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Banned books stay on county shelves

Libraries ensure diverse collections

By MARIN HOWELL

increasing number of books are challenged due to their content and pulled from shelves throughout the country, Addison County librarians are working to ensure local readers continue to have access to a diverse selection of titles — including those that have been banned in other states.

Kathryn Laliberte, Teen and Tween Librarian at the Ilsley Public

Library, said the Middlebury ADDISON COUNTY - As an library hasn't faced any recent challenges to titles in its catalog. Though, the issue of banned books is still of importance to her and other librarians in the county.

"The challenges that are happening throughout the country will always affect librarians in other states as well. Any time books are put under any kind of negative light or any kind of challenge, it

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Grant will help season new ACSD teachers

By JOHN FLOWERS

Placencia is finishing her second full year teaching language and literature skills to Middlebury Union Middle School 6th-graders, and there are still times when she feels — much like her young charges — like she's still learning the ropes in a new setting with new people.

It can be daunting and a little

scary, and Placencia wants to MIDDLEBURY — Elizabeth lessen some of the stress and newkid-in-town feeling that future educators experience when they kick off their careers at MUMS or Middlebury Union High School.

And she's off to a great start in that regard.

Placencia was recently named one of only six Vermont educators to receive a 2023 Rowland (See Placencia, Page 9A)

Musicians hit the trail to perform in Bristol

By MARIN HOWELL

by the Bristol Trail Network (BTN). From June through October, "Music on the Trail" will feature live music from a variety of Addison County musicians, with performances located on a different segment of the town trail each month.

"Having a fun event like 'Music on the Trail' we hope will bring people out who might not have experienced the trail or been there

before, and by doing a performance BRISTOL — The woods around on a different segment each month, Bristol village will be filled with it might introduce them to a new dulcet tunes this summer, thanks to part of the trail," Bristol Trail a new music series being organized Network Vice President Porter Knight said.

> The idea for the music series was first composed around 2017, back when Bristol residents were just beginning the work of creating a network of trails around town.

> "We had a meeting called 'Imagine a Trail'; it was the very first brainstorming meeting where we talked about what it might be like to have a trail and what (See Music, Page 10A)

Having enough heart to persevere

Local man fetes organ transplant with charity walk

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — United Way of Addison County's May 7 "Race for the Rest of Us" was just one-third of a mile billed as a 0.5 kilometer "race." It was a chance for participants to stroll, hop or jog while raising money for their neighbors in need of food, shelter, housing and other necessities.

But for Middlebury's Ken Scupp, the philanthropic jaunt was a symbolic cap to an attimes torturous, but ultimately miraculous, medical marathon.

His prize for finishing that real-life race?

A new heart and a new lease

"I've been trying to figure out why I was spared," Scupp, 68, said candidly during an interview on Monday.

Indeed, life can change in a heartbeat, something Ken Scupp learned more than a half century ago. A physician had delivered an ominous portend of his future health challenges at a time in his life when most people are checking out prom outfits and potential career paths.

"I was told at 17 that I was probably going to have to have my aortic valve replaced when I was 45," he said.

Scupp was able to postpone his predicted appointment with a scalpel until a few years ago, thanks to a very active life that included coaching and running in eight marathons.

It was a welcomed, extended run of good health, but it came to a halt on Nov. 11, 2021 — which happened to be his birthday. He underwent open heart surgery to deal with the faulty aortic valve and an aneurism (a balloon-like, blood-filled bulge) that had

(See Ken Scupp, Page 16A)



JOSIE AND KEN Scupp cross the finish line after completing the United Way of Addison County's 'Race for the Rest of Us" on May 7. Ken Scupp, who received a heart transplant last year, raised \$2,300 for the local nonprofit, which will use the total \$12,000 in race proceeds to help Addison County

Photo courtesy of United Way of Addison County

Affordable housing efforts take center stage

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY upcoming events will provide Addison County residents with opportunities to witness - and weigh in on — efforts to create more local affordable housing.

First, the Patricia Hannaford Career Center will host an open house on Friday, May 26, from noon to 3 p.m., to showcase the first tiny home, also referred to as a "rightsized" home, that's being built by students in collaboration with a group called HomesFirstVT.

The very successful effort involving students in Career Center Construction Technology instructor Nick Cantrick's class — has produced an incredibly weathertight home that measures 30 feet by 8.5 feet. It is 13 feet tall.

The home is currently on wheels, which will be removed once it's situated and tied into sewer, water and other utilities, explained HomesFirstVT steering committee member Mary Simons.

Constructed during the 2022-2023 academic year, the tiny home in question was designed by local architects Shelly Pottorf and

(See Housing, Page 12A)



MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SENIOR Hannah Laga Abram is required to carry a baby while completing one hole in the feminist mini golf course set up in Kenyon Arena last week. The course includes many provocative props to spur conversations on reproductive

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Feminist mini golf gets players talking

Holes focus on reproductive justice

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — It can be easy for conversation to unfold over a round of golf, and the team behind the new feminist mini golf course at Middlebury College are hopeful the holes they've created will get players talking about one topic in particular — reproductive justice.

The course was designed by students and faculty at the college, along with a handful of other collaborators, and officially opened this past Friday. Each of its 11 holes highlights reproductive issues like abortion and sex education, intended to generate discussions about these topics and educate community members as they move through the game.

Georgia Crosby, a Middlebury College student who helped design the project, said the golf course is meant to provide an approachable way to start important conversations.

"You don't have to be young and in college, you don't have to be older and in a career, you don't have to be Black or to be white, mini golf is for everyone," she said.

Much of the course was designed and constructed by students in a new

Feminist Building class, co-taught by assistant professor of Gender, Sexuality, & Feminist Studies Carly Thomsen and art studio technician Colin Boyd. Students in Thomsen's Politics of Reproduction class created educational material and art for the project as well.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Thomsen's coursework has for years incorporated project-based learning that pushes students to think about class material in new and playful contexts outside the classroom. Students in Thomsen's Politics of Reproduction class are typically tasked with transforming a reproductive justice-related topic into a board game. The mini golf course takes Thomsen's use of games as a means of education and

advocacy a step further. For the project, the 10 students in Thomsen and Boyd's Feminist Building course picked an aspect of reproductive justice to focus on in

the hole they created. "Each student designed a hole to be a physical representation of the challenges or obstacles that are in place now in regard to women's health and dealing with these

(See Mini golf, Page 12A)



The Vergennes City Band will begin rehearsals for its summer concert season next Monday, and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome. Rehearsals will take place at the Vergennes Opera House on May 22 and June 5, 12 and 19, from 7-9 p.m. at each session. Concerts in the park begin on June 26. Contact Susan O'Daniel at 802-349-5906 for more information.

Goshen's Bianca Stone was among four winners of the 2022 Vermont Book Award. Stone, the (See By the way, Page 12A)

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Legislature finishes productive session

By SARAH MEARHOFF VTDigger.org

MONTPELIER — With their approval of an \$8.5 billion budget and the fall of the gavel last Friday at 8:23 p.m. and 11:31 p.m., respectively, the Vermont Senate and House adjourned for the final day of the 2023 legislative session.

In January, state lawmakers kicked off their first fully inperson legislative session since the COVID-19 pandemic sent them home in 2020. With a new biennium came a fresh crop of lawmakers; altered political dynamics between the House, Senate and Governor's Office; a historic Democratic supermajority in both chambers; and a litany of major policy decisions — some solidified only after intense debate.

Roughly one-third of this year's legislators were newly elected as of November, marking historic turnover. Along with a new class of the House, which shaped the lawmakers came a

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— Senate President

Pro Tempore Phil

Baruth

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new set of priorities. In his adjournment speech, Senate President Pro Phil **Tempore** D/P-Baruth, Chittenden Central, offered his shortlist of the year's top priorities: patching

up the state's beleaguered child care system, working to ease its chronic housing shortage, taking steps to lower carbon emissions and tackling the issue of gun violence.

