed to Winston Churchill.

Junger wrote about the first such event when he collaborated with Seth Moulton to bring a Vets Town Hall to Massachusetts on Veterans Day 2015 in his book, “Tribe.” Since then, dozens of Vets Town Halls have taken place throughout the country — but without any centralized way for people to learn more about how to organize them, or where to find the closest event.

The fledgling national organization will provide support to local organizers and host a calendar of events at [vetstownhall.org](http://vetstownhall.org), with the goal of helping to establish annual Vets Town Halls in every state — and eventually in every community — in

the United States. The organization also directly coordinates Vets Town Halls here in Vermont.

Junger serves as president of the Vermont organization’s board of directors. Fellow board members include Jon Turner of Bristol and Kristen Eaton of Essex, who have been working together on Vets Town Halls in Vermont since 2017.

Turner served with the U.S. Marines from 2003-2007 as an infantryman, deploying to Haiti on a humanitarian mission and twice to Iraq in Fallujah and Ramadi. Since getting out of the service, he has worked with various communities in the United States to assist with the veteran reintegration process through agriculture and outdoor recreation. This past year, he helped launch the 22 Peaks Challenge, a fundraiser to support veteran organizations actively working to prevent veteran suicide.

Turner currently operates Wild Roots Community Farm in Bristol — a 10-acre operation dedicated to community resilience through food systems education and wilderness living skills.

He has been hosting Vets Town Halls in Vermont since 2018. Turner was due to host a Vets Town Hall at Saint Michael’s College campus in Colchester on Nov. 6.

The organization has already established relationships with Student



**BRISTOL VETERAN JON Turner speaks at a Vets Town Hall event last year, where those who served in the military got to speak for 10 minutes about serving their country.**

Photo courtesy of Megan Humphrey

Veterans of America, which has released a video encouraging chapters to host Vets Town Halls, and GORUCK, which is hosting two events this year, and will release a shirt and badge to raise funds for

the organization in early November.

To learn more about organizing or attending a Vets Town Hall in your hometown, or to donate, visit [www.vetstownhall.org](http://www.vetstownhall.org).

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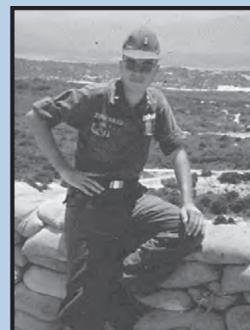
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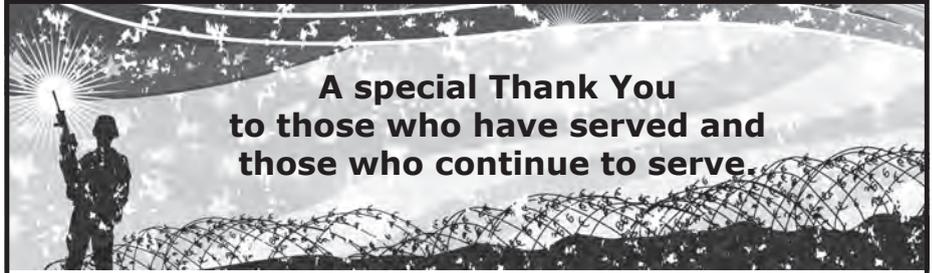
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**T**he VA Healthcare System's Veterans Day Ceremony in honor of all veterans who have served Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m.

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# Vets' businesses are important

By **MIKE VLACICH**  
**New England Regional Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration**

During the recent National Veterans Small Business Week we recognized the achievements of our veterans across New England, and we celebrated the strength and resiliency of the veteran business community.

Here are a couple of interesting facts about veteran-owned businesses:

- There are more than 1.76 million veteran-owned businesses in the U.S.
- These businesses employ nearly 4 million people.
- Across New England there are 81,293 veteran-owned businesses; 20,693 were employers, and 60,600 were non-employers.

It's not that surprising that there are so many veteran-owned businesses. Veterans make great entrepreneurs. Building a successful small business requires hard work and dedication — traits that are in no short supply among service members, veterans and military spouses. Resilience, poise, adaptability — not only do these traits define our nation's service members and veterans, but they are also critical ingredients for successful entrepreneurs.

