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The first night of a new Cornwall music series drew a large and happy crowd. See Arts + Leisure.



### So close ...

A stirring rally by the Tiger football team in Saturday's D-I final fell just short. See Page 1B.



### Local foods

A new food hub looks to make it easier to connect farmers and consumers. See Page 14A.

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## ACSD still grappling with charter change

### Petition targets school closure votes

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School Board has again deferred a decision on whether Middlebury-area residents should be able to vote on the potential future closure of any district schools. And the panel on Monday indicated it won't take up the controversial subject again until at least January, when it will have completed work on a draft 2023-

2024 budget.

But the board might have to revisit the topic — which has been a staple on its meeting agendas for the better part of three years — sooner than it would like.

*"I don't think we can do it as a town vote. It's a democracy, and we're all in this together."*

— Jen Nuceder

That's because a citizens' petition is in the works that asks the ACSD board to warn a referendum asking residents of the seven district towns to choose between (See ACSD charter, Page 13A)

## Dean mostly upbeat about U.S. democracy



HOWARD DEAN

### Former gov. warns about activist courts

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean on Thursday, Nov. 10, warned folks in Middlebury that eroding trust in the U.S. Supreme Court and the political practice of "othering" — or scapegoating — groups of people stand as the biggest threats to the survival of democracy in America.

But Dean, speaking before a group of around 60 people at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society sanctuary building, also voiced optimism for (See Howard Dean, Page 12A)



RYAN CUSHING, MEAT cutter at Vermont Livestock Slaughter and Processing, stands in a freezer with sides of beef, lamb and pork processed at the Ferrisburgh plant last week. The facility currently slaughters and butchers around 1,800 cows a year, though that number could triple as the plant expands.

Independent photo/Steve James

## \$1M fuels slaughterhouse growth

### Expansion to increase capacity, staff

By MARIN HOWELL

FERRISBURGH — A million-dollar federal grant will enable a Ferrisburgh slaughterhouse to greatly expand and better serve the demand for local meat.

Vermont Livestock Slaughter and Processing will use the \$1,096,655 in federal grant money to enlarge its Depot Road facility, allowing the business to expand

processing capacity and workforce, modernize equipment and provide more value-added services for customers.

Carl Cushing, owner of Vermont Livestock, said the project is positive for both the family-owned business and its customers, particularly because it creates more opportunities for local meat producers to have their animals

processed in the area.

"The grant is extremely important to us because it helps give us the opportunity to expand as we are and be able to increase the capacity for more people in the area and to penetrate more of the markets," he said.

"It's helping us, but it's also helping those (cattle, pig and lamb producers) that we serve."

The grant came through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat

and Poultry Processing Expansion Program.

Typically, in order to sell cuts of meat and value-added products like sausage or bacon, producers must have their animals slaughtered and butchered in a USDA or state inspected facility. As of 2021, Vermont Livestock was one of nine of these facilities in the state and, according to the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, it is (See Slaughterhouse, Page 12A)

## As deer rifle season opens, results come in on the low end

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Many hunters were successful locally as Vermont's 16-day rifle season for deer opened this past weekend — but not as many as in most recent seasons.

In all, hunters brought 175 bucks to be weighed at Addison County reporting stations after taking them on Nov. 12 or 13. That number ties the lowest opening weekend total since 2018, when the count for the first two days also stood at 175.

During the past eight opening weekends

of rifle season, numbers in the county have ranged from that low of 175 to a high of 276 in 2019, and the count has generally topped 200.

The numbers from the Oct. 22-23 Youth Hunting Weekend were also slightly below recent norms; see related story on Page 11A.

Weather conditions, size of the herd (although that has generally been stable) and availability of feed during individual seasons can create ups and downs in the numbers of deer taken. Thus, the below-average counts for a few days do not necessarily mean there

will be a low overall harvest for Addison County in 2022.

For example, after 2018's slow start, the final annual combined harvest for all deer hunting seasons that fall ended up at 1,345, the county's second-highest count since 2005, when the Department of Fish & Wildlife banned shooting spikehorn bucks during rifle season.

A year later, in 2019, when hunters shot a record 276 deer on the opening weekend of rifle season, the overall harvest ended up lower, at 1,324.

The record local overall harvest, as measured by deer weighed locally, came in 2020, when the deer count from all seasons totaled 1,745. The opening rifle weekend total that year was lower — 219.

Still, there's some indication the numbers won't challenge any records in 2022. The *Independent* wasn't able to collect full numbers for the first portion of the state's archery and muzzleloader seasons earlier this week, but weigh station operators generally said results weren't great. (See Deer, Page 11A)

## HOPE looks to jolly up the holidays for those in need

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Addison County residents will soon be tucking into robust holiday meals and opening wonderful gifts.

The non-profit Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) wants to make sure everyone can share a spot at the dinner table and Christmas tree.

Once again, HOPE is assembling around 200 "holiday meal boxes" — each containing a turkey and other Thanksgiving meal staples — that will be made available to households with an income less than 200% of the federal poverty guideline. That's currently \$55,500 annually for a family of four.

And thanks to the generosity of Addison County residents and HOPE's aggressive grant writing, the nonprofit expects to offer a similar number of meal boxes around Christmastime. Those who benefit from a meal box on Thanksgiving are ineligible for another at Christmas, but HOPE Executive Director Jeanne Montross said she and her staff will do all they can to make sure everyone who is hungry on either holiday can get food assistance.

"We're going to see an increase in requests," Montross predicted. "We've received some nice grants and (have) purchasing contracts through local farmers, which has been helpful."

HOPE is in the unusual situation this year of having to purchase its turkeys (rather than get them for free) through the Vermont Food Bank, so Montross said financial (See Holidays with HOPE, Page 16A)



### By the way

With inflation and surging fossil fuel prices, human services providers fear it will be tough for many Addison County residents to stay warm this winter. Well, Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE) can help. Jeanne Montross, executive director of that organization, said the (See By the way, Page 13A)



### Hello Dolly

LOVE CAN BE a funny thing, particularly in the hands of the Mount Abraham Union High School Drama and Music programs. The Bristol school will stage the classic musical "Hello Dolly" this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Shown during a Friday dress rehearsal are, from left, Sarah Heath as hat shop owner Irene Malloy, Owen Kelliher as grumpy Horace Vandergelder, Greta Jennison as Irene's assistant Minnie Fay, Sean Davison as Horace's clerk Cornelius Hackl, and Lily James Roberts as matchmaker Dolly Levi. See more photos on Page 10A.

Photo by Buzz Kuhns

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# ANWSD launching gatherings on equity

By ANDY KIRKALDY  
VERGENNES

Three upcoming public workshops will highlight important issues of equity that the Vergennes-area schools are prioritizing.

This Thursday's first workshop in what the Addison Northwest School District is calling its "Equity Series" will offer perspectives from several Vergennes Union High School middle school students about their experiences in ANWSD. It will begin at 6 p.m. at Ferrisburgh Central School on

Thursday, Nov. 17. It is expected to last 90 minutes, as are the other workshops.

*The second workshop will be held on Dec. 6 at Vergennes Union Elementary School and focus on the "the power of literacy in equity."*

An email from Superintendent Sheila Soule stated the workshops hope "to meaningfully engage with the community," while on Thursday in particular the students "will share diverse perspectives."

Those interested in attending any or all of the sessions may log onto forms. Registration is preferred, according to district officials, and light (See ANWSD equity, Page 3A)

## Business negotiating for prominent Midd vacancy

MIDDLEBURY — Nedde Real Estate officials are working to hammer out a lease with a tenant who's proposing a food-service business in what has for a long time been one of downtown Middlebury's most conspicuous storefront vacancies: 51 Main St.

Grace Ciffo, Nedde Real Estate's director of operations, said she'll have more news on a prospective tenant if/when a lease is signed. That lease signing could come within the next few weeks, she indicated.

Nedde Real Estate owns the

Battell Block building in which the 51 Main St. space is located. Nedde has done a good job attracting tenants to the Battell Block as COVID-19 conditions have improved, but 51 Main has thus far failed to attract a long-term occupant since the Rough Cut Restaurant closed late in 2018.

That could change this winter. "We're really quite excited about the intended tenant for the space," Ciffo stated through an email exchange. "We think it will be great for the community and well received."

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**CORRECTION:** Our Nov. 3 story on the "Environmental Justice - More than Just a Law" panel discussion at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society accurately credited the group Rights & Democracy for its work organizing the event, but we also should have credited the panel's other co-sponsors: Acorn Renewable Energy Co-Op, Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County (CEAC), and Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN).

This panel covered what Vermont's new environmental justice law requires, the roles Vermont state agencies have in putting this into practice, and how community groups can support and help achieve its goals. All the sponsors welcome more conversations on these important topics. We're sorry we didn't mention all the sponsors in the story.

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5-TOWN TEENS ENJOY dinner at the Bristol Hub Teen Center last week. The Hub is now open into the evening two nights a week, offering a meal and community building activities for youth in the Mount Abraham Unified School District thanks to a partnership with the MAUSD's Extended Learning Program.

Photo courtesy of Jackie Steponaitis

## Bristol Hub extends hours, adds evening programs

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — The Bristol Hub Teen Center this fall has extended its hours and is now offering dinner and themed workshops two nights a week for teens in the 5-Town area. Bristol Hub Director Taylor Welch said a partnership with the Mount Abraham Unified School District's Extended Learning Program enabled staff at the teen center to fulfill a long-held goal of staying open later.

"We've gotten requests to extend hours. So, being able to offer the safe space that we provide for more time is a huge thing," she said.

Earlier this year, the Extended Learning Program, known as ELP, received \$200,000 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds from the Vermont Agency of Education to use over the next two years. The ELP offers afterschool and summer programs for MAUSD elementary and middle school students, and ELP Director Mandy Chesley-Park said the funds provided an opportunity to support an organization that serves

older students in the district.

"The Hub is such a great community resource, so it was exciting to build out that partnership," she said. "We've been talking to Taylor about how she wants to grow (the Hub), diversifying the population and making sure people know what's going on there."

Located on Airport Drive within walking distance of Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School, the Hub offers local youth ages of 12-19 a place to hang out after school. Typically, the Hub is open from 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays that school is in session and, as of Oct. 31, the teen center is open until 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. On these late evenings, teens can stick around for a free meal and community-building activities.

Jackie Steponaitis, the Hub staff member who is running these extended hours, said each evening will look a little different. Mondays will be focused on giving teens the chance to sit and talk with one another over dinner.

"Typically, I'll try to start off the conversation easily like 'how was your day' and then I'll slowly lead it into what the teens want to talk about," Steponaitis said. "Last Monday was a Star Wars themed night. We started talking

about upcoming movies they were excited about, that led to a conversation about superheroes and then all the way to talking about the representation of LGBTQIA+ in superheroes."

Welch said she's excited about offering local teens more than just a meal with these dinner conversations.

"Food is always a major goal of ours. And in addition to dinner, there is the kind of traditional sit-down dinner experience where we pull everyone off electronics, and everyone talks and exists in that space without distraction," she said. "For some people that's a really familiar experience, and for others it's less so, so it's just really giving them that opportunity."

Wednesday evenings will be more structured, with short workshops focused on topics that teens are interested in. This week's workshop covered basic Japanese phrases, while future workshops are slated to cover topics like how to build a résumé and staying organized.

Steponaitis said she's hoping these evenings at the Hub indulge teens' curiosity and give them more agency as they navigate the world.

"We always try to have the teenagers tell us what they want to learn," she said. "They have a lot of general life questions, so I'm hoping through these extended hours not only can they learn how to be more independent, but they can also feel like they're gaining more confidence in themselves by achieving their goals."

Steponaitis said the first few evenings have had a lower turnout, but she expects that will change. The center currently receives hundreds of visits from teens every month.

"We had about eight kids show up each day," she said. "I think as word gets out and the days get colder there will be an increase, we expect about 10-15 kids regularly."

Extended hours at the Hub will last through the school year. After that, it's unclear whether the Hub will return to its previous hours, though Chesley-Park said the ELP will continue to support extended hours at the center however they can.

"If that's the need, which it looks like it is, then we'll continue to find ways for kids to stay there longer," she said. "It's in development and we're going to do whatever we can to support the work (at the Hub) and provide more programs."

*"I'm hoping through these extended hours not only can (local teens) learn how to be more independent, but they can also feel like they're gaining more confidence in themselves by achieving their goals."*

— Jackie Steponaitis

**CORRECTION:** Well, we put our foot in it this time. We heard about a going away party for attorney Pam Marsh, who would be leaving the firm Marsh & Wagner P.C. to take over as

the Addison County Probate Court judge, and last week we erroneously invited everyone to come celebrate. But we didn't understand it is a private party. Oops! If you wish to thank Pam

for her three decades working in the best interest of county children, thank her privately on your own — she surely deserves it.

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# State Board rules on Lincoln

## School must provide central office services on its own

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — The Vermont State Board of Education has determined the best way for Lincoln to provide students with supervisory union services like special education and transportation is to do so on its own.

At its Wednesday meeting, the board voted unanimously to designate the Lincoln School District, or LSD, as a supervisory district, which is a supervisory union consisting of only one school district.

Thus, the LSD must find a way of offering the various educational and administrative services a supervisory union provides by the time it begins operating as an independent school entity next July.

*“One of our other concerns had been the cost and we looked at what that budget would be, and we’ve also been very successful with private fundraising and feel that is not as much of a risk.”*

— Lincoln School Board Chair Jennifer Oldham

Williamstown, Central Vermont SU in Royalton, and MAUSD were all opposed to joining with Lincoln. White River Valley and Central Vermont both stated that taking on the LSD’s supervisory union services would be a financial commitment they could not take on, along with concerns of a potential merger negatively impacting students and current supervisory union members.

MAUSD officials opposed being forced back into a supervisory union structure, stating their current supervisory district structure provides more equity for students and more cost efficiencies.

MAUSD had expressed willingness to invite Lincoln back as a member town of the district, and MAUSD board members formalized that position on Oct. 25.

At the state board’s Sept. 28 meeting, the LSD told state board members it would likely be unable to assume responsibility of these services on its own. Still, becoming its own supervisory district remained a possibility for the LSD, and Oldham said the LSD became more confident with their ability to become a supervisory district after further examining the possibility.

“We went back to revisit the (supervisory district) decision in recognition of the real opposition to any other SU taking us and to MAUSD being formed into a supervisory union with us,” she said. “We had continued to plan to provide a lot of the services that a supervisory union would provide, as we thought that

would likely be the most efficient if we were to join another SU, so we had made progress in that area.”

Vermont Education Secretary Daniel French recommended the state board designate LSD as its own supervisory district and “that the district fulfills its responsibilities through a combination of providing its own services where possible, and contracting for services where it would be more efficient or effective.”

French’s recommendation didn’t advise the state board to require that any supervisory union contract their services to the LSD, but he noted the board might encourage the LSD to pursue those conversations with MAUSD, which currently provides Lincoln’s elementary school with supervisory union services.

The LSD submitted a response to the state board in alignment with French’s recommendation, asking that the board designate LSD as a supervisory district. Oldham said the LSD and French’s shared consensus shows that designation was the best path forward out of the possibilities available.

“What you really saw was a convergence of we’ve been working a long time on this and the information coming from the

*“The information coming from the other supervisory unions made it clear that ... it was not going to be any more efficient or economical or beneficial to join these SUs, for either those SUs or Lincoln.”*

— Lincoln School Board Chair Jennifer Oldham

other supervisory unions made it clear that, at least based on the numbers, it was not going to be any more efficient or economical or beneficial to join these SUs, for either those SUs or Lincoln,” she said. “We came to the decision that this was the best choice.”

Oldham said the LSD will now be focused on becoming an operational supervisory district by July of next year, work that includes recruiting staff for a central office. The *Independent* will explore next steps for the Lincoln School District in a future story.

# ANWSD equity

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refreshments will be offered. The second workshop will be held on Dec. 6 at Vergennes Union Elementary School and focus on the “the power of literacy in equity.” According to a sheet attached to Soule’s email, facilitator training will be available at that workshop.

The final workshop in the series will be held Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at VUHS and focus on “mental health matters” and equity.

Soule’s email also suggests those who might be interested in facilitating a workshop reach out to Monica Desrochers, ANWSD’s Recovery Coordinator for Equity and Inclusion, at mdesrochers@anwsd.org.

In December 2020 the ANWSD board adopted an equity policy, that reads as follows:

“ANWSD Board Statement

Reaffirming its Commitment to Safe, Civil, and Anti-Racist Schools

“The Superintendent and Directors of the Addison Northwest School District wish to reassure the members of our educational community in these uncertain times. We remain committed to maintaining safe and welcoming schools regardless of race, gender, disability, national origin, documentation, religion, sexual orientation, political orientation, or family income. In addition to compliance with the law, we also have a moral and ethical duty to protect all who pass through the doors of our schools and to provide our students with an equitable education.

“The Board emphatically endorses and supports a learning environment and shared community void of hate, bias, bigotry, and

racism. We condemn white supremacy and unequivocally believe that Black lives matter. We charge the members of the ANWSD community with creating a safe, civil, and kind learning environment. Everyone — parents, students, staff, board members, community members — must take seriously the need to speak openly against hate of all kinds.

“We will recognize, respond to, and redress bias and inequities in our systems, policies, and practices. We will create and sustain an equitable learning environment in which we treat one another with respect and dignity. We can each lead through example, and with this statement the ANWSD Board hereby reaffirms its commitment to providing an equitable, just, and inclusive learning environment for all students.”



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# Editorial

## Post-election: Sea-change in expectations, Trump's path to the ash heap

Since Election Day a week ago, Americans have seen a sea-change of political fortunes and attitudes: from the conservative Trump-supporters who expected the red wave to push Democrats from power and hobble President Joe Biden's next two years in office, to moderates and liberals relieved that the nation's voters stood up for democracy, rejected the Big Lie, and called for a rejection of extremism from both parties.

We don't pretend that the next two years, with a divided Congress and a presidential election coming in two years (and with Trump in the mix), will be peachy keen, but we're hoping the public vote says that most Americans want a government that works on solving major problems and that they will reject candidates who wage ad hominem attacks on opponents.

The reference, of course, is to ex-president Trump. If there are two ideas that have defined Mr. Trump as a political candidate these past six years, it has been his juvenile attacks on opponents and his refusal to take responsibility for the consequences he sets in motion.

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"Ad hominem" refers to attacking the person, rather than the argument, and Trump has made that style of political attacks his calling card. He ruthlessly chides the person — their character, personality, family — in petty, yet demeaning ways. It's schoolyard name-calling, and yet it has appeal to Trump supporters who revel in "sticking it to" Trump's target. It's how he dispatched his far more qualified Republican challengers in the 2016 primary and slipped past a dismissive Hillary Clinton. As those challengers know, it's difficult to counter such mean-spirited attacks without lowering oneself into the fray or appearing weak.

Only the voters can reject such attacks, which many did in this election by defeating Trump-backed candidates who had adopted his style and his lies.

Republican voters, in particular, will need to reject such tactics even more forcefully in the upcoming two years as the party chooses its presidential nominee. To that end, it is heartening to see several Republican mega-donors already proclaim they are pulling their support of Trump and are looking to back Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis or any other nominee. More importantly, if Fox News and its commentators bail on Trump (after six years of irresponsibly supporting and promulgating his lies) because they now deem him a weak loser and a drag on the conservative movement, Trump's megaphone will be taken from him. And surely it's an ominous sign for Trump that his own daughter, Ivanka, stated this Wednesday she would not actively be part of her father's upcoming campaign.

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"Impunity" refers to "the exemption from punishment, harm or loss." It's another Trump trademark. From his early years of bankrupting businesses to running one of the most corrupt and chaotic presidencies in American history, he's good at getting away with the crimes he commits — mostly by pointing the blame at others (even his wife). Many columnists have written about Trump's, and the Republican party's "politics of impunity," by which they mean actions taken without accepting the responsibility for negative outcomes, such as \$1.5 billion in tax cuts Trump passed for the wealthy that ballooned the deficit without much positive impact on already overheated economy. Or championing white supremacist rhetoric but denying it's the cause for instances of racial violence.

But primarily, Trump's impunity is defined by his refusal to take responsibility for any detrimental action, including his ruinous role (for Republicans) in the 2022 midterm elections. With Trump, *the buck never stops with him.*

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Many Republicans surely hoped the 2022 results were a way to rid themselves of Mr. Trump's scandals and his celebrity personality cult, and GOP leaders have repeatedly said post-election that the party is not beholden to a cult leader — but the proof will be in the pudding. For many complex reasons that pundits have written about over the past week, his lies and his grievances still have a hold on Trump's core supporters who appreciate him as a fighter for their grievances.

Not only is such appreciation misplaced, but it's painful that the word "pugilism" — from the Greek word meaning "boxer" and someone who "fights with their fists" — has any connection to Trump.

Trump is a schoolyard bully who is quick to toss insults, but also quick to hide for protection — he dodged the Vietnam draft with a fake injury; he's inherited millions, lost more, bankrupted companies but always found others to bail him out; more recently, he riled up his warriors on Jan. 6, 2021 to ransack the Capitol (killing five military and police guards and threatening the nation's democracy by overthrowing a duly elected president) while he hid in the White House gloating with satisfaction at the destruction.

He's a coward and a traitor, not a fighter. And, true to form, he entered the 2024 presidential race months early to try — once again — to dodge responsibility for the laws he violated as president, and for which he is justly being investigated.

But 2022 is not 2016 nor 2020. The shine is off and Trump's faults are plain for all to see. Let's hope that's enough to convince the GOP base that their future is brighter if other Republican leaders rise to the fore and Trump is dispatched to the dust heap.

Angelo Lynn



### Sucked in

Clement Meadmore's 1971 painted aluminum sculpture "Around and About" on the Middlebury College campus seems to throw the unsuspecting viewer into an uncomfortable vortex when viewed up close. This image of the twisted hulk was made before the snow fell this week.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

## Letters to the Editor

### Clements visit was unfortunate

There used to be a saying: "I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." This passionate take on the First Amendment seems an appropriate preface for reaction to the *Independent's* meticulously reported coverage of David Clements' recent visit to Valley Bible Church in East Middlebury.

As a former teacher of World History, I used to point out to my students that while I can't be labeled Christian, I do admire the bravery of Christ's brief ministry. I shared with the relevant excerpts from the definitive book on the subject: "The Historical Jesus," by Dominic Crossan, a professor at Notre Dame. His findings remind us why Gandhi admired the New Testament.

In sharp contrast, Clements' recent performance reeked of enmity. At least we were spared a tenet of his usual rhetoric suggesting the use of "Firing squads." Good heavens, Perhaps the erudite professor from New Mexico was making an oblique reference to the position taken by St. Augustine, who posited that holy war is not in fact an oxymoron, as enemies of the Church Militant die in body, thus sparing pagans and heretics' immortal souls. How kind.

As I continued to read Clements' message (the gilded cross stuffed into his breast pocket was a decorative touch intended, I gather, to symbolize the gap between church and state he would cheerfully erase) I was reminded, as well, that when it comes to buzzwords, Marxism is easier to spell than fascism.

The Vermont I love has changed over the years, as is inevitable. But for me to read a local congregation's willingness to identify as aggressive canines left me feeling insulted, even if they weren't. Clements had the brass to be in Vermont, insulting Vermonters. Have I missed something? The last I knew, we took pride in never putting up with that behavior from anybody. Finally, I am left with a peculiar form of anguish. I am uncertain as to whether all this fills me with pain or disgust. I will compromise by feeling both.

David Munford  
Middlebury

### End of an era for Mt. Abe hoops

After 31 years of running the girls' basketball program at Mount Abraham, Connie LaRose was fired. She took a program that had struggled for years and made it one of the better programs in Division 2. Apparently, the administration, from the AD to the principal to the superintendent, believed a change was needed for reasons not given, and this was three months after Connie brought the fifth state basketball championship home to the Mount Abraham community.

Connie has coached at the varsity level for 33 years: the last year of Beeman Academy in New Haven; the last year at Bristol High School; and the last 31 years at Mount Abraham. Her record speaks for itself: 486-232; five state championships; six runners up; and 16 appearances in the Final Four at "The Aud."

Two long-termed successful coaches retired at the end of the school year. Did they do this because of the fear of being fired? Or did they know the time was right? Hard to say. They both had a nice send-off, much different than Connie's.

Connie's Mount Abraham program consists of three teams: a varsity team; a JV A team; and a JV B team. She takes her varsity team to a three-day weekend tournament in late June to a Maine college campus to build team chemistry and to play better competition, with 25-30 teams from around New England in preparation for the following winter. Her team participates in a summer league June-July. Besides this, she manages 8-10 AAU teams from March to June with volunteer coaches to keep the youth involved

(See LaRose letter, Page 5A)

## Seeing the November of middle age

"I think that November might be the most beautiful month," said my daughter as we drove through the barren brown landscape. A few scraggly leaves clung resolutely to the skeletal tree branches. November, memorialized by Thomas Hood's bleak poem (a long list of "no's," concluding with, "No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! — November!") is usually far down the list of months ranked by beauty. This daughter turns 15 in a week, so she has a vested interest in finding goodness in her birth month.

And yet, I could see what she meant. The sky gets bigger in November without leaves in the way. The light is spectacular: The sunrises and sunsets become kaleidoscopic shows of orange and purple and are more conveniently witnessed as the daylight contracts towards the middle of the day. And, sorry Thomas Hood, but there are birds — the hardy ones who hunker down for the winter — and they're easier to appreciate in the absence of competition: the brilliant blue jays, sinister crows, stern red-tailed hawks, and swooping murmurations of starlings.

Here is what I have been thinking about lately: Middle age is a lot like November.

Now, my experience of middle age may not be universal, but in my experience middle age is when your heart breaks and stays broken. Heartbreak happens much earlier than middle age, of course — life is full of sadness and difficulty at every stage — but when I was younger it seemed that the stretches between heartbreak lasted longer. There was also the hope that

life would be easier at some point. That was HARD, I'd think, but now it's over and things will get better. And usually things would get better, for a time.

But since I've entered middle age, the heartbreaks seem to come fast and furious: challenges, illnesses, griefs in my own life and — often worse — in the lives of those I love. They come so quickly that they overlap, and I often have no time to breathe or regain my footing before the next wave hits.

This is HARD, I think when our youngest child is repeatedly hospitalized in respiratory distress, when the divisions in our country boil over, when a global pandemic drags on for years, when relationships are fraught, when my children struggle to become the best versions of themselves and have their own hearts broken, and when I receive steady news of the difficulties that my friends and family are going through.

Sometime over the past year, I stopped assuming things would get better.

The reality is that by middle age, life begins to press in on us all in a multitude of ways. I know more people who've faced death or died, more people whose marriages have ended, more people who question whether they lived for the right things. Nor does parenting get easier as children get older; on the contrary, it's far more brutal than late-night feedings to watch this hard world have its way with your children. And don't even get me started on the news. If you could see into my chest cavity, I think my heart would

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### Clippings

By Faith Gong



## Positive attitude is best policy

One day while sitting at my dining room table, I looked out the window and saw a hummingbird fluttering around the fuchsia plant, darting from flower to flower in a blur of wings. Weeks before I'd placed the plant on the deck just so that I could look out my window and witness this very scene. I saw hummingbirds in the trees and in the garden, but never on the deck. Perhaps it was because I was focused on my computer, a book, my phone, anywhere but where the hummingbirds were.

I was reminded of this while reading David Brooks' op-ed piece, "The Rising Tide of Global Sadness." Brooks writes about the increasingly negative emotions expressed in pop songs, newspaper headlines, surveys about life in general and work in particular. He refers to the General Social Survey, which states that between 1990 and 2018, unhappiness in the United States had increased by more than 50%. Brooks concludes that "the emotional health of the world is shattering."

This bleak view is understandable, considering how many concocted, anticipated, and actual problems humans encounter every day. News items, social media posts and idle conversations show that people are unhappy for numerous reasons: hunger, poverty, poor health, unfulfilling jobs, unemployment, feelings of isolation, worry about climate change, and violence

in many forms.

In the chapter on social media, an important point is made in the 2022 World Happiness Report: Emotions aren't just internal; they're shared with others and can influence others. In other words, they have a social function. The way we experience events in our lives is influenced by whom we connect with online. There is the potential of clustering people together into happy or unhappy groups. The same can be said about in-person interactions, of course. However, on social media, people frequently share their thoughts with hundreds of folks designated as "friends." (How many of us can say that we have a hundred friends, in real life — or even 50, for that

matter?). This downward trend is not universal, however. According to the report, life satisfaction for the young has diminished and has increased for those over 60. Benevolence increased during the pandemic; that is, there was an increase in donations to charities, volunteering, and helping strangers. So, in some ways, it really depends upon where you look when it comes to the emotional health of humans. While there is sadness, anger, and fear, there is also joy, love and a sense of community.

Perhaps one key to increasing our sense of well-

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### Ways of Seeing

By Ruth Farmer



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# Letters to the Editor

## Mount Abe girls' soccer team rated more coverage

I am really sorry to be writing this. This is not something that I typically do, but I am disappointed, and I will continue to be until I get this off my chest. I know that what I am going to address was an oversight, and that there was no intentional slight, but it still stings, so I thought I should address it. I love that our community has the *Addison Independent*, and I have the utmost respect for what you all accomplish on a weekly basis. I know mistakes happen, and I know that not everything can be covered. I am just looking for a call out to a fall sports team who accomplished so much, and received so little press recognition.

This fall sports season, there were five Addison County high school sports teams who reached the state semifinals in their respective divisions. They were the Middlebury boys' soccer team, the Vergennes boys' soccer team, the Middlebury football team, the Mt. Abe/Vergennes football team, and the Mt. Abe girls' soccer team. All of those teams, but one, received amazing feature

articles and thorough coverage in the *Addison Independent* about their great successes in the playoffs. Unfortunately, the team that didn't, received virtually no coverage at all. Not even a half a paragraph about their quarterfinal victory or semifinal battle.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the 11 seed Mt. Abraham Union girls' soccer team beat Number 6 Missisquoi in the play down round of the playoffs. It was an exciting game that ended 2-1 in the first overtime. Despite the fact that the game was so close, and the fact that Missisquoi was a higher seed, it was not really a huge surprise that the Mt. Abe girls took home the win. They were coming off of the most difficult regular season that any Vermont Division II girls' team had played. They had faced four Division I opponents and the two teams who were ultimately Division II finalists, twice each. Their record showed it, and that was the main reason they were Number 11 going into the playoffs. In the Oct. 27 issue of the *Addy Indy*, the Mt. Abe girls were mentioned in the regular girls' soccer wrap up on the

sports page, along with the other Addison County girls' high school teams, all of whom had been eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. On to the quarterfinals against Number 3 Harwood, with no real fanfare, and that was fine. They hadn't really accomplished anything yet.

On Friday, Oct. 28, the Lady Eagles of Mt. Abraham travelled to Moretown to take on the Number 3 Harwood Union Highlanders. This turned out to be the most amazing game of the season, once again going into overtime with the game tied 1-1. Within minutes of the first overtime beginning, the Eagles scored the winning goal, securing their spot, for the second year in a row, in the Division II semifinals.

The Eagles moved onto the semifinals against Milton on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Milton. It was another nail-biter with the Mt. Abe girls, unfortunately, being eliminated in the semifinals for the second year in a row. On Thursday, Nov. 3, I excitedly entered Bristol Beverage, strode to the news rack, picked up the *(See Toy letter, Page 8A)*

## ACSD board member explains charter change views

I am writing in response to recent opinion pieces on the issue of ACSD's potential charter change. As a board member, it's important to tell you that I do not speak on behalf of the ACSD Board — but I also think it's important to consider the perspective of someone who values the entirety of ACSD as

much as citizens behind the Save Our Schools movement love their individual towns.

Recent articles in the *Addison Independent* have highlighted both ACSD's charter change issue and the estimated \$110M repairs needed for our schools. I want to connect the content of these two articles in the minds of ACSD

community members, because I fear the direction of the school closure conversation has been steered too far from the realities that ACSD faces as a single educational community. And the enormous price tag associated with addressing the urgent needs of our aging facilities is just one of *(See Noble letter, Page 8A)*

## LaRose letter

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in basketball to improve their skills. I know how much her commitment is to basketball year in and year out. Her players commit to be the best they can to reap the benefits of a successful season (see the record). Do all varsity coaches put into their programs what Connie does? Tough question to answer.

If you have ever coached at the high school level, you don't do it for the money, you do it for the love of the sport. As you can see, Connie puts in a lot of time year round to ensure her program is the best it can be.

We all know when the end is in sight in anything we do. Maybe our drive isn't as strong as it was. Maybe physically we can't do what we used to. With the time and commitment Connie has given to the Mount Abraham community, she should have been able to walk away holding her head high instead of being kicked to curb for reasons unknown except for our illustrious administration.

Did the AD and/or principal wake up that morning and say to themselves, today is the day we make a name for ourselves. Well, I think they succeeded. This administration has been slammed dunked from every corner of the state for this decision, and because of their shooting from the hip they have embarrassed the entire Mount Abraham community.

What else could have driven this decision? Was it someone who has been after Connie's job for the last few years continually undermining her program? Maybe they wanted the job to ensure a particular player started? Could it have been the AD all by himself wanting to stir the pot a little? If this AD acted because of a disgruntled parent spoke to him, why didn't he address the issues himself, stating I support all of my coaches and the way they run their programs, or discuss the shortcomings with the coach. Was it a disgruntled parent upset their daughter didn't start/pulled out of a game and then slammed out of the gym? Or was it one of the other administrators that might have felt a player wasn't treated fairly? Some people forget you can only put five players on the floor at a time. The varsity coach makes these decisions as she is paid to win and develop her players. Not everybody gets a trophy!

Connie was told she was too negative to her players. Remember, this statement comes from someone who has never coached. Every varsity coach has their moments during the heat of battle on the floor or on the field to say something that a parent or administrator takes very negatively. Show me a coach that doesn't get excited at times on the side lines, and I will show you someone leading an unsuccessful program. She has never sworn at her players and none of her players have taken the floor with tears running down their cheeks.

Connie was told her negativity was the reason her numbers are down. She has three teams at the

high school level. I believe no other Division II program can say that. Yes, the numbers aren't what they use to be, but much of that is due to the pandemic or involvement in other off-season activities with another sport during the winter season. Check how other school activities and their numbers compare to pre-pandemic.

These three administrators all hang their hat on "all proper protocols were followed." Wouldn't you think 31 years would get you more than "all proper protocols were followed?" To me, they are gutless in not saying what the reason was for Connie's contract not being renewed. For this reason only, I did not support the merger with the Addison Northwest School District because I fear that these same administrators could be chosen for positions in this new district at a higher pay scale.

I write this letter as a supervisor of people for over 50 years.

Yes, people are hired and fired every day. In my many years as a supervisor, no one was fired without being mentored and have the opportunity to fix their shortcomings. Not every employee is perfect, but given the opportunity to improve gives them confidence in their work environment. Connie had no write ups in her personnel file. After 31 years being employed by Mount Abraham, you would think she would have been given an opportunity to fix her perceived shortcomings. Again, this tells me someone put pressure on someone to fire her to ensure a player would play more, start more, etc. Obviously, this administration missed Supervisory Skills 101!

Fortunately for the Mount Abraham girls' basketball program, one of her assistants was hired to run this program.

**Ron LaRose  
Bristol**

*Editor's note: The writer is the spouse of Connie LaRose.*

## Clippings

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look like one of those sacred heart icons: broken, bleeding, crowned with thorns, pierced by daggers. I bet most middle-aged hearts would look this way.

Before you begin to worry: I am not living in a state of despair. On the contrary, I found it immensely hopeful the day I realized, Maybe life really just moves from heartbreak to heartbreak; maybe the key to getting up in the morning doesn't lie in hoping it'll get better, but in figuring out how to live well even if it doesn't.

It's a little like existing in a permanent November. But as my daughter pointed out, sometimes the bleakest landscapes can be the most beautiful, if you have eyes to see.

I see it in my 3-year-old son, who takes so much delight in life that multiple times each day he has what we call a "joy spasm" — hands clasped together, eyes closed, enormous grin, and his entire body doing a shimmy-shake. He joy spasms over his morning cup of cocoa, preparing to take "a little walk," reading a favorite book, or when he sees someone

he loves. He gives hugs without reservation. And he rejoices in the successes of others. In recent months, he's become obsessed with basketball (mysteriously — there is nary a basketball player among our short-statured family), but his idea of "playing basketball" at the playground is to toss the ball a few inches into the air, smile, and say, "I can't get it in. Mommy, do it!" Similarly, he loves the little video games on his toy camera — but what he loves most of all is to watch his sisters play while he watches, shouting, "Are you winning? Keep trying! You'll get better!"