His tone celebratory in the chamber Friday night, Baruth said he felt the Senate checked every

"We stretched to the maximum in all four of those areas," he told VTDigger following the final fall of the gavel. "We have never passed as much gun safety legislation in one year. In terms of childcare, it was a historic expansion, to the tune of \$125 million a year. Housing, we made more changes, and more productive changes, to the development rules, regulations, and Act 250 than I think has been done in many, many years."

And referring to the Legislature's successful vote to override Republican Gov. Phil Scott's veto of the Affordable Heat Act, Baruth said, "In terms of climate, we held our 20 votes in the Senate and we had over 100 in the House, and we overrode the governor during the normal session.

how we would have done much more," he concluded.

In her own adjournment speech later Friday, House Speaker Jill Krowinski, D-Burlington, pointed to what she considered another major accomplishment of the 2023 session: lawmakers' passage, and the governor's signature of, two

and gender-affirming care within state lines.

"Last year, our nation witnessed the overturning of Roe v. Wade, erasing 50 years of precedent," Krowinski said. "As some states decided to become more hostile to reproductive and gender-affirming care, we have stood firmly in defense of these rights, and passed additional legislation this session to protect Vermonters and those seeking care in our state and those providers to make sure that they have no harm. We want to ensure that we continue to be a beacon of hope when it comes to autonomy and the freedom to make our own health care decisions."

Despite comparable political party breakdowns in the respective chambers, new Senate leadership brought new working dynamics between the upper chamber and

> Statehouse policy priorities. Baruth, while not new to the Senate, was new to his role as the chamber's top dog, replacing now-U.S. Rep. Becca Balint, D-Vt.

> In the final days of the session, tensions rose between the

two bodies. They agreed on a childcare package and a price tag, but disagreed vehemently on a funding mechanism. The impasse broke just days before the session concluded, and the Senate's wishes prevailed.

And while the House named paid family leave as a top priority, the Senate was lukewarm on the idea from the start. Ultimately, the initiative faltered.

Asked to describe his working relationship with Krowinski on Friday night, Baruth said it has "gotten better" as the legislative for raising additional taxes and session progressed.

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"Toward end of the session, things get tight, and you're each working for your side," he said. "I think of it like lawyers. You're representing your client, your position, and you mix it up in the courtroom. But that doesn't mean

our chambers' values." REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR

Also shaping the tone and tenor where we may disagree." of the 2023 legislative session was the Legislature's relationship with Scott, a Republican. Democratic lawmakers in November secured a historic, veto-proof supermajority in both the House and Senate. landmark reproductive "shield With the numbers on their

laws" protecting access to abortion side, Democratic leaders were emboldened to take on legislative priorities they knew the governor would find unfavorable.

Scott hinted at those dynamics in his own adjournment speech Friday night, saying that government "should work" with good faith negotiation between disagreeing parties — "or, as appears to be the case this year, agree to disagree in some areas."

He also harkened back to November's election, reminding lawmakers that, in addition to installing a Democratic supermajority, Vermonters reelected him by his widest margins to date.

"Every single one of your towns elected me and you, because they want balance," Scott said. "They wanted sustainable solutions at a price they can afford. And it's not as though we disagree on the goals — it's the how, and the pace at which we get there. That's where there's division."

The political sparring particularly between the Scott administration and the House - reached a fever pitch as the Legislature put a bow on S.5, the Affordable Heat Act. By far the most hotly debated and consequential piece of climate legislation of the year, Scott attempted to strike it down with his veto pen in the final weeks of the session, citing concerns that the bill could eventually increase the cost of home heating fuel on everyday Vermonters. Scott's veto was ultimately overridden by a comfortable margin in the House, and a tight vote in the Senate.

An annual tradition, the two branches of government also disagreed sharply on the state's so-called Big Bill, or annual budget. Having already hinted at an impending gubernatorial veto, Scott on Friday scolded legislators

> fees on Vermonters at a time when "we've got to make Vermont affordable."

"With high inflation and the looming economic storm clouds on the horizon, Vermonters nervous, are already overburdened,'

you're not friends overall. That's Scott said. "To be clear, taking how I view us: as friends who, in money out of one pocket to put "So, it's hard for me to imagine the end game, need to each defend into the other — that's not making anything more affordable. Right now, it appears this is an area

Disagreement over the budget this year was not limited to Scott and legislators. In the final weeks, tensions mounted, particularly within the House, on top budgeters' decision to cease Vermont's emergency housing program, by which people experiencing homelessness are sheltered in hotels and motels paid for by the state. Budgeters, as well as Scott's administration, reasoned that the program was always meant to be temporary, and one-time federal dollars that poured into the state to pay for the program in recent years had dried up. Once the program ceases, this summer, thousands of Vermonters, including hundreds of children, are expected to be evicted

(See Legislature, Page 7A)



Remember the humans

SATURDAY'S "HUMAN-POWERED PARADE" in Bristol drew a couple dozen families with children and others interested in parading around the village on wheeled vehicles — all without internal-combustion engines. They gathered at the Bristol Recreation Park at 10 a.m. and then rolled through town. Two of the unusual entries in the parade were vehicles that had been adapted to deliver a message about Climate Change. The quartet above sailed only on their USS Wake Up Call. Below, Dan Brett pedals his dinosaur-themed "Cautionary Tail," which uses a little humor to remind viewers to take climate change

Independent photos/Steve James



Lincoln school readies for start date

By MARIN HOWELL

LINCOLN — As the Lincoln School District readies for its July 1 start date, district officials' current focuses include exploring options for transportation providers and filling the district's remaining open

Among the few roles left to fill is the business manager post, a central office position with responsibilities including finance and management and overseeing food service operations.

Lincoln School Board Chair Jennifer Oldham said the district is considering how best to fill the role, which is subject to change over

"We're recognizing that in this start-up period, the need and the number of hours we're going to be needing for a business manager are going to be a lot longer than what we're going to need in the mid and longer term," Oldham said. "We're looking at strategies to cover the needs that we have now, and then settle into a full-time manager that we think will be a half-time position."

Oldham said the district is looking

at options for filling the position.

"We have people to fill that role, but we might not fill it with a regular School were given the choice to manager business hire now, because

don't know

Oldham

how the needs will

STAFFING UPDATES

evolve,"

we

Nearly other position in the district has been filled, including roles like new superintendent and services special director. Earlier this year, the Lincoln School Board hired Madelyn Crudo Burke of Mendon

to serve as acting superintendent for the district. Crudo-Burke will continue to serve as the Lincoln School District's superintendent beginning in July. She brings 35 years of experience working in special education and district management in public schools in both Vermont and New

Hampshire.

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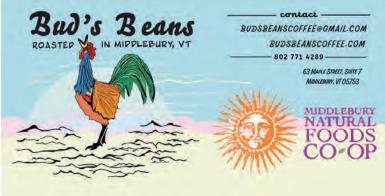
Staff at the Lincoln Community

stay with the Mount Abraham Unified School District or transition to working for the Lincoln School District once it begins operating July 1.

Oldham said nearly all staff have chosen to stay with the elementary school and excited about the Lincoln School opportunities the Board Chair Jennifer supervisory new Oldham district will offer.

> "Part of the reason we've gone through all of this is for the

staff, so that they could have and gain some sense of empowerment about how they teach," she said. "One of the challenges of being part of a larger district is in order to mobilize staff you become more prescriptive about how you do this





Prevent tick-borne illness spend the summer holed up inside

Brandon Reporter BRANDON Summer's almost here and it's time to get outside! Fun things like walking the dog, going for a hike, swimming, and paddling in the lake or playing a round of golf are a few of my favorite

GEORGE FJELD

However, nothing ruins an outdoor experience like being covered in ticks or, worse yet, finding one attached. Ticks carry a variety of diseases, including Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, Babiesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Anaplasmosis. We worry most about Lyme disease but the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports cases of all of these diseases in the Northeast. While there are treatments available for most of them, wouldn't it be better to not get them in the first place?