At the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), we recognize

the value the military community brings to our great country through their service in the armed forces and as small business owners who contribute more than \$1 trillion in sales to the U.S. economy on an annual basis.

Time, effort and grit — combined with community support — propel members of the military community to launch and maintain profitable businesses. The endeavors of business ownership are life-changing for owners and

those around them, family members and community members and patrons.

Veterans are selfless, altruistic and natural leaders — qualities that carry them through their military careers and post-military endeavors. In turn, many veterans who pursue entrepreneurship end up using their business as a launchpad to help others.

It's typical that when service members transition to civilian life, they don't leave their military community behind. Instead, they find other ways to contribute by lending a hand to other veterans any way they can.

For these reasons and many more, our veteran business owners are such an important part of our communities, so it is extremely important to note that they don't have to enter their mission of entrepreneurship alone. The SBA

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# Nov. job fairs focused on Veterans

MONTPELIER — In continuation of its efforts to connect jobseekers with career opportunities and employers with talent, the Vermont Department of Labor is hosting in-person and virtual job fairs this November.

A couple Veterans & Community Job Fairs have already taken place, but the state still plans to host job fairs in St. Albans and Colchester in partnership with local veterans' organizations. All jobseekers are encouraged to attend, but veterans and service members will be provided early access in the first hour of the events to explore career opportunities. The Department of Labor prioritizes veterans in its delivery of jobseeker and career services.

COVID-19 booster and flu vaccinations will also be made available for interested individuals by the Vermont Department of Health at the event in St. Albans.

For those jobseekers interested in virtual hiring event opportunities, the state will offer three days of virtual

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job fairs from Nov. 15 to 17. The first-ever New England Regional Job Fair will be held Nov. 15-16 in conjunction with other New England states, providing employers and jobseekers from across the region the opportunity to connect with one another.

The Department of Labor's monthly #Hiring2DayVT Virtual Job Fair will then be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. To take part just log on at [labor.vermont.gov/event/virtual-job-fairs](https://labor.vermont.gov/event/virtual-job-fairs).

All events above are free for all interested in attending. To learn more and register, click the links below or contact your local Department of Labor Workforce Development team by calling 802-828-4394. Employers interested in participating in these

and other recruitment and hiring events are also encouraged to contact the Middlebury Department of Labor office at 802-388-4921 or in person at 156 South Village Green, Middlebury.

For additional information on general career services and resources may visit

[Labor.Vermont.gov/Jobs](https://labor.vermont.gov/Jobs).

Additional details for upcoming job fair events organized by or in partnership with the Department of Labor

### Veterans & Community Job Fairs

Jobseekers may register for any or all events at <https://forms.office.com/g/aUxtGhkaGr>.

Veterans and service members are provided with early access during first hour of events. Employers may contact the Department of Labor to learn more events and resources

Locations Include:

- St. Albans at American Legion Post 1 (100 Parah Drive, St. Albans, VT 05478) on Nov. 15 from 1-3 p.m.

COVID-19 booster and flu vaccination available.

- Colchester at Josh's House (162 Hegeman Avenue, Colchester, VT 05446) on Nov. 30 from 12 noon-3 p.m.

### New England Regional Job Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 15, and Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Jobseeker Registration: <https://bit.ly/NEJobFairJobseeker>

Veterans and service members will be provided with early access during the first hour on both days of the event.

### #Hiring2DayVT Virtual Job Fair

Thursday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Learn more at <https://labor.vermont.gov/event/virtual-job-fairs>.

## Programs

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and Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC) are here to help. Our duty is to ensure these entrepreneurs are empowered and celebrated at every stage of business ownership.

Our programs and services aim to help veteran entrepreneurs start or grow their business, and we pride ourselves in celebrating the accomplishments of veteran-owned small businesses across the country. We engage veteran entrepreneurs in educational opportunities that support the building of small businesses, encourage industry specific networking, and contribute to long-term sustainability of businesses.