I see it in my older children, who are beginning to grapple with what theologian Kara Powell considers the biggest questions: Who am I? Whose am I? Why am I here? They approach these giants bravely, armed with their astounding creativity, grasping for hope and meaning through art, writing, and music.

I see it in my husband, who helps hold my broken heart. He gets up every morning while it's still dark to pray and journal, then emerges into the day to encourage the rest

of his family — mostly introverts inclined to despair — to love more.

I see it in the people around me, all of them living with bleeding hearts in their chests. There are people in my life who have experienced such pain that I don't know how they are able to carry on, but somehow they scrape together enough hope to get out of bed each morning — and they give me hope.

And I see it in November. Yesterday, my husband and I were walking the dog along our driveway when my husband stopped, pointed up, and said, "Look at that! How's that possible?"

He'd spotted a little cluster of bright green leaves on the topmost branch of an otherwise bare tree.

"I don't know how that's possible," I said, "but it's perfect. I'm putting that in my column, because it's exactly what I'm writing about."

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## Ways of Seeing

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being and happiness is to focus on a range of emotions, including those considered positive. I'm not suggesting that we ignore the horrors in the world. Obviously, we must use common sense. Still, good works, solutions to problems, and benevolent and joyful actions deserve attention, and a positive attitude helps us to face the challenges that are part of being human.

In "Braiding Sweetgrass," Robin Wall Kimmerer writes, "Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us,

giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift."

To some, this perspective might sound naïve, even disingenuous. For me, though, it's a reminder to shift my gaze. Doing so won't prevent sadness. Yet, happiness only has meaning because there is sadness. Hope has no real meaning if you've never felt hopelessness, nor joy if you've never felt sorrow, or community without having felt isolation.

It's easy to strategically place a plant so that I can get regular spurts of joy from seeing a hummingbird kiss a fuchsia. The practice is to remember to seek out that experience.

Whether metaphorically or literally, I plan to shift my gaze more often — towards community, joy, hope and the view out my dining room window.

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## Obituaries

## Kenneth L. Boyea, 81, of East Middlebury

EAST MIDDLEBURY — Kenneth L. "Ken" Boyea, 81, beloved husband of Sylvia Cone Boyea, passed away peacefully in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass., on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, with his family by his side.

Ken was born in Vermont on Jan. 28, 1941. He was the son of Doris (Currier) Boyea and Ragel Boyea, Sr. He lived in East Middlebury and Weybridge for most of his adult life. In the fall of 2021, he moved to Dartmouth, Mass.

Following high school, Ken joined the military and served in Korea after the Korean Conflict. Upon his return, he met Sylvia, and they married on September 25, 1965, recently celebrating 57 years of marriage. The perfect couple, they were both warm, welcoming, generous, and kind. Their home was always full of love and laughter.

Ken worked in the lumber business with his father-in-law Earl Cone for several years. He then worked for IBM for 25 years until his retirement in 1997. After retirement, he worked part-time as



KENNETH L. BOYEY

a driver for Project Independence in Middlebury.

He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and relished the times he spent with family and friends at their camp in Warren. Everyone enjoyed it more when Ken was part of the group. He was easy to get along with. He seemed to like everyone, and everyone liked him.

Ken was a man devoted to his family. As a young man, he showed love and support for his younger brother. After marriage, his main focus was his wife and children,

and then also his grandchildren, who he cherished.

Ken is survived by his wife Sylvia and their two sons, Kevin of Burlington, Vt., and Keith of Dartmouth, Mass. He is also survived by Keith's wife Brenda and their two children, his much-loved grandchildren, Emma and Collin. He leaves his brother Charlie and his wife Sue of Colchester, Vt., a favorite aunt, Lois Bissonnette, a niece and several nephews, and a long-time special friend, Leo Plante. He was close to his wife's family, and her brothers Doug and Mike and sister Earlene will miss him, as will their spouses Connie, Joanne, and Ed.

Funeral services will be held at Prospect Cemetery in East Middlebury on Tuesday Nov. 29, at 1 p.m., with a gathering to follow at the VFW in Middlebury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Project Independence located in the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elderly Services, c/o Elderly Services, Inc., 112 Exchange Street, Middlebury, Vermont 05753, or online at [www.elderlyservices.org](http://www.elderlyservices.org).

## David Charles Melendy, 71, of Burlington

BURLINGTON — David Charles Melendy, 71, of Burlington, passed away peacefully on Nov. 12, 2022, at the McClure-Miller Respite House, of complications from a recent stroke.

David was the son of the late Irving (Lum) and Marilyn Melendy, born on Sept. 23, 1951, in Burlington, Vt. He lived on Shelburne Road in South Burlington with his family until he left for Johnson State college after graduating from South Burlington High School in 1969. He was a fifth-generation Vermonter and a Mayflower descendant.

He spent his early years working with his family building a camp in South Starksboro. He and his sister, Cyndi, learned the meaning of hard work at an early age. He also learned that hard work does pay off and enjoyed spending time with his family swimming, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and playing in the fields and woods when not hauling rocks for the foundation or tearing down old barns for the wood and slate to build the camp.

He was active in Boy Scouts for many years and earned his God and Country Badge, which made his mother so proud. David loved music and spent endless hours in his room listening to all the latest bands. He rarely missed a chance to go to a concert in and around Burlington. He never lost his love of music. He was still ordering CD's of his favorite bands up until his passing. He could tell



DAVID CHARLES MELENDY

you everything there was to know about a band and there was rarely a time when no music was playing in his room.

David worked various jobs during his lifetime. His last position was working at the State of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles in Montpelier. He was married three times and lost at love many times. He loved clothes and liked to look his best whenever possible. He was a coin collector and spent endless hours reading books by his favorite authors. For many years David was the weekly grocery shopper for his grandmother Wells and enjoyed sharing a "cocktail" with her after the groceries were put away.

He occasionally went to Maine for vacation and enjoyed partaking in seafood as much as his parents did. After a car accident in 1981 he never really regained his full capabilities. Endless trips to the

doctor's for multiple issues began to consume his days. He never regained the ability to walk after a failed hip replacement in 2009. He moved to a handicapped accessible apartment in Montpelier and lived there until 2020, when he could no longer live independently.

As a resident at Elderwood, he became socially active again and participated in daily activities. He had his music, his books and a room where he could have his privacy. He was finally in a safe and secure living situation.

David leaves behind his sister Cyndi Labelle (Doni) of South Starksboro; brother Chris Melendy (Clara) of Ferrisburgh; son Adam; his niece and nephews, Joshua and Zachary Labelle, Ashley and Matthew Melendy, Patrick Clark (Wendy), Logan and Evan Ambrose; his aunts, Anne Hancock and Anne DeVaughn; along with numerous cousins. David was predeceased by his brother Matthew; his grandparents, Frank and Gladys Wells, Horace Melendy, Dorothy Melendy Haselton, and step-grandfather Scott Haselton; and his uncles, Lucien Wells and John "Pete" Hancock.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, from 3-5 p.m. at the Shelburne Funeral Chapel of Corbin and Palmer, 209 Falls Road Shelburne, Vermont 05482.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. ♦

## Stephen Earl Ketcham, 75, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Stephen Earl Ketcham, 75, of Middlebury, passed away at home on Nov. 8, 2022, after a six-month illness.

Steve was born July 12, 1947, and grew up on the family farm in Whiting until age 14, when his family moved to Brandon. Steve graduated from Otter Valley Union High School and attended Bucknell University and Trinity College. He felt a strong connection to the Vermont landscape, and spent many days skiing or hiking in the Green Mountains. In later years, he enjoyed views of Lake Champlain from South Hero.

For more than 35 years, Steve worked as a lineman and installer for the telephone company. He was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. After retiring from the phone company, he served as a physical education teacher at St. Mary's School. He loved being part of the St. Mary's community.

Steve was devoted to his community and family. He was an active member of service organizations including the Lion's Club, Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association, and the Knights of Columbus. Many knew him as



STEPHEN EARL KETCHAM

"Coach Ketcham," as he coached generations of Middlebury-area youth. He was particularly grateful to be inducted into the Vermont Hall of Fame by U.S. Lacrosse Hall for his dedication to youth lacrosse. He was a loving and faithful son to both his parents, especially as they aged and required care, and he was his grandchildren's number one fan.

Steve loved tropical vacations, golf, jigsaw puzzles, and the Red Sox, and we will miss him holding court at the dinner table with his animated conversation.

Steve is survived by his true love and wife of 34 years, Christine

Mobley Ketcham; his son Peter Antos-Ketcham and daughter-in-law Katie; son Seth Mobley and daughter-in-law Katie; four grandchildren, Bailey and Carter Antos-Ketcham and Oliver and Sylvia Mobley; his sister Laurie Rudloff and brother-in-law Robert; three nephews; and many cousins and friends.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, Gordon and Viola (Mary) Ketcham; his first wife Cynthia Ketcham; and daughter Sarah Anne Ketcham.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Village Health, including Laura Wilkinson and Wendy Leeds, as well as Addison County Home Health and Hospice, especially Jenn Quinn.

There will be a Catholic Mass to celebrate Steve's life on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Steve's memory to Middlebury Youth Lacrosse, c/o Jamie Northrup, 203 Hamilton Rd, Weybridge, VT 05753.

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

## Robert H. Meacham Jr., 67, of Salisbury

SALISBURY — Robert H. "Bobby" Meacham Jr. passed away on Nov. 9, 2022, at his home with his family by his side.

Bobby was born on Oct. 15, 1955, in Burlington, Vt., to Robert H. Meacham and Patricia Whitney.

Bobby was an over the road trucker for over 40 years. He enjoyed traveling and running the highways of America. He also looked forward to coming home for family fishing trips and some downtime.

Bobby is survived by his siblings Bruce and Donna Meacham, Brent Meacham, Robin Vose, Lisa and Chris Wright and John Seaman Jr.; his children Robert H. Meacham



ROBERT H. MEACHAM JR.

III, Tammy and Al Rivait, Missy and Frank Ramon, Michael and

Brandy LaMotte, Joe and Vicky LaMotte, Laura Martell, Shannon Farr, and Walker Meacham; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bobby was predeceased by his son Aaron Meacham, brother James Meacham Sr. and uncle James Whitney.

A celebration of life will be held at the American Legion in Vergennes on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Trucker Charity Inc. at [truckercharity.org](http://truckercharity.org). To send online condolences to his family please visit [www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com). ♦

## Ann Elizabeth Hodgman, 75, of Addison

ADDISON — Ann Elizabeth Hodgman passed peacefully surrounded by her three loving daughters on Nov. 9, 2022.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1933, to George and Rachel Bicknell in Burlington, Vt. She received her RN degree at Mary Fletcher School of Nursing. She married Bruce Hodgman, her high school sweetheart, on Nov. 17, 1956. Together they had four children. She was proud to have been a nurse for over 30 years, but was most proud working with her brother, Dr. Donald Bicknell, as his office manager and nurse.

Left to cherish Ann's memory will be her daughters: Suzanne (Lee) Hodsden, Sandra Hodgman and Donna (George) Badore. She will be greatly missed by her seven



ANN ELIZABETH HODGMAN

grandchildren: Travis, Jessica (Jon), Ali (Jeff), Chelsy (Reggie), Sarah (Antonio), Tommy Lee (Alexa) and Jeb. She was delighted to be great-grandmother to Bryce

and Hailey (Chelsy), James and Evan (Jessica) and Cecelia (Sarah). She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce, her son, Danny, and her brother, Don Bicknell.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 4-6 p.m., at Brown McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes. Services will be on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m., at the Addison Community Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Addison Community Baptist Church (c/o Wendy Bruso, 37 King Hill Rd, Addison VT 05491) or to Project Independence (c/o Elderly Services, 12 Exchange St. Middlebury, VT 05753). To send online condolences please visit [www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownmccayfuneralhomes.com). ♦

## Jean DeVoid, 94, formerly of Salisbury

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Jean DeVoid, age 94, of Wantage Township, N.J., passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in the Newton Medical Center following a short illness. Born in Saint Joseph Hospital in Paterson, N.J., Jean grew up and lived most of her life in the Mountainview section of Wayne Twp. before moving to Wantage Twp. ten years ago.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Howard from Salisbury Vt., in 2015; her daughter, Margaret DeVoid, in 2022; parents Amos and Margaret Brubaker; as well as her brother Robert Brubaker. Survivors include her sons Howard and his wife Diane DeVoid of Wantage Twp., and Frank DeVoid



JEAN DEVOID

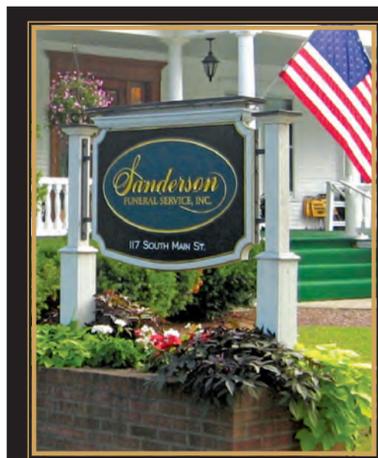
of Clayton, N.C. Also surviving are her grandchildren Heather and her husband Ryan Fischer,

Andrew DeVoid, Todd DeVoid and his wife Michelle, and Tyler and Patrick DeVoid. Also five great-grandchildren, Adelaide, Colette and Oakley Fischer, Andrea Jean DeVoid and Linden DeVoid, as well as her beloved cat Amos survive her.

Private arrangements and online condolences are through [www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com](http://www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com).

Arrangements will be made for memorial services at a later date at the United Methodist Church of Wayne and in Salisbury, Vt. Date and time will be updated on [www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com](http://www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com).

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## Dr. Marilyn A. Morris, 65, of Denton, Texas

DENTON, Texas — Dr. Marilyn Morris passed away in her Denton, Texas home surrounded by loved ones on Aug. 17, 2022. Her family and friends note with extreme sadness the loss of such a generous and beloved sister, daughter, aunt, friend, mentor, and colleague.



DR. MARILYN A. MORRIS

Marilyn was born April 5, 1957, in New Brunswick, N.J., to Stephanie (Wojciechowski) Morris and the Hon. Charles M. Morris Jr. She earned her bachelor's degree in History in 1979 from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.; she earned her Ph.D. in History from the University of London, England, in 1988. While in London, she also worked as a research assistant for the Bentham Project at University College and was a Christie scholar in history at Royal Holloway College. From 1988-1991, she served as assistant editor of the Benjamin Franklin papers at Yale University. In 1991 she took a position at the University of North Texas, where she worked for the next 31 years, first as an assistant professor and then an associate professor of history.

A specialist in eighteenth-century British political and cultural history, Marilyn was the author of numerous book chapters and scholarly essays published in journals such as *Gender & History*; *The Journal of British Studies*; *The Journal of Family History*; *The Journal of Women's History*; *SEL: Studies in English Literature*; and others. She was the author of two books: "The British Monarchy and the French Revolution" (Yale University Press, 1998) and "Sex, Money and Personal Character in Eighteenth-Century British Politics" (Yale University Press, 2015). She was completing a third book, tentatively titled "The Theatre of Matrimony in Georgian Britain," when she passed. In addition to her own scholarship, Marilyn was a valued and sought-after mentor for others' work, serving on a number of dissertation and M.A. thesis committees while at UNT.

As colleague Dr. Nancy Stockdale notes, Marilyn leaves a tremendous legacy at UNT "with her acclaimed scholarship, her vibrant and provocative classes, and her hard work seeing her vision for LGBTQ Studies at UNT come to fruition ... Marilyn's most lasting contributions to the world, alongside her scholarship

and activism, were her humanity, her strength, her sharp wit, and her vibrant presence."

Dr. Clark Pomerleau, another colleague, remembers Marilyn thusly: "In 2003, Marilyn coordinated with a group of faculty members across campus to establish the Study of Sexualities Program — an SOS from LGBTQ faculty at UNT given the campus, state, and national climate at the time. She was instrumental in working with outside donors Howard and Maggie Watt to secure financial support for the program. Marilyn directed the program for its first six years. This precursor to LGBTQ Studies provided an intellectual hub for those who recognized sexuality as a valid area of academic research and teaching."

In 2019, the Women's and Gender Studies Program at UNT established the Marilyn Morris Award for Outstanding Academic Contributions to LGBTQ Studies. She was its first recipient.

Marilyn was never happier than when she was sitting at her desk composing books, articles and presentations about the British monarchy and the upper crust in the eighteenth century. She was particularly interested in how the scandals, adultery, and expressions of sexuality were intertwined with the politics of the time. She was a fabulous wordsmith who took delight in crafting the most eloquent and often pithy way of talking about her subjects, who she treated with much empathy and compassion despite their peccadilloes.

Marilyn's passion for writing extended outside academia, as she was a prolific correspondent and also drafted several novels. She was always active; she loved the outdoors, and one could find her

most weekends riding her bike far outside city limits or taking long walks around town. At a young age she developed a strong enjoyment of horseback riding, and her love of horses stayed with her throughout her life. Closer to home, she avidly tended her garden, planting flowers of all kinds, pruning her ever-growing crepe myrtles, and mowing her lawn. Jealously protecting her plants from the critters who might destroy them, Marilyn had at the ready water hoses and a slingshot to discourage their attacks. So devoted to staying active, Marilyn insisted upon mowing her own lawn up until a few weeks before passing.

In addition, she loved to make tasty dishes accompanied by a nice glass of wine (or two). She made a variety of mostly healthy foods, from her favorite biscuits and gravy (when feeling naughty) to a wide array of stir-fries, curries, salads, and any recipe that included kale ("A lot of good that did me," she quipped when she got her diagnosis).

This leads us to Marilyn's wit, for which she was greatly appreciated by her friends. She had a way of summing things up that was "spot on" (as she would say) and light-hearted. One could say the same of the quality of her friendship; Marilyn was a kind, compassionate human being, who listened to her friends without judgment. She could find light and humor even when dealing with her devastating illness.

Marilyn is missed deeply by her mother, Stephanie Morris of Brandon, Vt.; sister Stephanie Choma and her husband Joseph of Sudbury, Vt.; niece Amy Mason and her husband Brian of Weybridge, Vt., and their children Sophie, Aster, Elizabeth, and Flor; nephew Dr. Joseph D. Choma and his wife Dr. Jessica Saunders of Albany, N.Y., and their children Isabel and David; cousin Dr. Rosemarie A. Bonk of Edison, N.J.; and a wide network of treasured friends, colleagues, and students in New England, Texas, and beyond.

Marilyn's close family gathered to honor her memory in Sudbury on Oct. 16, 2022, and a celebration of her life is anticipated for spring 2023 in Denton. Memorial contributions are welcome to The Dr. Marilyn Morris Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of North Texas. ◊

## Joan C. Grant, 86, of Orwell



JOAN C. GRANT

ORWELL — Joan Claudia (DiMello) Grant, 86, passed away at Porter Medical Center on Nov. 10, 2022, after a long illness. Joan was born in Ferrisburgh, Vt., to Antonio and Bertha DiMello, on June 7, 1936. She grew up in Ferrisburgh and Vergennes and attended Vergennes High School, graduating in 1955. She married Robert Grant of Addison in 1962, and they resided in Middlebury until 1997, when they moved to Orwell.

Joan worked many years at Mary Hogan Elementary School as a school custodian and spent many years in the later part of her life caring for elderly people, a vocation which she thoroughly enjoyed. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed yard sales and consignment shopping, produced dozens of handmade embroidered quilts and built, reconditioned and furnished doll houses, having nearly two dozen

in her collection. She enjoyed the outdoors and family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert Grant of Orwell, and children Marsha (Michael) Shepard of Ferrisburgh, Michael (Melanie) Grant of Tallahassee,

Fla., Robert (Beth) Grant Jr. of Orwell, and Joanne Lapine (Charlie Fox) of Schoharie, N.Y. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Antonio and Bertha DiMello, and three sisters: Mary Wenzel, Betty (Elizabeth) DiMello, and Irene DeMerchant.

A celebration of life event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 1:30-5 p.m. at the Middlebury American Legion Post 27, 49 Wilson Road, Middlebury.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Orwell's First Response Rescue Squad, 604 Main Street, Orwell, Vt.

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

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## Note of appreciation

### Middlebury Flag Football offers thanks to volunteers

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ALLEN LAFOUNTAIN

## Allen Lafountain, 99, of East Middlebury

EAST MIDDLEBURY — Allen Lafountain of East Middlebury passed away on Nov. 11, 2022. He was born Aug. 12, 1923.

There will be a celebration of his life on Nov. 27 at the Middlebury American Legion from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Addison County Home Health and Hospice.

For full obituary see [sandersonfuneralservice.com](http://sandersonfuneralservice.com) ◊

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# Letters to the Editor

## Independent state Senate candidate passes torch

To the 50%-plus mid-term voters of the Addison Senate race:  
As of Sunday (Nov. 13) I've heard the number of votes I got as an independent running for the Senate seat in the Addison District was 835 online, then I read in this newspaper that I had received 812 votes. So let us just call it 802 STRONG! That matters, Addison! What did we get? One-party control of Addison with career politicians! Does history repeats itself? Vermont folks back in 1772 had the Crown declaring

they knew best in creating good laws and bad, also protecting you; just give us your kids to fight our wars!  
The 802 Strong voters understood that my main issue was term limits. Most likely these voters watched the only public forum (Sept. 22). This was not a debate of the Addison Senate race but a barnyard fest of Senate and House candidates. The only reason that community TV filmed it was that I pushed to see this happen. Also these voters most likely read the *Addison Independent* election

guide in late October well after early voting began. In the guide where seven questions for the candidates, no debate. This was it for local democracy for a county Senate race!  
Now come January the first order of business by the one-party control with career politicians is a pay raise! Fancy that! I suggest we give them their needed pay raise, but as of now the job description will include more. Like county senators and reps being liable for election cycle county debates. For example, the Addison Senate District's 25 towns need the two senators prior to early voting to lock in on five regional debates. Now debates matter for a healthy local democracy, plain and simple! So you 802ers start emailing and calling now — 802 Strong voters need to understand that prior to Lloyd and Bob being Republican candidates in the General Election I was poised to be in a three-way race for the two Senate seats. I first want you to know that Bob and Lloyd are great elderly gentlemen Vermonters, seeing their local democracy in trouble. And at their age they jumped into the race, which is a great act for local democracy!

As of this letter to all of you, I'm retiring in 2024 and forever. My opinion is that no one 70 years and older should run for elected office or hold office. As of now I'm passing the independent torch, I hope to see a serving 35ish Addison independent voter ready to be 100%-plus candidate in 2024 Addison Senate race. I'm here to provide insight of the behind-the-scenes Vermont politics and how independent candidates must fight hard.  
For healthy local community democracy, these three goals:  
1. Term limits (two terms)  
2. Ranked-choice voting a must  
3. Debates liability on elected incumbents.  
If the controlling one party, lip service on protecting your local democracy wants to be true, they'll show 1-2-3 can be in 2024!  
So, 802 Strong voters began ringing the bells of freedom!  
I'm now retired from running. I'll just be an old Vermont guy enjoying this paradise planet, wagging my finger at those wanting to destroy our Vermont paradise for their Disneyment!  
Again, every Addison town showed 802 Strong; *Thank You Vermont Independent voters!*

Mason Wade  
Rochester

## Toy letter

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paper, and opened it to the sports section. What I had expected to find was an article about the Mt. Abe girls' soccer team's amazing victory against Harwood in the quarterfinals, and their epic 2-1 battle against Milton in the semifinals, and instead, I found almost nothing. No feature article... OK, fine. No paragraph in the lower right hand corner of the last page. What I found was the scores of those quarterfinal and semifinal games listed in the scores section of the left hand margin. That was it.  
My heart sank. Then, I rationalized it. The Friday quarterfinal game against Harwood was right after last week's edition came out, and it had been forgotten. Tuesday's semifinal game was only two days before this edition, and they didn't have time to get something together. That's it. I will wait until next week. Surely there will be something about the Mt. Abe girls' varsity soccer team in next week's edition. Today, I once again strode into Bristol Beverage, grabbed the paper, and walked over to the chest cooler where I always stand

to peruse the contents. I opened it to the sports page and started looking. Once again, there was nothing. That was the moment that I knew I had to contact you.  
Two things here: 1. This is not, in any way, a commentary on some inequity of reporting between boys' and girls' sports. Just because the other semifinal teams that I mentioned all happened to be boys' teams, it in no way implies that the Addy Indy has any bias. I know it doesn't. I have seen otherwise over many years.  
2. Once again, I am not criticizing here. I am merely pointing out something that I feel may have been overlooked that should not have been. This team had a great story again this year, and it would have been well received in this paper. Even if they didn't get equal billing with these other four teams, I wish they could have at least had a paragraph somewhere about how they won the quarterfinals and played a great game in the semifinals. Just printing the scores of those two games in the left hand column in the sports scores section does this team a great injustice.

They achieved everything that Vergennes and Middlebury boys' soccer, and MAV Football did, and there was nothing about it. I am hoping that the Addy Indy might make that up to them with a little shout out. Thank you.

Andy Toy  
Starksboro

*Editor's note: Andy Toy was right to be upset and quite gracious in expressing his disappointment. The Eagles' victories over Missisquoi and Harwood, and the overtime loss to Milton, were exciting and but for the fact that they occurred out of town in the middle of a busy playoff season they would have got more coverage. But then the human element entered. We wrote a shortish story wrapping up the Harwood and Milton games for the Nov. 3 edition, edited it, proofed it, then we simply forgot to get it onto the sports pages. Doh! We apologize to Eagle girls' soccer and all their supporters for this mistake, and we printed the story in this week's Sports Section (PAGE 3B) to wrap up the season.*

*We welcome comment on the coverage in this newspaper. We think Mr. Toy set a good example of the gentle way criticism can be levied.*

## Noble letter

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many financial challenges we face.

We have been fortunate so far that the ACSD community has supported district budgets — I believe this has been the case because 1) we all believe in investing in our children and their peers, and 2) we have had the collective tax capacity to do so. The problem at hand is with that second part. As the cost of education rises, we are forced to examine *how* we are investing in our schools to make sure that we can equitably deliver high-quality education to all students across the district well into the future.  
This is not a new problem, nor is it unique. The ACSD Board has been investigating the district's financial sustainability since the beginning of its facilities master planning process, and nearly every district in this region has been grappling with how to handle the financial impacts of declining enrollments. When you factor in our underutilized aging facilities, changes to Vermont's education funding, staffing shortages across nine schools, and the increasing complexity of student need, you feel the gravity of the situation.  
Meanwhile, teachers are begging for stability and support in the wake of the COVID crisis, and our last board meeting included grim forecasts of sunseting COVID relief money and changes to the state's pupil-weighting factors and special education

funding that will ultimately force ACSD to do more with less.  
Although the state spending threshold has been paused, our collective tax capacity is not limitless. At some point, there is simply not enough butter to cover the bread. ACSD will need every possible tool it can find to solve its financial sustainability dilemma — and that solution may need to include school closure.  
We keep hearing this issue framed as David-verses-Goliath, fortified with testimonials about the powerlessness of small towns and the purity of community in our district's smallest schools. Notwithstanding the sincerity of the folks making these arguments, I think what's always missing from these conversations is what happens to the quality of education for *all* students when its resources are spread too thin.  
I believe that education resources should be directed toward the greatest student need, and that inserting town veto-power over school closure into ACSD's charter could hinder the district's ability to serve that need. If I'm honest, I will tell you that Ripton's story has revealed important lessons about communication, engagement, and citizen agency in the planning process. But I'd also suggest that Ripton's story is a case study about the lengths to which a town will go to protect its school from closure, regardless of the cost.  
So, I worry about the potential

for a town to hold a district budget hostage if resources are reconfigured to address long-term sustainability. I worry that the board could be forced to make painful cuts to programming and other student services. I worry that agreeing to a town vote would be like adding a filibuster to the process — which simply obstructs decision-making on vital issues. I worry that nothing will get solved. Our children's education is at stake, and this is bigger than any one town, including Middlebury.  
I had previously stated that I could not support a charter change, but I do think modifying Article 14 to allow for a district-wide vote prior to any school closure is the most reasonable compromise. It preserves the integrity of the district's decision-making authority over its financial obligations yet requires the board to be transparent and accountable to its voters. It elevates the question of school closure to a broad audience and would require the district to justify its proposed action to more stakeholders than even a town vote would require. Most of all, it would give ACSD voters agency over the most important decisions. This issue is a district-wide concern that requires district-wide participation in its problem-solving. I truly believe we are stronger together, especially in our most challenging times.

Mary Heather Noble  
Middlebury

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# New Haven Train Depot moved to its final location

By MARIN HOWELL

NEW HAVEN — Nearly a year's worth of work relocating the New Haven train depot came to an end this week, when the 19th-century building was placed on a foundation at its new permanent home next to the town's library.

It was back in January that the train depot was uprooted from its previous location at the junction of Routes 7 and 17, to allow for the return of passenger rail service on the tracks through New Haven this summer. However, a new foundation had to be poured before the building could rest in its spot by the library, just north of the New Haven Town Hall parking lot at 78 North St.

Messier House Moving & Construction, which moved the train depot earlier this year, returned to New Haven on Monday morning to pull the depot onto its new foundation.

"It's just nice to finally, after nearly a year of getting it to where it is, have it hopefully on its final resting place," Selectman Steve Dupoise said of the move.

Now work can begin on installing a sewer system, burying a power line and connecting water lines from the New Haven Community Library to the depot. This next phase of the project also includes masonry work along the depot's foundation and repairs to the building's two chimneys.

The selectboard recently awarded a bid to Ferrisburgh's Waterman Siteworks LLC to conduct this work, which Dupoise said will be done this winter. Waterman Siteworks estimated it will cost \$59,500, with masonry work to be negotiated, which will be covered by a \$350,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission that New Haven received last year, as well as funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation.

After that, Dupoise said the town will begin gathering funds for interior renovations and finding a tenant to occupy part of the building. Plans are to have the New Haven Historical Society occupy the other half of the depot, though those plans have yet to be solidified.



THE MESSIER MOVING Company team on Monday moved the New Haven Train Depot onto its new foundation next to the New Haven Community Library. Some also helped move the 19th-century building in January, when it was relocated from its previous location at the junction of Routes 7 and 17.

Independent photos/Steve James



"We still have a lot of work to do, and then the big push comes with (rehabilitating) the HVAC system, the electrical and plumbing and basically rebuilding the inside of it and getting it ready to go for the historical society and new tenant," he said.



MESSIER HOUSE MOVING & Construction workers move the New Haven Train Depot onto a newly poured foundation earlier this week. The depot now rests at its permanent home next to the New Haven Community Library on North Street.

## ADDISON COUNTY AgeWell meals schedule for November

ADDISON COUNTY — From now through Dec. 2, AgeWell will be serving a number of takeout and sit-down meals in the county. These meals are open to anyone age 60 and up and their spouse of any age.

### GRAB-N-GO MEALS

A Thanksgiving grab-and-go meal of roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie and milk will be served at the following locations:

#### Thursday, Nov. 17

- Vergennes: 10:45 a.m., at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St.

#### Friday, Nov. 18

- Starksboro: 3:30 p.m., at the Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 21, a grab-and-go meal of meat lasagna

rollups, broccoli florets, roll, fruit salad and milk will be offered at the following locations:

#### Monday, Nov. 21:

- Bristol: 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Drive.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 22

- Bridport: 10:30 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Road.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 23,

- Vergennes: 10:45 a.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple St.

#### Thursday, Nov. 24

- Middlebury: 11:15 a.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd.

#### Friday, Nov. 25

- Monkton: 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge.

#### Saturday, Nov. 26

- Starksboro: 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116.

#### Sunday, Nov. 27

The week of Nov. 28 will offer a

meal of Chopped beef with gravy, baked beans, Italian vegetables, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin cookie and milk at the following locations:

#### Monday, Nov. 28

- Bristol: 11 a.m., American Legion, Airport Drive.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 29

- Bridport: 10:30 a.m., Bridport Congregational Church, Middle Road, Nov. 22,

#### Wednesday, Nov. 30

- Middlebury: 11 a.m., Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd.

- Monkton: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 11:30 a.m., Monkton Town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge.

#### Friday, Dec. 2

- Starksboro: 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Baptist Church, Route 116.

For all grab-and-go meals, please stay in your car for drive-up, check-

in, contact-free pick up. Donations accepted and advanced reservations are required. Call Michelle to reserve at 802-377-1419. Free ride or pick-up and delivery may be provided. Call Tri-Valley Transit at 802-388-2287 to inquire. TVT requires 48-hour notice.

### SITDOWN MEALS

#### Monday, Nov. 28

- Middlebury: 11 a.m., Rosie's Restaurant, Route 7 South. Doors open at 11 a.m., meal served at 11:30 a.m. Menu TBD. Seats are limited.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 29

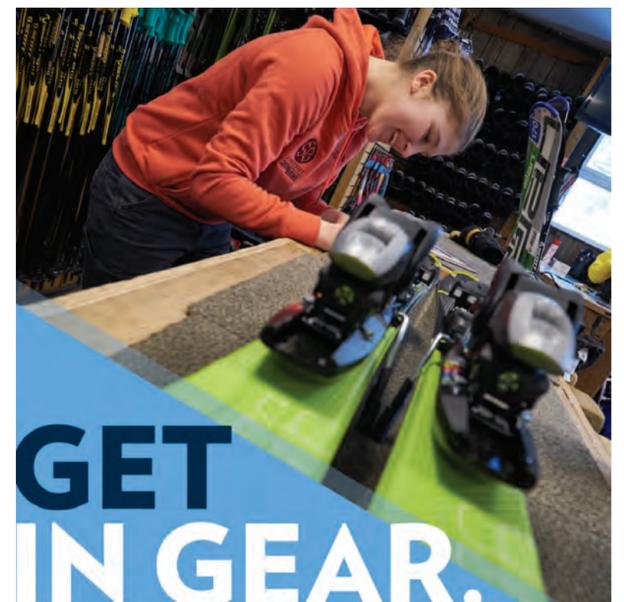
- Vergennes: 10 a.m., Vergennes Congregational Church, 30 South Water St. Doors open at 10 a.m. Meal served at 11:45 a.m. of chopped beef with gravy, baked beans, Italian vegetables, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin cookie and

milk.

All sit-down meals require registration. Call Michelle to reserve by Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 802-377-1419. \$5 suggested donation does not include gratuity. Please bring your own place setting. Open to anyone age 60 and up and

their spouse of any age. Masks encouraged unless seated and eating. Local bus provided. Call TVT at 802-388-2287 to arrange. TVT requires a 48-hour notice.

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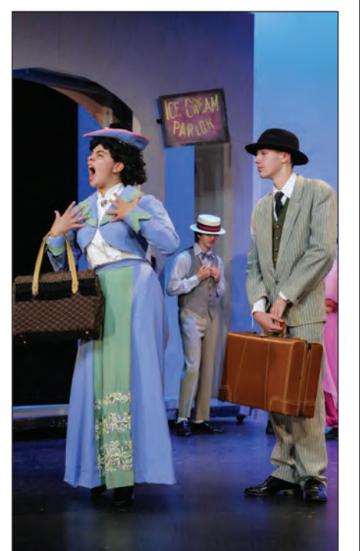


# Hello Dolly!

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This Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Bristol school will stage "Hello Dolly!" with shows each night at 7 p.m. and Saturday also at 2 p.m. A dress rehearsal late last week provided a sneak peak of performances by Lily James Roberts as the matchmaker Dolly Levi, Owen Kelliher as Horace Vandergelder, Bella Hartwell as Horace's niece Ermengarde, AJ Donlon as her beau Ambrose Kemper, Sarah Heath as Irene, and Sean Davison as Cornelius, among many other actors.

Photos by Buzz Kuhns



# Deer

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Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife Deer and Moose Project Leader Nick Fortin is out of the office this week and wasn't available to comment on local or statewide trends in the deer seasons.

For sure, the quality and health of the deer taken appeared to be good.