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" goes the old saying, and it is especially true in the case of tick borne diseases. Ticks live in grassy areas, brush and bushes as well as forests. That kind of sounds like all of Vermont, doesn't it?

Luckily, there are ways to keep the ticks away. You don't have to

your house, just take a few simple measures to protect yourself. Ticks are upward climbers. This means they'll get on your shoes or socks and climb up your clothes until they reach a spot to get under clothes next to your skin. Tucking your pants into your socks is a good first step. They also fall from trees and bushes. Wear a hat! Ticks are great hitchhikers and will get a ride on your pets to get into your house.

Brush your pet when they come in

or use a skin-safe bug repellent on

To prevent tick bites, you can use Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or its active ingredient IR3535, para-menthanediol (PMD), or 2-undecanone (derived from wild tomato plants) for exposed skin. All of these are proven to work for both ticks and mosquitoes for a period of time after application.

I'm looking forward to products containing nootkatone, derived from grapefruit (and responsible for the fruit's classic smell) to hit the market widely. Approved by the EPA in 2020, it not only repels but also kills ticks and mosquitos. Grapefruit oils may work but may be irritating to the skin and also stain clothing, so they should be applied to hats and gloves used outside.

Wearing permethrin-treated clothing will keep ticks from hitching a ride on your clothes. Available as a spray or in new clothing already treated, it lasts for at least six washings and a study showed it worked for a year. To treat your clothes, wash and dry them and lay them out outside. Spray them liberally on both sides and allow to dry before wearing. There is evidence that shoes and socks are especially important. Don't put permethrin on your skin! It's toxic! Studies show that there is no significant absorption from the clothing after daily wear for three months, so that's where to apply it.

Check for ticks when you come home from outdoor adventures. Check twice, the little suckers can be hard to spot. Ask a trusted friend to check hard-to-see, awkward areas or use a mirror. Look in the scalp, hairline, ears and behind the ears, under arms, belly button, waist, groin and behind the knees.

If you do happen to find a tick attached, don't panic! Tick removal is easy. Using fine tweezers, grasp the tick close to the skin and pull sharply upwards away from the skin. Don't squeeze the belly or abdomen of the tick. If you happen to leave behind little black specks,

(See Ticks, Page 7A)

Middlebury seeks long-range bike-ped plan

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The town of Middlebury wants to craft a comprehensive plan for its biking and pedestrian amenities, a document that would serve as a useful guide for locals and visitors.

It also would be a blueprint for prioritizing future connections between the many sidewalks, trails and pathways that have become one of the shire town's major calling cards.

Jennifer Murray, Middlebury's director of planning & zoning, recently gave the town's infrastructure committee a sense of how the proposed "Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan" could become an asset for the community and its goals for longrange planning.

"This is a very basic planning tool," she said.

Assembling a bike-ped plan was one in a series of recommendations master plan, a 138-page document lot of people were working from

completed 2020. October The master plan suggests "Many tell me they where housing, would ride a bike artistic endeavors, for commuting or recreational recreation but are facilities and a terrified of fastthriving retail/ moving traffic and restaurant scene seek our help with could flourish with calming it and the right investment providing safe

coincidence that the — Laura Asermily public's emphasis on outdoor assets coincided with the

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"We were getting a lot of citizen input about sidewalks and paths and outdoor amenities, as people

in the transportation section of needed to recreate outdoors, to be Middlebury's first downtown safe," Murray said. "I also think a

home, so we got a lot of neighborhoodcentered comments about calming and things like that."

Given public interest and downtown the master recommendation, Murray got the ball rolling on a connectivity plan.

"I came to see the infrastructure committee could use a public process

pandemic, which arrived during the or some sort of document that collected input, to analyze it and put it into a tool they could use — theoretically — to prioritize (See Path, Page 7A)

ACSD fills some of its top jobs Hopes to fill interim superintendent position in late May

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District has hired two new administrators as it continues to fill key vacancies —

one in the central office and one Middlebury Union Middle School.

third administrator is adding another responsibility her portfolio.

district welcoming Courtney back educator former curriculum coordinator within the ACSD — to succeed Caitlin Steele as director teaching of and learning. left the Steele job recently to become the principal Middlebury of High Union School.

For the last 18 years, Krahn worked as classroom teacher instructional coach. and curriculum leader in middle and high schools in

Vermont and Wisconsin. Nine and planning and implementing of those years were spent either in the classroom at Middlebury Union Middle School or helping to coordinate curricula within and Elementary School teaching first

between MUMS and MUHS.

Since last July, Krahn has Charlotte Central School.

She lives in Cornwall with her

husband, Ben, an MUHS English teacher, and their three children. Her professional passions include curriculum development alignment, project-based learning, Universal Design Learning, flexible pathways restorative practices, according to a brief bio released

Also hired to join the ACSD Zach will become assistant principal at MUMS this fall. He currently works with 5thand 8th-grade students at Milton Middle School, focusing behavior support

by ACSD.



COURTNEY KRAHN

and management; conducting

hazing, harassment and bullying and Title IX investigations; restorative practices. Jerome spent his first four and third grades.

He earned his degree in served as the assistant principal at Elementary Education and History from Johnson State College and his graduate degree in Education Administration from Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

Jerome will serve on a MUMS leadership team that includes Principal Michaela Wisell and Esther Charlestin, the dean of climate & culture.

As previously reported by the Independent, current MUMS coprincipal Mike Dudek will step down from his position next month to become the ACSD's first-ever student response coordinator, a job that will make him the point person on investigations of hazing, harassment and bullying cases within all nine ACSD schools.

ACSD officials are hoping (See ACSD, Page 7A)





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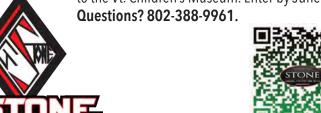
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Editorials

Legislature was productive on issues that really count

Deem this year's legislative session a success, and if you think none of the goings-on in Montpelier impact you directly, here are several reasons why they do and why you should care.

First, let's note that while the Democratic-controlled Legislature had a new super-majority that could override Republican Gov. Phil Scott's vetoes, they nonetheless agreed upon two culture-war issues that have rocked other states: 1) they passed landmark reproductive shield bills to protect medical professionals from suit or recrimination for performing abortions or genderaffirming care; and 2) they strengthened Vermont's gun safety laws.

In signing H.89, Gov. Scott said: "Today, we reaffirm once again that Vermont stands on the side of privacy, personal autonomy and reproductive liberty, and that providers are free to practice without fear." That follows the perspective of keeping the government from intruding on the rights of women and transgender people when making personal health decisions.

Similarly, Gov. Scott was eager to sign a bill prohibiting paramilitary training camps, as well as another law, dubbed the "suicide prevention law," that increases the waiting period for buying firearms to 72 hours, creates new gun storage requirements to prevent children from accidentally gaining access to firearms in the house, and expands "extreme risk protection orders."

Both laws affect the lives of many residents within each of our communities, and in each case improve the well-being of our greater community. Watching the battles engulf other states on these issues makes us doubly grateful to live here.

Not everything, of course, was hunky-dory in the state capital. Gov. Scott spent the session warning the Legislature of overspending, and Democrats spent the session trying to deal with the significant problems facing the state. It should be obvious to most Vermonters that you can't deal with the problems without putting some resources into the fray.

To that end, Democrats were successful in passing major child care legislation, H.217. The bill will pour \$120 million in the ailing industry in an effort to make child care more affordable to young Vermonters most in need. To pay for the initiative, the bill would enact a payroll tax of 0.44% starting July 1, 2024, with employers required to cover at least 75% of the new levy.

That increase in taxes affects all of us, and is what has prompted the governor's promised veto, which the Legislature has the votes to override.