Through the SBA and VBOC, the military community has a partner to support them at all stages of small business ownership. No matter where you are in your entrepreneurial journey, transition assistance, entrepreneurial training, disaster assistance, access to capital, and government contracting opportunities are available to you.

The SBA and the VBOC of New England have collaborated to showcase several successful veteran small business owners as well as local resources. To our nation's veterans and military community, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the sacrifices you make. Thank you for your service.

## Roles of Military branches

Each November, people across the United States and its territories honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the various branches of the country's military. Veterans Day is observed annually every Nov. 11 and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. The day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is celebrated each year in May and honors all military personnel who have died in service.

Veterans Day is a great time for anyone to learn more about the various branches of the U.S. military.

### Army

The U.S. Department of Defense notes

that the Army is the largest and oldest service in the country's military. The Army provides the ground forces that protect the United States. Members of the Army are trained to defeat enemy ground forces and to seize and control enemy lands and resources. Army also are trained to control and interact with the general population in countries where members are stationed.

### Marine Corps

It might surprise some to learn that the Marine Corps is a component of the Department of the Navy. That's one reason why it maintains amphibious and

*(See Military branches, Page 14)*



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# What you need to know about PTSD

Traumatic events and experiences can affect individuals for a long time. Though it's often associated with combat veterans, post traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, affects people from all walks of life. Because no one is immune to PTSD, it can benefit anyone to learn more about this potentially debilitating yet treatable condition.

## What is PTSD?

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) defines PTSD as "a psychiatric disorder that may occur in people who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event." Some examples of events that can lead to PTSD include war/combat, a terrorist attack, rape, or incidents in which people have been threatened with death, sexual violence or serious injury. PTSD also can occur after witnessing traumatic events, including natural disasters or serious accidents.

## Is PTSD a recent phenomenon?

PTSD has been around as long as there have been traumatic events, though its name is more recent. The APA notes that PTSD has been known by various names in the past, including "shell shock" and "combat fatigue." These names are no longer used in part because they give the impression that post-traumatic stress is exclusive to combat veterans. That's a misperception, as the Sidran Institute, a nonprofit organization that helps people understand and recover from PTSD, notes PTSD will affect one in 13 people in the United States and 9% of Canadians at some point in their lives.

## Who can get PTSD?

The APA notes that exposure to an upsetting traumatic event is necessary before a diagnosis of PTSD can be made. However, that exposure can be indirect. For example, police officers who are repeatedly exposed to details of heinous crimes can develop PTSD even though they are not victims of those crimes

and did not witness them. But the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reports that individuals are more likely to develop PTSD if they are directly exposed to a trauma or injured.

## WHAT ARE SOME SYMPTOMS OF PTSD?

The APA places symptoms of PTSD into four categories:

**1. Intrusion:** Symptoms in this category include intrusive thoughts, such as repeated, involuntary memories; distressing dreams; or flashbacks of the traumatic event.

**2. Avoidance:** People with PTSD may avoid reminders of the traumatic event. These reminders can include places, activities, objects, and even people. Individuals also may resist talking about the event and how they feel about it.

**3. Alterations in cognition and mood:** PTSD can result in an inability to remember details of the traumatic event. Individuals also may develop negative thoughts and feelings that lead to ongoing and distorted beliefs about themselves and others. Individuals may blame themselves for the event or experience ongoing fear, horror, anger, guilt, or shame. A sense of detachment or estrangement from others also may occur.

**4. Alterations in arousal or reactivity:** Symptoms in this category may include being irritable and having angry outbursts; reckless, and potentially self-destructive behavior; being overly watchful of surroundings; being easily startled; or experiencing difficulty sleeping or concentrating.

PTSD affects people from all walks of life. Individuals who are having difficulty processing a traumatic event they were directly or indirectly involved with are urged to contact their physicians immediately. More information about PTSD is available at [psychiatry.org](http://psychiatry.org).