Three bucks taken on opening weekend tipped the scales at over 200 pounds, all in the southern half of the county: Tyler Hotte's 203-pound, 4-pointer taken in Cornwall; Joseph Russell's 202-pound, 8-pointer shot in Orwell; and Ramsey Bronson's 202-pound, 6-pointer brought down in Shoreham.

Possibly the best blend of points and pounds was the 198-pound, 11-pointer Kyle Delabruere shot in Starksboro. Another trophy buck taken in Starksboro was Adam Lafountain's 199-pound, 8-pointer.

Another four hunters hauled bucks to weigh stations that tipped the scales at least 190 pounds: Brent Perkins's 195-pound, 6-pointer from Addison; Thomas Kilbourn's 192-pound, 6-pointer from Ferrisburgh; Wyatt Forbes's 190-pound, 9-pointer from Shoreham; and Edward Ball's 190-pound, 8-pointer from Orwell.

All those deer were weighed at one of the following Addison County reporting stations: Rack 'N Reel in New Haven, Vermont Field Sports in Middlebury, Buxton's Store in Orwell, West Addison General Store and Lincoln General Store.

C&S Hunting Supplies in East Middlebury wasn't open during opening weekend, but owner Steve Ploof said he plans to re-open soon.

The following rifle deer hunters found success on Nov. 12 or 13 and weighed their deer locally; they are listed by name, town of kill, and bucks' pounds and points:

## RACK 'N REEL

Riley Coffey, Monkton 149 pounds-8 points; Jon Vincent, Ferrisburgh, 138-7; Jessie Huestis, Ferrisburgh, 158-4; Kelly Kayhart, Waltham, 168-8; Colin Jennings, Bristol, 178-5; Levi Loven, New Haven, 147-4; Kermit Chamberlain, Shelburne, 138-5; Richard Lattrell, Lincoln, 91-2; Nathan Nimblett, Lincoln, 122-2; Christina Baldwin, New Haven, 108-4; Carter Linn, Richmond, 140-6; and Dean Gilmore, New Haven, 167-6.

Also, Lee Lapell, Fayston, 129-4; Samuel DeVries, Addison, 182-6; Erin Dalley, Monkton, 146-8; Cody Cyr, Monkton, 135-4; Sam Hurlburt, Monkton, 151-6; Gavin Conrad, Bristol, 131-4; Eric Dalley, New Haven, 124-7; Anthony Curtis, Addison, 132-4; Douglas Smith, Weybridge, 126-3; Clara Palmer, New Haven, 173-6; Matthew Shephard, Lincoln, 178-6; and Christopher Melendy, New Haven, 171-6.

Also, Daniel Dearborn, Starksboro, 143-8; Robert Aldrich, Bristol, 122-4; Adam Lafountain, Starksboro, 199-8; Joshua Paquette, Addison, 167-7; Nicholas Hamel, New Haven, 125-2; Hailey Perlee, New Haven, 177-6; Matthew Brace, Huntington, 138-7; Michael Jewell, New Haven, 175-6; and Meagan Porter, New Haven, 143-4.

Also, Remington Cousino, Bristol, 160-6; Thomas Kilbourn, Ferrisburgh, 192-6; Russell Preston, Ferrisburgh, 134-4; Scott Stearns,



**DANIEL CROSSMAN** brought down this 168-pound, 6-point buck in Lincoln during opening weekend of the 16-day deer rifle season.

Photo courtesy Lincoln General Store



**DEREK BLOOD** claimed one of the nicer trophy bucks locally during opening weekend of rifle season, this 189-pound, 9-pointer he shot in Lincoln.

Photo courtesy Lincoln General Store

Ferrisburgh, 149-4; Adam Graves, Addison, 176-6; Ryan Paquin, Addison, 148-5; Hailey Perlee, New Haven, 177-6; Michael Lucier, Ferrisburgh, 168-6; and Logan Bessette, New Haven, 179-4.

Also, Stephen Davis, Weybridge, 129-5; Michael Hinsdale, Ferrisburgh, 184-4; Frank Stanley, Monkton, 100-5; Davin Torrey, Ferrisburgh, 178-8; Brian Novak, Cornwall, 165-6; Matthew Estey, Waltham, 131-4; Ramsey Bronson, Shoreham, 202-6; David Wemette, New Haven, 166-6; Daniel Thomas, Bridport, 124-3; Paul Metzger, Ripton, 168-10; Eric Preston, Ferrisburgh, 148-7; and Peter Viau, Addison, 114-5.

Also, Ryan Denecker, Lincoln, 123-4; Rheel Gevry, New Haven, 154-5; Jason Sabourin, Ferrisburgh, 155-8; Evan Potter, Hubbardton, 170-6; Kyle Delabruere, Starksboro, 198-11; James Danyow, Ferrisburgh, 167-4; Scott Preston, Pantan, 180-8; Perry Kilbourn, Bristol, 179-10; Ricki Marcelle, Monkton, 156-6; Richard Packard, Monkton, 146-4; and Daniel Stearns, Ferrisburgh, 166-7.

Also, Rejean Lafleche, Ferrisburgh, 121-4; Zachary Welch, Bridport, 164-8; Jason Harvey, Charlotte, 160-6; Earl Reed, Ferrisburgh, 127-7; Charles Johnson, Charlotte, 153-8; Alice Johnson, Charlotte, 151-5; Clifton Mix, Charlotte, 101-3; Erica Murphy, Goshen, 119-4; and Lucas Livingston, Bristol, 150-6.

## LINCOLN GENERAL STORE

Derek Blood, Lincoln, 189-9; Randy Sargent, Richmond, 182-8; Daniel Crossman, Lincoln, 168-6; Mark Whitcomb, Starksboro, 162-8; Kyle Bezanson, Lincoln, 160-6; Matt Germon, Lincoln, 146-5; Kirk Jennings, Starksboro, 145-7; Victor Atkins, Lincoln, 145-4; Jermie Fitzgerald, Huntington, 144-7; Shawn Harper, Lincoln, 138-6; James Raftery, Huntington, 137-4; Richard Antone, Williston, 137-6; and Shane Adkins, Lincoln, 135-4.

Also, Richard Antone, Williston, 133-4; John Buoincontro, Buels Gore, 132-5; Robert Flanagan, Bristol, 128-2; David Hall, Starksboro, 123-4; Darwin Cousino, Ripton, 123-6; William Masterson, Lincoln, 119-3; Gus Hill, Bristol, 118-5; Donna Sargent, Lincoln, 114-1; Rodney Orvis, Starksboro, 106-2; Victoria Gragg, Lincoln, 102-2; Ethan Gendreau, 98-4; and David Brown, Lincoln, 95-2.

## WEST ADDISON GENERAL

Jeff Bishop, Bridport, 158-4; Christopher Payne, Bridport, 160-4; Christopher Reed, Addison, 144-3; Russell Bishop, Shoreham, 165-7; Chris Bingham, Bridport, 135-0; Kevin Payne, Bridport, 160-6; John

Parker, Addison, 120-3; Gerald Hatch, Ferrisburgh, 122-5; Shawn Richards, Addison, 161-0; and Christopher Mulliss, Addison, 137-4.

## VERMONT FIELD SPORTS

Wyatt Forbes, Shoreham, 190-9; Thomas Stevens, Ripton, 185-8; Tyler Pockette, Stockbridge, 184-8; Mickey West, Middlebury, 180-8; Jeffery Hayes, Tinnmouth, 169-6; Mathew Sheldrick, Salisbury, 158-8; Jason Booska, Lincoln, 149-8; Colten Butler, Shoreham, 147-5; Melanie Gaiotti, Salisbury, 145-8; Amos Ranney, Weybridge, 135-4; Patrick Whitley, Weybridge, 125-3; Timothy Bouvier, Waltham, 125-4; and Thatcher Trudeau, Salisbury, 123-4.

## BUXTON'S STORE

Tyson Lanza, Sudbury, 155-5; Mike Matot, Shoreham, 150-6; Eric Leno, Whiting, 158-6; Nathan Warren, Bridport, 152-4; Cole Warren, Shoreham, 140-8; Sam Hoisington, Orwell, 160-6; Edward Ball, Orwell, 190-8; Jon Audet, Orwell, 129-5; Dylan Hall-Quintin, Shoreham, 170-6; Amber Bourdeau, Sudbury, 140-5; Natalie Davis, Shoreham, 146-4; John Williams, Sudbury, 135-5; and Cody Mulcahy, Sudbury, 140-6.

Also, Fletcher Crane, Sudbury, 174-4; Philip Wagner, Bridport, 153-3; Joseph Affanato, Benson, 168-8; Daniel Forcier, Castleton, 131-6; Peter Root, Castleton, 155-9; Justin Cook, Hubbardton, 138-6; Robert Leno, Whiting, 143-4; Kole Matta, Orwell, 132-4; Daniel Ellis, Pantan, 130-6; Delbert Frazier, West Haven, 142-5; Jeremy Audet, Orwell, 159-6; Russell Nickerson, Orwell, 172-6; David Ketcham, Sudbury, 175-5; and Richard Parker, Sudbury, 160-8.

Also, Zakk Williams, Whiting, 166-5; Timothy Williams, Sudbury, 124-5; George Pritchard, Castleton, 140-4; John Reed, Hubbardton, 120-4; Robert Lafontaine, Goshen, 153-8; John Lowell, Benson, 130-4; William Tenzer, Benson, 179-7; Robert Sterling, Hubbardton, 160-8; Tyler Hotte, Cornwall, 203-4; Jared Wilcox, Hubbardton, 160-8; Steve Quinn, Orwell, 125-3; Allison Straley, Shoreham, 187-7; and Charles Mulcahy, Sudbury, 175-8.

Also, Roy Murdock, Brandon, 105-6; Daniel Boyce, Benson, 140-6; Michael Hughes, Fair Haven, 156-8; Rayce Burnham, Cornwall, 178-8; Tyler Wilson, Orwell, 160-6; Brooke Ryan, West Rutland, 198-8; Cory Steady, Shoreham, 166-6; Hawley Dubois, Orwell, 161-7; Brady New, Orwell, 124-4; Brett Wood, Shoreham, 126-3; Joseph Russell, Orwell, 202-8; Michael Sahagian, Sudbury, 120-4; and Brent Perkins, Addison, 195-6.

# Many succeed in youth hunt weekend

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Eighty-eight young and first-time hunters brought deer they'd shot to Addison County's wildlife reporting stations during Youth Hunting Weekend on Oct. 22-23. Since 2020, the youth deer hunting weekend has doubled as Novice Weekend, allowing those 16 and up and new to the sport to try their luck.

The county total was below average for an Addison County Youth Hunting Weekend, falling well below 2019's record high of 142. Other annual takes have ranged from a low of 78 in 2015 to 110 in both 2017 and 2018.

Still, young hunters had a number of impressive deer weighed locally, none more so than the 200-pound, nine-point buck Natalie Davis shot in Shoreham that weekend.

The next largest deer were a pair of 174-pound bucks — an 8-pointer Alexis Perlee took in New Haven and a 5-pointer David Navarro brought down in Shoreham.

Several other bucks had racks with a number of points: Logan Stearns's 168-pound, 8-pointer shot in Pantan; Bella Roell's 133-pound, 8-pointer taken in New Haven; and Axl Paquette's 120-pound, 7-pointer killed in Cornwall.

Addison County reporting stations include Rack 'N Reel in New Haven, Vermont Field Sports in Middlebury, Buxton's Store in Orwell, West Addison General Store, Lincoln General Store, and C&S Hunting Supplies in East Middlebury. C&S was not open during youth weekend, however.

Hunters who weighed deer locally during Youth/Novice Weekend, listed with town of kill, weight if does and weight and points if bucks, were:

## RACK 'N REEL

McKenna Graves, Pantan, doe 120 pounds; Mason White, Monkton, doe 115; Dakota Parker, Ferrisburgh, doe 98; Maverick Livingston, New Haven, buck 153 pounds-4 points; Owen Jenkins, Addison, buck 133-3; George Pyper, Starksboro, doe



**LOGAN MCNULTY** SHOT this 143-pound, 6-point buck in Sudbury, and the folks at Lincoln General Store weighed it in during Youth Hunting Weekend.

Photos courtesy of Lincoln General Store

110; Evan Audy, New Haven, buck 134-6; Ryder Heffernan, Bristol, doe 118; Eleanor Hurlburt, Monkton, doe 102; Levi Mcguire, Middlebury, fawn 57; and Jayden Ploof, Pantan, doe 104.

Also, Sylvie Galipeau, Shelburne, buck 119-2; Caleb Moran, Starksboro, buck 138-6; Alexander Morgan, Ferrisburgh, doe 97; Abigail St. George, Charlotte, buck 109-2; Hunter Meacham, Ferrisburgh, fawn 63; James Malcolm, Middlebury, doe 93; Malcom Watson, Middlebury, buck 120-2; Darien Haselton, Huntington, doe 121; Brian Bora, Charlotte, buck 118-2; and Logan Kirkpatrick, Addison, fawn 74.

Also Juan De La Cruz, Pantan, doe 100; Andrew Sweeney, Ferrisburgh, doe 113; Brooklyn Ryersbach, Monkton, buck 106-2; Remington Cousino, Bristol, doe 106; Bryn White, Hinesburg, fawn 61; Jack Barnum, Monkton, fawn 55; Dominic Sanders, Bristol, doe 106; and Logan Stearns, Pantan, buck 168-7.

Also, Emma LaRose, Starksboro, doe 119; Kyle Clark, Ferrisburgh, doe 110; Caleb Stearns, Ferrisburgh, buck 145-4; Bella Roell, New Haven, buck 133-8; Brody Barnard, Starksboro, doe 124; Colten Butler,

Shoreham, buck 121-4; Hagan White, Middlebury, 107 doe; Alexis Perlee, New Haven, buck 174-8; Thatcher Mobbs, Hinesburg, buck 114-2; Faith Brinkman, Bristol, buck 104-1; and Jennifer Loyer, New Haven, doe 104.

## W. ADDISON GENERAL

Ira Hines, Bridport, buck 125-2; Isabella Shimel, Bridport, buck 110-3; Rowdy Pope, Bridport, fawn 62; Axl Paquette, Cornwall, buck 120-7; Samuel Sherman, Bridport, buck 130-2.

## LINCOLN GENERAL

Logan McNulty, Sudbury, buck 143-6; Miley Clark, Hinesburg, buck 124-2; Haley Shepard, Lincoln, buck 113-5; Mason Mayo, New Haven, doe 106; Emmett Leavitt, Starksboro, doe 104; Wyatt Cavoretto, New Haven, doe 103; and Calvin Peck, Lincoln, doe 101.

## VERMONT FIELD SPORTS

Sage Stevers, New Haven, buck 160-2; Camry Miner, Brandon, doe 146; Arayla Leggett, Bridport, doe 142; Avery Emilio, New Haven, doe 119; Meredith Cameron, New Haven, doe 119; McKenna Whitney, Shoreham, doe 105; Kaleb Morse, Cornwall, buck 93-2; and Kyle Gallner, Ripton, doe 100.

## BUXTON'S STORE

David Navarro, Shoreham, buck 174-5; Trenton Booska, Orwell, buck 149-6; Ashleigh Gosselin, Orwell, buck 154-7; August Lucas, Orwell, buck 160-4; Brody Doran, West Haven, buck 113-4; Brianna Mulcahy, Shoreham, buck 110-2; Asher Oberkirch, Rupert, doe 92; Boston Wilbur, Shoreham, buck 133-2; and Lexi Orleans, Orwell, doe 110; Hunter Constable, Orwell, buck, 117-2; and Gabriel New, Orwell, doe, 121.

Also, Tanner Burns, Shoreham, buck 115-2; Taryn Burns, Shoreham, doe 91; Samuel Lewis, Whiting, doe 92; Noah Hanson, Shoreham, doe 116; Olivia Paige, Shoreham, doe 62; Ruby Little, Bridport, buck 109-2; and Kaylee Maloy, Sudbury, buck 147-5; and Ashlynn Ketcham, Shoreham, doe 113.

Also, Colby Gosselin, Shoreham, buck 153-3; Caleb Foster, Shoreham, buck 74-2; Natalie Davis, Shoreham, buck 200-9; Drake Felkl, Sudbury, male 56-2; Asa Young, Orwell, buck 111-2; Brody Little, Orwell, female 45; Owen Streicher, Orwell, doe 120; Tom Buxton, Orwell, buck 154-4; and Layton Hall, Orwell, 168-5.



**EMMETT LEAVITT** BROUGHT down this 104-pound doe in Starksboro during Youth Hunting Weekend during Oct. 22-23 and had it weighed at Lincoln General Store.



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# Howard Dean

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the future, provided that younger citizens become more involved in the political process in a world that's been rendered smaller by the internet and globalization.

"We desperately need to get younger people (to run for office)," he said.

Dean's talk, sponsored by the Henry Sheldon Museum and the Hawthorne Club, was promoted under the title, "What Do the Midterms Mean for American Democracy?" While it appeared likely the GOP would retake majority of the U.S. House and control of the U.S. Senate was still in play, key Congressional election results in states like Nevada and Georgia had yet to be sorted out as Dean took the podium.

Many pollsters and pundits had predicted a Nov. 8 "red wave" would sweep many more Republicans into office as a reaction to inflation and high gasoline prices. But as one late-night comic described it, the red wave was more like a "pink trickle," as GOP gains were much more modest than predicted.

Why? Political analysts have pointed to backlash over the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade, and a repudiation of Trumpism. Former President Donald Trump's endorsed candidates performed poorly on Nov. 8, and his three Supreme Court appointees were key in a Roe v. Wade ruling that ultimately drove pro-choice voters to the polls on Tuesday.

Dean said the political impact of high court's current conservative tilt can't be overstated.

"If you cannot respect the courts, you don't really have a democracy," Dean said, "because that's the last arbitrator of the politicians' behavior. It's the only limit we really have on political behavior."

Confidence in the Supreme Court has to be restored, Dean stressed.

"If you can't change the court, then our democracy is going to continue to be in some danger," he said.

Pivoting to a nonpartisan judiciary will help, the former governor said, but it will also be critical for a new generation of leaders to become involved in the political process. He noted many of the country's leaders are older folks who've been in office for many years. The average age of a U.S. senator is 64.3 years, and it's 58.4 years for U.S. House members, according to the Library of Congress.

It's a trend that's made the U.S. a gerontocracy, according to Dean, age 73, who served 11.5 years as Vermont governor before making an unsuccessful bid for president in 2004. He stressed he's had his fill of the political arena and now wants the next generation to step forward.

## YOUNG CANDIDATES

So where are the young 20-somethings who could be groomed for political office? They're online, Dean said.



**FORMER VERMONT GOV. Howard Dean gave his take on the future of democracy during a Thursday, Nov. 10, talk at the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury.**  
Independent photo/Angelo S. Lynn

That's where many of them are now interacting, recreating, and talking politics.

"If you're 25 years old, you actually live online," Dean said. "Their reality is mostly online. It's not like me, who's a visitor online and doesn't get half of the things they talk about on websites."

But rather than repudiate the internet as a thorn in the political process, it should be embraced, according to Dean, who knows a little something about that subject. Dean was the Democratic frontrunner for president during much of 2003, and his campaign was the first to harness the power of the internet, being an early adopter of email for fundraising and exporting campaign messaging.

"If you're living 50% online, your lifestyle and the way you view the world is fundamentally different than people our age," he said. "And we have to accommodate that somehow in our political system."

Dean is a fan of globalization, though he conceded it's a phenomenon that's currently devoid of a guidepost or user's manual.

"What the internet has done is shrink the world in such a way ... that we are one world and one people," Dean marveled.

He stressed he doesn't foresee or support the notion of a single, multinational government. Rather, he subscribes to the concept of "smaller units of government than we have today that cooperate with each other."

Dean is in awe of the ability of young people to virtually interact with each other throughout the world, even penetrating internet barriers set up by such countries as China and Iran.

Dean believes the internet could become society's ally in turning the tide of "othering," while teaching people about the things that bind, rather than divide, society.

"One of the problems we have as human beings that's not going to go away is a political technique that relies on our ability to classify — that is, 'othering' people," Dean said. "The way you 'other' people is ... you are creating a

separate group of people who are not the same as you, and therefore it's OK to persecute them or do terrible things. Every culture does that, and some do it worse than others."

He said conservatives this year used the transgender population as their group to "other."

"Half the people upset about transgender people have no idea what a transgender person is," he said.

Dean said the academic concept known as "critical race theory," or CRT, has also emerged as a political strawman in recent U.S. elections. It theorizes that racism is more deeply embedded in society than mere prejudice, and that its impacts can be felt in the legal system, the economy and policing.

"(CRT) is not taught in a single public high school anywhere in the United States of America, but it got the Virginia governor elected along with a terrible campaign by his Democratic opponent," Dean said, referring to last year's election of Glenn Youngkin.

## MORE PEOPLE VOTING

Dean continues to be perplexed and frustrated by the large number of U.S. citizens who don't exercise their right to vote. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 66.8% of eligible U.S. voters cast ballots in the 2020 General Election — a national record for this century, but a reminder that one-third of the electorate stayed at home.

It's a trend that doesn't bode well for democracy, according to the former governor, who noted some people seem oblivious to the power they hold in influencing their way of life.

"The people who still hold power in this country are not the oligarchs or the people in Washington, D.C.; it's us," he said.

Dean believes the U.S. should consider following suit with Australia and around 20 other nations where it's illegal not to vote.

"(The penalty) is a slap on the wrist, but, damn it, I think we have an obligation here," he said. "You don't get to be a citizen and be a freeloader. The minimum you can do is vote. And if you don't vote, not only should you not complain, you're undermining the country. This is a system that depends on some minimal amount of participation ... At least you could have the decency to contribute to your country simply by voting."

Dean lamented what he said is a prevailing sentiment shared by some Americans that "you owe me an awful lot of freedom, and I owe you nothing."

It's a sentiment that, if left unchecked, could lead to a loss of all personal freedoms because it could lead to the ascension of a dictator who could trash the Bill of Rights, he believes.

"I don't think we talk enough about obligations in our civics and anything else we do," Dean said. "There's a minimal obligation. If you want to be an American, I think you have an obligation to participate, because the alternative is, you sign your right to participate away to somebody else, and you end up with somebody you strongly disagree with."

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**TWO OF THE 10-member workforce at Vermont Livestock butcher an animal at the Ferrisburgh plant last week. The company hopes a physical expansion will enable it to double the size of its workforce.**  
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# Slaughterhouse

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the only plant in Addison County that offers both meat slaughtering and processing services.

"From here, (farmers) would have to go to Benson, or Braintree or Saint Johnsbury," Cushing said of options for slaughtering and processing facilities in the state. "So, we cover a pretty good region."

Vermont Livestock currently processes beef, sheep and pigs for hundreds of commercial and residential customers in Vermont, New Hampshire and New York, most of whom are Addison County farmers. The plant currently butchers around 1,800 beef cattle a year, while Cushing said the amount of lamb processed each year is slightly lower than that, and pork processing numbers are slightly higher.

## PHYSICAL EXPANSION

The federal grant will fund a physical expansion of Vermont Livestock's facility at 76 Depot Road in Ferrisburgh. Three main goals of the project include expanding the plant's processing capacity, allowing Vermont Livestock to offer more value-added products with new manufacturing systems, and improving the building's energy efficiency.

Work on the 12,000-square-foot expansion began earlier this year and will be completed in three phases — hopefully by next June. The first phase consists of building a new hoop barn to keep animals prior to slaughter. The next phase of construction will expand the slaughter floor and cooling area. Expanding and modernizing this area will include adding new cooler and freezer panels, a gravity-fed rail hanging system and new slaughter equipment. Work on this part of the building will also include envelop upgrades to improve energy efficiency.

Cushing said the new equipment will allow Vermont Livestock to offer more services for its customers.

"There will be some value-added products like hammered patties, which have been a big request, and the linking of sausage. That is a new one for us, because the equipment we've had was antiquated," he said. "We'll be able to assist our customers in getting



**CARL CUSHING**

their products into the markets in a more competitive way."

And there's potential to add more improvements to the facility in the future, such as equipment for curing and smoking.

"We don't have that in the plan yet, we're going to have to walk before we run here. Hopefully at some point we'll have that available for our customers as well," Cushing said.

The third phase of the project will reconstruct the front end of the building, creating more room for offices and conference rooms. Cushing said another part of the project is installing a solar array to offset the facility's electricity use, which is one of the plant's larger expenses.

By expanding processing and cooling storage areas, the project will increase Vermont Livestock's processing capacity. Cushing said the hope is to at least double the number of animals they're able to process, a possibility that has excited a lot of customers.

"Some people that we've done work for and weren't able to get in this year have asked 'Can you put me in for 2023, if not, can you put me in for 2024?'" he said. "People know this is happening and I'm sure that it's going to help a lot of folks."

Among these customers is Dustin Brace of Brace Farm in Ferrisburgh. The Brace Farm consists largely of a dairy operation, though in recent years they've begun raising beef, pigs and chickens. Brace said the farm has been going solely to Vermont Livestock for processing since it started to raise livestock. He's currently on the plant's cancellation list, with his next appointment set up for two cows in January.

Brace hasn't looked for a butcher other than Cushing, but said he's heard from others in the industry that getting a spot at a butcher can be difficult.

"My friends say that everybody is in a pinch," he said. "Carl expanding will create more opportunities for people to get their beef cut up and processed locally."

Brace believes the expansion will have a greater impact as well by allowing for more local meat to reach consumers in the county.

"If they have more appointments open for people locally getting their cows processed, it's good for the whole community. We don't need to be bringing in meat (to the county) that we don't know where it comes from or how it was raised," he said. "The people that buy our hamburgers know me, they know how well kept the farm is and how I treat animals with the utmost respect. (The expansion) will keep everything more local."

## LOOKING FOR WORKERS

Along with expanding its physical space, Vermont Livestock is looking to grow its workforce, hopefully by doubling its 10-person team. While many of these jobs will become available once construction on the expansion is completed, Vermont Livestock is looking to fill some positions as soon as possible. Cushing said no prior experience in the field is necessary, and there's flexibility for potential employees to find a job at the plant that's right for them.

"We will train for any job that we have. They just need to come in with a desire to work and learn," he said. "If we see someone that's going to work better in one position than another, we intend to recognize that talent and assist and encourage them in making that happen."

Filling these positions will be a key part of maximizing the plant's new capacity. Cushing said he's aware of the difficulty other employers have finding workers, but he's hopeful Vermont Livestock will be able to grow its workforce and maximize the opportunity to meet a demand for meat processing in the region.

"Getting people into this line of work is a bit of a challenge, but we're confident that we can get people in," he said. "All around, (expanding) is a good thing. It's well beyond me, it's for the people that are going to be able to take advantage of this."

## Memory Tree

The Middlebury Lions Club informs those who wish to memorialize the names of their deceased relatives and friends on this year's "Christmas Memory Tree" that they may do so by the donation of a dollar for each name and forwarding the names to the:

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# By the way ACSD

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**Middlebury nonprofit currently has resources to assist financially strapped households in filling heating fuel tanks and/or paying down past bills. If you're an Addison County resident and need help with winter heating expenses, call HOPE at 802-388-3608.**

Do you know a senior 65 years or older living in Lincoln who could use a little extra Christmas cheer this year? A group of local good Samaritans is looking for eight individuals/households in Lincoln who would enjoy being remembered this holiday season. Each person/household will receive a Christmas/holiday card mailed to them, a New Year's card mailed to them, and a goody bag delivered between Dec. 17-23 that will include a couple of small gifts to unwrap and a few food items. If you have a recommendation for someone who would like to be included, contact carolynabradford@gmail.com by Nov. 18. It's first-come, first-served for the eight spots.

**The Middlebury Emergency Management Services will be hosting a free COVID and flu vaccination clinic at the Bristol American Legion on Airport Drive on Friday, Nov. 18, from 1- 5 p.m. You don't need to make an appointment, but please bring your COVID vaccination card if you have one.**

Wednesday's snowfall is a reminder that there's a winter parking ban in effect in Middlebury village now through April 1. During this period, any vehicles parked on any town highway or parking lot, except where specifically permitted and signed, are subject to ticketing and towing at the owners' expense. The purpose of the winter parking ban is to keep the roadways clear of obstructions so the Town Highway Department can safely and efficiently plow the roads. The following downtown Middlebury areas are designated and signed for overnight parking: At the base of the slope in the lower municipal lot, as marked, between signs; along the east side of the parking lot in Frog Hollow (Mill Street); on the west side of North Pleasant Street, between Methodist Lane and the Congregational Church; and Mill Street, along the Otter Creek. AMTRAK passenger rail patrons can park fronting the railroad platform on Maple Street, a parking area reserved for those taking the train. If you have any questions, read the Middlebury Parking Ordinance available at townofmiddlebury.org, or call the Middlebury Police Department at 802-388-3191.

In Vergennes, the winter overnight parking ban begins Dec. 1.

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 one of the following two options:  
 • The ACSD shall not "close, repurpose, or otherwise terminate any school or grade within a school without an affirmative vote of the voters residing in the town(s) in which the school is located."

Or,  
 • The ACSD shall not "close, repurpose, or otherwise terminate any school or grade within a school without an affirmative vote of the voters of the ACSD."

Those two options have been at the center of a lengthy ACSD board debate that has yet to bear fruit.

"Many people are speaking their truths on this matter," said Tim O'Leary, who is spearheading the petition drive. "Every single one of them is right. One opinion doesn't invalidate the other, so I feel like inviting the electorate in to help find a solution together seems like a really impactful way to reach a resolution that endures."

At issue is article 14 of the ACSD's charter, which allows for a school to be closed upon a supermajority vote (10 of 13 members) of the ACSD board. The district includes Middlebury Union middle and high schools, along with the elementary schools in Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge.

Residents in some of the district's rural communities have argued that article 14 should be changed in a manner that grants communities a vote over any proposal for their local school to be shuttered. Others have argued for a district-wide vote on any school-closure proposal.

There are currently no plans to close any ACSD schools, though the district was recently given a \$110 million estimate for simply bringing all its aging school buildings up to code.

After declining several requests to amend article 14 — beginning with an ill-fated petition drive in December of 2019 — ACSD board members expressed a willingness last month to change article 14, with most members appearing to embrace the notion of stipulating that a district school couldn't be closed unless such a move was OK'd by a supermajority of the board and a majority of the voters of the entire district.

At last month's meeting board Chair Victoria Jette instructed her colleagues to be ready to vote on the matter at their Nov. 14 meeting. But when the meeting convened, she announced upfront there'd be no vote, because she believed there was confusion surrounding the original motion, and because the board — while having a quorum — wasn't at full strength.

"This is a vote that's obviously very important to a lot of people

and I believe people at the last meeting felt like we were hurried and that all the voices of the board hadn't been heard," Jette said.

Jette nonetheless invited her colleagues to state their latest positions on altering article 14, hoping members could reach consensus on the wording of a motion to be voted at a later date.

That wasn't to be until after a 70-minute discussion, during which several members voiced frustration that the school-closure debate has lingered and taken the panel's attention away from other chores, such as facilities planning and academic achievement gaps among students.

"There are issues that we should be working on that haven't been worked on, because (article 14) keeps coming back," said board member Mary Heather Noble. "I'm not saying it's not an important thing; I'm just not sure it's the most important thing for all students."

Board member Jen Nuceder said, "This whole thing is exhausting. To come in and think we're going to vote and now we're like, 'Let's talk about this until eternity again,' because we do have other things to do. Other items keep being pushed. I know it's critically important to people that we get this right, and it's exhausting that we just keep having all these conversations."

Nuceder reiterated her preference for a districtwide vote on school closures.

"I don't think we can do it as a town vote," she said. "It's a democracy, and we're all in this together."

Jette agreed. Some board members have voiced concern over a potential scenario where a town could veto any attempt to close its school and thus force district taxpayers to float an unsustainable operation.

"Our current structure, although it works, has caused the board to struggle with allocating enough time to the work of improving the district and puts us in jeopardy of politicizing board positions," she said. "For this reason, if we were to change article 14, I would support a compromise and change that includes a district vote."

Board member Brian Bauer said at this stage he would reject either a town or districtwide vote on school closures, because he doesn't believe the board has done enough legwork.

"What criteria are we using,

either as a district, board or town, to make a decision?" he asked. "You have to have the criteria that everybody agrees on, then look at the schools and then make your decisions."

"I would say we should be voting on the criteria of keeping a school open, not closed," he added.

Board member James "Chip" Malcom also weighed in.

"I feel it's important to bring it to the district as a whole," he said. "To say the people in the town don't have a vote in that is not really true; they have a vote in the district... The numbers may be a little skewed by the nature of our towns and their sizes, but that's democracy. I really dispute the folks who say it is undemocratic by saying if you run this through a districtwide vote that the majority town — Middlebury — will override that group. I don't know if that's true."

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— James "Chip" Malcom

Board member Suzanne Buck said she's inclined to keep article 14 the way it is and instead come up with actual criteria on what conditions would have to exist to trigger a school-closure process. But she said she'd be open to a districtwide vote.

### PRO TOWN VOTE

But some board members remain adamant that a school shouldn't be closed unless that action is endorsed by its host town. Board member Jamie McCallum noted the ACSD Charter Study Committee's report revealed 39 of the state's unified school districts have, or have had, a town vote requirement.

"That seems to not matter to a lot of people," McCallum said. "If evidence doesn't matter to us, then why spend the time doing it?"

McCallum lamented what he believes is a fear that folks in small

towns won't do what's in the best interest of the district.

He also noted the ACSD has spent the past few months talking about educational equity — something he doesn't believe is being applied to the school closure issue.

"People in a town that will lose a school are vastly disproportionately impacted by that decision," he said. "Therefore, any equity lens has to take into consideration that disproportionate impact. The way to remedy that disproportionate impact is to give them a special say in that decision."

Molly Witters, who chaired the Ripton School Board, urged the ACSD panel to consider reverting to a supervisory union model. This would allow the individual towns to regain financial and governance responsibilities over their local schools, while sharing in oversight and funding of MUMS and MUHS. Addison Central officials have rejected this idea, however, saying it would represent a step backwards, in terms of how schools are governed, operated and funded.

ACSD member Joanna Doria of Ripton has been at the forefront of the school closure issue for the past two years. In addition to her ACSD duties, she was a member of the Ripton School Board, which briefly existed while the town was transitioning to an independent school district. The town reversed course this fall when it became apparent it couldn't manage the financial and logistical challenges of going it alone.

Doria said she supports the current petition drive, which has the support of the Save Our Schools (SOS) group that helped advance Ripton's school independence bid. Doria has been a longtime member of SOS and urged the ACSD board to discuss a charter change with the group.

"Can we talk about it with people who want to engage with us?" asked Doria. "I'm curious about the petition and think it adds another dynamic to this conversation."

Board member Steve Orzech argued the board's discussions with SOS have been unproductive. He claimed the Ripton School Board, SOS and an editorial position on school closures held by *Addison Independent* Editor-Publisher Angelo Lynn have been "singularly responsible for the revision, mistrust, acrimony and confusion" surrounding ACSD school closure policy.

"Compromise is a term often used by members of the groups mentioned above to accuse this board of being unwilling to meet halfway on the issue of school closure," Orzech said. "I would ask where the compromise has been on the side of the self-appointed advocates of 'no-school closure.'"

He said opponents have been unwilling to accept any alternative to a town veto.

"The board has listened and has sought compromise. And time after time, when these advocates have not gotten exactly what they want, they say they aren't being listened to," he said.

Orzech said SOS has asked the district boards to simply trust small towns to make the right decision on school closure.

"Trust is important, they say, and we should willingly surrender our financial and educational quality charge to the towns that make up our district," he said. "This process shows that a few individuals can hijack that process to suit their own agenda and should not be trusted."

Meanwhile, O'Leary and others will continue to gather signatures for their article 14 petition. As of Tuesday morning, they had gathered 420 signatures enroute to what O'Leary believes is a minimum requirement of 540 — which is 5% of the total 10,787 registered voters in the ACSD.

He said he'll consult with SOS on the timing of submitting the petition; the group was set to meet this Thursday, Nov. 17, according to O'Leary.

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# New Food Hub opens on Exchange Street

## ACORN adds key local food services

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — At first glance, the Addison County Relocalization Network's new Food Hub at 616 Exchange St. in Middlebury doesn't appear to fit the definition of a "hub," a term that conjures images of a space teeming with people and activity.