The other signature legislative achievement was the clean heat bill, S.5, which starts a complicated plan to devise an affordable heat standard to reduce the cost of heating a home, as well as reducing the state's carbon footprint. The bill sets up a two-year study of how to create such a system, and demonstrate that it can work before the legislature will vote again on that proposal in 2025. If you heat your home with gas, oil, wood or renewables through the electrical grid, this bill affects you — and you'll want to pay attention as the studies demonstrate how it will reduce, or not, your fuel bills.

The Legislature also tackled the home affordability issue by passing what it call the "Home" bill, S.100. It effectively eliminates single-family zoning to allow for denser development and tweaks sections of Act 250. While it makes some progress on changing rules that could make building housing less expensive. It came under tough criticism by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, as well as the Scott administration and building groups, saying that it didn't go far enough in relaxing some of the most onerous Act 250 rules that have increased the costs of housing in Vermont.

Included in the budget bill was \$50 million in one-time money for the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to build housing, \$10 million earmarked for homeless shelter expansions and homes for those exiting homelessness. There's another \$10 million for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program, which gives grants to landlords to get vacant and derelict units back online. So, progress was made in creating more affordable housing, but more systemic work needs to be done next year if Vermont hopes to move the needle over the long-term.

What didn't get done: paid family leave was the priority issue in the House that was put on hold, and for good reason — the state had too many major initiatives to tackle, and the House proposal was asking for another \$150 million in a budget that was already up 13-plus percent from the prior year. No doubt we need some form of family leave, but until Vermont's economy demonstrates it can thrive with the latest round of budget increases, legislative leaders were wise to delay full implementation.

That said, the initial child care proposal by Sen. Ruth Hardy, S. 56, featured a 12-week family leave provision for new parents, which should be the building block of a future family-leave program. Such a program would help small businesses provide for family leave, creating a level playing field with larger employers that already offer leave programs, not to mention help young families in those first few crucial weeks of parenthood.

Hardy's S.56 also had a bolder vision for child care that deservers further scrutiny. Her initial legislation sought to expand universal pre-kindergarten by transforming a 10-hour-per-week program for some 3- and 4-year-olds into a full-time school program for all 4-year-olds. School districts would have provided this universal, play-based education for 4-year-olds, using the expertise of the public school system. Notably, it sought to use the vacant space in many schools due to declining enrollment.

Unfortunately, that aspect of Hardy's legislation was left out of the House's version of the bill, H.217, because of concerns from private daycare centers. Surely, the best bang for the public's dollar here is to fully use existing capacity in our schools and expand that to younger students. We all know that early education is essential to growing healthy, bright individuals with greater capacity to learn as they age; and with universal breakfast and lunch implemented this year, Vermont would be a leader in child care facilities which is important as an economic driver to attract and keep young families.

At least one other education-related item was left undone. The House passed H.486, a measure to abandon an overly aggressive state initiative to test schools for polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs. The measure passed the House with overwhelming support, but died in the Senate Education Committee because its chairman, Sen. Brian Campion, D-Bennington, has refused to listen to school officials or adhere to science-based studies that suggest the state standard it wants to impose is far too restrictive, exceeding federal guidelines by up to 400 times. If the state pursues testing of Vermont's schools using that standard it could suggest or mandate corrective measures costing hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars without just cause. Principals, superintendents and school boards, as well as the teachers union, supported the bill, which pauses testing until scientists and state officials can agree on a standard level of exposure that is safe without going overboard. Hopefully, some last-minute agreement can be made to pause the PCB testing, and slipped into the final budget or other bills during the upcoming veto session.

All things considered, however, it was a very productive session that dealt with substantial issues that affect us all. If only Congress were a fraction as effective.

- Angelo Lynn

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Birdie or bogey?

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SOPHOMORE Sajia Yaqouby makes a face after missing what appeared to be an easy putt on Hole 7 of the feminist mini golf course at Kenyon Arena this past Friday. Nevertheless, Yaqouby and her friends, like the other estimated 150 golfers, seemed to enjoy the game and may have learned some things about reproductive justice. See the full story on Page 1A. Independent photo/John S. McCright

Trauma prevention a real priority

My wonderful student Louise sent me a book that I had been meaning to read for several years. The book is called "The Body Keeps the Score" by Bessel Van der Kolk. It's a book about trauma, and the many ways different kinds of trauma affect survivors throughout their lives. Although it's by no means an easy book to read, "The Body Keeps the Score" has spent an astonishing 236 weeks on the New York Times Bestsellers List.

I think about trauma a lot, because I earn my living

working with people's bodies, and the body is where unresolved trauma lives. Another reason I spend so much time thinking about trauma is my work in social justice and anti-racism. I want racial justice because I don't want my Black and Brown neighbors and friends to be continually traumatized by oppressive systems

like policing, prisons or unequal access to food, education and housing. I want economic justice because poverty is traumatic, and 16% of our nation's children live in poverty.

Reading this powerful book has deepened my conviction that the single most important thing we human beings could do would be to work collectively to prevent and heal trauma. Making this our top legislative priority would touch every area of our lives, and every aspect of society. From reproductive healthcare to environmental policy to economic justice, if we looked through the lens of how to best

prevent future suffering, the best path forward would be crystal clear.

Let's look at one example of a problem ravaging Vermont and hurting families everywhere: opioid addiction. The single best thing we could do to prevent substance abuse would be to prevent childhood trauma. There is a wealth of data linking adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) with drug problems later in life. These traumas are often generational, as adults struggling with pain and substances often have

a hard time being present for their kids, who then lack the support and nourishment they need to thrive.

Recent efforts by our state legislators to keep school lunches free for all Vermont kids, and to fix our broken childcare system, are examples of public policy that will definitely lessen childhood trauma in the Green Mountain State.

Another trauma preventing action by the Vermont legislature was the passage of a bill requiring a 72-hour waiting period when purchasing a firearm, a move that will definitely reduce suicides here. Anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide knows full well how the trauma ripples outward. I'm proud of Vermont lawmakers like my bestie State Senator Ruth Hardy, who never stops advocating for vulnerable people. I know she goes to work in the Statehouse every day trying to make things better for kids and families.

Looking out at the bleak national landscape though, (See Ways of Seeing, Page 5A)

Xenophanes, the free thinker

Ways of

Seeing

By Joanna

Colwell

3rd in a series

Xenophanes was a wandering poet. The times of his birth and death are unknown, but he is said to have "flourished," that is, been active, around the middle of the sixth century BCE. He was a native of Colophon,

another Greek city in Asia Minor; however, for reasons unknown, he spent his life in exile and made his living as a wandering poet, or "rhapsode," much like the Troubadours of the Middle Ages.

Judging from the fragments of his poetry that have come down to us, he was a philosophical poet, and, like Anaximander, published a book, which he also entitled "On Nature" in which he offered explanations of natural phenomena in terms of the operations of material substances, in particular of earth, water, air and fire, of which he supposed that earth and water are primary. Moisture arising from the earth ignites; burning clouds make up the heavenly bodies, chief among them is the sun, which he supposed is new every day, and whose warmth is nourishing. The tone or mood of his remarks on the nature of things is neither assertive nor dogmatic,

but provisional and skeptical. His skepticism pertained mostly to the perceptions of our senses, after taking note of how often our senses deceive us. He was a rational empiricist who doubted the reliability of empirical knowledge.

However, he did assert one thesis dogmatically:

the unity of nature, which he equated with God, anticipating Spinoza by 2,500 years. Moreover, his empirical skepticism did not prevent him from speculating about ultimate reality.

Xenophanes was critical of his fellow Greek poets, because they wrote disrespectfully about the Gods. He vilified Homer and Hesiod, because they imagined the Gods to be like human beings, metaphysically and morally. Metaphysically, because they depicted the Gods as finite and fallible, much like themselves. Morally, because they imagined them to be driven by reprehensible passions: malice, jealousy and resentment; they were thieves, cheats,

> liars, slanderers and adulterers. He was a rational critic of popular religion and mythology, and the first to recognize the difference between mythical thinking and rational thought, between mythmaking and rational truth-seeking.