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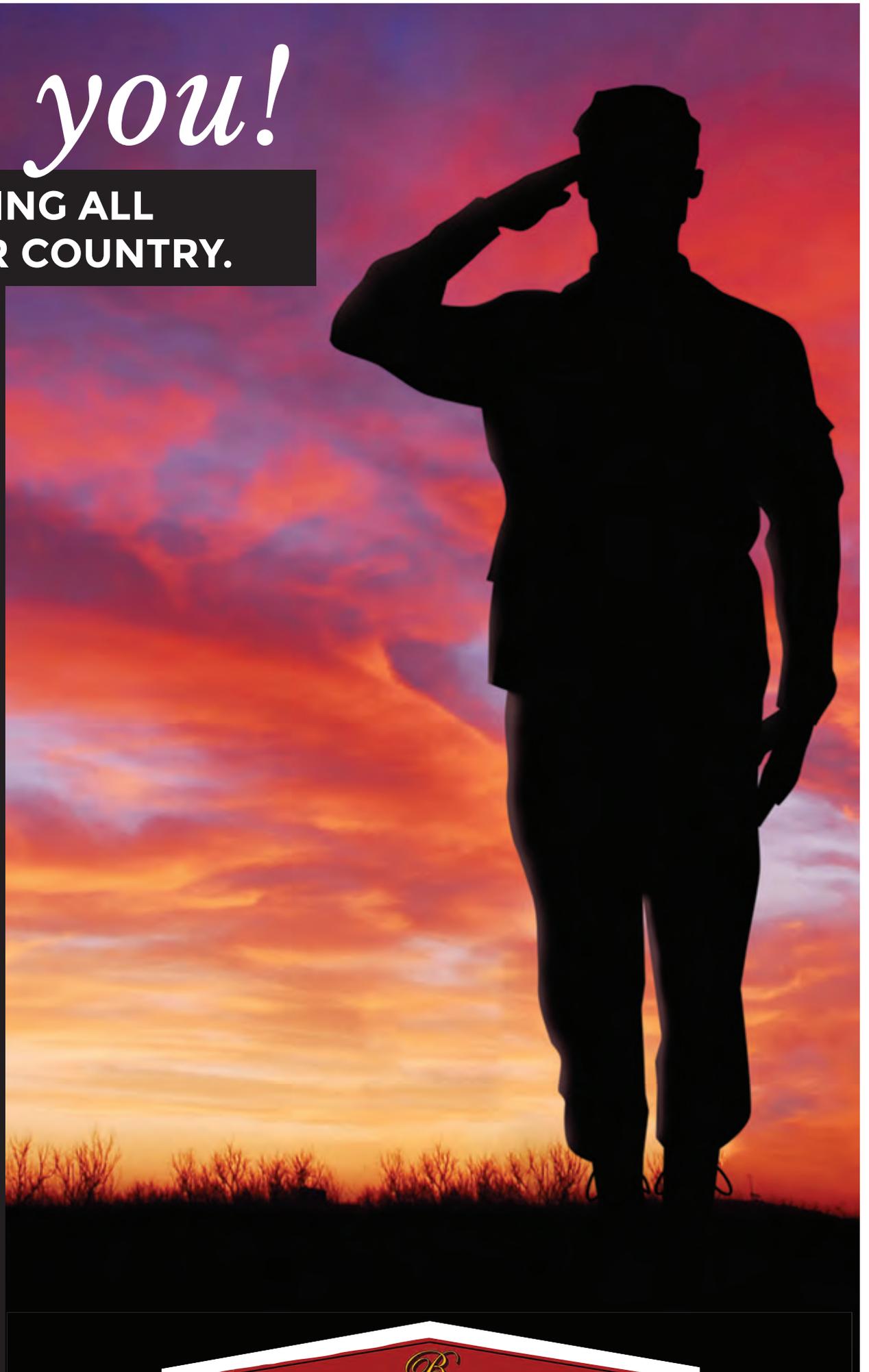
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- 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
- 12. Helps you smell better
- 16. Sun or solar disk
- 17. Low frequency
- 18. Former Houston football player
- 19. Federal crime
- 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
- 25. Approval
- 26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
- 27. \_\_ student, learns healing
- 28. Indian groomer of horses
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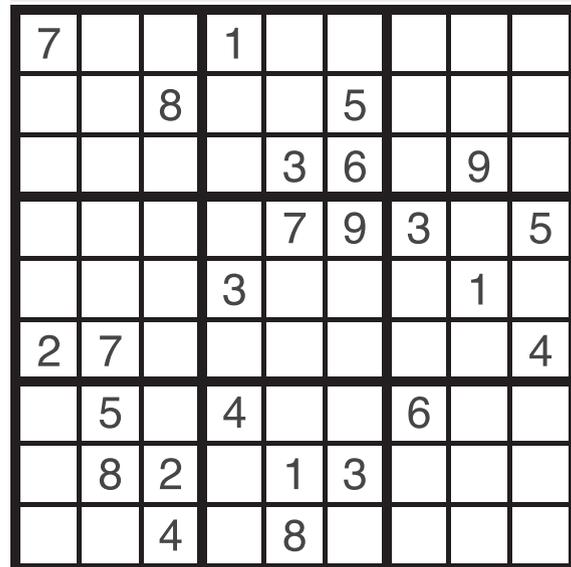