During this particular late-October visit, at a time when the food hub had only recently debuted, there wasn't a lot of locally harvested produce stored on shelves or in the 11-foot-by-15-foot walk-in cooler tucked into the 2,500-square-foot warehouse that ACORN shares with the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity's (CVOEO) food distribution center.

The CVOEO center stores food and distributes it to local low-income households.

But give the new Food Hub a little time to hit its stride. ACORN Executive Director Lindsey Berk and members of the nonprofit's board of directors are confident that within a few short years, the hub will become a major player in the storage, provision and distribution of locally produced vegetables, meats and dairy to consumers in Addison County and beyond.

"It's very exciting," Berk said of the food hub momentum. "I'd say every week something new is happening, a new partnership is developing, new funding is being identified, new people are putting their hands up saying they want to be involved."

Simply put, the ACORN Food Hub offers the local supply chain support to aggregate, market, and distribute food from producers and farms around Vermont's Champlain Valley. It also provides farm-to-school support to learning institutions and aspires to deliver "consumer education, transparent pricing, high-quality customer support," according to its mission statement.

Picture the hub as a heart, with arteries whisking local goods to markets throughout the Champlain Valley and beyond.



THE ADDISON COUNTY Relocalization Network just opened its new food hub in Middlebury, a service that will aggregate, market and distribute food products from producers and farms around Vermont's Champlain Valley. Here farmer Matt Lasser and Food Hub Manager Jessica Purks display some of the local produce currently transiting through the Exchange Street facility.

Currently, most of the state's food hubs — including those in Brattleboro and Hardwick — are located closer to the I-89 transportation corridor. That's not convenient for Addison County

farms seeking to cost-effectively place their wares into the hands of vendors and consumers.

"What we realized doing our research is that the Route 7 corridor is under-developed in

regard to food hubs," Berk said. "And there's a huge opportunity, because Addison County and the Champlain Valley is one of the most agricultural regions in the state. We (See Food hub, Page 15A)

Independent photo/Steve James



## Quiz bowl maven

SHOREHAM 4-H'ER SHYANNE Wedge recently returned from Louisville, Kentucky, where she competed on the state quiz bowl team, which placed eighth at the 2022 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, held Nov. 4-6.

Photo/Mary Fay

## Students do well at 4-H contest

CASTLETON — Shyanne Wedge of Shoreham received third place in the quiz bowl portion of the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest, held in Castleton on Oct. 16. The competition attracted competitors from several states, including 19 from Vermont.

The annual competition was open to 4-H members from the New England states, New York and New Jersey. It is designed to help them prepare for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

In quiz bowl, Vermont outscored the Rhode Island team to capture first place. Along with Wedge individual scorers included Chloe Barewicz, Jericho, second; Shyanne Tieghan Perry, Danville, fifth; and Amie Thurston, West Rutland, seventh.

For information about the University of Vermont Extension 4-H horse program, contact Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.



SHOREHAM'S SHYANNE WEDGE, second from left, placed third in the individual Quiz Bowl competition at the recent Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest in Castleton. Wedge was a member of Vermont's first-place quiz-bowl team.

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# Food hub

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 grow a lot of food — and could grow more food — if we can figure out the distribution routes, because the mountains have stopped a lot of the trucks from coming over those passes, especially during the winter.”

ACORN has identified around 300 farms in the Champlain Valley that would make viable food hub partners. Fruit, vegetables, cheese, yogurt, meat, dry goods, honey and maple. The food hub is currently working with 19 of them, who are members of an online market that launched in September. Another handful of producers have used its cross-stocking/storage services at the food hub.

While Berk acknowledged “low engagement” thus far with potential customers, she noted ACORN hasn’t yet widely publicized the service. After all, ACORN only plugged in its cooler a few weeks ago.

“Now that we have (the cooler) open, we will have more capacity for folks to drop off food here and have cold storage,” she said.

The food hub’s current, largest clients include restaurants in Bristol and Middlebury, a Middlebury farmstand and the Addison Central School District.

“We’re trying to figure out how to increase awareness of this service, to increase sales and move more local food,” Berk said.

She acknowledged it’ll take some time to rack up a big client base.

“The purchasing behavior of food is one of the hardest things to change,” she explained.

And after all, ACORN officials are still crafting a food hub storage plan.

### CROSS STOCKING

“Part of the business plan was to serve both the producers and buyers, so it’s kind of a ‘chicken and the egg’ scenario, where the growers could produce more food if they knew they had a stable market, but the buyers aren’t sure that we have the market to meet some of their large demands,” Berk said. “Middlebury College would like to buy, for example, more winter spinach or pork products,

but they don’t know if we have enough producers for the scale of their students.”

Organizers are hoping that offering eclectic services will help build a clientele. Services such as cross-stocking. An example of this might be a cheesemaker in Orwell who’s unable to get a distributor to drive up the remote dirt road to their front door. The cheesemaker can drop it off at the food hub for the distributor to collect.

“We’re really close to Route 7, so it’s really convenient for the distributors to come here, rather than to the cheesemaker 20 minutes away,” Berk said.

Matt Lasser is owner and manager of Monkton’s Reap & Sow Farm. He’s among the charter members of the food hub and is bullish about its potential. Reap & Sow Farm grows a wide range of vegetables, fruits, herbs, microgreens and cut flowers.

“We’ll make pretty much everything available through the food hub,” Lasser said during a Monday interview.

He sees two major advantages to

being a part of the food hub.

“Being able to reach new customers and buyers that I wouldn’t normally be reaching out to, and it helps that (food hub staff) are able to do a lot of that work for us, so I’m not spending time doing a lot of the legwork — going into restaurants and kitchens and reaching out to other farmstands to try and connect and sell our products,” Lasser said. “And the other added benefit is the simplicity of the ordering and delivery process. I do it all on one website; I submit everything I’ve got and I get a ‘pick list’ two or three days later. Then I just need to deliver it to the food hub — one place, as opposed to going to 10 to 30 different places. That’s a big draw for us here on the farm.”

There’s already been some nice collaboration between the ACORN Food Hub and its co-tenant, CVOEO. Berk said CVOEO kindly offered its food center van to help transport ACORN’s “Farmacy” provisions to recipients in the county. “Farmacy” is an annual, 14-week-long “food is medicine” program through which nutritious local foods are prescribed to local patients who are dealing with such ailments as diabetes, heart problems and cancer.

“We were able to cross-promote and reach some of the same people,” Berk said. “We work in very similar spheres.”

### THE FUTURE

The ACORN food hub will remain at 616 Exchange St. until at least next November, when organizers will reassess (in concert with CVOEO) whether a shared workspace continues to meet both organizations’ needs.

“If this (space) doesn’t work out, then we’ll look at other spaces and/or look at building something new,” Berk said. “We expect to outgrow this space fairly quickly. The conversation is, ‘Where do we expand, and how do we pay for it?’”

She pointed to an adjacent section of the 616 Exchange St. warehouse that could soon come up for rent, which could open up the possibility of a shared office space with other nonprofits.



**FARMER MATT LASSER** of Reap and Sow Farm shows off some of the Monkton spread’s parsley he’s dropping off at the new ACORN Food Hub, which he said makes it easier to reach some customers.  
 Independent photo/Steve James



**ACORN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Lindsey Berk** is excited to see the new food hub open for business and building momentum among partners, consumers and funders.  
 Independent photo/Steve James

ACORN officials are soliciting advice from the Addison County Economic Development Corp. on how to raise funds for a building project, if the organization chooses to take that route.

But where could a larger food hub be built?

The answer might rest with a local entity that could someday become a major food hub client.

“We had recently had a conversation with Middlebury College — which has a lot of land — if they would be up for potentially donating some land for a future food hub,” Berk said.

“That was a positive conversation. Obviously, no commitments were made, but it seemed to be heading in the right direction. This is something the community is showing that it wants.”

Sarah Ray, the college’s director

*“There’s a huge opportunity because Addison County and the Champlain Valley is one of the most agricultural regions in the state. We grow a lot of food — and could grow more food — if we can figure out the distribution routes.”*

— Lindsey Berk

of media relations, said the institution will keep the lines of commodification open with ACORN.

“The college is interested in exploring these ideas and has had some initial discussions with ACORN,” she said. “We look forward to learning more about the project as it develops.”

Berk also noted growing support for a commercial-grade community kitchen that could be used by ACORN, small businesses, students and nonprofits needing such a venue in which to prep their products using local produce,

meats and dairy from the hub. The same model is being used by the Center for an Agricultural Economy food hub in Hardwick. That center has cold storage and a commercial kitchen both for value-added producers and for farmers

with hefty crops of veggies that need to be cleaned and prepared for large wholesale customers.

“When we came into this process, we didn’t think we were going to have a commercial kitchen and we didn’t think we’d have a delivery service,” Berk explained. “Now we’ve learned that both of those services are needed. Delivery is definitely our next service that we’d like to provide on a more substantial scale. Right now, we’re using staff vehicles, so we’re putting in for grants and trying to fundraise for an (electric) cargo van.”

Big plans that could cost big money.

“You can see that fundraising is a big part of this project,” Berk said. “All of the food hubs in the state are funded in part by grants, philanthropy and earned revenue. The margins in local food won’t cover the whole cost of doing the service. We’re not trying to increase the cost of local food and we’re not trying to put it into local producers’ margins. That’s where the philanthropy comes in.”

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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## Holidays with HOPE

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donations would be welcomed to help defray the costs of the birds.  
The national average price of a whole, frozen turkey is currently \$2.45 per pound, an increase of about 70 cents per pound since last year.  
Anyone able to contribute should make their check out to HOPE and send it to 282 Boardman St, Suite

1A, Middlebury, VT 05753.  
HOPE could also use help with some of the other staples of the food boxes, including juice (64-ounce containers), canned yams and carrots and Jell-O mixes. Montross said HOPE already has pie ingredients and a lot of gleaned, fresh produce to add to the boxes.  
Those needing a holiday food box should call hope at 802-388-3608. Applicants will be given a basic form to complete.



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**FAITH PARKINS, LEFT, and Helen Haerle are longtime volunteers for the Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects Holiday Shop, which will open later this month to ensure struggling families have access to free gifts for their children this Christmas.**

Photo courtesy Jeanne Montross

offers an age range and gift ideas for that particular demographic. For example, gift cards (ranging from \$25 to \$50) to local and statewide stores are always a hit with teens. The tags are hung from Christmas trees at participating businesses and then gradually snapped up by community members wishing to help stock the holiday shop. The National Bank of Middlebury, Collins Aerospace and G. Stone are just a few examples of participating businesses.

And fortunately, the holiday shop is off to a nice start due to a nice reserve of gifts left over from last year.

"The more people are able to give, the more we can do for the community," Montross said.

Montross and her colleagues have printed out 680 tags this year, of which 300 are up for grabs on trees at this point. Gift donors shouldn't wrap their purchases. In some cases, participating businesses will accept the gifts for a bulk delivery to HOPE, or donors can bring their unwrapped merchandise directly to the nonprofit.

Dedicated volunteers like Parkins, Helen Haerle, Janet Mosurick, Connie Wagner and Eileen & Dave Bearor collectively spend dozens of hours each year making sure the holiday shop is well stocked, and in an appealing way.

Parkins and Haerle have been involved with the HOPE shop since its inception, as they were with its precursor, once located at St. Mary's Church in Middlebury.

### IT'S TIME TO GIVE

Faith Parkins, a longtime volunteer at the HOPE Holiday Shop, is urging donors to supply their gifts sooner, rather than later. This will ensure a wide selection for families from the get-go.

Parkins will again be in charge of organizing the shop's inventory and restocking its tables, shelves and racks as they become depleted.

She continues to be touched by the families who come in, folks going through some rocky times but who are grateful for the help they're receiving.

"Christmas is so hard for people; children want things and today everything is so expensive," Parkins said.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought two years of challenges to HOPE's holiday outreach efforts. But Montross said circumstances are now almost back to "normal," which should translate to a smoother transfer of gifts.

"People who come in never ask for anything beyond (their allotted number of gifts)," she added. "Whatever we're willing to offer, they're happy to get."

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**TIGER SENIOR FULLBACK Cam Stone finally gets brought down after a solid gain during Saturday's D-I football final in Rutland. Stone ran for 90 yards on 13 carries to lead MUHS.**

Independent photo/Steve James

## Heartbreak for Tiger 11 in final

### Rally in D-I title game falls short as last whistle sounds

By ANDY KIRKALDY

RUTLAND — The No. 3 Middlebury Union High School football team did everything except win the Division I football championship game in Rutland on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the Tigers' rally from 11 points down with eight minutes to go against No. 1 Champlain Valley came up short when two goal-to-go passes fell incomplete in the final 10 seconds. The final score was 24-19.

For sure, any resemblance of this game to the Tigers' season-opening, 56-19 home loss to the Redhawks was coincidental.

CVU was 10-1 this season — undefeated in and largely unchallenged in Vermont this season (the loss came to a New Hampshire team). On Saturday, MUHS gave the Redhawks all they could handle.

The Tigers made mistakes — missing an extra point, taking a penalty that kept a CVU drive alive, and turning the ball over twice. But their hard-hitting defense also forced the Redhawks into several penalties for holding and illegal blocks as they tried to fend off the aggressive Tigers.

Coach Dennis Smith said he loved his 7-4 team's effort.

"You couldn't ask for anything more," Smith said. "The kids

played their hearts out."

That appreciation for his athletes extended to the work they put in to improve from an 0-2 start and to win five straight games to reach the final after taking a pounding from defending D-I champion Essex.

But soon after that loss, the Tigers pulled out an overtime win at Hartford that Smith said gave them belief in themselves and their system.

"You're 2-3 and scrambling and just looking to make the playoffs at that point," Smith said. "I think we just gained so much confidence

winning that game in Hartford, that tight one, and the momentum just carried on."

That momentum almost earned the program its first trophy since 2014.

The start wasn't promising in Saturday's final. CVU took the opening kickoff and marched 64 yards to take a 7-0 lead on a 9-yard swing pass from quarterback Ollie Cheer to speedy wideout Jack Summer. Cheer was six-for-six on the drive and completed 23 of 36 passes for 287 yards in the game.

(See Football, Page 3B)



**COACH DENNIS SMITH delivered an emotional message to his team after they gave it all but came up just short in Saturday's D-I football final against top-seeded CVU in Rutland on Saturday.**

Independent photo/Steve James

## Middlebury men's soccer nipped in first round of tournament

HOBOKEN, N.J. — Rowan University defeated the Middlebury College men's soccer team, 3-2, in a first-round NCAA Division III game on the campus of Stevens Institute on Saturday. Rowan improved to 12-5-5, and the Panthers dropped to 10-5-3.

Rowan's Gil Ferrera gave the Profs a 1-0 edge with 10:58 gone

following a set piece. Panther goalie Ryan Grady blocked, but couldn't control, Davide Caputo's shot from six yards out, and Ferrera volleyed the loose ball into the left side of the goal.

Middlebury's Jordan Saint-Louis answered on a penalty kick 1:28 later. Saint-Louis sent a left-footed shot past goalie Dylan

Aportela.

The Panthers took a 2-1 lead with 25:44 expired, when Kyle Nilson headed home a Saint-Louis cross from the left side.

The Profs' Johnny Troiano tied the match at 2-2 with 17:46 gone in the second half. He shot into the upper left corner after Turlough Gartlan chested a ball toward him.

Rowan took a 3-2 lead on a 30-yard set piece with 21:47 remaining. The Profs sprinted out of a huddle near the ball, and Tyler Yates blasted a right-footed shot that tucked inside the right post.

Middlebury searched for the equalizer in the final two minutes. The first chance came on a spinning shot by Saint-Louis with

1:31 left, but it was blocked by a Prof defender. A minute later, Aportela sprawled to knock aside a shot by Saint-Louis. On the ensuing corner kick, a header by Michael McFarlane went wide in the waning seconds.

Aportela finished with eight saves, while Grady made three.

## Panthers avenge only loss, on to 5th straight final four

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — To put things in perspective, it's an accomplishment for any NCAA Division III program just to make it to an NCAA final four.

And by defeating visiting NESCAC rival Trinity, 3-0, in an NCAA regional final at home on Sunday, this year's Middlebury College field hockey team booked the program's fifth straight trip to the final four this weekend.

Plus, Coach Katharine DeLorenzo's Panthers have not just made those past four journeys, they have returned to Vermont with four trophies.

DeLorenzo said after her 19-1 team on Sunday dominated Trinity, the only team that had defeated the Panthers this fall, that success has come from focusing on the product, not the result.

"We're always just targeting the best possible game we can play on a game day. And it's nice to compete like that and pick your head up at the end of the game and go, like, 'Oh, yeah, we get to go to the final four,'" DeLorenzo said. "So it's just wonderful. I'm so happy for the players."

Forward Grace Murphy, one of the team's three seniors, all captains, explained how the Panthers avenged their 2-1 home loss to Trinity on Oct. 15. She talked about what happened on the field on Sunday, and what the Panthers had done to improve since then.

"(We were) playing to space, playing fast, finding our teammates, and then (we've been) just building the trust over the past few weeks," Murphy said. "We've had a lot more time, a lot more practices, and just reaching a new floor each week. We've been progressing into

a better team than we were."

DeLorenzo also said that Oct. 15 loss, which came despite a 17-2 edge in shots at goal, prompted her and her assistants to shuffle the lineup. She said some players were moved to allow the Panthers to be more threatening from both flanks, and that "we added a couple players to the lineup," with the result a more productive offense.

"Trinity showed us that we had a need to be better. And we believed that we had more offense in us, that we had more than one goal in us against a Trinity team that we had outshot," she said. "It was a catalyst for change."

The result on Sunday, according to DeLorenzo, was the team's best ball movement and control of the season.

"We really possessed and handled the ball well. We built up the field better than we ever have before," she said.

None of this is probably good news for the other teams in the NCAA final four, which will be held on the campus of Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., this weekend. The Panthers, ranked No. 2, will take on No. 3 Rowan (20-1) in a Friday semifinal at 3 p.m., while NESCAC's Williams (15-5 after knocking off undefeated No. 1 Salisbury) will square off with No. 4 Johns Hopkins (17-3) at noon on Friday. The winners will play on Sunday at 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY GAME

In Sunday's regional final, the Panthers outshot the No. 9 Bantams, 24-3, and earned 11 penalty corners to Trinity's one, fair indicators of how Middlebury ruled the action.

Trinity goalie Olivia McMichael (See Field hockey, Page 2B)



**PANTHER SADIE LESTAGE, left, celebrates her goal in Middlebury's 3-0 win in Sunday's NCAA regional final, with teammates, left to right, Lilly Branka; Hanna Medwar, who assisted LeStage; and Caroline Segal.**

Independent photo/Steve James



**TRINITY GOALIE OLIVIA McMichael ranged off her line to stop Panther Sadie LeStage on this penalty corner during Sunday's NCAA D-III regional final. McMichael's nine saves were not enough to stop Middlebury from winning, 3-0.**

Independent photo/Steve James

## Boys chosen as soccer all-stars

ADDISON COUNTY

— Thirteen members of the Lake Division champion Middlebury Union High School boys' soccer team received postseason recognition from the six-team league, as did nine players apiece from second-place Vergennes and fourth-place Mount Abraham. Two members of the Otter Valley team, which improved dramatically this year to finish .500, were named Southern Valley League B Division All-Stars.

Senior midfielders Oliver Anderson of MUHS and Jack Wyman of VUHS were named the Lake Co-Players of the Year, and Kevin Hayes of VUHS and Chris George of VUHS were named the Lake Co-Coaches of the Year.

Earning First-Team All-Star nods from the Lake Division were Tigers Anderson, goalie Owen Lawton, defender/midfielder Trey Bosworth and striker Zach Wilkerson.

Joining Wyman from VUHS as First-Team All-Stars were striker Elijah Duprey, defender Oakley Francis and midfielder Shamus Rooney.

From Mount Abe, defender Chance Denecker and striker Judah Jackson were named Lake First-Team All-Stars.

Otter striker Owen Thomas and goalie Isaiah Wood made the SVL First Team.

Named to the Lake Second team from MUHS were defenders Henry Hunsdorfer and Toby Wells-Spackman and striker Ronen Silberman; VUHS goalie Abram Francis, defender Eli Brace and midfielder Parker Kayhart; and Eagle midfielders Jake Lucarelli and Sam Tropp and forward Noah Kirshenbaum.

Earning Lake Division Honorable Mention were Tigers Eddie Fallis, Eliot Schneider, Gus Hodde, Milo Rees and Ollie Choudhury; Eagles Domenic Denapoli, Jack Breault, Owen Frizzell and Sawyer Shepard; and Commodores Gideon Palmer and Xavier Deblois.

# 'Señor Coach' — Panther Hall of Famer and renaissance man Sam Guarnaccia

When I was a student at Middlebury in the mid-1960s, I was lucky enough to know Sam Guarnaccia, though not well: I was not a student of his in Spanish (he taught Spanish for nearly 30 years, was Dean of the Spanish School for 22 years, and began the Middlebury school in Madrid in 1951), nor was I a football player (Sam was a football coach at Middlebury for 25 years).

I actually think he knew me before I knew him. It seemed Sam knew everybody. He was a visible presence on campus: a robust man physically, warm and expressive. He loved teaching, he loved coaching football, and above all, he loved working with students.

That's all well and good, but it's not why he was inducted into the Middlebury College Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 5.

He was selected because he was such a remarkable athlete himself in his years as an undergraduate at Middlebury in the class of 1930. Sam was brilliant in football and track and field, "the best all round athlete in the school," according to athletic director and track coach Arthur M. Brown.

In football, Sam played in the backfield on both offense and defense. In the lively parlance of the day, here's how the *Campus* (student newspaper) described his play against Williams in his senior year:

*"Indomitable Captain 'Sammy' Guarnaccia was everywhere, tackling this man, blocking that man, and in between tackles and blocks, scampering around ends or snaring passes. When he tore off 45 yards through the Williams team in the second period, the crowd of 2,500 went wild, and when he*

*again circled the Williams flank for 20 yards more, the enthusiasm of the local cheering section knew no bounds."*

Football was a very big deal with thousands of spectators at Saturday games on big football weekends. Had statistics on individual play been maintained, no doubt that Sam's rushing and total yardage stats would have been spectacular. In his junior and senior seasons, 1928 and 1929, Sam scored nine of the team's total of 11 touchdowns.

In '29, he scored all three Panther TDs against the University of Vermont, Middlebury's greatest rival, in a 19-0 win for the Panthers. *The Campus* again:

*Plunging, slithering and smashing through the line, or sliding around the ends, Sammy playing in his last game for Middlebury ended his football career in a blaze of glory. His interception of a Vermont pass and 85-yard dash for a touchdown in the second period was the feature of the game. The enthusiastic Middlebury rooters carried him off the field on their shoulders after the game. It is a fitting close to the football career of Captain Guarnaccia that he should lead his scrappy band of warriors to the State Championship.*

Track and Field was hardly a minor sport in the '20s and '30s. Sam's main events were the shot put and discus throw (though he also scored points in the broad jump): In 1929 and 1930, he took nine firsts and three seconds in his two main events, never finished lower than second in any dual or the State Meet. He held the school and track records in the shot and discus upon his graduation.

Sam Guarnaccia was a man of far-ranging skills and interests, united always by a love for

Middlebury and its students. In addition to his teaching Spanish and coaching football, he served as Acting Dean of Admissions for a year, Acting Director of Alumni Affairs, Assistant Dean of Students for two years (1974-76) after his retirement from teaching; and in a sabbatical year, he was the first Director of the Peace Corps in Honduras.

Gary Margolis '67 of Cornwall played for Sam when he coached the freshman team: "What good fortune to have been coached by Sam Guarnaccia my first year at Middlebury: Señor Coach, whose smile and handshake could last a lifetime and has."

Jim Shattuck, '64, wrote recently about Sam: "As a football-inclined freshman from South Texas entering Middlebury in the late '50s, I had an early chance to experience the balance between on-the-field coaching and academic standards. Sam Guarnaccia was my line coach . . . and Spanish instructor on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (at 8:00 am!)."

"Sam was the consummate teacher and role model. Above all, he was a man who consistently performed at the highest standard of fairness, integrity, competitive spirit."

There are those in Middlebury no doubt who remember Sam and his wife Jean, who met in the Spanish School in 1940 and were married for 61 years until Sam's death in 2001. They raised their two children, Gina and Sam Jr., "in the red house across from the covered bridge in Weybridge that they bought for \$500!" as Sam Jr. related in a conversation this week.

Gina (Camalich) lives here in Middlebury and Sam, an accomplished composer and classical guitarist ([www.samguarnaccia.com](http://www.samguarnaccia.com)), lives now in Maine in a lakeside home on land that has been in the family for



**PROFESSOR GUARNACCIA** taught in the Spanish Department at Middlebury College for over 30 years, was Dean of the Spanish School for 22 years, and opened the Middlebury School in Madrid in 1951.

Photo courtesy of Middlebury College Archives



**SAM GUARNACCIA COACHED** at Middlebury College for 25 years, often shepherding the freshman football team. He is pictured here with the football coach staff in the late 1950s: from left, trainer Dick Waterman, Guarnaccia, Duke Nelson, Bobo Sheehan and Erkki Mackey.

Photo courtesy of Middlebury College Archives



**SAM GUARNACCIA, MIDDLEBURY** class of 1930, was called by some the best all-round athlete in the college. Captain of the football team, he also competed in track and field, holding school and track records in the shot put and discus throw.

Photo courtesy of Middlebury College Archives

## Field hockey

(Continued from Page 1B) made nine saves, while Panther senior goalie Grace Harlan worked a two-save shutout, hers and the team's fourth straight and Harlan's career 23rd, a program best. Both of Harlan's saves came on Trinity's only penalty corner, midway through the fourth quarter with Middlebury already leading, 2-0.

The Panthers took the lead with 3:52 to go in the first quarter on a penalty corner. Midfielder Sadie LeStage inserted from the left, and the ball was fired to the goal front, from where senior forward Hanna Medwar relayed back to LeStage at the left post for the tap-in.

The Panthers possessed through much of the scoreless second quarter, and had their best chances late. Katherine Lantzy's backhanded sweep from the left hit the outside of the cage, McMichael kicked away a Caroline Segal shot from straight away, and McMichael

came off her line to deny an Amy Griffin run into the circle.

In the first minute after halftime McMichael padded away a rising shot from Murphy. But nobody could deny Katie George midway through the period.

George drove past two defenders along the left end line, cut to the goal front, and slipped on the wet turf as she was fouled. But as George fell she drilled a low, 15-foot shot just inside the left post to make it 2-0 at 7:24.

Four minutes later Griffin nearly made it 3-0, but Trinity's Izzy Deveney made a defensive save at the right post.

Middlebury kept up its pressure even while George sat with a five-minute yellow card, and early in the fourth quarter McMichael came off her line to smother a Segal bid.

Trinity's serious threats came on its fourth quarter penalty corner. Caelin Flaherty's shot from the top of the circle was blocked by the Panthers, but Ashley Zigler batted the rebound from midair on Harlan, who kicked it way and also denied another rebound in a crowd.

Griffin erased all doubt about

the outcome with 3:47 left in the contest, picking up the ball and, as she went right to left across the top of the box slapped a reverse stick shot inside the left post to make it 3-0.

The Panthers controlled the ball the rest of the way. They have been unscored upon in 267:39; center back Charlotte Marks has excelled. Their 102 goals this season also mark the second-highest total in program history.

On this past Saturday, the Panther brushed aside No. 11 MIT, 8-0, reaching a few landmarks in the process.

George's three goals vs. MIT pushed her past 100 career points (counting Sunday she has 47 goals and 12 assists), and Middlebury joined Messiah, TCNJ and Salisbury as programs with 50 NCAA D-III tournament wins.

The Panthers also got a goal apiece from Audrey Lazar, Segal, Murphy, Georgianne Defeo and Taylor Leckey, and Griffin picked up three assists. Two Engineer goalies combined to make four stops.



**THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE** field hockey team poses with the NCAA D-III regional championship banner after the Panthers' victory on Saturday. They will play for the program's fifth straight national title this weekend.

Independent photo/Andy Kirkaldy



**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, Nov. 17:**  
9:00-11:00 PM - Public Skating

**Friday, Nov. 18:**  
3:30-5:00 PM - Stick & Puck

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
6:30 PM-8:00 - Public Skating

**Sunday, Nov. 20:**  
2:30-4:00 PM - Public Skating

**Monday, Nov. 21:**  
1:15-3:15 PM - Public Skating  
3:30-5:00 PM - Stick & Puck

**Tuesday, Nov. 22:**  
9:00-11:00 PM - Public Skating  
1:15-3:15 PM - Public Skating

**Wednesday, Nov. 23:**  
12:00-2:00 PM - Public Skating  
2:15-3:45 PM - Stick & Puck

**Friday, Nov. 25:**  
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3:30-5:00 PM - Stick & Puck

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SENIOR CAM STONE, left, gets ahold of CVU's Jack Sumner while teammates Cole Schnoor (No. 11) and George Devlin move in to bring him down during Saturday's D-I football final in Rutland. Independent photo/Steve James

## Panther football falls in Ritter's final game

MIDDLEBURY — Host Tufts outscored the Middlebury College football team on Saturday, 65-34, in Coach Bob Ritter's final game as head of the program.

Middlebury (7-2) finished second in NESCAC behind 9-0 Trinity, while Tufts and Wesleyan, both 6-3, finished in a tie for third.

Ritter wraps up his head coaching career with a .647 winning percentage (112-61). His teams won three NESCAC titles, and his 2019 squad became the first in league history to go 9-0.

But Saturday was not the Panthers' day. Jumbo quarterback Michael Berluti threw three touchdown passes in the opening quarter as Tufts took a 21-0 lead: 63- and 44-yard bombs to Phil Lutz,

and a 14-yards strike to Jackson Butler.

At the beginning of the second period, Panther QB Cole Kennon tossed a 4-yard TD pass to Greg Livingston, cutting the lead to 21-7. After another Tufts score, Kennon threw a 33-yard scoring strike to Patrick Amin and a 28-yard TD pass to Anson Clough to make it 28-20.

But with 1:10 left in the first half, Tufts responded and extended the lead to 35-20. Then the Jumbos came out strong in the second half, running its advantage to 55-20, including a score on a 92-yard fumble return.

Kennon connected with Donovan Wood for a 16-yard touchdown, and Tony Wang added a field goal to

make it 55-34 after three-quarters. In the fourth quarter, Tufts tacked on another touchdown and a field goal for the 65-34 final.

Berluti finished 19 for 31 passing for 294 yards and seven touchdowns. He also rushed 12 times for 184 yards and a score, while Jumbo back Tyler Johnson ran 36 times for 167 yards.

Kennon finished 17 for 34 with four TDs and two interceptions. He played in six of nine games and still finished the season tied for fourth place in program history with 24 TD passes in a season.

Donovan Wood caught five passes for 87 yards and a TD, and his 938 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns rank third on the Panthers' single-season list.

## Football

(Continued from Page 1B)

The Tigers then went three-and-out. But they held on the next CVU possession thanks to one of three pass breakups by safety Jackson Gillett.

And they began to move the ball, with fullback Cam Stone (13 carries for 90 yards) establishing the run. On third-and-10 at the CVU 46 QB Jacob Kemp hit tight end Penn Riney on a deep crossing route for 27 yards. Three plays later, senior halfback Cole Schnoor (12 carries, 71 yards) burst into the end zone, and the Gillett kick made it 7-7 at 11:28 of the second quarter.

A big sack by Riney and junior linebacker Gavin McNulty blew up the next CVU possession, and the Tigers took over on their own 47. Three runs by Stone and one by McNulty pushed the ball to the CVU 21, and from there Schnoor took it in for the TD. Gillett's kick hit an upright, and it was 13-7 with 4:48 to go in the half.

CVU drove 44 yards to take a 14-13 lead with 1:21 left in the half, scoring on a 15-yard Cheer pass to Brian Rutherford. The Tigers then fumbled at their own 27, and CVU capitalized with an Aidan Morris 46-yard field goal as time expired to make it 17-13.

The Tigers got the ball to open the second half, and a 30-yard Stone ramble helped move the ball to the CVU 30. But Kemp, under pressure, was picked off by Redhawk Chase Leonard, and CVU took over and moved 70 yards to take a 24-13 lead at 6:29 of the third.

The Tigers had stopped them on a third down at the CVU 44, and

a bad snap moved the ball back to the 20. Then came another crucial error. The Tigers were called for roughing the kicker, a 15-yard penalty with an automatic first down. Cheer promptly completed four straight passes to move CVU to the Tiger 11, and from there Sumner swept wide left for the score.

The Tigers drove, but a false start on third and one on the CVU 35 killed the march, and the punt put the Redhawks on their 20 late in the third. They moved the ball and probably would have scored if not for three penalties the Tigers forced. Finally, the Redhawks faced first-and-goal from the Tiger 24 and were stopped three plays later on fourth-and-goal from the two, when Cheer couldn't hit Alex Provost with Gillett in coverage.

Then the Tigers marched 98 yards to make it 24-19 with 3:01 left in the game. Stone, Schnoor and Kemp ran well, and Kemp, who completed 7 of 13 passes for 85 yards, capped the drive with four straight completions, three to Gillett and one to tight end Angus Blackwell for 24 yards. The final connection in the sequence was an 11-yard toss to Gillett for the score. But the two-point conversion failed.

The onside kick also failed. But after two CVU penalties and a sack on third and 16, the Tigers got the ball back on their 37. Their first play was a handoff to Gillett that turned into a 26-yard pass back to Kemp. A personal foul on CVU moved the ball to the CVU 25. Two completions by Kemp to Gillett put the ball on the CVU 8 with 11.5 seconds to go.

And then the balloon popped. The Redhawks broke up a toss to Blackwell, and a slant pass to Gillette as time expired was a step behind him.

Suddenly it was over. CVU had survived and won the program's first-ever title, and the Tigers were left to wonder what might have been if a couple plays had gone differently.

What could be said for sure is the Tigers did the work to turn their season around and almost derailed the No. 1 seed.

"We started believing in the things we were doing, and we just became more of a physical team once we were able to do the things we were doing and knew our assignments," Smith said. "By the end of the year, I could just do anything with them and they could get this stuff, whereas at the beginning of the year we had to spoon-feed stuff. But this is a great fricking team, and give me a couple more weeks and I don't know where we would be."

He summed up. "From where we were week one to where we are now, we're a team that has come a long way," Smith said. "I'm as proud as hell of them."

## Eagle girls' soccer made deep run in postseason

*Editor's note: This story was slotted to run in our Nov. 3 edition, but it regrettably did not make it into the newspaper. We publish it here, slightly updated, to round out our coverage of the Eagle girls' soccer season.*

MILTON — Host No. 7 Milton on Tuesday, Nov. 1, ended the No. 11 Mount Abraham girls' soccer team's run through the Division II playoffs with a 2-1 win in a semifinal.

The Eagles finished with a 6-9-1 record — two of their wins coming on the road in the D-II playoffs as they reached the semifinal round for the second straight season as a low seed. Their record is misleading: Four of their losses came to teams seeded in the top seven in the D-I tournament.

Mount Abe reached the semifinal round by defeating two higher seeds in the D-II tournament.

In the first round, the No. 11 Eagles knocked off No. 6 Missisquoi Valley Union on Oct. 25 when Maia Jensen scored 3:17 into overtime with an assist from Louisa Painter. Jensen also scored an OT playoff game-winner for the Eagles in 2021. The Eagles took the lead late in the first half of that game when a Jensen shot deflected in off a defender.

MVU (12-3) tied the game in the final minute of regulation when Destiny Pigeon headed in a

corner kick. Eagle goalie Joanna Toy made six saves, and MVU's Shannell Unwin made nine saves.

Continuing their winning ways, the Mount Abe girls' team upset No. 2 Harwood, 2-1, in overtime on Friday, Oct. 28. Safi Camara netted the game-winner with an Annie Dufault assist in the first extra session.

The Highlanders had taken the lead with 10 minutes remaining in regulation on an Eloise Lilley strike, but Jensen, who had scored the overtime game-winner three days earlier, equalized with 3:30 to go.

Both goalies, Mount Abe's Toy and Harwood's Ciera Fiaschetti, made eight saves.

Then came the semi-final.