> It is arguable also that Xenophanes was the first monotheist, and he offers reasons why there can be only one God. He attributes to God three qualities: power, knowledge and ubiquity. Hence, according

to Xenophanes, God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, viz. is all-powerful, all-knowing, and exists everywhere and always. He argued that if there were more than one God, such powers could not be attributed to any of them. There can be only one (See Nuovo, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Housing funds are still needed

Thank you to the Independent for running the VTDigger.org article "COVID-era housing program to end" in the May 4

Two years ago my spouse and I, ages 74 and 75, resided at the Sonesta ES Suites in Burlington. We stayed there for four weeks. We paid. We awaited a new condo to be ready that we had purchased.

We soon noticed that there were others housed there because of being homeless. They had children and sometimes I met them outside walking with their children or doing their laundry. Once my spouse drove a father and his child (in a car seat) to do some errands.

I am dismayed to see that funding for such places will soon end. In my 40-year career in Massachusetts with children and their families, I never knew any family that wanted to remain without a permanent home of their own. I worked in shelters in Framingham, Mass., with parents and their young children. There were wait lists for mental health services and affordable housing. These parents worked.

I hope the Vermont legislators support continued funding.

Anne C. Sullivan Hinesburg

Andrews ready for next chapter

I was surprised and honored by the comprehensive article on my international career that appeared in the May 11 edition of the Independent! Thank you.

I want to add that I received excellent care at the University of Vermont Medical Center and I now celebrate being six years cancer free. Going forward, I am committed to working on health care issues here in Vermont.

Linda Andrews

Addison project must be defined

At the recent Addison selectboard meeting, it was agreed to engage a contractor to repair the slate roof of the historic Town Hall, this being a start to mitigate further deterioration. Whilst a welcome development, this in no way indicates any commitment regarding the ultimate use of the building.

My questions regarding the will of the people, as demonstrated in last November's Town Hall bond vote, have been rebuffed at two successive board meetings with robust arguments regarding the legal restriction of the vote. We voted for "certain capital improvements" to the Town Hall, nothing more. What I have been unable to bring to discussion at these meetings is the very necessary question that arises from this legal interpretation, and so I raise it here.

Who gets to decide what is meant by "certain capital improvements?" In other words, who ultimately makes the decision regarding exactly what will happen to the Addison Town Hall?

After posing this question by email, I have received this from a selectboard member, "I honestly don't know the answer," a response I can respect since it seems at least to acknowledge the validity of the question.

Someone at some point will decide just how much work will be done on the Town Hall, how much and what type of accommodation will be included in the refurbishment. Whoever makes that decision is, in my view, beholden to the will of the people of the town. To spend the money we voted for, but to ignore the will of the people would be an intriguing exercise of democracy.

I, for one, voted for what I had viewed on the plans, the same plans that were circulated to all households with the bond proposal. I voted for the wording on the bond proposal: "... to restore the existing Town Hall Building for present day use as

(See Macfarlane letter, Page 4A)



by Victor Nuovo Middlebury College professor emeritus of philosophy

Letters to the Editor

The substance of things hoped for

The Rose of Sharon and the Trumpet Vine are always the last to leaf out. Everything else is green has been since the end of April The lilac has already set its blooms like tiny clusters of grapes and its valentine leaves are large enough to flutter in the morning sun. The tulips are in their glory now, vibrant and bold, lifting open mouths like baby birds to catch the food of rain and curious bees. Beside them, the daffodils droop their heads as if disappointed that their time of blooming is done, offering humbly only what they have left to give a tall bouquet of twisted green blades. And all that is left of the scilla and crocus are long, green strings annoyingly splayed out

taking up valuable space in the garden, their beauty nearly forgotten now, which once elated my heart that had waited so long for spring. But the Rose of Sharon and the Trumpet Vine tease me as if they are trying to look like those dead branches of the rose bush which will need to be clipped off or the remaining stalks of daylilies that I neglected to pull out last fall. The Rose of Sharon and the Trumpet Vine -I think they are in cahoots. But I know what they are up to. I know that it won't be long before they can't stand it anymore. Not able to hold their breath one second longer, they too will burst out. And I'll laugh and say, "Aha! I knew it all along.".

> Suzanne Rood Vergennes

Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) it often seems like the people in charge are LOOKING for ways to traumatize all of us. After the most recent school shooting in Tennessee, lawmakers in that state passed a bill to make it easier to procure a firearm. When two young Black state representatives, Justin Pearson and Justin Jones, protested, the Tennessee General Assembly expelled them! They have since been reinstated, but this kind of poisonous, racist, anti-democratic behavior can be seen all over the country.

The proliferation of anti-trans laws, from bathroom bills to sports prohibitions to denying access to lifesaving healthcare, is currently creating untold trauma for trans kids and adults across the U.S. I wish I could say that could never happen here, but a member of the Otter Valley School Board recently made bigoted threats of physical violence on Facebook.

Honestly, I think a huge amount of the vicious behavior we see against anyone who seems "different" is itself a trauma response. These people advocating for unchecked access to weapons of war? They are not ok. People worked up about what kind of genitalia a young child has? Also not ok. Yelling at someone for wearing a hijab or speaking Spanish? Who hurt you?

When someone is carrying the pain of unhealed physical or emotional abuse, it's the most natural thing in the world to want that pain to stop. Some turn to alcohol or drugs to numb themselves, or to just feel something different. Some try to push away the pain with other kinds of compulsive behavior. And some try to hurt others. Every mass shooting in America is a painful example of this. All over the world there are traumatized people saying "Help me. See me." But only here can someone say it with a legally purchased firearm.

Pointing out that traumatized humans sometimes take their pain out on other humans is in no way excusing their behavior. I just want to build a world where we can help each other heal instead of help each other kill. I want us to work together to make sure everyone has what they need to thrive. If you didn't get the love and care that you deserved to have when you were small, I am so sorry. But many people who have endured intense trauma now have beautiful lives filled with love and joy. Healing is possible, for you, for me, for our community, for our country.

Joanna Colwell is the founder and director of Otter Creek Yoga, Middlebury's only yoga studio. She has been teaching yoga since 1995. Otter Creek Yoga is dedicated to providing joyful, inclusive classes to people of all ages and backgrounds. The studio is also the home of the Yoga Equity Project, which strives to make yoga extra accessible by paying students of the global majority (BIPOC) to attend class.

In her free time, Joanna enjoys gardening, cooking, and dismantling systems of oppression.

Former ACSD coaches react to recent coverage

Pat and I are grateful to the *Addison Independent* for meeting with us after the publication of the Addison Central School District scandal in the April 26th issue of *Seven Days*.

We do not have the space here to correct the untruths in the ACSD statements published in the Addison Independent's May 4 issue. For those who have read both articles, it should be clear to readers that there has already been a lack of transparency by the ACSD. Even when he knew the truth about the three MUHS girls being used to close an EEOC retaliation case against MUHS Activities Director Farrell, Superintendent Burrows in the Jan. 26 issue said he was "incredibly grateful" to Principal Campbell. Why was he grateful? He was prepared to take disciplinary action, but Campbell resigned before he could? His public response is neither transparent nor honest.

Since 2018, Pat and I have had the courage and audacity to consistently speak up to MUHS AD Farrell, twice going over his head to Burrows to fix his wrongdoing. Nov. 30, 2021 was our fifth time we made an appointment to meet with our new principal about Farrell's behavior and we were fired instead. I set up that appointment. Pat had been hired weeks prior, he only joined me to add to the grievance. The ACSD paid Pat \$733 on July 15, 2022, for this time he worked. There never was an investigation into us, never a complaint. This is the lie which Burrows enabled until they had to respond to a federal investigator last summer. It is also when Burrows banned me from volunteering in our schools, after a decade of service as a parent, volunteer and coach.