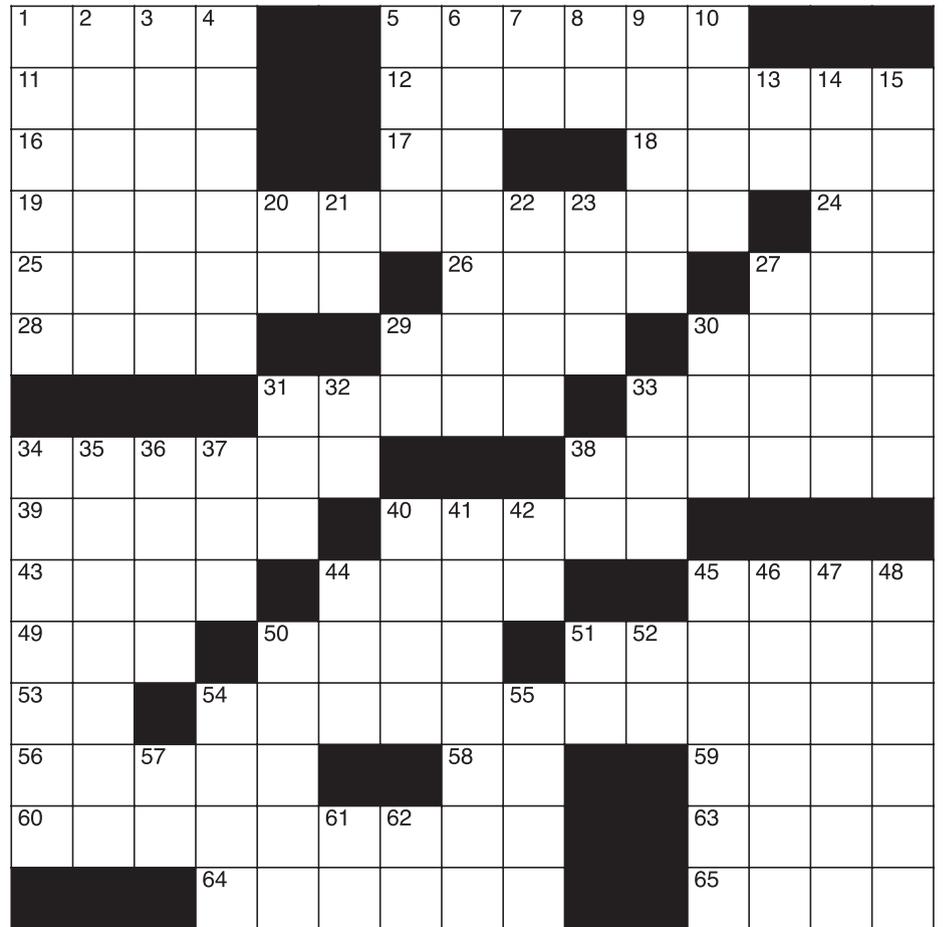
- 30. One might be brief
- 31. Type of sword
- 33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
- 34. Stinkhorns
- 38. Stroke
- 39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
- 40. Sir \_\_ Newton
- 43. Wild goat
- 44. Muslim ruler
- 45. Scottish ancestor
- 49. Hat
- 50. Horse mackerel
- 51. Alcoholic accompaniment
- 53. Tech department
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Upper bract of grass
- 58. Of I
- 59. Large wading bird
- 60. Military prisons
- 63. Famed American