Milton took the lead late in the first half of the Nov. 1 game on the first of Savannah Monahan's two goals. With 17 minutes left in the second half, Monahan struck again with what proved to be a key insurance goal.

The Eagles broke through later, when Isla Underwood headed in an Annie Dufault corner kick.

Milton goalie Lila Martin made five saves, while Eagle keeper Joanna Toy was credited with 14.

The Eagles had split two regular season games with the Yellowjackets, winning at home, 3-1, in late September, but more recently losing in Milton, 3-0.

## Girls named soccer stars

ADDISON COUNTY — Eleven members of the Middlebury, Mount Abraham, Otter Valley and Vergennes high school girls' soccer teams have earned postseason recognition, including three who earned berths on the Division II All-State Team. Two local coaches were also honored.

The three D-II All-State players are MUHS senior midfielder Lia Robinson, Mount Abe junior goalie Joanna Toy, and OV junior goalie Linnea Faulkner.

Named as Lake Division First Team All-Stars were, from MUHS, Robinson, freshman midfielder Solstice Binder, and sophomore defender Meredith Horne, plus Toy from Mount Abraham.

Named as Lake Second Team All-Stars were, from Mount Abe,

senior forward Maia Jensen and senior defender Patty McNerney, from MUHS senior midfielder Cady Pitner, and from VUHS freshman striker Ava Francis and junior forward/midfielder Alaina LeBeau.

Joining Faulkner as SVL B Division All-Stars were senior striker Elena Politano and senior Bryn Blanchard, who played both center back and forward.

After the Otter girls enjoyed a .500 regular-season record that was a significant step forward for the program, OV Coach Tammi Blanchard was named B Division Coach of the Year.

The Tigers' Reeves Livesay and Milton's Shawntel Burke were voted the Lake Co-Coaches of the Year.



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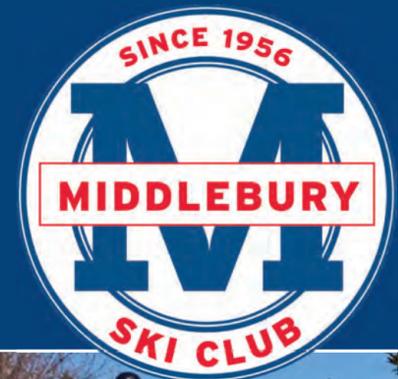
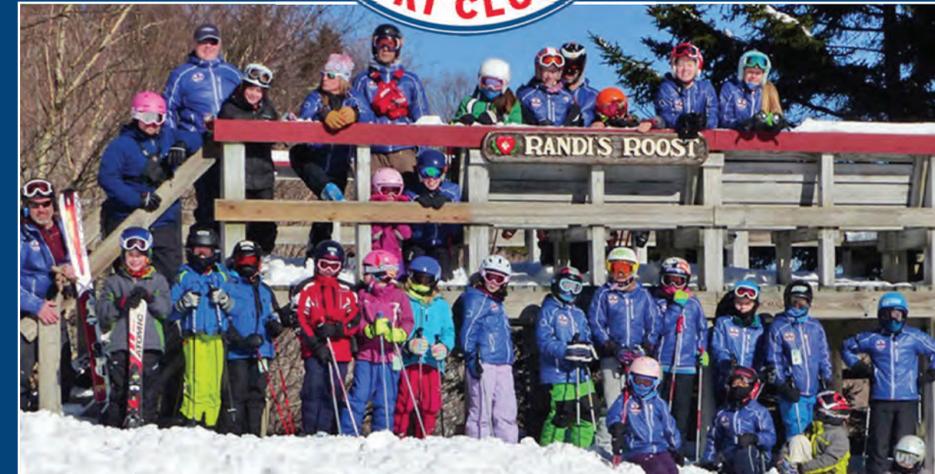
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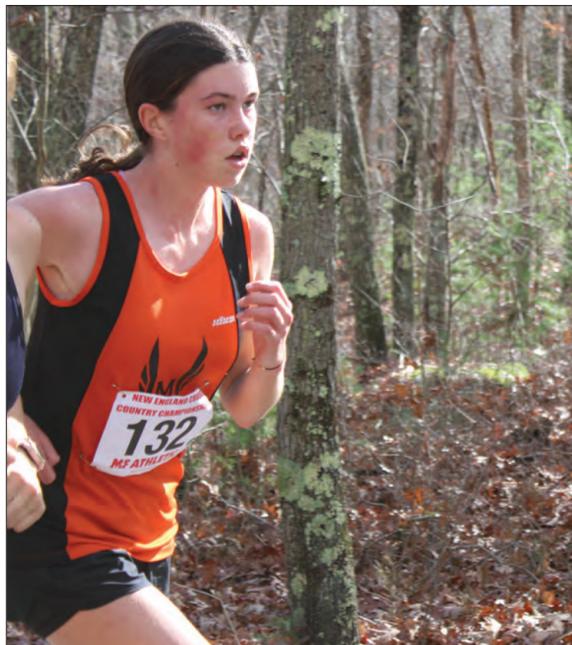
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### End of season race

THREE LOCAL HARRIERS competed in the New England Cross Country Championships hosted by Ponaganset High School in North Scituate, R.I., this past Saturday. Lincoln resident Estella Laird, a sophomore at Champlain Valley Union, finished 34th out of 245 of the best runners in six states running 19.37.6 over 5K. Two Middlebury Union High School runners performed admirably, with Tiger ninth-grader Mary Harrington (shown above at Mile 2) clocking 21:01.5 and finishing 106th, and sophomore teammate Beth McIntosh (right in the pack two-thirds of the way through the race) finishing in 21:33.3 for 136th.

Photos courtesy of Tracey Harrington



## Vergennes

### Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police continue to be called by the Valley Vista substance use disorder facility as it discharges problematic clients who are unable to successfully complete their rehabilitation programs. Police said the facility at 1 Alden Place does not have transportation or housing protocols for its discharged clients. On Nov. 11, police said they spent about five hours trying, but failing, to find housing and/or transportation for one client who was asked to leave her court-ordered stay at Valley Vista after an argument with her roommate. Eventually, police said they drove her to Rutland, her hometown, and put her in contact with her

probation officer with an order to report to court on Monday.

On Nov. 9, police responded to Valley Vista when a client was refusing to leave, and took her to the John Graham Shelter.

In other action between Nov. 7 and 13 city police conducted two patrols on foot and three by cruiser, performed four traffic stops, responded to a false alarm, fingerprinted four job applicants, dealt with three false 911 calls from the same number caused by a malfunction, and also:

- On Nov. 9:
  - On behalf of the Department for Children and Families checked the welfare of a child in a Hillside Drive apartment.

- Saw an unattended fire on a Hillside Drive apartment porch and worked to put it out, and also called the fire department because of the danger embers might ignite fallen leaves nearby.

On Nov. 11 cited Eric Alger, 67, of Salisbury into court for driving with a criminally suspended license.

On Nov. 12:
 

- Took a report that packages had been stolen from outside a Hillside Drive apartment.

- Issued a no-trespass order to a former Shaw's Supermarket employee on behalf of store management.

## Women's hoop drops season debut

MIDDLEBURY — Visiting Mount Saint Mary edged the Middlebury College women's basketball team on Saturday in the Panthers' opener, 68-61.

The game was back and forth, and Middlebury trailed by just two, 51-49, entering the fourth quarter; but the Knights pulled away and outlasted the Panthers down the

stretch.

Mount Saint Mary opened the final frame with a 9-3 run to make it 60-52. The closest Middlebury came was with 3:33 remaining, when Panther guard Gianna Palli hit a three that cut the deficit to five (62-57). But the Knights hit late free throws to preserve their seven-point win.

Middlebury's Alexa Mustafaj led all scorers with 28 points, Emily Downer scored 14, and freshman Gabby Stuart debuted with 12 points and 12 boards. Shannon Phelan led three Knights in double figures with 14 points. Middlebury outrebounded Mount Saint Mary, 58-34, but turned the ball over 24 times and shot 30% from the floor.

## Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — After a five-month investigation, Vermont State Police on Monday, Nov. 14, cited a Starksboro man for lewd and lascivious conduct.

On May 31, a female victim alleged to state police that she'd been touched in a sexual manner by Jonathan Gay, 24, of Starksboro. The case was assigned to the VSP's Bureau of Criminal Investigations. This week police formally cited Gay and then released him. He's due to answer the charge in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division, on Jan. 23.

Vermont State Police during the past week dealt with four other incidents that troopers determined were worthy of alerting the public.

In the first case, Trooper Ryan Anthony reported on Nov. 8, shortly before 2 p.m., that officers responded to a minor two-car crash on Route 22A in Shoreham. Police reported a 2006 Chevy PT Cruise driven by Arlyn Sunderland, 49, of Shoreham had a tire malfunction

that caused the vehicle to veer into the incoming lane and crash into a 2019 Hyundai Santa Fe driven by 63-year-old Cheryl Morrison of Salisbury. No one was reported injured and both vehicles sustained minor damage.

Police cited Sunderland for driving without an ignition interlock device that was required, and ticketed him for driving with a civilly suspended license.

Separately, on Nov. 13, state police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a home on Morgan Road in Salisbury at 2:39 a.m. Trooper Sean Hauter alleged that James Thorpe, 21, had caused bodily injury to a household member. Police arrested Thorpe, took him to the New Haven state police barracks, cited him for domestic assault, then released him.

Then, later on Nov. 13, Trooper Anthony reached out to the public asking for help finding a missing ATV. At around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, troopers were notified of

the theft of a red Honda Rancher 420 with plastic crates from a property on North Cream Hill Road in Bridport. Police were told the vehicle was stolen between 6 p.m. on Saturday and 5:30 a.m. on Sunday. An investigation revealed the ATV had rolled away from the residence and picked up farther south on North Cream Hill Road.

The Vermont State Police are asking anyone with information regarding this incident or the whereabouts of the ATV to please contact Trooper Anthony at the New Haven Barracks at 802-388-4919.

Finally, on Nov. 15 at 12:30 a.m., state police logged a report of a man passed out in a vehicle in the Ferrisburgh Park and Ride lot. After looking into the report, police determined that the man, identified as 32-year-old Gregory Stowe of Vergennes, was in violation of multiple court-ordered conditions of release. Police cited Stowe for violation of conditions.

# WELLNESS Directory

### Practitioner of the Week

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



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# community calendar

## nov 17 THURSDAY

**Early Education screening in Bristol.** Thursday, Nov. 17, beginning at 9 a.m., Bristol Elementary School, Mountain St. The Mount Abraham Unified School District Early Education Program will hold its developmental screening. Children will play and explore in an early childhood classroom. Parents can share about their child and learn more about their child's communication, social emotional, cognitive and motor development. Free. Children from the Mount Abraham Unified School District who are three or four years old, or turned five years old after Sept. 1, 2022, are invited to attend. More info at 802-453-3674.

**Gnome-making workshop in Vergennes.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 3:15-6:30 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Help create gnomes to decorate the Little City. We will cover how to make gnomes from plastic flowerpots and tomato cages for outdoor display. Gnomes will be on display throughout the holidays. If you wish to take yours home, you may do so. Limited materials will be available. More info at www.bixbylibrary.org.

**Writer Janice Obuchowski in Vergennes.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Obuchowski will give a talk on her writing. Details forthcoming.

**"Hello Dolly!" in Bristol.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. Over 100 Mt. Abe students from grades 7-12 and a live band featuring LC Jazz musicians are involved in this highly anticipated community event. The show is a funny, warm, singing and dancing extravaganza that will be a treat for the whole family. Tickets \$12 adult/\$10 seniors and children under 12, available at www.showtix4u.com/events/HelloDolly or contact fmafinc@gmail.com, or 802-377-3335.

## nov 18 FRIDAY

**Puzzle swap in Middlebury.** Friday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Do you have puzzles you would like to trade for news ones? So do we. Join us in the Jessica Swift Community Room, bring along any puzzles you are ready to part with. Go home stocked up and ready for a long cold winter of puzzling.

**"Hello Dolly!" in Bristol.** Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School, 220 Airport Dr. Details in Nov. 17 listing.

## nov 19 SATURDAY

**Hunters/early bird breakfast in Lincoln.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 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.

**Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale in Monkton.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friends Methodist Church, 78 Monkton Ridge. Handcrafted gifts, attic treasures, fresh homemade doughnuts, homemade chocolates, pies, whoopie pies, cookies, and other goodies you can't pass up. Soup/chili, sandwich and chips lunch to go. More info at 802-453-2870.

**Super Galactic Toy Drive in Brandon.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Cosplayers, Marvel, Star Wars, basket raffle, food and music. Get your golden ticket punched and then go up to the Brandon Inn and see Santa and the Grinch from 1-4 p.m. Free.

**"Hello Dolly!" in Bristol.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 and 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School, 220 Airport Dr. See Nov. 17 listing.

**Bingo in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 19, at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street. 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.

## nov 20 SUNDAY

**All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in Addison.** Sunday, Nov. 20, 7-11 a.m., Addison Fire Station, junction of Routes 17 & 22A. Menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, coffee, hot chocolate and orange juice. Funds will be used to purchase equipment. \$9 adults/\$7 kids under 12. Proceeds benefit the Addison Volunteer Fire Department. More info at 802-759-2237.

**44th Annual Middlebury Turkey Trot & Gobble Wobble in Middlebury.** Sunday, Nov. 20, noon start time. Middlebury Parks and Recreation stages these yearly 5K and 10K races at the town rec center, 154 Creek Rd. Medals for winners; raffle for all entrants. Bring 2 or more non-perishable food items to donate to the Addison County Food Shelf and you will automatically be entered to win special prizes from a donors only drawing! Entrance fee \$35. More information online at middleburyfitness.com/middlebury-turkey-trot.html.

**Addison Town Historical Society meeting in Addison.** Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m., Addison Fire Station, 44 Route 17 West. The Bodette family in West Addison donated a 1915 photo album to the Historical Society. Photos include local farming, prize farm stock, neighbors celebrating together, local historic sites and scenes around Addison County, all circa 1915. The photos, digitized and enhanced, will be projected onto a large screen and shared. Light refreshments served, followed by a short business meeting. Dues \$5. Questions? Please call Geoff Nelson, 802-349-3305.

## nov 24 THURSDAY

**Neshobe Pie Gobbler fun run and walk in Brandon.** Thursday, Nov. 24, Neshobe Golf Club, 224 Town Farm Rd. Race starts at 8 a.m. A Thanksgiving morning tradition. Run, walk, stroll with a chance to win your Thanksgiving Day pie. Winning male and female as well as every 10th finisher receives a freshly made pie. The course is approximately 3 miles over hill and dale at Neshobe Golf Course. Rain or shine. Self-timed. Youth \$20, adult \$25. Proceeds benefit Brandon Recreation Department. More details online at runreg.com/neshobe-pie.



## History in Pictures

PHOTOS FROM 1915 will be on the docket at the next Addison Town Historical Society meeting on Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m., at the Addison Fire Station, 44 Route 17 West. On offer will be photos of local farming, prize farm stock, neighbors celebrating together, local historic sites and scenes around Addison County, all circa 1915.

Photo courtesy of Addison Town Historical Society

## nov 25 FRIDAY

**Holiday craft fair in Bridport.** Friday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Masonic Hall, Middle Rd. More than 50 crafters with handcrafted, quality merchandise at country prices.

## nov 26 SUNDAY

**Hunters/early bird breakfast in Lincoln.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 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.

**Vendor/craft fair in West Addison.** Sunday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Community House, Church St. Organized by Better Days 4-H Club in order to raise funds for the club. Come support local small businesses, something for everyone.

**Craft and Holiday Shoppe benefit in New Haven.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m., New Haven Town Hall, 78 North St. The 2nd annual shoppe for the benefit of the Brendon P Cousino Med47 Foundation. Come out and support your local crafters. Jewelry, maple syrup/maple treats, a favorite local baker, an author, quilting, woodcraft, note cards, white elephant and more. More info at: www.Facebook.com/med47foundation or cmcousino@gmavt.net.

**Small Business Saturday in Vergennes.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Downtown Vergennes. Vergennes Partnership invites you to shop our friendly downtown at this annual event to encourage people to shop locally — in person and online at small businesses. Enjoy the hometown atmosphere that warms the heart. Opportunities to win throughout the day.

**Small Business Saturday in Brandon.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Downtown Brandon. This celebratory day was founded to encourage consumers across the country to support local, small businesses within their hometowns. Small Business Saturday has quickly become widely recognized as the day to kick start the holiday shopping season. After the insanity of Black Friday, stroll the streets and enjoy your friends and neighbors while supporting the local economy.

**Holiday craft fair in Bridport.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Masonic Hall, Middle Rd. See Nov. 25 listing.

## nov 27 SUNDAY

**Memory Tree lighting in Brandon.** Sunday, Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m., Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Join us in front of the Town Hall to see our pair of beautiful trees lit up to remind us of our loved ones who have passed. Catch the magic of the season at 3:30 p.m. with carol singing by the Brandon Festival Singers. At 4 p.m., the Memory Trees are lit for the season.

## dec 1 THURSDAY

**Age Well grab and go meal in Vergennes.** Thursday, Dec. 1, 10:45 a.m., St Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S Maple St. Drive up, check-in, contact free pick up. Chopped beef with gravy, baked beans, Italian vegetables, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin cookie and milk. Donations accepted. Advanced reservations only. Call Michelle to reserve by Sunday, Nov. 27, 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.

**Bixby book sale donation day in Vergennes.** Thursday, Dec. 1, 3-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Donate your used books. Holiday books especially welcomed. Donations accepted in the back parking lot. Fiction should be published after 2010 or by a popular author, and non-fiction should be current and saleable.

**Midd Night Stroll in Middlebury.** Thursday, Dec. 1, until 8 p.m., downtown. Middlebury's downtown stores will be open late with specials, pop-ups, tastings and more. The Cocoa Hut is back at Cannon Park, and be sure to check out the falls, which will be illuminated the entire month of December.

## dec 2 FRIDAY

**Chocolate Walk in Bristol.** Friday, Dec. 2, TBA, Downtown Bristol. Stroll around Bristol and get your chocolate fix while doing some holiday shopping.

## dec 3 SATURDAY

**Christmas bazaar in Bristol.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bristol Federated Church, 37 North St. The Bristol Federated Church will be holding their first in-person bazaar since 2019. Attic Treasures, a silent auction, craft tables, bake sale, and luncheon. More info at 802-453-2321.

**Santa and Mrs. Claus in Middlebury.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 9-11 a.m., Triangle Park, Merchants Row and Main St. The Santas are back and waiting as Middlebury kicks off its annual holiday celebration. A mini makers market for kids from 9-noon will also be there.

**Ho, Ho, Ho Holiday Stroll in Vergennes.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Downtown. Stroll downtown Vergennes and get into the holiday spirit.

**Friends of the Bixby used book sale in Vergennes.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Focused on holiday books, the sale will have a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books. Browse the orderly shelves or find a surprise in the recently acquired boxes. Enter from the back parking lot.

**Rokeby Holiday Open House in Ferrisburgh.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Visit Rokeby for its annual Holiday Open House. The museum's shop will be open with special pricing for the holidays. Door swags, made from Rokeby grounds greenery will be on sale, and the museum's exhibitions are open for you to view. Tick off a few holiday shopping items while supporting the museum.

**Sheldon Museum annual holiday open house in Middlebury.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Trains, games, trees and wreaths. Come visit the Sheldon for their annual holiday celebration.

**Used book sale in Middlebury.** Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Ilsley public Library, 75 Main St. As our gift to you for your support all children's books are free this month. Supported by Friends of Ilsley Public Library. All proceeds directly support programming at IPL.

## dec 4 SUNDAY

**Sibling-to-Sibling cookie decorating party in Middlebury.** Sunday, Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Center for Community Engagement, 26 Blinn Lane, Middlebury College. Sib-to-Sib is inviting all Addison County middle school students to join them for a fun holiday party. Register at go.middlebury.edu/sib2sib.

**Brandon Library holiday auction in Brandon.** Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m., Brandon Free Public Library, 4 Franklin St. Come for an entertaining and philanthropic afternoon. Dozens of local patrons and artists donate holiday wreaths, decor, artwork, gift certificates, and treasures for the event. Wine, cheese, and door prizes. Preview at 1:30 p.m.

## dec 5 MONDAY

**Moonlight Madness in Brandon.** Monday, Dec. 5- Friday, Dec. 9, Downtown. A week of savings and specials for shoppers looking for unique gifts, one-of-a-kind items, and exceptional customer service. Bargains, sales, specials and drawings, plus a chance to win \$100 in Brandon Bucks. Go to Brandon.org to see offers and hours. Stores open till 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7. More info info@brandon.org or 802-247-6401.

## dec 6 TUESDAY

**Paint night: winter cardinal in Middlebury.** Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Renee as she guides you through step-by-step video instructions to create a masterpiece in minutes. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. Younger? Bring your favorite grown up. Register at ilsleypubliblibrary.org. Space is limited.

**Vermont Folklife's Annual Gingerbread House Competition in Middlebury.** Exhibit opens Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Vermont Folklife, 88 Main St. This year's theme is "Vermont Landmarks." Online and gallery exhibits both open Dec. 6-9 and 13-16. Online voting for the People's Choice award will be open. All prize winners will be announced on Dec. 20.

**Moonlight Madness in Brandon.** Tuesday, Dec. 6. See Dec. 5 listing.



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# Ferrisburgh dog park proposed site denied

By ANDY KIRKALDY

FERRISBURGH — The first choice of Ferrisburgh dog park backers for a location is now off the table after the Nov. 1 Ferrisburgh selectboard meeting.

Connie Houston, representing those interested in such a park, which received strong support in a community survey, had talked with board members about putting a 1-acre fenced park on 2 acres of town land behind Ferrisburgh's town offices and community center. Its estimated \$45,000 cost could be funded by donations and grants, Houston said.

But that site is also close to the Atkins Farm residential neighborhood, and Selectboard Chair Jessica James said homeowners there, particularly the closest neighbor to the site, had concerns about noise.

Houston will continue to research locations in the village area, with help from zoning administrator Steven True. According to James and meeting minutes, that search will focus on sites on or near property owned by the Addison Northwest School District near the Ferrisburgh Central School and the town ice rink.

"She was going to look into what it's going to take to do it there," James said. "So that's where we're at. She's going to talk to the school district."

The selectboard remains

supportive in concept of a dog park, she added.

"The board just said keep trying to figure it out, and let us know," James said.

At the Nov. 1 meeting, the Ferrisburgh selectboard also discussed the town's upcoming formal acceptance of the Ferrisburgh Methodist Church, which sits on 0.75 acre immediately north of the town office building. James said the board is unsure of how the town will use the property, and wants to open the question for discussion at town meeting in March before making any decisions.

By then, James said, insurance issues will also be answered, and a better idea of what work is necessary to the structure and its cost might also be available. A recent inspection of the church by the town's Building Committee uncovered "some long-term projects and some that need to be fixed once the transfer of ownership occurs," according to meeting minutes.

A childcare center or senior center, or both, have been talked about as possibilities, as well as another community meeting place. The town already had an agreement with church officials to allow use of its parking lot for town events.

James said the final conveyance could happen later this year or early next year after a final ceremony to be held at the church.

**"The board just said keep trying to figure it out, and let us know."**

— Selectboard Chair Jessica James



## Delish!

WHAT BETTER MEAL than a pumpkin? A squirrel enjoys a feast on a recent day in Middlebury, when a resident left the pumpkin out for him and his fellow puffy-tailed rodents.

Photo/Dottie Nelson

## Monkton

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### NEWS

MONKTON — If you haven't heard, the MAUSD/ANWSD merger was voted down. Per Mount Abraham Unified School District Superintendent Patrick Reen (on Monkton's Front Porch Forum news), the vote was as follows:

- MAUSD: 1115 yes; 2281 no.
- ANWSD: 771 yes; 2001 no.

Mark your calendars for the Monkton Friends Methodist Church annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 19. The bazaar

will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, featuring wonderful handcrafted gifts, handmade chocolate, baked goods and their fabulous homemade donuts! (You may want to buy extra to put in the freezer). There will also be homemade soups, chili and sandwiches to purchase for your take-out lunch. This is a perfect time to get ahead of acquiring some Christmas gifts, get some wonderful goodies and have lunch

ready and waiting for you to buy. Don't miss it!

### FROM THE MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Monkton Museum & Historical Society welcomes renowned author and lecturer Howard Coffin to the Monkton Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.

He will offer attendees an opportunity to live through the

experiences of several women who endured life during the Civil War. His thorough research brings to life the struggle these women faced and the stoic grit they demonstrated that can inspire anyone. We look forward to you attending in person. A zoom link will be provided on Front Page Forum on the day of the event. We thank you for your interest and support in all of the MM&HS activities that are designed to make history more alive.

## Lincoln

Have a news tip? Call Dawn Mikkelsen at 453-7029

### NEWS

LINCOLN — Do you love knitting? Are you a master knitter or have you always wanted to learn how to knit? Are you starting a project for the holiday season? The library knitting group meets Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This is a casual group of people interested in knitting together. All levels are welcome. Come with ideas or questions.

While you're browsing for books at the library, don't forget to look in the display case where this month's collection features Lisa Prescott's cast iron bookends.

### FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Thank you to our volunteer election workers. Several of them offer to help out time after time, and this time we welcomed a few new helpers who did an excellent job. Our Board of Civil Authority members, and Assistant Clerk, Caroline Siegfried, are also essential to making sure our elections run smoothly. I am always grateful to spend the day in Burnham Hall, and the library bake sale was a huge hit. Thank you to all the chefs who contributed delicious baked goods and homemade soups.

Out of 1,066 active voters, 797 participated in the General Election. You can see the election results at: <https://electionresults.vermont.gov>

The Ripton Community Coffee House welcomes Grammy-nominated Bruce Molsky to the stage at Burnham Hall on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Molsky is best known for his fiddle work, but also plays banjo, guitar and sings. He uses his own interpretations from the Southern Appalachian songbook, transporting audiences to another time and place.

Doors open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15, generous admission tickets are \$20-\$25 or pay what you can. Masks are recommended, but not required. The show will also be live streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

The Lincoln Conservation Commission is looking for new members. Currently, the commission's main focus is the care and management of the town forests and invasive plant control. They meet on the first Monday of every month for one hour. Most projects don't have a deadline, so work is done in their own time. Being a commissioner is an easy way to give back to the Lincoln community. Consider joining!

### REMINDERS

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.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. at Burnham Hall on Saturday, Nov. 19 and 26. The cost is \$10 for ages 11 and over, \$5 for ages 5-10, and children under 5 are free. All proceeds benefit the Jerusalem Schoolhouse Preservation Fund.

Until next time ... Happy Thanksgiving!

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Mount Abraham Union High School

### Isabella Courier

Congratulations to Isabella Currier, a courageous leader at Mt. Abe, who is Mount Abraham Union High School's student of the week. She is the yearbook editor, a member of the Community Council and the Eagle Leadership Society, as well as a student School Board Representative. Isabella resides in Bristol with her parents, Michael and Lisa Currier, and sister Gabriella Currier and their two dogs.

Her favorite classes are Turn the Page and AP Lit because the teachers are fun and engaging. Yearbook is another class Bella enjoys because she is the leader of the staff, which requires innovative thinking in order to capture memories throughout the year and to create something to catch all of the moments beginning freshman year to commemorate the senior class. Isabella challenges herself to take Advanced Placement courses and has received honors every year.

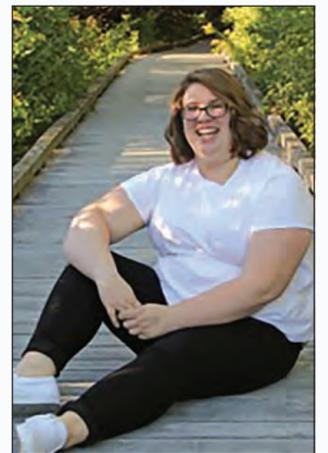
Teacher Colleen Kiley says, "Isabella's spirit is fun and focused all at the same time, and she brings a high level of energy to class, which makes learning more exciting for all. Additionally, she is someone who constantly wants to know more. She asks questions

and is willing to dive deep into challenging topics or confusing concepts in the classroom." AP Language and Composition teacher Addie Thompson says, "Isabella is incredibly driven, and has a beautiful sense of humor. Bella is as comfortable talking about classic world literature. She is one of the most humble and loyal young people I've had the pleasure to teach."

Isabella also attended Girls State, where students focus on leadership and citizenship, learning the mechanics of American government and politics. She enjoys being able to connect with girls throughout the state. Hearing about their leadership roles within their schools was the highlight of the whole experience.

After school, Isabella works at Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro for the afterschool program as an Academic Enrichment Student Support Leader. Her favorite part of the position is connecting with the younger students of the MAUSD district. She also enjoys reading, volunteering at the preschool she attended as a kid, and spending time with family.

The Mt. Abe community wishes Isabella the best with her goals of attending a college in upstate New York to study Health Education.



Isabella Courier MAUHS

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**Public Meetings**

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**Public Meetings**

**VERGENNES FREE THINKERS** Founded in 1935 on the principle of one alcoholic helping another to achieve sobriety, A.A. is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives. A.A. has always been committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone, anywhere, who reaches out for help with an alcohol problem. The Vergennes Free Thinkers meeting was created in January of this year to maintain a tradition of free expression, conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any beliefs, doubts or disbelief they may have, to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, and/or their rejection of it, without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or having to deny their own. Meetings are held with a high regard for compassion and inclusion without judgment or exception. If you think we can help, please join us on Thursdays at 6pm by contacting [Vergennesfreethinkers@gmail.com](mailto:Vergennesfreethinkers@gmail.com) for Zoom and in-person meeting information.

**Public Meetings**

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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:

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**Middlebury Agway - 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.**



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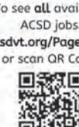
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Help Wanted

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**  
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Books, be detail-oriented, and work effectively as part of a team. The position is approximately 8 hours/week, but additional hours will be needed at tax time (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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Collect necessary co-pays and patient financial responsibilities  
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Obtain authorizations (training available)  
Work with other staff members to maintain cleanliness and appearance of work area, lobby and treatment spaces

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**  
Medical office administration experience preferred  
Exceptional phone skills  
Strong customer service and communication skills  
Basic computer and software skills

Hours are flexible and will be discussed with applicants during the interview process.

Please email a resume, cover letter, and two references to: **Melanie and Chad Volk**, co-owners of Bristol Physical Therapy [volk@bptvt.com](mailto:volk@bptvt.com)

**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  
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Middlebury, VT 05753

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Do you like fun?  
Do you like toys?  
This holiday job might just be for you!

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We are looking for shop assistants to help people make selections, ring up sales, restock shelves and generally make the store a fun environment for shoppers and employees. Store hours in Bristol are 10-5 and in Burlington 10-8, but may be longer.  
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**Help Wanted**

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**Part-time Dairy Herd Assistant**

Part-time assistant needed to help feed and supervise milking at the UVM Miller Farm. Expected to work up to 20 hrs per week. Requires experience milking cattle, operating feed mixers and tractors and preferable to have experience operating skid steers. Position would work alongside college students, so must be courteous and respectful. For more information, please contact Guy Roberts at [guy.roberts@uvm.edu](mailto:guy.roberts@uvm.edu).

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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  
73 Charles Avenue  
Middlebury, VT 05753

Applications will be accepted until the positions have been filled.  
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**Help Wanted**

**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.**

Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to **Donna Bailey** at [dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org](mailto:dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org)

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**Addison County Parent/Child Center**

**Co-Director**

The Addison County Parent/Child Center (ACPCC) is seeking a Co-Director to LEAD this well-known and highly respected non-profit located in Middlebury, Vermont. The ACPCC is dedicated to providing family support services, therapeutic childcare and education, prevention and support for youth, adults and children in Addison County.

This is a great opportunity for an innovative, creative, energetic, engaged community leader who is passionate about making a difference in a co-directorship model.

**The successful candidate will possess:**

- Strong communication skills
- A team-oriented work style
- A passion for working with families and children
- A dedication to social justice issues

**The successful candidate will have experience:**

- Working with human services and state agencies in all aspects of human resource and personnel management

Please send a resume and cover letter, along with 3 references to **Donna Bailey** at [dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org](mailto:dbailey@addisoncountypcc.org).

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**CALL 802-349-9712**

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# Police assist woman having mental crisis

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police took a woman to Porter Hospital after she suffered a mental health crisis at a Park Street business on Nov. 7.

Police said they took the woman into protective custody after she became violent toward a mental health clinician.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) with a Lodge Road resident who was having a mental health episode on Nov. 7.
- Spoke with a houseless person who was trying to camp out in front of a closed Court Street business on Nov. 7.
- Received an illegal dumping complaint in the Monroe Street area on Nov. 7.
- Received a harassment complaint related to an alleged incident outside the Frank Mahady Courthouse on Nov. 7.
- Responded to a theft complaint at Hannaford supermarket on Nov. 7.
- Responded to a disorderly conduct complaint at Middlebury Union High School on Nov. 7.

• Cited Skylar Many, 33, of Middlebury on suspicion of driving under the influence on Court Street Extension on Nov. 8.

• Responded to a report of an unwanted man at a Court Street business on Nov. 8.

• Investigated a person suspected to have violated a court order in the Seminary Street area on Nov. 9.

• Checked on a report on Nov. 9 of a man allegedly camping out in a wooded area off Court Street Extension.

• Responded to a report of a severely intoxicated man who had passed out behind The Centre shopping plaza off Court Street Extension on Nov. 9.

• Received a report about a possible fight between juveniles at Middlebury Union Middle School on Nov. 9.

• Assisted a Washington Street Extension resident with an unwanted guest on Nov. 9.

• Investigated a possible sexting incident involving local juveniles on Nov. 9.

• Served a temporary restraining order on a person in the Court Street area on Nov. 9.

• Investigated a report of someone driving over an East Middlebury resident's lawn (off Church Street) on Nov. 9.

• Assisted a Harrow Way resident who had received a scam phone call on Nov. 10.

• Responded to a report of a person sleeping overnight at the Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects Community Services building on Boardman Street on Nov. 10.

• Investigated a suspected burglary at Happy Valley Orchards, a Quarry Road business that was closed, on Nov. 11. Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

• Assisted MREMS with an uncooperative patient on Court Street on Nov. 11.

• Investigated a report of the possible assault of a Porter Hospital employee on Nov. 11.

• Responded to a report of an East Middlebury resident allegedly considering self-harm on Nov. 11.

• Responded to a landlord-tenant dispute at a Buttolph Drive address

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on Nov. 12.

• Assisted MREMS with a medical call on Bakery Lane on Nov. 12.

• Investigated a suspected fight between two co-workers at an Exchange Street business on Nov. 12.

• Provided a courtesy ride to an elderly patient discharged from Porter Hospital at around 11 p.m. on Nov. 13.

• Assisted MREMS with an uncooperative patient on Court Street on Nov. 13.

• Assisted MREMS at a medical call on Schoolhouse Hill Road on Nov. 13.

• Helped a local person experiencing a mental health crisis on Nov. 13.

• On Nov. 13 referred a suicidal man to the Counseling Service of Addison County's Emergency Team.

• Responded along with MREMS to a report of a man who had overdosed in the Main Street area on Nov. 13. Police said MREMS took the man to Porter Hospital.

• Responded to a dispute between Valley View neighbors on Nov. 13.

• Cited Kerri L. McCarthy-Bean, 25, of Essex Junction for driving with a criminally suspended license, following a stop on Court Street on Nov. 13.

• Assisted Vermont Fish & Game officials in removing a dead deer from the intersection of Route 7 South and Route 125 East during the early morning of Nov. 14.



### MARKET REPORT

#### ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT  
Sales for 11/10/22 & 11/14/22

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Blue Spruce	1505	.91	\$1369.55
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### ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in person at its offices at 14 Seminary Street in Middlebury and via Google: [meet.google.com/pgt-okuu-kch](https://meet.google.com/pgt-okuu-kch) or via telephone at 1 (385) 645-1254 PIN: 172 102 471#

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider amendments to hear comments from the public concerning ACRPC's proposed amendments to its bylaws that would allow the ACRPC to enter into intermunicipal service agreements.