In six years, Pat and I have spoken with both males and females at MUHS to know that Farrell's behavior is consistent. We are not the only people who he has lied to, ignored, talked over, intimidated, bullied, yelled at, made to cry, dismissed, singled out, spoken condescendingly to, and retaliated against. Pat and I believe this toxic behavior has been systematically enabled by Burrows and helped to create the environment that Campbell arrived at in 2020. Those of us who got to know this new principal agree that Campbell never acted alone as the ACSD's narrative suggests.

Meanwhile, we will continue to defend our good reputations and shine more light on the truth.

With determination,

Jill and Pat Dunn

Salisbury

Editor's note: The Addison Independent is wrapping up reporting on this topic, but couldn't tie up all the loose ends for this edition; we expect to have a story in next week's newspaper and online at addisonindependent.com.

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Keep your lawn friendly to the variety of pollinators After a protracted winter and beetles, moths, and others speak makes room for a brush pile, a

After a protracted winter and fickle spring, the sunlight has dried off the dew. Idle hours lie ahead. Put earmuffs on to deaden the roar of the mower. Repeat passes out from the house to the edge of the property, leaving behind a carpet of green.

Who would attempt to disrupt this homeowners' ritual with a notion like No Mow May, pesticide-free lawns, electric mowers? Challenge the notion that an expanse of lawn is a sign of prosperity and leisure time?

The signals are small, imperceptible at times, but are there. Our hard-working invertebrates, the butterflies, bees,

beetles, moths, and others speak out for shelter and food to overwinter, feed their young and pass on their genes in exchange for pollinating many of our favorite plants.

Between 60 to 80 % of wild plants in our state are dependent on animals, mostly bees, for the 'ecosystem service' of pollination. (VT Fish and Wildlife Department)

Mowing high, set to 5 instead of 3, allows wild plants in pesticide-free mowed areas to thrive under the cutting blade. They will flower and feed the pollinators. By mowing less often, more of these plants will bloom. Leaving areas on the property to grow wild

compost bin, even an invitation to those threatened beetles the fireflies to produce an enchanting twilight.

With time freed up, one can apply sun protection, make a cool drink and sit outside. Tuning into the birds and insects visiting the green space is relaxing.

We're in this together with the birds, bats, butterflies, bees and other invertebrates. I invite you to find the part you can play in restoring habitat for them, particularly the ones who feed solely on native plants.

Jill Vickers Bridport

Recent fundraising concert was a major success

On May 5, the Middlebury Methodist Church generously hosted an Annie Patterson and Peter Blood concert for the enjoyment of those who came to sing along as well as being a fundraiser for HOPE.

Notes of appreciation

With ticket sales, church sponsorship and donations, HOPE received \$1,183. A huge thank you

goes out to the church and all who came to raise voices together and support our local food shelf.

Victoria DeWind Concert Committee Middlebury

Nuovo

(Continued from Page 4A) omnipotent being, etc.

From this he inferred that God and Nature are the same: Nature in its totality is the body or substance of God, and Nature is a Whole in the form of a rationally ordered system. It may be, given the fragmentary nature of the sources, that I have overstated Xenophanes' wisdom. Yet, by combining the cosmology of Xenophanes with the mathematics of Pythagoras we end of with a system of the world much like the world described by Isaac Newton in "Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy," published 2,000 years later, in 1686 CE. There is no doubt that the European Enlightenment might never have happened if the Renaissance had not recovered

and revived ancient learning.

The ancient physicists were

not faced with the problem of reconciling their natural philosophical hypotheses with the dogmas of a purportedly revealed religion. They were free-thinkers.

Which makes me wonder why Xenophanes lived his life in exile? What caused him to be expelled from his native city? Most likely the cause was political. And more likely than not it had something to do with his criticism of popular religion. He may have offended current orthodoxy in his city. It has been rightly said, "The God of

the philosophers is not the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Xenophanes was a free thinker, which is sufficient reason to remember him.

Postscript: It may be helpful

to offer some guidance in the pronunciation of Greek names. *Thales* has two syllables. If you replace the *S* with a *Th*, it sounds much like "Solace." The Greek *X* is pronounced much as the *X* in fox, for Anaximander (accent in the 2nd syllable) and Anaximenes (accent on the 3rd syllable) and Xenophanes (accent on the 2nd syllable).

Macfarlane letter

(Continued from Page 4A) a town clerk's office, committee workspace, and town community meeting space." For such use, it is a legal requirement that the building be accessible, ADA-compliant. The necessary elevator and stairs were shown on the plans to be included in an addition. I voted for all of this. Apparently, what I voted for has no legal stature.

Some on the selectboard are suggesting that the elevator and stairs can be included within the historic footprint. Yes, they would fit, but then there would be insufficient space for the proposed functions. Furthermore, the historic character of the interior

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would be destroyed. I find this to be a non-starter. know exactly what you voted for. Let them know your wishes for

And members of the selectboard are still objecting to the need for a variance to the zoning laws for the addition. To the best of my knowledge, the town body that has sole discretion over whether to issue such a variance is the Development Review Board. At this point the selectboard, by not advancing the application to the DRB, is acting as a gatekeeper to the DRB, and preventing the DRB from doing its job. I question whether it has the authority to do this.

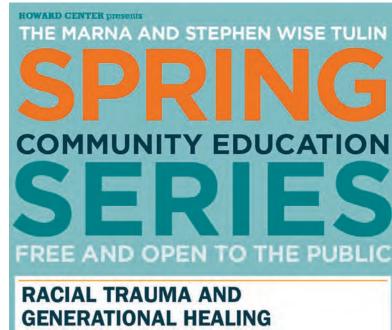
If you voted for the Town Hall bond, I strongly suggest that you write to the selectboard to let them

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know exactly what you voted for. Let them know your wishes for the redevelopment of the Town Hall. Let us leave them in no doubt about our expectations. Since there appears to be no way to contact the board through the town website (and I hesitate to make personal email addresses public), I suggest submitting a letter at the town offices.

Peter Macfarlane Addison



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Obituaries

Thomas Edward Cawthra Jr., 38, formerly of Whiting

MOORESVILLE, N.C. Thomas Edward Cawthra Jr. was taken home sooner than expected, at the age of 38. He was a brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, and of course a son.

He was born to Patricia Marie (Huestis, Noble) and Thomas Cawthra Sr. (deceased). He is survived by his brothers, Kevin Noble, Heath and Savannah Noble (Freegard) and nephew; and his sister, Amanda and Chad Gordon and nieces. He had many aunts and uncles and cousins.

Thomas (TJ) grew up in Whiting, Vt., where he attended the local elementary school. He attended Otter Valley Union High School for middle and high school. He finished his university studies in Australia.

Thomas was a hard worker as an auto mechanic, specializing in transmissions and most recently



CAWTHRA JR.

at Transmissions employed Unlimited. He was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. He

loved his family and was devoted to his mom and his family, especially to his beautiful nieces.

Thomas's passions were cooking; riding his dirt bike, 4-Wheeler and skateboard; using computers; playing video games; and fixing cars. He was a Jack of all trades.

Thomas was a fun-loving guy, always cutting up and laughing his wonderful laugh. He was so witty and quick. He could make an unhappy situation into something funny. He is going to be missed by

The Celebration of Life for Thomas was be held May 13, at 11 a.m., at The Cove Church, 197 Langtree Rd., Mooresville, N.C., 28117.

Heather L. Smith ◊

all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers please donate to https://gofund.me/db2eb415 Thomas Cawthra (TJ) organized by

Beatrice "Bea" Joy (Blackmer) Willson, 82, of Cornwall

Beatrice (Blackmer) Willson died Wednesday morning, May 10, 2023, in the ARCH room at Helen Porter Nursing home after a courageous, 4th-time battle with

Bea was born June 15, 1940, in Whiting, Vt., to Harry and Chastina (Ferson) Blackmer. She graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1958 and went to work at Porter Medical Center shortly after. She spent the next 50 years employed there, where she made many lifelong friends.