cartoonist

- 64. Rise
- 65. Greek God of war and courage

## DOWN

- 1. Sewing needles
- 2. Functionary
- 3. Induces vomiting
- 4. The finger farthest from the thumb
- 5. Not moving
- 6. Sports official
- 7. Water purification process (abbr.)
- 8. University of Dayton
- 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
- 10. High schoolers' math course
- 13. Yankovic is a weird one
- 14. Adversaries



## 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**

- 15. Merchandisers
- 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
- 21. Atomic #52
- 22. The back
- 23. One-time computer giant
- 27. Female of a horse
- 29. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 30. Vehicle
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. It's becoming more prevalent
- 33. Political action
- committee
- 34. Makes lightbulbs
- 35. Natural home of an animal
- 36. In bed
- 37. Superman villain
- 38. The Golden State
- 40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
- 41. They accompany a leader
- 42. Atomic #18
- 44. Electronic countermeasures
- 45. The appearance of something
- 46. Connecting line on a map
- 47. Deep red color
- 48. Secret affairs
- 50. Drenches
- 51. Contains music
- 52. Expression of surprise
- 54. Intestinal pouches
- 55. Where birds are born
- 57. \_\_ and behold
- 61. Cools your home
- 62. The First State

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 29.



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## WHAT SEEDS TO PLANT THIS FALL



Nadie VanZandt is a UVM Extension Master Gardener and painter from Panton.

**B**efore taking a rest from gardening for the season, have you thought of direct sowing seeds to grow a minimal-care garden next spring?

Like spring bulbs, many seeds require a natural freezing and thawing before awakening in the spring. Seeds from several annuals, biennials and perennial plants are good candidates for fall planting.

BY **NADIE VANZANDT**

fall planting.

With just a little extra work, direct sowing in the fall is a simple and inexpensive way to grow a colorful garden with plants that will bloom earlier than when seeded in the spring.

Your first step is to select the right plants for your region and your U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Hardiness Zone. Just enter your zip code at [planthardiness.ars.usda.gov](http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov) to find your zone. To ensure the plants you choose are not listed as invasives in your area, visit [vtinvasives.org](http://vtinvasives.org).

Generally, seeds that require cold stratification are well suited for fall seeding in USDA Hardiness Zones 3-5, which are the zones in Vermont. You may have already noticed "volunteers" in your garden from plants that dropped their seeds last autumn, proof that these seeds survived the long New

England winter.

Self-seeding perennials that benefit from cold winters include Poppy (*Papaver*), bee balm (*Monarda*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), columbine (*Aquilegia*), coneflower (*Echinacea*), delphinium, milkweed/butterfly plant (*Asclepias*) and lady's mantle (*Alchemilla*), among others.

Similarly, seeds of biennials like foxglove (*Digitalis*), sweet William (*Dianthus*) and hollyhocks (*Alcea rosea*) are also good choices for direct sowing in the fall.

Don't overlook the seeds of many annuals known to self-seed. These include annual poppies like breadseed poppy (*Papaver somniferum*), larkspur (*Delphinium consolida*), love-in-a-mist (*Nigella*), nasturtium (*Tropaeolum*), pansy (*Viola*), calendula and cosmos, as well as seeds from hardy annuals.

In your vegetable patch, you also can try seeds of cold hardy vegetables such as beets, kale, lettuce, spinach, carrots, leeks and others that can withstand frost. Herbs, including dill, will do well when seeded in the fall.

You will need to prepare your planting bed the same way you would in the spring. Select a sunny and well-drained area and remove any weeds and debris. Lightly loosen the

surface of the soil, taking care to not disturb the soil organisms and avoid releasing weed seeds to the surface. Amend the soil with a thin layer of compost.

Some seeds require light to germinate while others need darkness, so it's important to follow the instructions on your seed packets. You may or may not need a layer of mulch depending on the specific light requirement.