In 2016 the state enacted H.249, an act relating to intermunicipal services. This law (24 V.S.A. § 4345b) allows for municipalities to contract with their regional planning commission (RPC) for the provision of services after the RPC amends its bylaws to authorize it to enter into intermunicipal service agreements and the agreement is approved by each municipal legislative body that wants to participate in the service. This law also requires that the RPC hold one or more public hearings before adopting the aforementioned bylaw amendments. More information, including the bylaw amendments and meeting login information, is available on our website homepage at [www.acrpc.org](http://www.acrpc.org)

The ACRPC will accept comments on the bylaw amendments until immediately prior to the hearing. Comments may be sent to [alougee@acrpc.org](mailto:alougee@acrpc.org) or by mail to:

Adam Lougee, Executive Director  
Addison County Regional Planning Commission  
14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753.

The Commission anticipates voting on the bylaw amendments at its meeting on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the hearing. All ACRPC meetings are open to the public.

### NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF PERSONNEL RECORDS

#### RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, Whiting (RNESU, Otter Valley & Barstow Unified Union School Districts)

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

### TRI-TOWN WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

P.O. BOX 85 BRIDPORT, VERMONT 05734-0085  
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[tritownwater@gmavt.net](mailto:tritownwater@gmavt.net)

The Legal Voters of Tri-Town Water District No. 1, a municipal corporation, are hereby warned and noticed to meet at the business office of Tri-Town Water District No. 1 at 14 Crown Point Road in Bridport, VT on December 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM to transact the following business:

Article 1. To elect the officers for the ensuing year

- Moderator
- Clerk
- Treasurer

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of the District.

Article 3. To see if the District will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to borrow money to pay debts and expenses in anticipation of revenue receipts, if necessary, for the ensuing year, said money to be paid to its Treasurer.

Article 4. To approve projected budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Article 5. To transact any other business thought proper to be done at this time.

Tri-Town Water District No. 1  
Mark Pumligia, Clerk-Treasurer

### TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, 6:00 PM  
Burnham Hall (52 East River Road) and virtually using Zoom

The Lincoln Development Review Board will hold public hearings for:

- Waiver Application #22-093, as requested by Eric Hartman, Harvestar LLC on behalf of Kerry Malloy for solar panels on a wooden structure, Parcel I.D. # 01070340.000 at 876 East River Road, Lincoln, VT
- Conditional Use Application #22-095 from VHB on behalf of Kyle and Katie Clark for the "Personal Landing Area", Parcel I.D. 17070163.100 at 432 Orchard Road North, Lincoln, VT

Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please call the Town Office at (802) 453-2980 to arrange a time to view the complete application.

The Zoom link will be included in the agenda which can be found on the Town's website the week prior to the hearing: <https://lincolnvermont.org/agendas-minutes>.

Emmet Moseley, Lincoln DRB Clerk

### NOTICE TOWN OF NEW HAVEN INVITATION TO BID

Lawn Mowing and Grounds Maintenance Bid

**Properties to include:** Town Offices / Library, Village Green, War Memorial Green, West Cemetery, River Road Cemetery and DeMers Park.

**Duties to include:** Lawn mowing, weed whacking, weeding, edging and mulching all flower beds. Also, collaring and mulching the crab apple trees on the Village Green.

Please price out mowing and weed whacking for each location separately. Contractor is expected to keep the above-mentioned grounds clear of debris, branches and garbage and generally in good appearance.

The Selectboard reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Questions related to these projects should be directed to:  
The Town Clerk's Office @ 802-453-3516.

Replies to be submitted by December 6, 2022 to:  
The Town of New Haven  
78 North St.  
New Haven, VT 05472  
All bids will be discussed at the Selectboard meeting

### TOWN OF NEW HAVEN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 24 VSA §4464, a public hearing before the Development Review Board of the Town of New Haven will be held at the Town Clerk's Office, 78 North Street, New Haven, VT on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

- A two-lot subdivision application from Jason Robinson, #DRB-2022-16-SD, located at the corner of Quarry and Lime Kiln Roads.
- Continuation of conditional use application #2022-DRB-04-CU by Multy Builders for a proposed woodworking business on Lot 6 of the Deer View Project located on the east side of Ethan Allen Highway between the Irving gas station to the south and the Vermont State Police barracks to the north.

Please note that participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. The hearing will be held as a hybrid meeting, either in person at the Town Clerk's office or by remote:

<https://zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkN4ZGcyYUFlcz09>

Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190  
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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98142119190>

An electronic copy of the application may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator at [newhavenzoning@gmavt.net](mailto:newhavenzoning@gmavt.net); a hard copy is available at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours, or on the Town's website: <https://www.newhavenvt.com/>

New Haven Zoning Administrator (802) 453-3516

### 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 moderator
- a clerk
- 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 ensuing 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  
Maria L. Brown, Clerk  
VERGENNES-PANTON WATER DISTRICT

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### TOWN OF SALISBURY INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Salisbury is accepting bids for the mowing of the Village Cemetery (including both sides of the new fence), Holman Cemetery, West Salisbury Cemetery (including sumac control on stone wall at back of new section), the Town Hall, intersection triangles along with the slope in front of the Town Office. Mowing should be done three times per month. Bids must be submitted by December 10, 2022 to Select Board, PO Box 66, Salisbury, VT 05769.



VERGENNES UNION HIGH SCHOOL inducted eleven students in the National Honor Society on Nov. 10

Photo courtesy of VUHS

## VUHS students named to National Honor Society

VERGENNES — Eleven Vergennes Union High School students were inducted into the Otter Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society on Thursday, Nov. 10. The traditional candlelight induction ceremony was attended by parents, relatives, friends, teachers, administrators, and school board members.

Avry O'Brien, president of the

Otter Valley Chapter and senior at Vergennes Union High School, led the ceremony and administered the National Honor Society pledge to reaffirm the members' commitment to the high standards of the honorary organization: scholarship, character, leadership and service to others. Ferrisburgh resident Bill Clark was the guest speaker chosen by the members

for his outstanding example of community service. A reception followed the ceremony.

The new members inducted from the Class of 2023 were Eli Brace, Claire Hatch, Gideon Palmer and Peyton Paquette. The new members from the Class of 2024 are Mackenzie Flint, Madelyn Giroux, Calvin Gramling, Benjamin Hargett,

Siobhan Potter, Calder Rakowski, and Zoe Reid-St. John. Current members from the class of 2023 are Avry O'Brien (President), Frances Eckels (Vice-President), Finnley Jacobson (Secretary), Parker Kayhart (Treasurer), Jackson Bennett, Raia Bryant, Reece Gernander, Jasmine Little, Carlyn Rapoport and Shamus Rooney.

## CSAC releases their anti-racism statement

MIDDLEBURY — At its September board meeting the Counseling Service of Addison County Board of Directors unanimously voted to issue a statement affirming CSAC's commitment to becoming an anti-racist organization.

Sarah McGowen Audet, president of CSAC's board, said, "It has long been our mission to help people live emotionally healthy and satisfying lives, and this moves us closer to that vision."

Below is the statement released by the board:

"The Board of Directors and Management Team of the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) acknowledge that racism is long-standing, widespread, and systemic. The effects of racism impact everyone. We have a shared obligation to dismantle all forms of harmful bias. We are choosing to begin this work by focusing on race. Therefore, CSAC resolves to:

- Provide inclusive and equitable

service to our whole community by examining and addressing racism in our practices, procedures, and policies.

- Strive for continuous improvement by examining our conscious and unconscious biases, constructive and destructive behaviors, and the resulting intended and unintended impacts.

- Put our words into action by engaging in ongoing education and implementing what we learn.

- Hold ourselves accountable by setting measurable targets, assessing our progress, and encouraging discussion.

This work toward anti-racism, justice, equity, and belonging is essential to our mission, which states that "CSAC is committed to...helping people live emotionally healthy and satisfying lives."

CSAC is Addison County's designated mental health and developmental services agency. To learn more about CSAC, please visit [www.csac-vt.org](http://www.csac-vt.org).

## Annual gingerbread house competition returns to VFC

MIDDLEBURY — After a two-year remote version, Vermont Folklife's annual gingerbread house competition and exhibit will return to the Center this December.

This year's theme is "Vermont Landmarks." From round barns to covered bridges to whales' tails, this year local bakers of all age and skill levels are invited to celebrate a favorite Vermont landmark in gingerbread. Pick a notable scene from your town or around the state and craft it in cookie form. Make it worthy of a picture postcard or an Instagram selfie. Then drop it off at Vermont Folklife in person between now and Dec. 1, or submit online Nov.21-Dec.4

Completed houses will be on display in Vermont Folklife's 88 Main Street Middlebury gallery, while those who prefer to participate remotely may still

submit photos of their house via the Vermont Folklife website. Photos of all houses will be visible online and voting for the "People's Choice Award" will happen both in person and on Vermont Folklife's website.

Pre-registration with a \$10 fee is required to participate. Find full contest details and sign up at: [www.vtfolklife.org/gingerbread-2022](http://www.vtfolklife.org/gingerbread-2022). Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories, and the public is invited to vote in-person or online for their favorite entry to be awarded the coveted "People's Choice Award."

The online and gallery exhibits will both open on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Gallery visiting hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 6-9 and 13-16. Online voting for the People's Choice award will be open December 6-19. All prize winners will be announced on Dec. 20.

## Vt election comic book teaches about democracy

MONTPELIER — A new comic book, titled "Freedom and Unity," aims to teach people about civics education, local democracy and the Vermont election process.

Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos, Vermont Humanities, and the Center for Cartoon Studies released the comic book on Oct. 27.

"As we approach Election Day, the state of our civil discourse is in disrepair, and trust in our democratic institutions is at an all-time low" said Secretary Condos. "I believe that the antidote to these divisive times is civics education, inspiring the next generation of leaders to be invested and engaged in our democratic and civic processes."

Subtitled "A Graphic Guide to Vermont Democracy," this new comic is a collaboration between the Secretary of State's office, Vermont Humanities, and the Center for Cartoon Studies, supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

"By investing in our future voters and leaders, we can work to inspire a new level of civic engagement, from participating in our local town meetings, to running for higher office," said Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters, who represented the office in the

collaborative creation of the comic. "Of equal importance is teaching the next generation how to exchange ideas without vilifying each other. As a nation we need to reinvest in civics education for our youth, and this comic is a small but important step for our Vermont community."

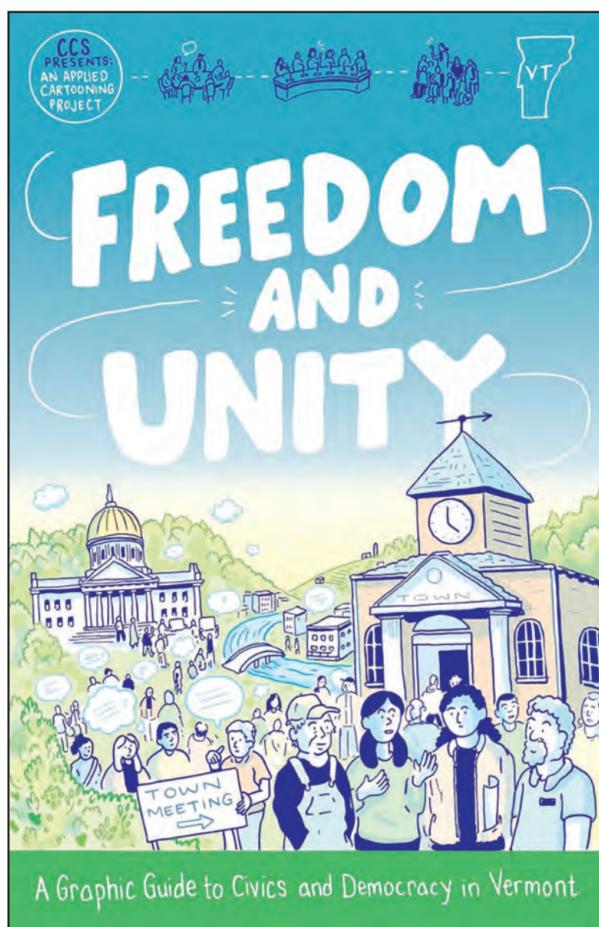
The "Freedom and Unity" launch party was at the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction as a part of the Vermont Humanities "Where We Land: Stories that Propel Us" Fall Festival.

"This book emphasizes all of the different ways that Vermonters can get involved in supporting democracy at the local level, while also not shying away from some of the challenges we face," said Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, executive director of Vermont Humanities. "We hope that it inspires Vermonters of all ages to take a role in community governance."

Copies of "Freedom and Unity" will be distributed to libraries around the state through the Vermont Department of Libraries, and it can also be found at the State House, or at the offices of the partners involved in its creation.

"Freedom and Unity" was created by a team from The Center for Cartoon Studies, led by cartoonist Dan Nott, with input from the Secretary of State's office and Vermont Humanities.

"Comic books may not be able to save democracy, but they can certainly contribute to the cause," said James Sturm, Center for



Cartoon Studies cofounder and a creative contributor to this comic book. "What better medium is there to engage and inform the public? I couldn't be more grateful to the leadership of our brave little state for making it happen."

Video from the launch event can be found on the Junction Arts & Media YouTube page.

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### Vermont Fish & Wildlife News

#### Foods less abundant for wildlife

SPRINGFIELD — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department reports that several important fall foods for wildlife are less abundant this year, a status that follows the bountiful 2021 fall season and means homeowners should take precautions to secure food from bears.

Fish and Wildlife biologists survey oak and beech stands around the state each fall season to assess how plentiful these important foods are for wildlife. Last year both acorns and beechnuts were plentiful across much of Vermont.

Results for this year found both acorns and beechnuts are less abundant. Surveyed beech stands had complete crop failures and acorn surveys showed the lowest counts in 10 years. Without abundant acorns

and beechnuts many of Vermont's wildlife species will be on the move looking for alternative food options before winter strikes.

The last time Vermont saw poor production of acorns and beechnuts in the same year was 2018. Without these important wild foods many bears will enter winter dens early this year, and those that remain active will be searching for alternative food sources.

"With acorns and beechnuts scarce and bears searching for other food sources, it is important that Vermonters remain diligent about securely storing common bear attractants such as garbage and birdseed until winter conditions arrive and bears enter their dens," said wildlife biologist Jaclyn Comeau, who is the department's Black Bear Project Leader.

#### Hunters asked to do survey

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking hunters to participate in its annual deer hunter effort and sighting survey.

The survey asks hunters to record how many hours they hunted and how many deer, moose, bears, or other wildlife they saw each day they hunted. This information helps the department evaluate how hunting pressure and the number of these animals varies around the state.

The easiest way to complete the survey is to use the Deer Hunting Log feature in the Vermont Outdoors mobile app. The app allows hunters to track their efforts and wildlife sightings each day during any of the 2022 deer hunting seasons. Vermont Outdoors is available through the App Store or Google Play.

A web-based version of the survey will also be available on Fish and Wildlife's website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

"This survey is a great opportunity for hunters to let us know what they saw and to help inform management of deer and other wildlife," said Nick Fortin, Fish and Wildlife's deer and moose project leader. "If we hear from more hunters, our population estimates will be more reliable, and our management will be more effective."

# ARTS + LEISURE

The Addison Independent

November 17, 2022



Guitarist Tom Obomsawin, singer Annie Nessen, drummer Dan Whittemore and bassist Glenn Goodwin performed as the first show of the newly established Cornwall Community Coffeehouse last month. The series presents local acts on the third Thursday of the month October through April. Sean & Gerry will play Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m., at the Cornwall Congregational Church.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

## Coffeehouse serves musicians & music lovers

**T**he debut performance of the new music series in Cornwall late last month was a resounding success.

"The turnout was much better than I had hoped for," said Dan Whittemore, leader of this musical endeavor. "I was hoping for about 35 people to come out and we had 55."

BY **ELSIE**  
LYNN PARINI

The first show was held on Oct. 20

at the Cornwall Congregational Church, and featured Annie Nessen in the band Scarlet Annie's Jazz Quartet. The coffeehouse will be held monthly on the third Thursday through

April. This month, Sean & Gerry will play tonight, Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m.

"Sean Nary and Gerry Metivier were the very first act at the West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series," explained Whittemore, who launched the summertime series back in June 2020. "I started that series in my backyard out of selfish motives — I wanted a place to play with my band — and then it grew into the monster it has become now... We started off getting about 35 people to come and this past summer we regularly had 80-100 folks come out."

Whittemore is a drummer, and has been ever since he was "a wee lad" growing up in Cornwall. At age 15, he started gigging with his

dad and the people he played with.

"I put up my sticks for a while when my restaurant career took off," Whittemore said, explaining that his plans for business school switched over to culinary school, and his hours working in the kitchen conflicted with gigging hours. So he didn't play much music while he was working as a chef; until he landed a job as executive chef for the Bose (yes, like the high quality speakers Bose) research and development unit, and then worked as executive chef for Green Mountain College.

"Those jobs allowed me to work during the day and play music at night," he said.

SEE MUSIC ON PAGE 3



"Off Spaulding Road, Vermont" by Larry Horowitz 9 x 28, oil on linen, \$1,525.

# ART ON EXHIBIT

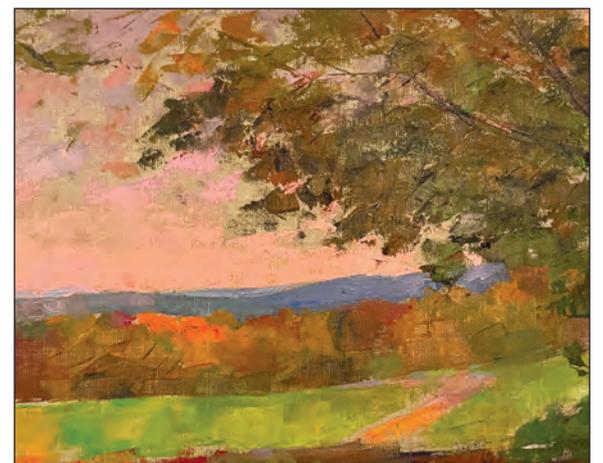
## Edgewater opens small works show for holiday season

"Define Small," Edgewater Gallery's annual small works show will be on view Nov. 23-Dec. 31, at Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill Street in Middlebury, and Edgewater Gallery on the Green, 6 Merchants Row in Middlebury.

Small in dimension does not mean small in content, significance or beauty. Small works require that the artists make important decisions about subject matter, composition

and color. The results make for dynamic, impactful work that is accessible. Our small works exhibition will feature new work from established artists as well as work from new Edgewater artist Larry Horowitz.

For more information on "Define Small," Edgewater Gallery's annual small works show visit [edgewatergallery.com](http://edgewatergallery.com), call 802-989-7419 or email [info@edgewatergallery-vt.co](mailto:info@edgewatergallery-vt.co).



"Westfield Dawn" by Larry Horowitz, 11 x 14, oil on linen, \$1,325.

## A Merry Little Market to open at Sparrow Art Supply

This holiday season, Sparrow Art Supply presents "A Merry Little Market," a maker market featuring creations by over 40 local artisans.

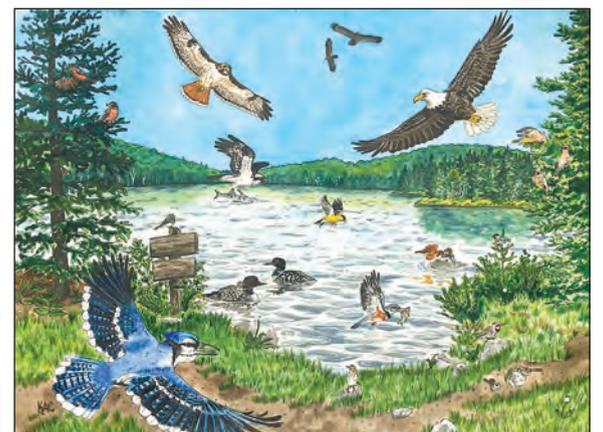
The gallery is decked with all sorts of truly unique gifts, from fine artwork to pottery to candles to fused glass and more. With a tree full of hand-crafted ornaments, this show is guaranteed to get you in the holly jolly spirit.

"A Merry Little Market" will run from Nov. 18-Jan. 14, with a holiday party to celebrate the opening on Friday, Nov. 18, from 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public with complimentary light refreshments.

Sparrow Art Supply is an art supply store and gallery at 52 Main Street, right in the heart of Middlebury, next to the waterfall and down the stairs.



Sage coasters by Jen Labie (above), "Birds of Stratton Pond" by Kati Christoffel, and "Queen Connie" by Megan Weaver are a few of the many creations by local artisans on view and for sale at Sparrow Art Gallery in downtown Middlebury.



## MUSIC

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When Green Mountain College closed, he moved back to his childhood home in Cornwall to care for his mom,

and take on the very important role as “lunch lady” of the Cornwall elementary school.

Whittemore now plays primarily with Blues without Borders, as well as Scarlet Annie's Jazz Quartet, and Uncle Joe.

“Drums happens to be the thing that I can play,” he said. “Being a musician isn't something you do, it's more of who you are. It's part of the life.”

Whittemore wants to share that “life” with all of us.

“In the summertime, it's about families coming over with a picnic and enjoying music outside together on a nice summer day,” he said.

But when the cooler temps creep in... Brrrrrrr... those guitar strings start feeling awfully cold on frozen fingers.

That's when Whittemore got the bright idea to bring the music indoors and keep it going year-round.

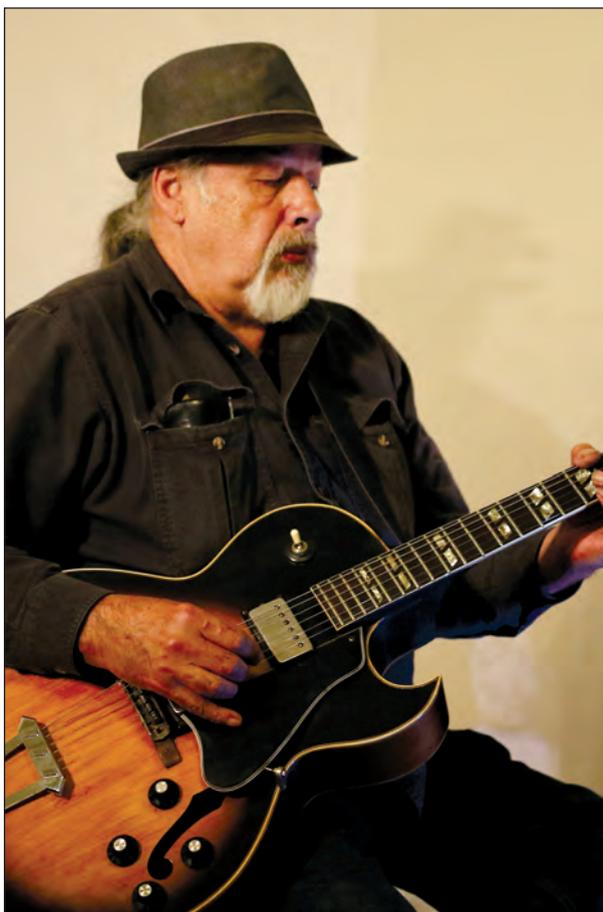
“I brought the idea of a community coffeehouse to the Cornwall Congregational Church's parish council and it was received with much enthusiasm,” he remembered.

“The church was looking for more uses for the building,” said Maggie Holmes of the parish council. “We are the center of Cornwall and are underutilized... When Dan brought the idea to the council meeting, we were unanimously in favor of it... The first show was well attended, but we'd love to have even more people — the more the merrier!”

“I'm really looking forward to this music series being something nice for the community,” Whittemore said. “Not only for the people who come to listen, but also for the musicians. We'd like to be a coffeehouse for local listeners with local musicians. There's an awful lot of local talent that I think gets overlooked and I'd like to showcase them.”

When guests arrive there is no admission fee (it's completely free), but those inclined will find well-labeled receptacles inside the doors for freewill cash donations to support the musicians.

“Some people who don't have anything in their pocket won't put anything in,” and that's as it should be according to Whittemore. “We expect to see a lot of \$1s and \$5s, some \$10s and \$20s and the occasional \$50. This is a very generous community.”



*Cornwall drummer Dan Whittemore (top left) is the main organizer of the newly formed Cornwall Community Coffeehouse. Annie Nessen (top and bottom right), lead singer in the band Scarlet Annie's Jazz Quartet featuring Tom Obomsawin (bottom left) on guitar and Glenn Goodwin on bass (bottom right), kicked off the monthly music series last month at the Cornwall Congregational Church.*

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At each show the Friends of Cornwall School also sells refreshments and baked goods to raise funds for the school.

“This is a community event; everyone is welcome and anything is very much appreciated,” Whittemore said. “Most of the people who come to play just love to play; if they get to fill up their gas tank and have a

sandwich, well, all the better.”

So, if you're free this evening, head out to hear Sean and Gerry's acoustic rock tunes at the Cornwall Congregational Church, 2598 Route 30. And if you missed this month's event, mark your calendars for Dec. 15, when the Cornwall Elementary show choir will start an evening of holiday and Christmas music.

# FILM SCREENING

## Uproarious 'battle of the sexes' silent comedy to be screened in Brandon, Nov. 19

### details

**What:** Silent film screening with live music

**Film:** "Her Sister from Paris"

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Brandon Town Hall

**Cost:** Free; donations welcome

The scene: Europe. The cast: Rich people. Get swept off your feet by not one but two privileged ladies, both played by amazing actress Constance Talmadge, in this effervescent battle-of-the-sexes comedy.

Silent film with live music returns to Brandon Town Hall with a screening of the comedy "Her Sister from Paris" on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

The program will be presented with live music by silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis. The screening is free and open to the public, with donations accepted and refreshments for sale.

In "Her Sister from Paris," Ronald Colman and Constance Talmadge play a wealthy American society couple living in Vienna.

Due to an argument, she leaves to stay with her mother. At the railway station she meets her identical twin, a celebrated dancer in Paris (also played by Talmadge), who agrees to trick the husband to help rekindle her sister's marriage.

The fun starts when both the husband and his friend, an official at the British Embassy, fall in love with the sister, leading to a dizzying round of complications.

Among the most popular stars of the silent era, Constance Talmadge specialized in light



Constance Talmadge plays dual roles in "Her Sister From Paris" (1925), a silent comedy to be screened with live music on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., at Brandon Town Hall and Community Center, 1 Conant Square in Brandon.

"society" comedies. However, she had acting and pantomime skills that made her a versatile actress able to tackle any role.

In "Her Sister From Paris," Talmadge delivers a virtuoso performance playing both sisters. Although their appearance is identical, each woman is quite different from the other, which

Talmadge conveys through body language and on-screen attitude.

Ronald Colman, whose career would go on to span radio and television, was already a popular leading man in films at the time 'Her Sister From Paris' was made. Colman more than holds his own as the two sisters conspire against him.

The screening of "Her Sister from Paris" provides local audiences the opportunity to experience silent film as it was intended to be shown: on the big screen, in restored prints, with live music, and with an audience.

"If you can put pieces of the experience back together again, it's surprising how these films snap back to life," said Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film accompanist who creates music for silent film screenings at venues around the country. "By showing the films as they were intended, you can really get a sense of why people first fell in love with the movies."

In creating music for silent films, Rapsis performs on a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra and creates a traditional "movie score" sound.

Admission is free; donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

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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 GALLERYS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury & 6 Merchants Row, 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.

**"Define Small."** Edgewater Gallery's annual small works show, featuring new work from established artists, as well as new work from Larry Horowitz. On view Nov. 23-Dec. 31.

## 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.

## SPARROW ART SUPPLY

52 Main Street, Middlebury  
Visit [sparrowartsupply.com](http://sparrowartsupply.com) or call 802-989-7225 for more info.

**"A Merry Little Market,"** a maker market featuring creations by over 40 local artisans. The gallery is decked with all sorts of truly unique gifts, from fine artwork to pottery to candles to fused glass and more. With a tree full of hand-crafted ornaments, this show is guaranteed to get you in the holly jolly spirit. On view Nov. 18-

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**ARIES:** March 21/April 20. You have an energy to release this week, Aries. But you are not sure if the world is ready for you. Don't expect the same reaction from everyone when you interact.

**TAURUS:** April 21/May 21. Something in your life that seems ordinary on the surface can turn into something that is rather special. Taurus. Keep your eyes peeled for every possibility.

**GEMINI:** May 22/June 21. Gemini, all of the fanfare you are about to receive can make it seem like you are the most popular person on the planet. Revel in the attention while you have it.

**CANCER:** June 22/July 22. Sometimes the less traveled path can take you to some pretty special places, Cancer. Don't be so quick to rule out opportunities that are right in front of you.

**LEO:** July 23/Aug. 23. Start evaluating personal habits that may be holding you back, Leo. Upon closer examination, you may discover that there are some things you can easily change for the better.

**VIRGO:** Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, much to your relief, your hard work could start paying off very soon. It has been a long time coming, so enjoy any rewards that come from your efforts.

**LIBRA:** Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Consider a partnership that falls into your lap, Libra. It may provide you with some new social and business connections.

There's a lot of opportunity coming down the pike.

**SCORPIO:** Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, it is alright to desire some quiet, but too much excitement is surrounding you lately for things to settle down just yet. Ride this wave a little longer.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Nov. 23/Dec. 21. A week full of possibilities and positivity lies ahead for you, Sagittarius. The only question is, "what are you going to do with it?" Bring a friend for the ride.

**CAPRICORN:** Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, no matter how much work you have on your plate, rest assured that you have all of the resources available to get things done successfully.

**AQUARIUS:** Jan. 21/Feb. 18. The stars are interested in showering you with plenty of love right now, Aquarius. This could be one of the most enjoyable weeks you've had in quite a while.

**PISCES:** Feb. 19/March 20. Romance could bloom this week if you are interested, Pisces. You also may be able to solidify an existing relationship.

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## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 17 — RuPaul, drag queen (62)  
NOV. 18 — Margaret Atwood, writer (83)  
NOV. 19 — Adam Driver, actor (39)  
NOV. 20 — Judy Woodruff, news anchor (76)

NOV. 21 — Coleman Hawkins, musician (d)  
NOV. 22 — Billie Jean King, tennis player (79)  
NOV. 23 — Mamie Till, Civil Rights activist (d)

# CALENDAR

NOV. 17 - DEC. 4  
2022

## 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 High School, Airport Dr. Over 100 Mt. Abe students from grades 7-12 and a live band featuring LC Jazz musicians are involved in this highly anticipated community event. The show is a funny, warm, singing and dancing extravaganza that will be a treat for the whole family. Tickets \$12 adult/\$10 seniors/children under 12, available at [showtix4u.com/events/HelloDolly](http://showtix4u.com/events/HelloDolly) or contact [fmafminc@gmail.com](mailto:fmafminc@gmail.com), or 802-377-3335.

**SEAN & GERRY IN CORNWALL.** Thursday, Nov. 17, 7-9 p.m., 2598 VT Route 30. Come listen to this high energy acoustic duo playing songs you know and love. They'll have you smiling, singing along and dancing in the aisles. The wit and banter that accompany their music will keep you entertained from their first pickup notes to the final fermata. Free admission; with cash donations gratefully accepted. Refreshments for sale benefit the Friends of Cornwall School.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:knight@gmavt.net), 802-343-3920 or David Andrews [vtrevda@yahoo.com](mailto:vtrevda@yahoo.com), 802-388-4894 to register and for meeting time. More at [gmcbreadloaf.org](http://gmcbreadloaf.org).

**LAUGHS ON THE GO IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Woodchuck Cidery, Exchange St. Laughs on the Go brings the best of the best North American comedians to local breweries and cideries across the United States for an evening that keeps the draughts flowing, and the laughs coming. Tickets \$15 advance/\$20 same day/at the door.

**"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, 2 and 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, 220 Airport Dr. See Nov. 17 listing.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 20

**44TH ANNUAL MIDDLEBURY TURKEY TROT & GOBBLE WOBBLE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 20, noon start time. Middlebury Parks and Recreation stages these yearly 5K and 10K races at the town rec center, 154 Creek Rd. Medals for winners; raffle for all entrants. Bring two or more non-perishable food items to donate to the Addison County Food Shelf and you will automatically be entered to win special prizes from a donors' only drawing. More information online at [middleburyfitness.com/middlebury-turkey-trot.html](http://middleburyfitness.com/middlebury-turkey-trot.html).

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FIDDLERS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, Nov. 20, noon-4 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. The final Fiddlers meeting of the year will include a lasagna lunch at 1 p.m., with garlic bread, salad and dessert, music by Legend, 50/50 raffle, and three

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## MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091

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<p><b>MCTV Channel 1071</b> <b>Friday, November 18</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 6 a.m. Healing from the Trauma of THC (3 episodes) 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Service 10 a.m. Selectboard 2 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour - Rural Internet 3 p.m. Renewable Energy Vermont Conference - Keynote 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 7:30 p.m. Perspectives on Trauma <b>Saturday, November 19</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 6 a.m. Healing the Trauma of THC 7:30 a.m. Recycling 101 8:30 a.m. Senator Bernie Sanders with Finland's Ambassador 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs, Press Conference 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Brandeis Center Complaint Against UVM 8:30 p.m. Renewable Energy Vermont 9:30 p.m. What's Going On? Christopher-Aaron Felker <b>Sunday, November 20</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night</p>	<p>7 a.m. Perspectives on Trauma 8 a.m. Renewable Energy Vermont 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 3:30 p.m. What Is Going On? 4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. What Is Going On? 8 p.m. Gov.Scott (if Available) <b>Monday, November 21</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 8 a.m. Renewable Energy Vermont 9 a.m. Energy Week 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4:30 p.m. Renewable Energy Vermont 5:30 p.m. What is going On? 6 p.m. Perspectives on Trauma 7:30 p.m. What's Going On? Mikhail Gorbachev and the Queen 8 p.m. Complaint Against UVM 8:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour <b>Tuesday, November 22</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Energy Week 6 a.m. Renewable Energy Vermont 7 a.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard 10 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 23</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 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs <b>Thursday, November 24</b> Public Affairs - Through the Night 5 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 8 a.m. Congregational Service 12 p.m. Selectboard, Press Conf., Public Affairs 8 p.m. Energy Week 9 p.m. Eckankar 9:30 p.m. What is going On? 10 p.m. Perspectives on Trauma <b>MCTV Channel 1091</b> <b>Friday, November 18</b> 4 a.m. G.MALL Lecture - The Crisis of Knowledge 5:19 a.m. St. J Academy Fall Concert 6:05 a.m. Art from Above -Caleb Kenna 7 a.m. Book Talk, At the Ilsley - North - Brad Kessler 10 a.m. State Board of Education 12:30 p.m. School Board Meeting 5 p.m. Art from Above -Caleb Kenna 6 p.m. St. J Academy Fall Concert 6:45 p.m. Lyndon Institute 2022 Fall Concert 7:31 p.m. Annual Battle of the Bands at Harwood High School</p>	<p>9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. At the Ilsley - Brad Kessler <b>Saturday, November 19</b> 5 a.m. Medical Matters Weekly 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 7:30 p.m. OLLI - Using Music to Enhance Lives 9:10 p.m. Dr. John Campbell <b>Sunday, November 20</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 Bands 12 p.m. School Board Meeting 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. St. J Academy Concert 6:45 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 8 p.m. Snowflake Bentley - His Life and Work 9 a.m. Battle of the Bands 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 Concert 6:45 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 8 p.m. Snowflake Bentley <b>Monday, November 21</b> 5 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen</p>	<p>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 <b>Tuesday, November 22</b> 4 a.m. Using Music to Enhance Lives 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 23</b> 6:30 a.m. North - Brad Kessler 7:34 a.m. Kid's Yoga, Yoga 9 a.m. Festival On the Green 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 6 p.m. Using Music to Enhance Lives 7:37 p.m. North - Brad Kessler 9:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10:30 p.m. All Brains Belong VT <b>Thursday, November 24</b> 5 a.m. Pot Luck Kitchen 7 a.m. Yoga 8 a.m. School Board Meetings 2 p.m. All Brains Belong VT 4 p.m. Art from Above -Caleb Kenna 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Festival On the Green 9 p.m. Using Music to Enhance Lives</p>
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\$25 door prizes. \$5/person. For meal sign-up contact Larry Danyow at 802-771-7122 by Nov. 10.

**ADDISON TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING IN ADDISON.** Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m., Addison Fire Station, 44 VT Rt. 17 West. The Bodette family in West Addison donated a 1915 photo album to the Historical Society. Photos include local farming, prize farm stock, neighbors celebrating together, local historic sites and scenes around Addison County, all circa 1915. The photos, digitized and enhanced, will be projected onto a large screen and shared. Light refreshments served, followed by a short business meeting. Dues \$5. Questions? Call Geoff Nelson, 802-349-3305.