Bea married the love of her life, John Willson, on Oct. 10, 1959, and they were blessed with three children, eight grandchildren and six-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by John on Jan. 26, 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Jeannine Willson Middlebury, Vt.; Steven



BEATRICE "BEA" JOY (BLACKMER) WILLSON

of Cornwall; daughter, Michelle (Shawn) Warner of Salisbury; grandchildren, Fawnya Willson, Annakah (Rich) Hartt, Skylar Johnson, Jon (Lindsay) Willson, (Tammy) Willson Brianna Willson, Hunter, Nolan and Cody Warner; her six greatgrandchildren; twin brother, Reginald (Charlotte) Blackmer; brother-in-law Samuel Morse; sister-in-law Louise Blackmer; sister-in-law, Chalis Raymond; nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury, Vt. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 54 Day Lane Williston, Vt., 05495, or Porter Medical Center, Office of Development, 115 Porter Drive, Middlebury, Vt., 05753; please note "Palliative Care" in the memo line or online at Porter medical/donations Arch, Palliative care option.

Arrangements under direction of Sanderson Funeral Home. Online condolences at: www.sandersonfuneralservice.com



Charles Sabukewicz celebration of life

MIDDLEBURY Sabukewicz, who died Dec. 21, 2022, will take place on Saturday, May 20, at the Middlebury Inn & Hospice would be greatly at 2 p.m., followed by light appreciated.

Everyone A refreshments. celebration of life for Charles welcome. For those who want to memorialize Charlie, a donation to Addison County Home Health



Ronald C. Lewis memorial service

BRANDON — The memorial service and reception for Ronald Lewis, 72, who died March 7, 2023, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Brandon Inn in Brandon, Vt. There will be time for reflection, sharing thoughts and memories and of course, poetry. Please come and bring your collective memories of Ron to share with family and one another. ◊

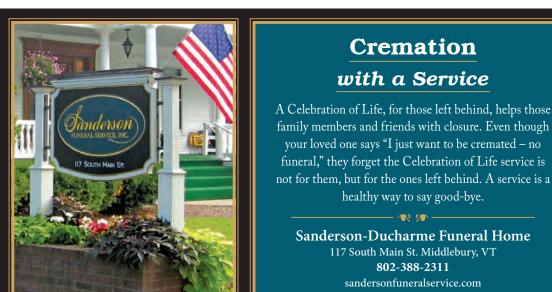
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Raymonde Juliette Rochon, 82, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Raymonde Juliette Rochon, 82, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at her home in Bristol peacefully.

She was born Aug. 6, 1940, in Chrysler, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Albert and Alphonsine (Laplante) LaFleche.

Her family moved to the United States in 1947, where she graduated from Vergennes Union High School as a valedictorian. She was a very hard worker, articulate, and adapted to several positions. She was a very kind soul who would do anything for anyone - her smile and laughter were loved by all. When she wasn't working she liked to spend time with her family and friends. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, car rides, an occasional trip to the casino, and making people as comfortable as possible,



RAYMONDE JULIETTE ROCHON

whether it was a glass of water, food or a shoulder to lean on. She to her family please visit www. will be deeply missed by all that brownmcclayfuneralhomes.com. ◊

had the pleasure of knowing her. Raymonde is survived by her husband, Marcel Rochon of Bristol; her children, Mike Rochon, Maurice Rochon, and Linda Rochon; her siblings Aurele LaFleche, Rejean LaFleche, Lionel LaFleche; her sisters Giselle LaFleche; and Carolyn Smith; Catherine Rochon, Marlene Rochon; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, along with several inlaws.

She was predeceased by her brother Rheal LaFleche and several- in-laws.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Vergennes.

To send online condolences

Dana B. Devine, 65, formerly of North Ferrisburgh

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Dana it be jumping on a snowmobile B. Devine, 65, formerly of North Ferrisburgh, Vt., passed away on Dec. 4, 2022, surrounded by his

Dana was born to Vernon and Grace Devine on Aug. 4, 1957, in Burlington, Vt.

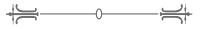
Dana lived for the thrill, whether

chasing down another adventure or sitting sideline at one of his son's baseball games, he couldn't be stopped from a good time. Most importantly, Dana lived for the joy of watching his two children grow

Dana is survived by his two

children, Brittany and Ryan. Gone but never forgotten.

A graveside service will be held on June 17, at 11 a.m., at Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington, Vt., with a reception following at the Village Cafe and Tavern in North Ferrisburgh, Vt. ◊



Jean T. Andrews, 88, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Jean Tolman Andrews, 88, of Middlebury, departed on her final voyage, surrounded by her children, Karen and Brian Andrews, on April 29, 2023, after a six-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Keene, N.H., on May 14, 1934, to Helen Pearson and Edwin Lonie, she attended school in Keene until she enrolled in the Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, Mass., graduating in 1952. She went on to graduate from Wellesley College in 1956 with a degree in Zoology. After college, Jean embarked on a life of travel when she and a friend realized their dream of going to Europe and had a wonderful adventure traveling through several countries. This experience spawned a deep love of travel and learning that lasted throughout her life.

Jean married David H. Andrews in 1956 and moved to Ithaca, N.Y., where Jean worked in the agricultural lab at Cornell University, supporting Dave while he worked on his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology. Dave's Other community service included area of research sent her on the volunteering at the Shelburne Karen Andrews of Melrose, Mass., adventure of a lifetime when the young couple packed up a pickup camper and drove from upstate New York to Peru, where they then lived for the next 2.5 years. During this time, Jean wrote articles to her local newspaper back home about their adventures abroad in the

remote villages in the Andes. Academic teaching jobs took them to Iowa City for three years before Dave accepted a position teaching at Middlebury College. While Middlebury remained her home for the rest of her life, she continued to travel abroad whenever she could. Once she became an empty nester and a newly single woman in the mid-1980s, Jean's globetrotting became extensive and exotic, traveling to all seven continents on trips with friends through Elderhostel (now Road Scholar).

When Jean wasn't traveling,



JEAN T. ANDREWS

she did the next best thing to satisfy her curiosity by bringing the international experience into her home on Shannon Street. For several years, she hosted foreign students studying abroad at Middlebury College when they arrived for the semester and during their college years when individuals were unable to travel home during semester breaks. Museum and mentoring students in reading as part of the Everybody Wins program at Mary Hogan School.

It would be hard to say which activity Jean preferred better, but sailing became as much of a passion as travel when she began sailing the waters of Lake Champlain and a few trips to the Caribbean with her companion, Lynn Hinman, also of Middlebury. She and Cap'n Lynn explored the bays and inlets of Lake Champlain for many summers, making sure to anchor by nightfall so they could enjoy a proper gin & tonic as the sun set over the Adirondack Mountains.

It wasn't all travel and sailing and G&Ts of course. Jean worked for Eye Care Associates alongside Dr. Bill Eichner until her retirement. Over the years, Dr. Eichner became well-aware of Jean's passion for traveling and her experience (and

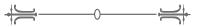
thrill of) roughing it in the tropics. For her retirement gift after years of service, Dr. Eichner sent her for a week to his remote mountain coffee plantation in the Dominican Republic, accessible only by a long ride in a rickety pickup truck up into the mountains.

Back home in Middlebury, Jean was always busy with her many hobbies, especially gardening and painting. She took Early American Decorating painting classes for many years and over time became very accomplished in the craft; eventually she had two works accepted into the Guild of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration. Examples of her artistic and sewing talents live on in the homes of friends and family. Pieces featuring images of strawberries or mice — preferably both — became recurring themes throughout her house, and by extension throughout her children's

She is predeceased by her longtime companion, Lynn Hinman and her mother, Helen P. Tolman. She is survived by her daughter and her family, husband Brian Slater and daughter Fiona; her son, Brian Andrews and wife Deirdre O'Regan and their sons Aidan and Grady Andrews of Monument Beach, Mass.; and extended family, including the Hinman children - Jennifer, Kathy, Pete, and Bill and their families; and longtime neighbor and traveling companion,

Hannah Magoun. The family wishes to thank her doctor, Natasha Withers; Addison County Home Health and Hospice, especially Sarah Frisch; but most importantly they would like to express their deep appreciation to the team of incredibly dedicated caregivers led by Dzevida Avdagic and Becky Shepard.