The seeds need to experience the correct sequence of winter cold followed by spring thaw. It's a good idea to plant them after a killing frost to make sure that they do not have a chance to germinate until the time is right in the spring.

Direct sowing at this time of year has many other advantages. Come springtime, you won't need to harden off your seedlings, and they won't need to recover from the stress of transplanting. By overwintering in the garden, your seeds will produce stronger, healthier and well-acclimated seedlings.

Consider direct sowing this fall before taking a well-deserved rest this winter. You will appreciate your foresight when gazing at your healthy seedlings next spring.



Many annuals, including calendula, will readily self-seed but also can be direct-sown in fall to bloom next spring.

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# Learn how to grow great garlic

**G**arlic is an unusual crop. It's vegetatively propagated, planted in the fall and especially flavorful. It probably originated in central Asia, and then was brought to Europe, and by the early 1700s, to America.

BY **VERN**

**GRUBINGER**

There are two types of garlic.

Hardneck garlic forms a false flower stalk in the spring called a scape. Its

bulbs usually have five to seven large cloves.

Softneck garlic doesn't produce a scape. Its bulbs contain a dozen or so smaller cloves. Elephant garlic is not a garlic at all, but in the leek family. It produces large bulbs with three or four cloves.

Garlic grows well in many different soils and climates, but only varieties that are hardy and adapted to the Northeast will perform well here. These are best obtained from commercial garlic growers in your area or from seed companies that specialize in serving the Northeast. Once you find a variety that does well in your garden, you can save the largest and healthiest bulbs for re-planting to build your own seed stock.

Individual garlic cloves should be planted in late fall, about a month before the ground freezes. This timing allows roots to establish, but shoots won't get up above ground level. Set cloves about four inches deep, eight inches apart.

Next spring, each clove will form a bulb with

the same genetic makeup as the original clove. Garlic requires a cold



After planting, garlic can be mulched with six inches of clean straw to protect bulbs against freezing and thawing in the winter and to suppress weeds.

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treatment to induce bulbing, so garlic planted in the spring will only produce a small single bulb without cloves.

Garlic grows best with a soil pH of 6.2 to 7.0. Add lime, phosphorus and potassium as needed, based on soil test recommendations, and incorporate those thoroughly prior to planting.

A light addition of mature compost can benefit garden soil that's low in organic matter. In spring, apply about 3 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet on top of the garlic planting when the shoots are about six inches high. That's equivalent to about 20 pounds of Chilean nitrate, 25 pounds of dried blood or 50 pounds of soybean meal. Scratch in lightly if possible.

Mulching garlic with a thick layer of clean straw after planting helps control weeds and retain soil moisture. In a wet spring, mulch can keep the soil from drying out and lead to soil-borne diseases, so pull it away from the garlic if the soil remains saturated due to frequent rain. Plastic mulch, with holes for each clove, is another option for weed control.

Good weed control is critical. If no mulch is used, shallow cultivation will be needed. A narrow collinear hoe works well in tightly spaced crops like garlic. Apply

irrigation frequently during dry periods to ensure good growth.

Harvest garlic once the lower third of leaves begin yellowing, usually in late July. The ideal time is when bulbs attain maximum size but cloves have not started to separate inside the bulb. Dig up a few bulbs and cut them in half, perpendicular to the cloves, to see if they're ready.

After pulling the bulbs, gently wash them or rub off the soil later once the bulbs are dry. For good storage, thoroughly dry bulbs for several weeks. Hang them in bundles or spread out on a piece of wire fence in a well-ventilated shed or other structure protected from the elements.

Garlic should keep for several months in paper or plastic mesh bags in a cool, relatively dry, dark and well-ventilated area, such as some basements. Temperatures in the 50s and about 50% relative humidity are ideal.



Vern Grubinger is the University of Vermont Extension vegetable and berry specialist. Vern works out of the UVM Extension office in Brattleboro.