## MONDAY, NOV. 21

**HOWARD COFFIN LECTURE IN MONKTON.** Monday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Monkton town Hall, 280 Monkton Ridge. The Monkton Museum & Historical Society welcomes renowned author and lecturer Howard Coffin, who will offer attendees an opportunity to live through the experiences of several women who endured life during the Civil War.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 22

**"THE THEOLOGICAL BELIEFS OF REINHOLD NIEBUHR" VIRTUAL LECTURE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m., Eastview at Middlebury, Zoom. Victor Nuovo gives his final of three lectures, "Immanuel Kant on How to Live Your Life Meaningfully." Free. In-person for Eastview residents only and via Zoom for the general public. More info and zoo link contact Cari Burkhard at cburkhard@eastviewmiddlebury.com or 802-989-7515.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 24

**NESHOBE PIE GOBBLER FUN RUN AND WALK IN BRANDON.** Thursday, Nov. 24, Neshobe Golf Club, 224 Town Farm Rd. A Thanksgiving morning tradition. Run, walk, stroll with a chance to win your Thanksgiving Day pie. Winning male and female as well as every 10th finisher receives a freshly made pie. The course is approximately 3 miles over hill and dale at Neshobe Golf Course. Rain or shine. Self-timed. Proceeds benefit Brandon Recreation Department.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 26

**KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH.** Saturday, Nov. 26, 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.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 29

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN RIPTON.** Leader's

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**TOO MUCH TURKEY? GET MOVING DURING THE 44TH ANNUAL MIDDLEBURY TURKEY TROT & GOBBLE WOBBLE ON NOV. 20, OR AT THE NESHOBE PIE GOBBLER RUN RUN & WALK ON NOV. 24. AWESOME PRIZES INCLUDING FRESHLY MADE PIES!**



Choice Hike, Ripton. Tuesday, Nov. 29, leader's choice. Hike or snowshoe, weather and condition dependent, 6-8 miles. Details will be decided based on trail conditions and interest. Check with Ellen Cronan as the date approaches, ecronana@yahoo.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**"THE MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE" BOOK DISCUSSION IN MIDDLEBURY.** Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Come discuss Kim Stanley Robinson's acclaimed novel "The Ministry for the Future." Facilitated by John Elder, emeritus professor of English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury. Register at tinyurl.com/CEAC-Ministry-of-future.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

**"CEZANNE: PORTRAITS OF LIFE" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.** Wednesday, Nov. 30, 11 a.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. One cannot appreciate 20th century art without understanding the significance and genius of Paul Cézanne. Filmed at the National Portrait Gallery in London, with additional interviews from experts and curators from MoMA in New York, National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and Musée d'Orsay in Paris, and correspondence from the artist himself, the film takes audiences to the places Cézanne lived and worked and sheds light on an artist who is perhaps one of the least known and yet most important of all the Impressionists. More info at townhalltheater.org.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 1

**"THE MOORS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., Wright Theatre, Chateau Rd. Middlebury College Department of Theater

presents this dark comedy about love, desperation and visibility. Two sisters and a dog live out their lives on the bleak English moors, dreaming of love and power. The arrival of a hapless governess and a moor-hen set all three on a strange and dangerous path. Tickets \$15/10/8/5, available at middlebury.edu/events/event/moors. Open to the public.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 2

**ART OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Dec. 2, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace, 3 Park St. Opening reception for "The Poetry of the Ordinary," on display Nov. 30-Dec. 22.

**JUPITER STRING QUARTET AND JASPER STRING QUARTET IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Robison Hall, Mahaney Arts Center, 72 Porter Field Rd. A collaborative concert by an exceptionally close group of musicians concludes MAC's "year of the cello" celebration with performances of Schubert's cello quintet, Reena Esmail's Ragamala, and the beautiful Mendelssohn Octet. Bask in the full sound of a string octet in the impeccable acoustics of Robison Hall. Tickets \$25/20/10/5; streaming tickets \$15/5. More info at middlebury.edu/events/event/jupiter-quartet-and-jasper-quartet.

**WARREN MILLER'S "DAYMAKER" IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Middlebury. Tap into your inner snow season stoke this season with "Daymaker." Free your mind and leave it all behind as we rewrite the rules of adaptive backcountry riding, hit winter's biggest party and surprise a superfan. Featuring Karl Fostvedt, Michelle Parker, Katie Burrell and more. Tickets \$23/\$25 day of show/\$38 VIP available at townhalltheater.org.

**"THE MOORS" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Wright Theatre, Chateau Rd. See Oct. 1 listing.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 3

**THE NUTCRACKER SCREENING IN BRANDON.** Saturday, Dec. 3, noon, Barn Opera, 1321 Pearl St. Come to this family-friendly screening of this holiday classic. Cocoa and cookies provided. \$5 suggested donation at the door (only 100 spaces available) Doors open at 11 a.m. More info at barnopera.com.

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## IS MUSIC DEPARTMENT DYING? OR A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH?

By Lexi Gordon

The Music Department at Mt. Abe has seen a significant decline in the number of students involved in music classes like Chorus and Band in the last two years, in part due to the global pandemic.

Matthew Tatro, the instrumental music teacher, said he believes that the reason for this change is due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, and junior Joseph Darling, who is a Music Department Officer, agreed with this statement. Tatro has been teaching for over 22 years at Mt. Abe, and he teaches Instrumental Music to middle and high school students, as well as Beginning Guitar, and Music and Media on alternating years. Even though the low numbers have many people in the music department surprised, Tatro stated that he isn't worried about the number of students in the long run, as there are many students in middle school music classes.

This year, the administration hopes that concerts and other entertainment at Mt. Abe will be back to normal, after having some rough years. When asked if

he thought concerts would be back to normal this year, Darling responded, "The Cider and Donuts concert was in October, and we actually served cider and donuts." Because we are still learning how to live with COVID, he doesn't think things will be quite the same as they were before. "I don't think it was 100% back to normal, like just grabbing food and beverages. I don't know if we're ever allowed to go back to that."

Livestream concerts will continue to happen this year. Even through these hard times, Tatro and Darling both had things they look forward to every day in the Music Department. For Tatro, it is that every day is different. "No two days will be exactly the same, which is part of what keeps it so interesting," he added. For Darling, it's that he really enjoys playing his instrument, and being around others who play instruments as well.

Because music is critical to the devel-



The Chorus performs at the Cider & Donuts concert in October. PC: Buzz Kubns

opment of students' lives, Tatro was asked why he thought music was important for students. He responded, "Why not? Some would argue reading music is a new language in itself. It touches on so many different areas, not only cognitive, and it is tied to better learning, but it's also a great emotional support, providing a sense of community for some who may not feel included in other areas of the school."

Megan LaRose teaches middle and high school Chorus, as well as Learn Piano and A Cappella. She has worked at Mt. Abe for 24 years. She agreed that

the change in the number of students has been abrupt due to COVID, and it made her a little sad, but she added, "I'm not concerned about the number of students, because our middle school numbers are going back to normal levels." When asked about her favorite part of the job, she responded, "I really feel like music is a way to access

a whole person, and so even though I'm teaching music, I really believe that I'm teaching a person to be happy for the span of their life." She also said that she believes we are "full steam ahead for a normal year" with Districts, and she sees a bright future for the Music Department.

Tatro, LaRose and Darling all agreed that Districts should be back to normal this year: maskless, and everyone reunited once again. They also agreed that the lack of students will not affect Districts, since it is a solo audition, and from there, everyone rehearses as a group.

## INSIDE SCOOP: HOMECOMING DANCE WAS THE REAL DEAL

By Fallon Bataille

After two full years without a homecoming dance, Mt. Abe was finally allowed to put one on again this year, but because of the construction occurring in the



Students enjoyed dancing at the first Homecoming dance in two years.

school, and right in front of the gym, the dance was a little different from homecoming dances in the past.

Homecoming was held at the Mt. Abe gymnasium from 7-9 pm on Friday, September 9th. History teacher Jessica Little was one of the main adults who helped organize the event. When asked when the decision was made and when the date for the dance was set, Little replied, "The date was known since last year, because of scheduling and setting the year's academic calendar." Anyone who has

been inside Mt. Abe would know that you normally enter through the lobby and walk straight into the gym, but with construction going on, there is no lobby. There is a narrow hallway in front of the gym with drywall blocking the actual lobby. According to Little, this actually helped with set-up time. She said, "The set-up was pretty quick because of the construction; the total set-up was about 3 hours and the planning was around 10 hours."

Freshman Isabelle Allenson and sophomore Brailey Livingston were both asked how they felt about the planning. When asked if the construction affecting the set-up, Livingston replied, "Yes, it made the hallway very crowded." Allenson

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added, "Yeah, the construction definitely affected the set up."

Both suggested that the construction also made it harder for them to enjoy themselves. Allenson added, "It was really hard to actually do anything. Your options were either get stuffed in the hall or be in the gym." Livingston replied with mixed

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## PROFESSIONALS AGREE CHANGE AFFECTS CHILDREN'S MENTAL WELLBEING

By Essence Calderon Melendez

Social worker Jayne Thibeault and school counselor Erin Dufault recently shared their thoughts about change and how it affects young children.

Thibeault was asked if she believes change has an effect on a child's mind. She took a moment to think, then responded, "Absolutely, because when change happens, children question what their part was in the scenario; they can be anxious and have self doubt." When asked the same question, Dufault said, "Yes, change has both negative and positive impacts."

Thibeault and Dufault were both asked if they experienced change as a child that affected them personally. Thibeault

shared, "Yes, moving to Vermont, new surroundings, and making new friends. The death of my grandparents, who were an important part of my life, had a big impact on my childhood." Dufault responded, "Everyone experiences change, because it is inevitable."

When asked if they believe that change has a negative or positive effect on children, Dufault explained, "It depends on the kind of change. Some changes can be positive and foster resilience in children. Other changes can be negative and impact mental health." Thibeault added, "I think that change can be positive, adventurous, healthy, and create a space to be more open. As for negatives, the feelings

of anxiety that come with change can be overwhelming."

Many people believe change has an effect on a child's growth, physically or mentally. Dufault said, "I am not certain if change can have an impact on physical growth, but it definitely can impact a child's mental health." She went on to say, "Changes such as trauma or loss can cause a variety of different challenges depending on the individual. Some individuals may experience sleeplessness, anxiety, and fear. At school, this can cause a child to struggle to pay attention, feel physically sick, or have psychosomatic complaints."

Thibeault also focused on the emotional effects, saying, "Children can't con-

trol adult decisions; the impact of childhood trauma and neglect have an effect on emotional well-being."

When asked what life would be like without change, Thibeault responded, "I can't imagine life without change. Every day there are new things happening and decisions that impact us in some way." Dufault added, "I think as challenging as change can be sometimes, we would not grow and develop as individuals if we didn't experience some change in our lives."

When asked if there are ways children can positively embrace change, and if so how, Dufault explained, "If children are

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# VOICES

## RETURN TO A "NORMAL" SCHOOL YEAR IN 2022

By Lexi Gordon

The pandemic left many feeling scared and confused. COVID also drastically changed the way a school day looked for many students. Returning back to school after two years of masks, social distancing, and hybrid learning, the school year is finally relatively back to normal.



I came to Mount Abraham in 2020, and currently still attend. My freshman year here was difficult because I didn't know the school or the people in it, and to top it off, I was only here two days a week due to hybrid learning. Even lunch was a new experience for me. I had to eat in a classroom, and get my lunch that was in a plastic container, at a kiosk. Honestly, it was frightening to be thrown into a mix of a new school that I was very unfamiliar with during COVID-19, especially given the fact that I was surrounded by people who were strangers at the time.

In the fall of 2020, the "fall musical" was a show called *A Simpler Time*, and it wasn't really a musical. Because students couldn't sing inside during that time, the performance was more of a speaking show with dance ensembles, and it was recorded rather than performed live. Given the choice of no show or a limited show, Mt. Abe made something happen for students who enjoy theater.

The following year was no longer hybrid learning, so I was here full time. I made new friends, started expanding my social groups, and I got to know my advisory as a whole. Lunch was served in the cafeteria on normal trays with dishes, although we still had to wear masks.

At the end of last year, masks became optional, and like many others, I was excited to see everyone's faces. Thoughts ran through my mind like, "Oh, this is what this person looks like," or "Oh, I didn't know they had freckles."

Looking back at it this year, everything seems like it is almost back to normal. Masks are no longer mandated, common colds are going around, allergies are kicking in for some, and there are more options for lunch! They even have the salad bar returning, which is exciting to me and many other students. Even small things such as using lunch numbers again shows progress in recovering from the COVID years, as a society.

The music department is back in full swing. We are finally able to sing without masks. Last year, we had to hide behind masks during rehearsals and performances. Most importantly, we get to be around each other without wearing masks. It has been very nice to feel that sense of community as a whole again.

Albert Einstein once said, "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

## HOW TO MAKE FRESH PASTA

By Tierney Provoncha

If you were ever wondering how to make fresh pasta, you came to the right spot, because I've been making my own pasta for the past three years and I've actually been offered jobs at restaurants because of my pasta.

The first step to making fresh homemade pasta is getting your dough prepared. There are 4 ingredients you need to make your dough: all you need are eggs, all purpose flour, olive oil and some salt. You will want to get 2 cups of flour, put it in a bowl and get 3 eggs and add to the same bowl. Slowly "push" the flour in while mixing the eggs, followed by a spoonful of olive oil and a pinch of sea salt. After you get everything blended into a dough base, you will want to take it out of the bowl and start folding in your dough to make a ball. After it feels pretty solid and firm, cover it in cling wrap and let it proof for 30 minutes in the fridge.

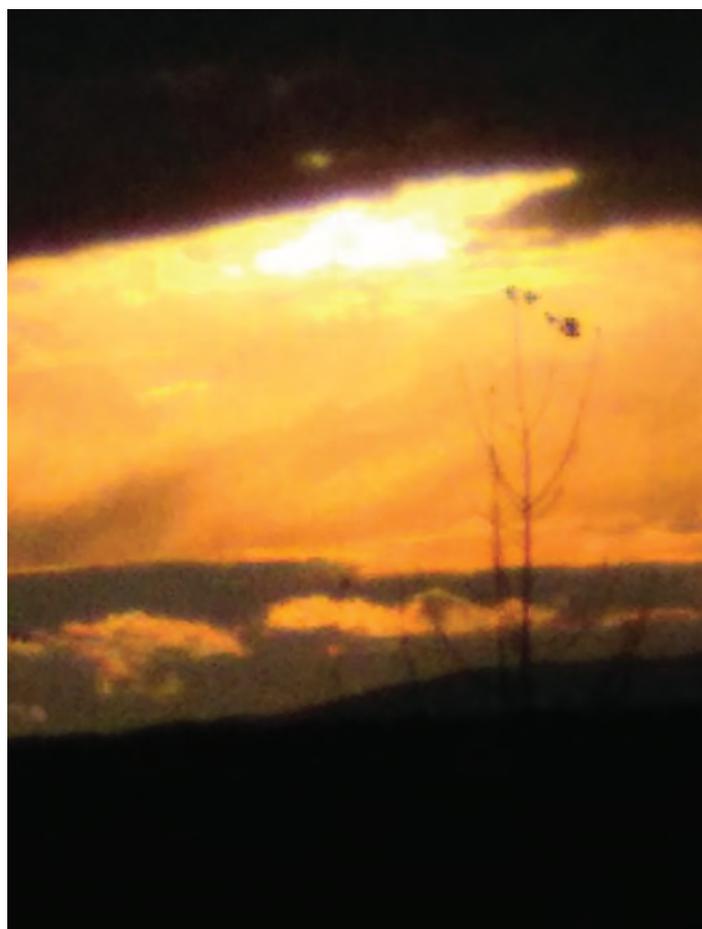
When your pasta dough has proofed, you will want to unwrap it and flatten it into a disc on some flour so it doesn't stick. When you're done, you will want to roll it out into a very thin sheet. If you have a pasta machine, you can also use that. After you get the pasta pretty thin, you will want to fold it into a roll and cut the ends into strips. If you want thicker pasta, you can cut it bigger, but if you want thinner pasta you can cut smaller strips. When you



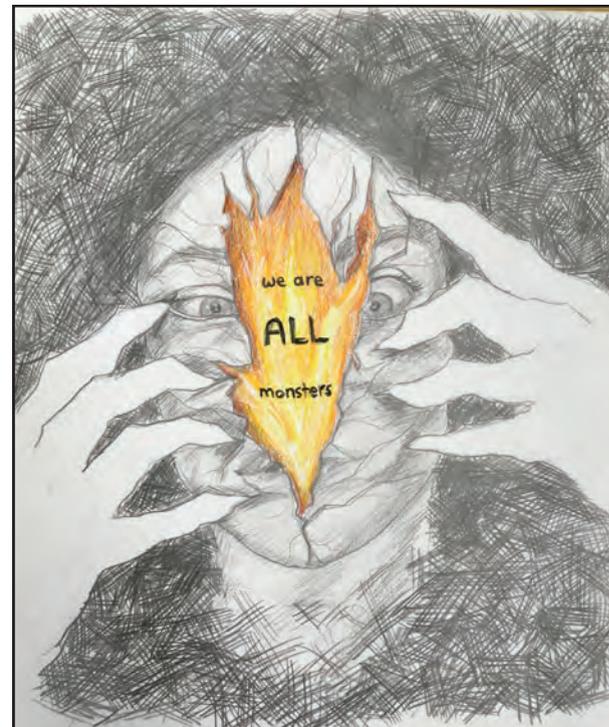
have finished these steps, you can now get your water boiling with some salt for flavor and olive oil so the noodles don't stick together. Fresh pasta cooks much faster than boxed pasta, so it'll only take 5 minutes to cook.

Now for your sauce. You will want to pick up two jars of cheesy alfredo, but if you know how to make fresh alfredo, I suggest that. Next, get some fresh pesto and put that in with the sauce for a garlic and basil taste. After you get everything together, you can strain the pasta and put it in with your alfredo sauce and top it off with black pepper, salt, basil leaves and fresh parmesan cheese.

I serve it with buttered, toasted ciabatta bread and have a ice cold glass of water or milk with it. If I wanted to splurge, I might have a Shirley Temple with it, which is just 7-Up with a splash of grenadine, topped with 3 maraschino cherries.



Photography by Dylan R. Wells '26



## monsters poem & art above by Addison Mayhew

we are all monsters.  
but who decided that all monsters are heartless?  
and when did compassion become a weakness?  
we are terrible, extraordinary things  
capable of taking each other down in a single blow.  
but, you see, not all monsters are wicked.  
our minds can be deep, dark places  
filled with nightmares that could easily devour our dreams.  
we try so hard not to extinguish the faint flicker of our light,  
but we fear what would happen if we let the flame grow,  
wondering if it would burn us alive,  
leaving only our ashes to remember us by,  
a ghost of who we were once meant to be.  
or if  
it would harm those we care about,  
for our mistakes leave scars.  
being a monster is lonely.  
but when searching for a helping hand,  
we fear the claws which can so easily tear us apart,  
the smiles that can turn sinister so quickly,  
teeth leaving gaping wounds  
and injuries that will never heal,  
but make up who we are.  
who better to destroy a monster  
than a monster itself?  
why do we hurt others  
when the fight is really within our own minds?  
why do we hide under our own beds,  
scratching away at our own skin,  
when there's so much to live for?  
we are sinners born impure,  
so why do we crave this idea of perfection?  
not every monster is a demon,  
but neither are we saints.  
we ruin each other,  
but we also lift each other up again  
and help each other back onto our feet  
to look over a beautiful horizon.  
we are all monsters.  
but who decided that all monsters are heartless?

**TEAM APEX COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

**By Jaret Sturtevant '28**

The mandalas celebrate community and similarities even when we have our differences. I like it because it made the project feel more connected and put together. One of the joys of working with others is that I got to compare my thoughts with others. Another thing that was fun about working with others was the experience of talking to others. I worked with Gemma on the blind contour drawings and the mandalas.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

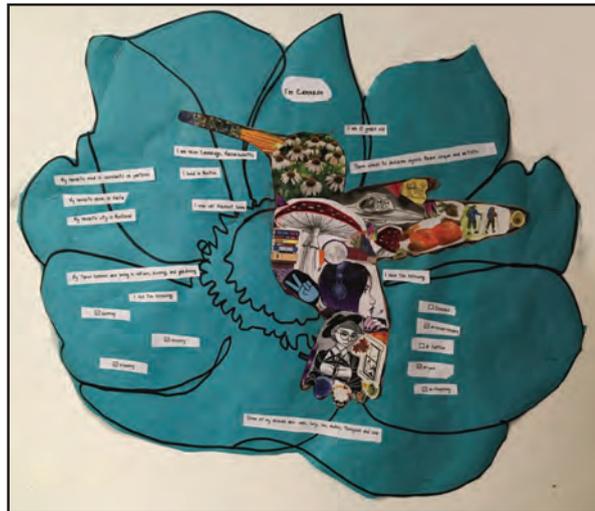
**PEACOCKS**

**By Sam Otey '28**

Majestic and beautiful dress so cool  
 They have no shame they're like an undying flame  
 Their colorful tail will never ever fail  
 As they strut their stuff, they shine they're so divine  
 As they move around so fine  
 I lose the meaning of the word time  
 Their tails make life so much more beautiful  
 I feel like the world is so much better  
 When I see them, life can't be bad  
 I couldn't even imagine life being sad  
 I wish they could fly so high in the sky  
 So I could see them dance and prance all day  
 Treat them with care, so they can stay fair  
 Then someone else will be happy to at the zoo



*By Ellora Dupont-McDewell '28*



*By Cameron Vose '28*



*By Maddie Diop '27*

**TEAM INFINITY RESPONSES: WHAT WE LEARNED FROM COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

One value was teamwork; we did a good job working together. The team's common value is reflected in how well we worked together to find a solution and agree on ideas. The whole point of the team collage is that everyone's work comes together. One of our team's values was respect and we were kind and respectful of one another's art. Another team value is listening to each other. The team is made up of a bunch of different people and everyone is an individual.

My individual work is important because the team's final collage has to have a part of everyone by themselves and everyone as a whole. My work was like a puzzle piece; it's not the same when pieces are missing. My individual work was important so we could come together as a community. It is important to work on yourself to make the team better.

Something I learned about myself was how much I can do. When we work together, we can get things done. I learned that I like to act first and think about it later. I learned that I am practical and like to take action. In the four directions activity, I learned that many people feel the same way I feel.

My favorite activity was the blind contours because it was fun just letting go of judgment... and because drawing someone and seeing their reaction was funny. Making the mandalas was definitely my favorite activity because we each got to describe our personalities. When making mandalas, I talked with people and got to know them a little bit better. The color rays were my favorite because they represented me.



*By Camille Hamilton '28*



*By Thompson Davis '27*



*By Sawyer Visco-Lyons '28*

# REVIEW: THREE HIPHOP SONGS YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO

By Tierney Provoncha

Whether you're a first time listener or a long time fan, these are the three hip hop or rap artists and songs for 2022 you should try listening to: "Knock Knock" by Mac Miller, "Les" by Childish Gambino, and "Ghost Town" by Kanye West.

The top song from Mac Miller is "Knock Knock" and it's from his album *KIDS* released in 2010. This is one of

my favorite songs by him because he is brutally honest in his lyrics. He says what everyone's thinking, and says what everyone wants to say. "I feel like a million bucks/ But my money don't really feel like I do/ And from the ground, I built my own damn buzz." In this line, he's basically saying that he built his own happiness; that he worked hard to get to where he was, even when he was at the very bottom.

I also really like this song by Miller because he has a very soft, yet gentle tone when he sings. He's not yelling or screaming; he is very clear when singing. Miller's music is very calming to me. He gets through to teens in the songs that he writes, and that's very important as a music artist.

The next artist who I really enjoy is Childish Gambino. One of my favorite songs from him is called "Les" from his album *Camp* that he released in 2013. It's one of my favorite songs because it has a very soft beat and his lyrics just flow together. "I'm a mess/ That don't rhyme... it's just true." This is my favorite lyric because he forgot to rhyme, but he just went with it and it still sounded amazing.

Kanye West is also one of my favorites, especially his song "Ghost Town." It's about a person who needs to get out of her town before it kills her. My favorite line from this is, "Nothing hurts anymore... I feel kinda free." I can really relate to this line because I also feel like I need to leave



or get out, but if I never do, I'm just going to be stuck here forever. Kanye wrote the song and it features PartyNextDoor and is on his self-titled album called *Ye*.

Whether you're new to hip hop, are a long time listener, or just want a place to start, I recommend these three artists and specifically these three songs, because I personally think teens can relate to the lyrics within the song.

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supported and have positive and trusting relationships, they can embrace change."

Thibeault felt that children can embrace change "best when surrounded by trusting adults who model coping ideas, participation in groups that share similar experiences, being involved in sports, activities, having fun, etc."

Both professionals were asked about what age change affects a child the most. Thibeault reported, "Birth to age 5 or 6, because developmentally, children are seeking trust and safety from adults. Coping with change this young can be difficult without adult emotional protection."

Dufault said, "I would say that the first 12 years of a child's life are the most formative. Research explains how the first 3 years of a child's life sets the future for their health and well-being."

Changes that can positively impact children include "changes like new schools, friends, and teams, which can have positive impacts when trusting adults are involved," said Thibeault. Dufault



Thibeault (top) Dufault (bottom)

explained, "Change can be hard, but it can bring new opportunities, which could have a positive impact on a child."

Dufault elaborated on changes that can negatively impact children, saying, "Any kind of trauma can impact a child negatively. For example, the loss of a loved one. Changes like this can impact a child's mental health." Thibeault added, "Peer relationships impact how we manage positive and negative change."

When asked how change has affected them, Dufault responded, "I am not someone that likes change very much, however, I know that it is inevitable and I try to embrace changes in my life with a positive attitude. Change always brings positive and negative impacts and it is the support that we have and relationships that we maintain that can make the difference in how we manage change in our lives."

Thibeault answered, "Stressful...transitions can be tricky. I don't like not knowing what's next. Change is inevitable, but I'm not a fan!"

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feelings, "Yes and no, it came down to just space outside of the gym. It wasn't supposed to be loud and kinda just a hang out area, but it did affect and make stuff harder."

According to Little, they began their homecoming dance budget with \$150 from the freshman class seed money. This obviously gave them very little wiggle room. Luckily, generous members of the Mt. Abe community agreed to make deals in order to add a slight amount of flexibility. "Our DJs were students Dustin Lavigne and Sean Davison. We also loaned the light system from a past graduate," said Little. Because it was a high school dance, the selection of music needed to be "school appropriate," Little explained. This left the

DJs with a somewhat limited music selection. "People couldn't really request songs because it was a playlist. It would definitely have been a lot more fun to have a DJ that we could have requested songs and one who had a huge setup," Livingston stated. Allenson agreed, saying the DJ situation was "questionable," but also acknowledged that it was like some other dances she had been to in the past.

As for the food, there was one table with pizza and cookies, which may not have been enough food. Livingston commented, "They ran out of food fast and then 2/3 of the way through the dance, they had nothing left really." One cause of this might have been "because one student was allowed to purchase an entire pizza," explained Allenson.

The main goal of a school dance is to allow students to socialize and have fun outside of school, which definitely occurred. Livingston said that her first homecoming dance was good, adding, "I really enjoyed just hanging out with my friends!" Both students agreed that there could have been more planning as well as more advertisement, but overall, the first homecoming dance after a two-year hiatus was a success.

## STUDENT POSTERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN NOVEMBER

**APACHE**

**Region**  
The Apache tribe belongs to the Southwest region of America. They live in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

**Housing**  
The Apache used to only build a simple tent. They lived in tents for their families. They lived in tents and slept in tents. They lived in tents and slept in tents.

**Food**  
The Apache tribe ate what they could find. They ate wild game, fish, and plants. They ate wild game, fish, and plants.

**Travel**  
The Apache tribe traveled on horseback. They traveled on horseback and traveled on horseback.

By Finn Harris '25

**THE MAKAH**

**LOCATION**  
The Makah people were located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca located on the U.S. Canada border. They also spanned most of the San Juan Islands.

**FOOD**  
The diet of the Makah tribe consisted mostly of halibut. They would also eat salmon, herring, and other fish. They would also eat seals and other fish.

**HOUSING**  
The Makah tribe had many permanent and summer villages. The five permanent villages were Waikah, Soos, Deah, Ozette, and Bahad. They contained longhouses approximately 30 feet by 70 feet long.

**TRAVEL**  
The Makah tribe moved and traveled very little. They did embark on adventures in handmade boats hunting whales in the Pacific. They mostly traveled by foot.

**EUROPEAN-EFFECTS**  
In the late 1700s the Europeans had a deadly touch on the Makah people. Through indirect contact, epidemics like smallpox, the flu, tuberculosis, influenza, and whooping cough killed thousands of Makah people leaving huge gaps in families.

By Jake Prouty '25

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**HOPEWELL TRIBE**

**Cultural Aspects**  
The Hopewell tribe lived in the Ohio River valley. They lived in the Ohio River valley and lived in the Ohio River valley.

**WHERE**  
The Hopewell tribe lived in the Ohio River valley. They lived in the Ohio River valley and lived in the Ohio River valley.

**WOMEN**  
The Hopewell tribe had women who were very important. They were very important and they were very important.

**FOOD**  
The Hopewell tribe ate what they could find. They ate wild game, fish, and plants. They ate wild game, fish, and plants.

**HOUSING**  
The Hopewell tribe lived in longhouses. They lived in longhouses and lived in longhouses.

**Arts**  
The Hopewell tribe had many different types of art. They had many different types of art and they had many different types of art.

By Nola Roberts '25

# STUDENTS SHARE THOUGHTS ON NEW ENVIRONMENT AT MT. ABE

By Fallon Bataille

Mt. Abe has gone through, and is still going through, numerous changes this school year. The schedule has completely shifted from the format that it's had for the past few years and there's construction going on inside. A recent survey asked high school students and staff members about these changes and how they have affected everyday life in the school.

Last year, the schedule allowed students a 5-minute passing period between classes, as well as a 15-minute break in the mornings, and a 30-minute lunch. This school year, students are allotted a 3 minute passing time, 77-minute classes, no morning break, and a 20 minute lunch. When asked if this school year's time changes are better or worse, 78% of people

chose the latter. When asked to explain what made it worse, numerous responses were given, including not enough passing time between classes, the classes being lengthened, and not enough time to eat lunch. Sophomore Idries Twyman's reasoning for this year's schedule being worse was: "They're punishing innocent kids and actively making our lives more difficult because of a few people breaking the rules." Survey responses made it clear that many other students feel this way as well.

As for passing time, 96% percent of respondents preferred 5-minute passing time, including all but 2 of the staff members who responded. Junior Ira Hines commented on the 5-minute passing time, saying, "You're not late ever and you won't get detention for being late 3 times."

This is another rule being enforced more this year; if students are late to class more than 3 times, they get detention. In addition, if students miss more than 10 minutes of class, regardless of whether they were going to the bathroom, they get marked as a cut.

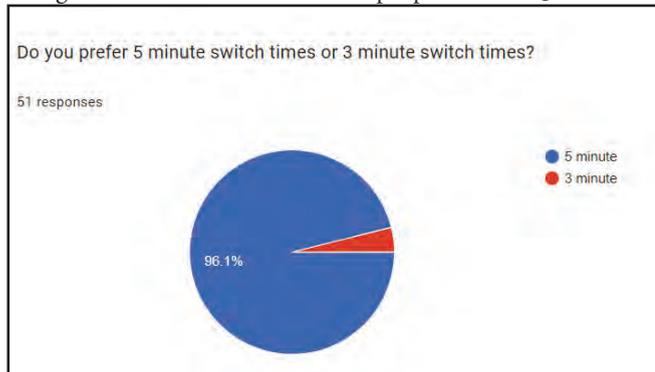
When asked what changes they didn't like about this year, 1/2 of the answers were related to having a shortened lunch. When asked what changes they did like, 1/3 of the responses were "nothing" or something similar to that response.

There are two separate lunches and 58% of students have first lunch one day and second lunch the next. The next question on the survey asked about the amount of passing time teachers allow for students to get to and from lunch. Recently, teachers have also been struggling with the 20 minute lunch, so some of them allow students to leave earlier than the specified time of dismissal. Only 6% were allowed only the allotted time with no early dismissal, and 30% said that they were allotted 3 minutes there and back, while 60% said they were given 5 minutes to get there and back. But is this extra time just for the students? Or is it for the teachers as well? The teachers get the same amount of time, or less, than the students do, which means that the more time they allow their students to have for lunch, the more that they'll have as well. The survey results showed that 40% of students said that they struggle to get back to class on time after lunch. A median said that it's a struggle "sometimes" with other various answers, and 32% said that they could get back on

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time. Another problem that has caused an issue at lunch is having pin numbers back in the lunchroom. On the way out with your food, you must either give your name or enter a pin number, even though lunch is free. Hines added, "No one knows their pin, so it takes 15 minutes to get food."

At the beginning of the school year, students arrived without bathrooms in the high school portion. They were required to either walk to the middle school and use the 3 single-stall restrooms, or go out one of the two different exits with a row of porta-potties outside. Students were also required to enter the school from an entrance near the middle school, rather than the lobby, as the lobby was not nearly finished. The bathroom situation became a slight problem for some people, but for 60% of teachers who responded, it didn't seem like an issue. For some students, it made some situations more uncomfortable. Quite a few students informed the questionnaire that it was hard to bring feminine hygiene products with you to the porta-potties, and 72.5% said that it was harder to get back to class on time from the port-o-lets. But 70% of the staff who answered the questionnaire believed that the porta-potties were not a problem.



# SURVEY REVEALS CONTROVERSY IN SOCIAL MEDIA'S EFFECTS ON BODY IMAGE

By Essence Calderon-Melendez

A recent survey about the factors of body image was sent out to Mt. Abe students in grades 8-12, along with staff members. There were a total of 72 responses, 51 of which were students.

Staff and students were asked what the term "body image" means to them. English teacher Katie Burdett responded, "To me, it refers to the relationship I have with how my body looks and feels." Junior Lexie Gordon said, "The way you and others interpret and present your body."

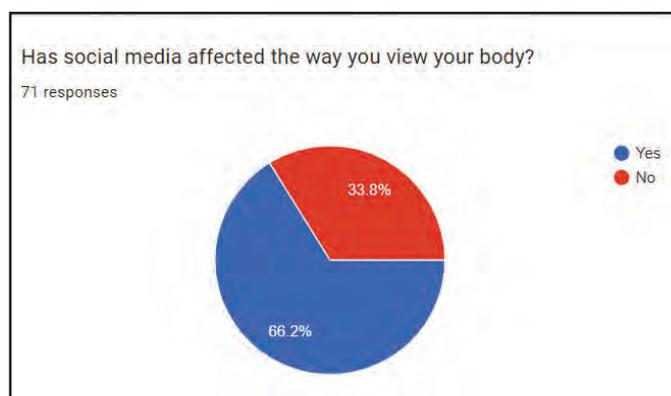
When asked if social media affected the way they view their bodies, 66% said yes, while the other 34% said no. The survey queried whether they have ever been around or noticed someone else's body image being affected by social media. For example, Social Studies teacher Jordan Lea responded yes while 8th grader Kendra Tatro said no.

Students and staff were asked whether they thought social media has a negative or positive effect on body image. Sophomore MacKenzy Jennings responded, "Negative, because social media has built this high level expectation for the 'perfect' body's expectation. Young kids see that and start to realize their body doesn't look like that, and it makes their brain tell them they need to change. It's the same with our society. Social media impacts our brain way more than people think. The beauty standards we 'normalize' are not normal; they tear us down by setting standards that are too high for anyone, putting too much pressure on ourselves about how we look."

On the other hand, sophomore Rosemary Behounek said, "Positive, because personally, I don't find a lot of people on my feed that say I wish I looked like her. I also have a lot on my feed about positive

ways of eating and maintaining your sense of self, and overall, my feed seems positive and definitely uplifting. However, a lot of people do experience a negative impact from social media."

When asked how much of a factor social media has on body image on a scale of 1 to 5, English teacher Vicki Bronson explained, "3, because I think it really depends on how much time a person spends on social media. It's much more of a factor of those who spend hours on social media (some teens) vs. those who spend a few minutes."



Math teacher Bob Maurer said, "5, because I find social media to be a very destructive force in society in many ways. It tends to present a false image about a lot of life. Body image is definitely one of those life areas. Many people post a very unrealistic view of their lives on social media. This misleads others to feel their own life is 'less than' the life that they think others have. The same is true of body image. Consider the people who post in various places showing off their 'perfect' bodies. How does that make other people who don't have that type of body feel and

think? I would expect it makes them feel negatively about their bodies and themselves. This isn't new. Advertising and media in many areas (print, television, movies, magazines, etc.) has been loaded with unrealistic body image communication for centuries. Even children's toys. Consider Barbie. What did that unrealistic female form communicate to generations of girls and young women?"

Respondents were also asked how much of a factor, on a scale of 1-5, do they think the family environment has on body image, and Fallon Bataille responded, "4,

because I think that it depends on the family environment. Some families may be more or less supportive than others."

Burdett said, "5, because families have the power to communicate to their children about body image. Children learn what they see and hear. As a mom

to my two young daughters, I am very deliberate and purposeful about how I talk about my body. I try not to criticize my body's size or shape. I talk about our bodies as things that need nourishment and care, just like anything else. We talk about all the good things our bodies do for us. I make sure that my daughters know the correct names for their body parts. Parents can have a huge effect on their children's relationships with their bodies."

When asked if there are effects of ability or disability on body image, 8th grader Kendra Tatro responded, "No, because

everyone looks the way that they look." Jennings added, "Yes, I think ability plays a factor, because you can have the ability to do what you want, but that doesn't mean you like yourself. You can have all the ability in the world, and yet still hate the way you look. Disability also plays a factor because as society has proven over and over again, you are treated differently when you don't have the same advantages. We've put stereotypes next to almost every human being out there."

The factor that drew the most responses was the attitude that peers have on body image, again on a scale of 1 to 5. Junior Carley Cook responded, "4, because most teens are followers, meaning if someone is doing or saying something, people tend to go along with it. This includes comments about body image."

Junior Joanna Toy explained her rating of 5 with "Friends can be so mean. Depending on the friends that someone has, it could be damaging on the way they might see themselves. It's so important to be surrounded by people who see you as beautiful no matter what."

The last question asked on the survey was how big of a factor do you think cultural background has on body image. Social Worker Steve Alexander summed it up best, saying, "3, because cultural values are embedded in our thinking and our being and are hard to escape. Cultural values about body image are no different...we're immersed in them."

*Check out the photo survey on page 8 about favorite Halloween candy...*

## ART & POETRY

### SEASONS PASS BY LIKE MEMORIES

By Oliver Matson '26

Winter cold with too much snow  
Warm houses and smoking chimneys  
Frozen lakes melting snow  
Icy cliffs, cold breeze blows  
Frozen brown ground.

Mucky spring, sprouts shooting  
Green growing, skies clearing air  
Warming flowers showering the green grass once more  
Rain pouring  
Birds soaring  
The freshness of spring is here

Summer breezes swim through the trees gracefully  
Sunburn and warm skin  
Birds fly in the clear sky  
While memories are made  
Leaves yellow as the blue skies fade to gray  
Rain rolls over the ground as the as the leaves fall  
But some still hang on  
Until the next storm arrives  
The remaining leaves get blown off  
and leave a forest of skeletons  
Fall has fallen

The seasons are like memories  
They happen fast at first  
Then fade slowly  
Into the next.



By Bella Hartwell '25

### FISHING

By Evan Audy '26

The fish jump at the bugs,  
the fish aren't giving any tugs.  
My line is sweeping through the air,  
the wet ground soaking my derriere.  
The fish won't bite,  
I just wanna catch one, we don't have all night.

We sit there on the shore,  
the fish jumping no more.  
The bugs start to swarm us,  
I start making a fuss.  
We start to pack up.

We reel the poles back in,  
only a thin piece of sun still up.  
Driving home in the dark, I drift off.  
My dream takes me to the shore,  
where we are fishing no more.



By Siena Stanley '24

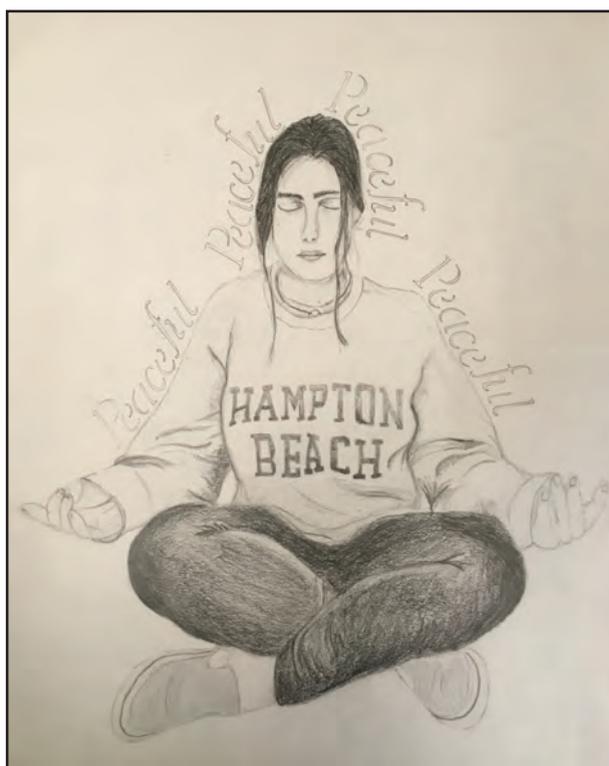
### WE WILL ALWAYS FINISH LAST

By Brooklyn Ryersbach '26

The boys play rough  
And think we can't keep up  
Yet we are quietly sneaking ahead.

Once we pass the boys  
We think we can win  
We see the finish line  
But in our society, we will always  
Finish last.  
The men and boys trip us  
We fall to the ground  
They spit on us and call us names

But we get up, we crawl  
To reach the finish line  
But it gets further away  
And to that, I say,  
Why do we always  
Finish last?



By Eliza Preston '23

### GIRLS, CAN WE EDUCATE OUR CLASSMATES?

By Gretchen Toy '26

Listen to the male chauvinists in my damn classmates:  
I sit in class and overhear perverted comments whispered,  
Under the breath of the males behind me;  
I care what people think about my body, intelligence and talent.

I wear clothes I feel confident in  
Even if I get "slut shamed."  
I sit in my blood on the sidelines in P.E.  
Constantly worrying about my tan pants

Walking the hallway alone  
With a group of male chauvinists, dreading  
A nasty cat call or sexist comment thrown my way.  
This thought rushes through my head everyday

I bring pepper spray on the walks down the quiet roads  
I've lived on these roads since I was just a baby  
I try and be more muscular to outline the female expectation  
And I stand up for my rights as a woman  
Because that's what mother taught me.



By Addison Wright '26

### TEA TIME!

Written in British English Dialect

By Wyatt Moyer '26

Tea-Time mates,  
gatha 'round! Earl Grey  
hot, like ya like it.  
Always gotta have tea!

Crumpets! Mates,  
gatha 'round! Nice  
and fresh... just like ya like it!  
Always gotta have crumpets.

Corgis! So many corgis!  
Soft and fluffy,  
just as they should be.  
The Queen needs her corgis!

Now mates,  
On this beautiful day,  
we can have tea-time!

*Special thanks to Ryan Strobel's pottery students for sharing their "salt pigs" and to Leah Hammond's art students for sharing their artwork that appears on this page!*

*Thanks to Vicki Bronson's English 9 students who were brave enough to allow their poems to be published here. All poems on this page were written in the style of "Girls, Can We Educate We Dads?" by James Berry. Students used a similar form to what Berry used, or wrote more on the topic, and some even tried their hand at writing in dialect.*

# MAV FOOTBALL MAKES IT TO SEMIS

By Connor Meacham

The Mt. Abe/Vergennes or “MAV” Football team had a strong season in its first time in Division III. Head Coach Jeff Stein, Assistant Coach Ryan Cornellier, and senior co-captain Caleb Russell recently commented on this amazing season.

Stein was very clear about where he would like to see the current players in the future when he said, “What we like to hope for is that we’re giving players examples of leadership traits and the qualities to become good community members. Our goal as a coaching staff and as a program is for all of our players is to go off and make an impact, whether it be trade school, whether it be college, or just going straight out into the community and getting a job. We expect them to be leading by example, just like we expect them to do in school. We hope that they go out and be good husbands, good community members, and just vital parts in the community.”

Ryan Cornellier is the varsity assistant coach. When asked how he feels about the team this year, Coach Cornellier said, “I’m feeling really positive, because we started off really well in the pre-season. Individuals worked really hard to get into the space where we’re at. As a coaching staff, a lot of time is spent getting our players into the best position possible to be the most successful during the season. We’ve seen that transition from week one all the way through week eight, getting us a five seed in the playoffs to go face Rice where we feel really confident.” Regarding the

playoff game against Rice, Cornellier said, “If we execute plays and continue to play with the mentality we’ve played with the last couple weeks, we’re going to come out on top. There’s no reason we can’t beat this program.”

Senior co-captain Caleb Russell also talked about the season, saying, “I feel like the season has gone pretty well so far. We started off strong with a good win against Poultney and then we had a big culture shift after our first game against Rice. I sat the team down and asked them, ‘Is this really the best we can play?’ I asked for more from everyone else because I knew that I was willing to push myself and wanted to push them. The change really showed against Mill River in week seven when we came out and pulled off a win and then we carried that through Oxbow, and then this past weekend against Rice, and now we’re in the semis and I’m really excited to see what we can do against Windsor.”

When asked about playing Windsor next, Cornellier said, “We haven’t faced Windsor, which means they haven’t faced us. We are a different team since week one, and I feel confident that as coaching staff we will put together a game plan. We’ve seen Fairfax, who runs a pretty similar offense and we held our own against Fairfax. We may not have won the game, but we didn’t play the kind of football we’re playing now. This past weekend, playing Oxbow, their coaching staff came to us



Celebrating the win over Oxbow

PC Karyn Wells

after the game and was very clear that they have played the top four and we are the best team they have played. We allowed 0 yards in the first half against their varsity starters, which is pretty impressive.”

When asked how he felt about Windsor having limited film on Ian Funke, Russell replied, “No matter what, Ian is going to be a threat. It doesn’t matter if they have film on him or not, he’s still going to do his game and they still have to stop him.”

Cornellier was asked how it feels to have one of the best wide receivers in Ian

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Funke, Cornellier said, “Ian is a game-changer, because of his size and strength, plus his football IQ, as well as his need to be covered. If they decide to double team Ian it’s good for us, and they need to do this, because if they don’t, he’s going to catch the ball.”

When asked about predictions, Cornellier said, “My plan: take it one week at a time. Our goal last week was to beat Rice; now we focus on Windsor.”

In terms of fans, Cornellier said, “We used to have mainly just parents on the sidelines, but now that we’re winning, we’re seeing community members, past football players, and the ball boys are children of people that used to be part of this program. We preach about past, present, and future, and the community members out there supporting us are unbelievable.”

(See MAV, Page 8)

## IMHO: FOOTBALL TEAM NEEDS LIGHTS

By Connor Meacham

The Mt. Abraham-Vergennes Football Team needs lights because it would boost the energy of the players and the game, and allow us to have Friday night games like the other superior teams.

The main reason the field doesn’t have lights is because the Athletic Department said it’s too expensive, yet the school seems to be spending money everywhere else. For example, the auditorium just got a lot of renovations. According to Led Light Expert One light costs \$5,250 and the team would need six lights for a total of \$31,500.00. The team hosts 4 regular season games a year. If you charge adults \$15 and 100 adults come to each game, that’s \$1,500 a game. For the four guaranteed games, it is a total of \$6,000 and the football team also does fundraising and we usually raise \$6,000 a year, so that’s \$12,000 a year all together. It would only take three years if we put all the money we raise into the lights.

Friday night football games are historic. Playing under the lights is like something players have never felt before. It changes your game. The place outside that’s lit up is only the field on Friday night. It brings life to the city and surrounding towns. It’s one of the few high school sports that does this. Not every player is lucky enough to play their first or even last homecoming game, or a single game under the lights. The VPA shouldn’t have a say on if a school can or can’t rent

lights because it’s not fair. If it’s not fair to rent lights, then neither is having lights in general, so the VPA’s reasoning lets the big schools keep their Friday night home games, but they make the little schools go without Friday night home games.

My friend Jesse Hunter plays football for the high school he goes to in Tennessee. If Tennessee said that you couldn’t have Friday night

games anymore, Hunter said, “I’d be really angry because Friday Night Lights is my life, pretty much other than hunting and fishing.”

My friend Rhys Anderson, who plays football at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, was asked the same question, and he said, “We play on Saturdays down here, but it definitely feels different. Saturdays just don’t have the same energy of Friday nights. There’s just something special about playing under the lights. After Fridays, the thrill of the weekend is kinda gone, so with Saturday games, we sometimes come out dead and not motivated.”

Varsity Assistant Coach Ryan Cornellier was also asked about whether he thought we should buy lights for Friday night games, and he said, “I don’t think it’s because we’re not allowed to have the lights.... We as a program decided that it was a lot of money that we could put it back in the program instead of having one game under the lights. Yeah, it’s great to play under the lights, but coming out and supporting your team any day of the week is what’s most important. Using that money for better equipment like new helmets, new shoulder pads, new jerseys... That’s more beneficial been spending a couple thousand dollars for one night game.”

Mt Abe should get lights so we can have Friday night under the lights games again because it’s been 4 years since the last time the football team played under the lights at home.

## FIELD HOCKEY

by Addison Wright ‘26

Field hockey is lots of fun. It has lots of action and suspense.

There is lots of suspense during games when the ball almost goes into the net but just barely misses.

The action comes when you’re on the field with the other girls and the ball is zooming in a million different directions.



Field Hockey Senior Co-Captain Madison Gile said, “From the start we had pushed ourselves to get into shape and gave it our all as the season went on. Although we were a young team this year many players stepped up and helped push our team to be the best we could be. The most important thing that came from this season was the amount of support coming from everyone on the team!”

PC: Anne Campbell



Players ready to start an afternoon game

PC Karyn Wells



By Nola Roberts '25

## MAV

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Word of mouth says the MAV coaching staff is going to be coaching the North-South game, and Cornellier was asked how he felt about that. He responded, "I think it's pretty special. I've never had an opportunity like this before and this is my fourth year coaching. As a player, this is something that you dream of. I didn't go as a player in high school, so continuing to grow my mindset and skills in the coaching realm, I'm excited to be a part of it. We had a really good group of players that have been selected, and it's pretty neat to have a couple from your program that you get to continue to support. Also, to continue to work alongside coach Stein is an honor. He has a great football mind, and his understanding of the game has helped my growth as a coach. I'm also excited to work with some highly-skilled players from outside our program throughout the Northern part of the state."

Cornellier was also asked how he felt about doing a semi-rebuild next season. Cornellier said, "I don't see it as a rebuild. Seniors are the building blocks of the program. These are the kids that started our first year coaching and we've had them all four years, and they've set the precedent of what MAV football and the Brotherhood is all about, so I don't see it as a rebuild. I see a lot of our offense coming back. Yes, we are losing a few seniors that are quality to our program, but there are a lot of brothers underneath that understand the fundamentals and where we're going, and what we're looking for as a program."

Cornellier was asked where he sees the program for the class of 2026 and 2027. Cornellier said, "Winning means success, and winning breeds success. We are in the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. This is an opportunity for us to open some eyes

and have some young potential players say, 'Hey, maybe I do want to be a part of that program' and come out and win some football games. It starts with winning." Coach Stein also said he has high hopes for the current freshman class, adding, "If they put the work in, they could win a state championship."

Russell also talked about the upcoming freshman. He commented, "I see a lot of potential with the upcoming freshman with their skills and the possibility to be a great team. Getting them working out in the offseason in the weight room will be great for them...I know it helped me out a lot. Getting kids to get out there and put in the work, and they have to have the desire to win a championship, and I hope this season brings in more kids so that we have a shot in the future."

In terms of the juniors leading next year, Russell explained, "We have a lot of potential for the juniors to be good leaders because we've set a really good example this year as captains. As long as they keep building the program, it'll be good set of leaders for the younger guys coming up."

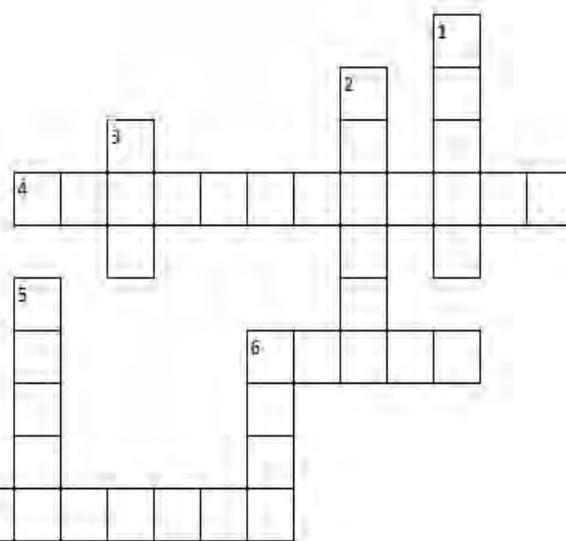
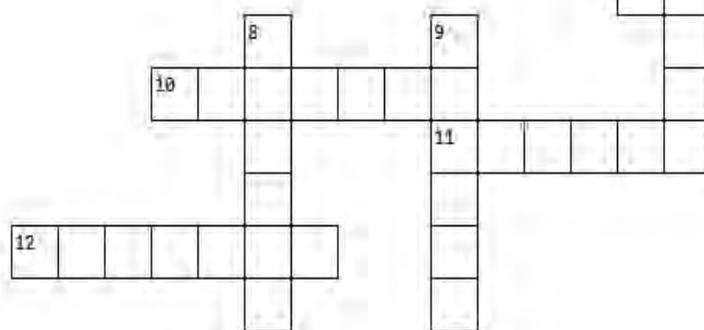
At press time, the MAV football team had lost against a strong Windsor team, who went on to win the state championship. MAV Football made it further into playoff season than they have in the past eight years, which bodes well for the future.

## ALL ABOUT FALL

By Fallon Bataille

### Down

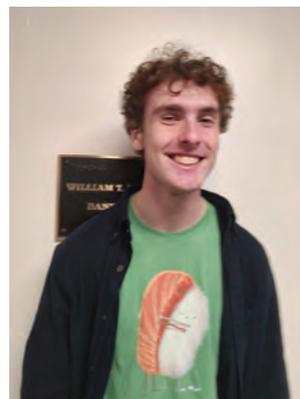
1. A drink made from apples, can be served hot or cold
2. A season in which the leaves change color
3. Common Thanksgiving desert, usually made with apple or pumpkin in fall
5. The clothing suited for Halloween
6. Plant that can be eaten on the cob
8. They change color and fall to the ground shortly after
9. The color that the leaves turn in fall



### Across

4. Phrase that children say on Halloween
6. Treats, the thing Halloween is famous for
7. Round, orange, carvable
10. Is warm, cozy, and the best thing to wear in fall
11. Red and green, delicious in pies
12. An article of clothing worn to keep warm in fall

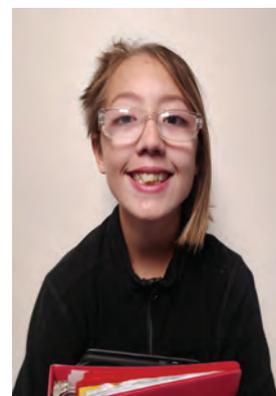
## PHOTO SURVEY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY?



Joseph Darling '24  
"Nerds"



Asher Stevers '27  
"Warheads (or Toxic Waste)"



Merissa Gordon '27  
"PushPops"



Dakota Larocque '27  
"Reese's"

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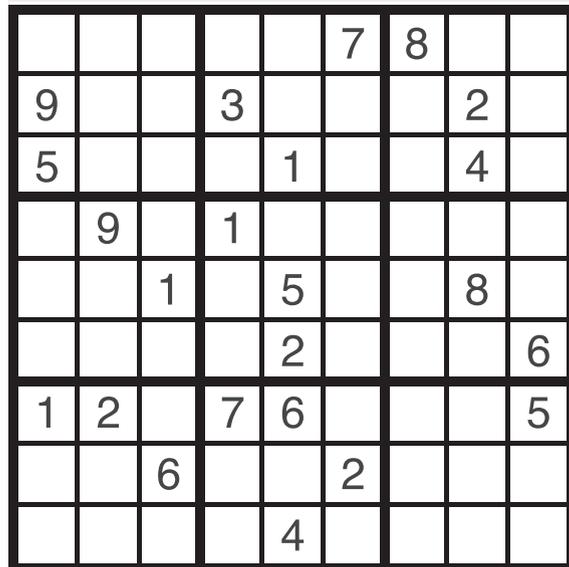
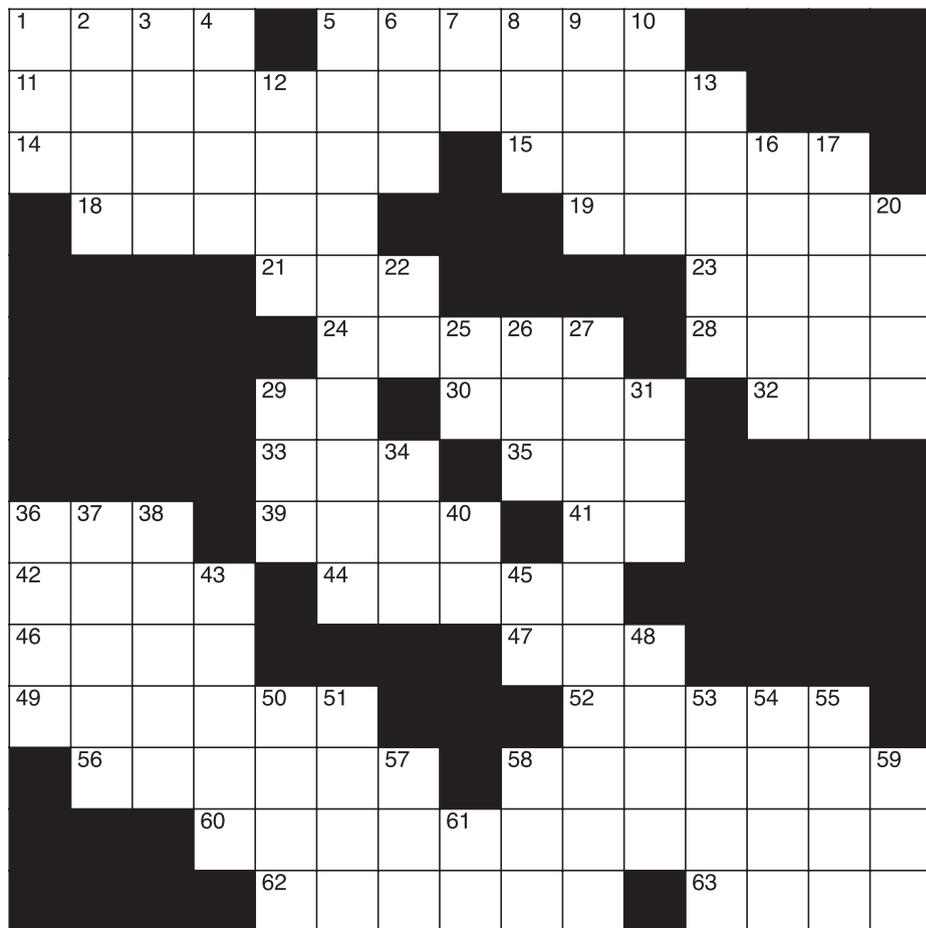
- 1. Greek mountain
- 5. One dependent on something
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Glazed ceramic ware
- 15. Paddling
- 18. Step
- 19. More greasy
- 21. Upper-class young woman
- 23. Light beige
- 24. Belief in a supreme being
- 28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
- 29. A beloved princess
- 30. Transfer property
- 32. Field force unit

- 33. Automated teller
- 35. When you hope to get there
- 36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Stringed instrument
- 44. Curses
- 46. Barbary sheep
- 47. Belonging to a thing
- 49. Supporters
- 52. Leaf-footed bug
- 56. A shower of water
- 58. Attribute to
- 60. Intermittent
- 62. Soda waters

- 63. Scottish island

## DOWN

- 1. Klutz
- 2. Relaxing places
- 3. Expel saliva
- 4. The extended location of something
- 5. Certified
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. Powerful legal pro
- 8. The OJ trial judge
- 9. Popular greeting
- 10. "90210" actress Spelling
- 12. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
- 13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
- 16. Battery cell with



## Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

**Level: Medium**

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

- a nickel alode
- 17. Full of bacteria
- 20. Remains of an old building
- 22. Exist
- 25. It gets you into places
- 26. Witness
- 27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
- 29. Father
- 31. Touch gently
- 34. Licensed for
- Wall Street
- 36. Herring-like fish
- 37. Lute used in N. Indian music
- 38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
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- 50. Acknowledgment
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- 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
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# ASK A MASTER GARDENER

## MINIATURE BULBS TO PLANT NOW



Deborah J. Benoit is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from North Adams, Massachusetts, who is part of Vermont's Bennington County Chapter.

**T**here's an old saying, "Good things come in small packages." That's certainly true of the tiny flowers that bloom in the spring. And fall is the perfect time to plant these bulbs.

We're all familiar with the drifts of daffodils and tulips that brighten the view at winter's end, but have you considered the supporting players in that panorama? Crocus probably comes to mind, but there are many other options for spring flowers that grow a mere 3-6 inches tall.

Among the first to bloom in the spring, snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*) live up to their name. These tiny white flowers with their drooping heads push through frozen ground as ice and snow begin their retreat. Snowdrops make a lovely show, particularly if planted in drifts.

Glory-of-the-snow (*Chionodoxa*) can often be seen as a flash of blue among the dull post-winter landscape, but they also are available in white and pink. They may be small, but mass planting makes quite an impact.

If you're partial to blue, (*Iris reticulata*), a dwarf iris, sports petite blue flowers with white and yellow markings. Grape hyacinth (*Muscari*)

offers clusters of cobalt blue flowers atop its stem. Either will create a vibrant contrast when planted among bright yellow daffodils or a peaceful mood when combined with white tulips.

Another interesting spring bloomer is winter aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*). This relative of the common buttercup is low growing with bright yellow flowers and forms mounded clumps.

And, of course, there are crocuses (*Crocus vernus*). These ever-popular spring-blooming bulbs can be found not only at garden centers but in grocery stores and other local retailers throughout the fall season. They come in a variety of colors, including white, yellow and purple.

The method you choose for planting will depend on the result you're looking for. For individual placement, dig a hole 3-4 inches deep (see package directions for the specific bulb), place the bulb pointed end up and cover with soil. If you plan to line a path or walkway, you may find it simpler to dig a shallow trench that deep, scatter the bulbs in the trench, cover with soil and water the area.

If you're planning to plant a larger area or a combination of bulbs such as daffodils and glory-of-the-snow, dig out the area you intend to plant to the depth needed for the largest

bulb. Place those bulbs either individually where you'd like them to grow or, easier still, scatter the bulbs for a more natural look. Next, cover the larger bulbs with soil to the depth of the next smaller bulb.

For example, if you planted your larger bulbs (such as tulips) at 6 inches deep, you would cover them with soil until the planting area is at the depth for planting the smaller bulbs (such as crocus), approximately 3 inches deep. Again, place the bulbs individually or scatter them across the area. Then cover the bulbs with soil to reach the level of the surrounding ground and water the area.

Where to plant? Choose an area that will provide adequate sun, such as under deciduous trees or bushes that may provide full sun before they have leafed out in the spring. Soil should be moist and drain well. If too wet, the bulbs may rot.

When to plant? Now is the time. Even though most plants in the garden are fading and the air is chilly, as long as you can dig in the soil, you can plant spring-blooming bulbs. So, go for it!

Select your favorites and get them in the garden. When spring arrives, you'll be glad you did.



Crocus and glory-of-the-snow (*Chionodoxa*) bulbs are among the many spring-blooming miniature bulbs available for purchase at garden centers and other local retailers in the fall.

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# What you need to know about soil health in raised beds

**F**or many home gardeners, raised beds offer better soil conditions, better drainage and aeration than in-ground gardens. They also extend the growing season by warming the soil earlier and, not least, they are easier on the body. Fall is a good time to start thinking about your raised beds for next year.

BY **NADIE VANZANDT**

Did you know that the composition of the soil in raised beds is vital to their success? Amending soil with compost is a major factor in promoting soil health but, when applied in excess, compost can be detrimental.

A fertile soil is made up of 45% minerals, 5% organic matter, 25% water and 25% air. These percentages translate into a growing medium of 70% essential minerals from soil and 30% compost, taking into consideration that water and air are present in both soil and compost. For raised beds, this corresponds to no more than a 1-2-inch layer of compost mixed into a 6-inch layer of soil.

Minerals in soils are inorganic materials derived from a parent material, usually local geological bedrock. They are a crucial source of nutrients for plants and are essential for plant structure and resistance to disease. As well, they impart better flavor and quality to the fruits and vegetables that we need for a healthy diet.

Organic materials found in soils are living organisms like microbes, bacteria, fungi, large and small insects and carbon-based materials from compost. They deliver important nutrients to plants. In addition, plants use carbon as a main source of energy to build plant tissues.

Products labeled as garden soil, potting soil and topsoil are often exclusively organic material. When sourcing soil for your raised



*Soil composition is key to growing vegetables successfully in raised beds with a growing medium of 70% essential minerals from soil and 30% from compost the ideal mix.*

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bed, seek a quality mineral-based soil from a reputable vendor who can back their product with a soil test report and/or detailed content. The product should have a significant amount of mineral materials.

At first, growing in raised beds filled largely with compost will yield good results because plant nutrients are readily available. But as compost ages, decomposition slows and the release of nutrients decreases. Eventually, plant growth, flowering and fruit production diminishes, leading gardeners to apply additional compost (or fertilizers) to boost the supply of nutrients.

Continued application of compost, particularly those that are manure-based, can be detrimental to your plants as a surplus of compost can create a build-up of phosphorus and ammonium.

Phosphorus in excess can adversely affect your plants' ability to absorb iron and zinc and excess ammonium can result in excess soluble salts, which can burn plant roots and impact the ability of the plant to develop flowers or fruit. Excess nitrogen and phosphorus are also readily leached into groundwater and can cause a serious environmental problem as it creates toxic algae blooms in lakes and ponds.

Compost is not a long-term source of potassium. Found in soluble form in compost, potassium is easily lost through leaching. During drought conditions, compost dries out and repels rather than absorbs water, leading to run-off.

Over time, compost alone will lose its structure and volume. Without the necessary mineral material, compost will form a thick non-porous layer that inhibits drainage, reduces soil aeration and promotes disease. Most importantly, many vital minerals are not present in compost in significant amounts to ensure optimal plant health.

This fall, before putting your raised beds to rest, consider ordering a soil test to analyze your soil. Kits are available through the University of Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab ([pss.uvm.edu/ag\\_testing](http://pss.uvm.edu/ag_testing)). Be sure to mark on your kit that this is for raised beds, since the lab runs a different analysis better suited for this situation.

You'll have all winter to plan soil amendment strategies. Meanwhile, prevent leaching and loss of nutrients by covering your raised beds with leaf mulch or straw, instead of compost.

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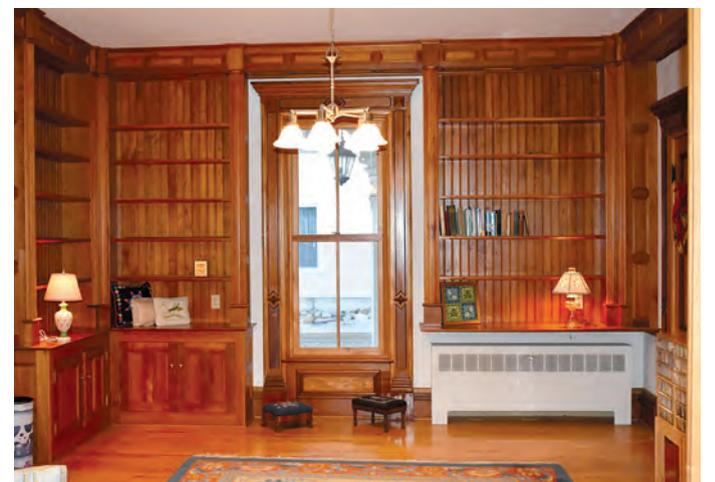
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# ART ON EXHIBIT

## Small Works show at Northern Daughters Annex in Shelburne

Northern Daughters is hosting a small works exhibit on view at the gallery's Annex location within Village Wine and Coffee in Shelburne. The show features all new works from Anne Cady, Charlotte Dworshak, Maria Flores Gallindo, Edward Holland, Julia Jensen, and Hannah Sessions. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, from 4-6 p.m.

This exhibit is the debut show at Northern Daughters for Maria Flores Gallindo. She trained in fashion design and collage in Madrid before moving to New York eight years ago where she has lived and worked since.

"My work tries to be simple and delicate," Flores Galindo said. "I start by mixing different elements on a background and keep working until I feel the work is complete as a whole."

Anne Cady's work is characterized by luminous saturated color, simplified forms and strongly contrasting values depicting the open pastures, farms, hills and mountains of the Champlain Valley.

Charlotte Dworshak, like Sophie and Justine, grew up close to the art world of Vermont as a daughter of a local artist. She is a Burlington-based painter who paints minimalist landscapes, inspired by the world she sees around her. You will often find the icy waters of Lake Champlain and the silhouetted backbones of familiar mountains depicted in her work. Edward Holland is an abstract artist based in New York City

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— Maria Flores Gallindo

who works in a wide variety of materials including acrylic and oil paint, colored pencil, graphite, and collage. He shares of his artwork, "I am not interested in depicting a specific narrative. Instead, I am interested in establishing a space where narrative can be developed." Holland received his BFA from Syracuse University and his MA from New York University.

Julia Jensen is a Vermont based landscape artist working in encaustic. Jensen says "Paintings exist at the meeting ground between the external world and one's internal, emotional, and spiritual responses to it. For me, landscape is the perfect point of access for this exploration." A graduate of Tulane University with a BA in Art History, Jensen

has been painting for 20 years.

Hannah Sessions' small works, in oil on panel, depict the Vermont landscape with more natural and muted tones and the loving familiarity of a farmer. As the longest night of the year approaches, it has become a tradition at NoDa to exhibit small works and celebrate the small moments of beauty that bring joy.

Northern Daughters Annex Gallery, hosted by Village Wine and Coffee, features rotating work curated by the gallery owners. For more information and to view the current exhibit visit [northerndaughters.com/annex](http://northerndaughters.com/annex) or contact [info@northerndaughters.com](mailto:info@northerndaughters.com) or 802-877-2173.

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# MUSIC

## New single released by two Bristol musicians

Bristol-based collaborators and partners Seamus Egan & Moira Smiley, are releasing a new single "Mourning Dove" on Nov. 25. This new song chronicles the intimate struggle of love, loss and growth across two winters of isolation in rural Vermont.

"Last winter, early 2022 brought a stubborn melancholy to our house," wrote Smiley in an artist statement. "Two musicians with identities linked to the feedback loops of performance and collaboration tried to stay connected to each other

"WE'D PULLED TOGETHER AGAINST A WORLD OF FEARS, BUT HAD FORGOTTEN OUR OWN WANTS AND NEEDS"

— Moira Smiley

across a second winter of isolation. In the drear of March, we learned how we'd pulled together against a world of fears, but had



Look for Seamus Egan & Moira Smiley's new single "Mourning Dove" on Nov. 25.

forgotten our own wants and needs in the process. These lyrics tumbled out in April after I'd spent a few weeks adventuring on my own, and Seamus sent me the voice memo of a tender chord progression. Meanwhile, a pair of

mourning doves took up residence by our house. Their presence was a wild, potent reminder of the cycles and mysteries of partnership. Their long, mournful calls reminded us of the faith and hope we hold in one another."

The single's music video shows Egan & Smiley's layered connection to each other, and to the evocative calls of the mourning doves outside their window. Find more at [seamuseganproject.com](http://seamuseganproject.com) or [moirasmiley.com](http://moirasmiley.com).

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