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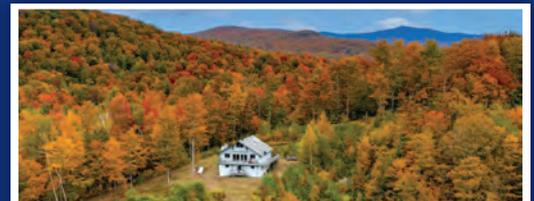
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**CALENDAR**

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**SATURDAY,  
NOV. 19**

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL.** Saturday, Nov. 19, Watershed Center, Plank Rd. Moderate 5.25-mile hike to overlook on western

ridge with possible extensions on side trails if group is interested. Meet at Watershed's parking area on Plank Road near the Bristol town line. Elevation gain about 640 feet. Contact Porter Knight at knight@gmavt.net, 802-343-3920 or David Andrews vtrevda@yahoo.com, 802-388-4894 to register and for meeting time. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**"HER SISTER FROM PARIS" SILENT FILM IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Brandon town Hall, 1 Conant Square. The scene: Europe. The cast: Rich people. An effervescent battle-of-the-sexes comedy. Live music for each silent film program will be provided by Jeff Rapsis, a performer and composer who specializes in scoring and presenting silent films. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

**"HELLO DOLLY" IN BRISTOL.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, 220 Airport Dr. See Nov. 17 listing.

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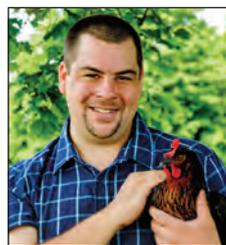
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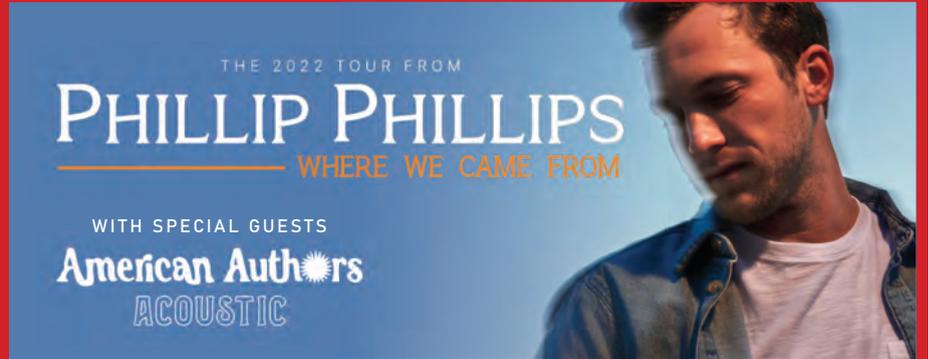
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# UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 7:00 PM**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 8:00 PM**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | 3+7 PM**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 7:30 PM**

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**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

**BRIAN GLOWACKI**  
*Live comedy taping!*

Saturday, January 21 | 7:00 PM

**MAGIC ROCKS!**  
*Illusionist Leon Etienne*

Friday, January 27 | 7:30 PM

**KEB' MO'**

Wednesday, February 15 | 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®**  
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Friday, March 31 | 7:30 PM

**DISNEY'S WINNIE THE POOH: THE MUSICAL**

Wednesday, April 5 | 6:30 PM

**GIRL NAMED TOM**

Thursday, April 13 | 7:30 PM

**TERRY FATOR**

Thursday, April 20 | 7:30 PM

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*Feat. Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis & Joel Murray*

Friday, April 21 | 7:30 PM

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Saturday, April 22 | 7:30 PM

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Kevin Puts / Libretto By Greg Pierce  
Saturday, December 17, 12:55 PM **Encore**

**FEDORA** Giordano

Sunday, January 15, 12:55 PM **Encore**

**LOHENGRIN** Wagner

Sunday, March 19, 12 PM **Encore**

**FALSTAFF** Verdi

Saturday, April 1, 12:30 PM

**DER ROSENKAVALIER** Strauss

Saturday, April 15, 12 PM

**CHAMPION**

Terence Blanchard / Libretto By Michael Cristofer  
Sunday, April 30, 12:55 PM **Encore**

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Mozart  
Sunday, May 21, 12:55 PM **Encore**

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