A celebration of Jean's life will be later in June. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to Addison County Home Health & Hospice or to the Alzheimer's Association.◊



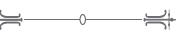
Bruce Roy Baldwin memorial service

MIDDLEBURY — Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Bruce Roy Baldwin, who passed away in his sleep on March 2, 2023. We will gather together May 31 at 1 p.m. at the Charlotte Congregational Church to remember Bruce, a loving husband, father, brother and friend, who will be greatly missed.

Please bring your fondest memories of Bruce, including pictures, to share with family and friends. There will be a reception at the church vestry to follow the service. ◊



BRUCE ROY BALDWIN



Paul R. Cloutier graveside service

who died on Feb. 22, 2023, will at 11 a.m.

MIDDLEBURY — A graveside be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, service for Paul R. Cloutier, 52, Middlebury, on Saturday, May 20,



BETTY JANE KILBURN WISELL

Betty Wisell memorial service

LINCOLN — A memorial service for Betty Wisell, who died on Feb. 17, 2023, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol. Interment will be in Maple Cemetery in Lincoln.

Bristol explores zoning changes to boost housing

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Bristol's planning commission has spent the past several months exploring potential changes to the town's zoning regulations that would help expand housing opportunities in and around Bristol's village area.

The effort is part of the commission's work with a \$9,800 Bylaw Modernization Grant the town received last year from the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development. The grant allows Vermont municipalities to work with regional planners and consultants to evaluate how existing zoning regulations can be altered to create more housing.

The Bristol Planning Commission has begun to identify such opportunities in Bristol's village planning area and will continue its work with the grant through the rest of this year, with the intent to put any recommended changes before voters on Town Meeting Day next March.

"I think we're being very deliberate; we have a lot of perspectives and so we have a lot of discussion from a lot of different points of view," commission Chair Kevin Hanson said. "We want to accommodate or allow for a combination for affordable housing, reasonable housing, but balance that with the character of the village and not end up making a gain in one area and losing in another."

The commission has worked with Addison County Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Adam Lougee to evaluate existing zoning regulations, which began commission members looking at this past fall. Specifically, commission members have been examining four zoning districts within the Bristol Village Planning

has considered whether existing and more clear. The change also rules regarding density, allowed uses and dimensional standards are appropriate for the area. The commission has also evaluated whether the purpose statement given to each district still accurately reflects Bristol's needs.

"The overriding rationale of the grant is to look at zoning regulations and make them more friendly or reasonable, with respect to housing — particularly in denser, settled areas such as villages," Hanson said. "We're looking at what our regulations say today and if it's reasonable considering the initiative of the grant, to modify to make housing easier."

The commission began by looking at zoning regulations for the town's High Density Residential district, made up largely of the neighborhoods north and east of downtown Bristol.

Hanson said the commission didn't find any major opportunities for altering the district's existing regulations, which are intended to preserve the area's existing character as well as the district's traditional settlement patterns.

"Our feeling is that particular zone is pretty well suited for the type of buildout that exists, and there's a concern that if we change things too dramatically, we could be changing the character of that district," he said.

The commission has made some minor changes in other parts of the town's zoning regulations, such as updating the document's definition of accessory dwelling units, which are smaller, self-contained residential units located on the same lot as an existing single-family

Lougee said the commission has agreed to recommend altering the existing definition of these units to brings the definition in compliance with current state statute.

The commission has begun discussing other potential alterations, including changes in dimensional standards that could increase density and allow for more development.

Lougee said such changes to dimensional standards can have significant impacts.

"What we've been doing is an analysis of their current regulations, what exists, should they make changes to their dimensional standards that would bring more of their current lots into conformity, how many units per acre should they allow in any given district," he said. "Relatively technical and relatively small steps, but when you start looking at density, there can be a big difference in what you get — say, if you can allow two or four units per acre or four or eight units per acre.

Hanson said ongoing discussions include offering a bonus reduction in the lot size required for duplexes, which could make it easier for single family homes to be transformed into two-family units.

"That would provide incentive for particularly older, bigger houses in Bristol to have a better use," he said. "There seems to be an interest amongst the board to take that discussion a little further.

In upcoming months, commission will begin evaluating existing regulations in the town's Village Residential, Village Mixed, and Residential Office Commercial zoning districts.

Hanson said these districts include area that's less developed and might offer more flexibility for alterations that support additional housing opportunities.

"There's been discussion about In each district, the commission make the description less restrictive multi-family housing and the

suitability of looking at some of the surrounding areas that are still close to the village core but could provide some newer housing that would complement the traditional village core and looking at how we can affect that. We'll look at that as we look at these other districts," Hanson said. "I think there's commission members that think that may be the viable solution for housing opportunities, as opposed to trying to infill a mature area."

The commission will look to wrap up its evaluation of current zoning regulations around October, in order to allow time for public hearings to be held on any recommended changes. Commission members would then pass along the recommendations to the town's selectboard, which would hold its own public hearings before suggested changes end up on the Town Meeting Day ballot.

WORK IN OTHER TOWNS

Bristol is not the only Addison County town exploring potential changes to its existing zoning regulations. Shoreham and Lincoln also received Bylaw Modernization grants last year and have been working with ACRPC Community Planner Katie Raycroft-Meyer on their own evaluations.

As for towns that are looking for ways to update zoning rules to better suit housing needs, Lougee said the ACRPC can help towns develop grant applications for funding sources that support that work. Options include the Bylaw Modernization Grant, or a Municipal Planning Grant administered by the Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

"If towns are interested in doing it, they could contact either myself or Katie Raycroft-Meyer and we can help them with a grant application and get that started," he said.

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In a last-minute organizing effort to get across their moral objections to ending the program, House Progressives and a significant number of Democrats broke from

their caucus, joining Republicans in voting no on the state budget. The final vote count Friday night was 90-53 — notably, not a vetoproof majority, should it hold steady come June's scheduled veto session.

Lincoln

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and how you do that. There are definitely some benefits to that kind of scheduling on one level, but you find the staff are very excited about how they can do things now without those kinds of constraints."

Employees who previously held part-time positions at the Lincoln Community School and other elementary schools in the MAUSD will continue to hold those positions, working under fractional contracts with both districts. The Lincoln School District will contract services for facility maintenance, technology support and speech pathology.

Lincoln School District officials are also exploring options for transportation providers. The school district will provide transportation for students who attend the Lincoln Community School and Mount

DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

Abraham Union High School (which the majority of LSD's middle and high schoolers are

services for the next two years. Bids for the RFP were due by May 15. When the Independent spoke with Oldham last week, the district had not yet received any proposals. "Not surprisingly because we are such a small district, we haven't gotten any active bidders and that

Last month, the Lincoln School

District put out a request for

proposals (RFPs) for transportation

gives us the option to reach out and work out with whatever company we'd like to," Oldham said. Oldham added that transportation

companies the district could contract with include Betcha Transit/Student Transportation of America, which has for decades provided transportation to Addison County school districts.

As school district officials look to contract with a transportation provider and finetune other details, Oldham said she and other board members continue to look forward to the district's July 1 start date.

"We're in the homestretch, we're excited," she said.

expected to attend).

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to fill the last order on their administrative shopping list later this month with the hiring of an interim superintendent to take over for Peter Burrows, who'll be leaving next month to helm the Milton, Mass., public school

Finally, while Krahn is taking over Steele's "director of teaching and learning responsibility, Steele also had other responsibilities as assistant superintendent. Burrows

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Equity and Student Services. Before that she was principal of

Nicole Carter will be the ACSD's

education and is a licensed social

worker, came to the central office

two years ago to be director of

Carter, who has a doctorate in

new assistant superintendent.

Weybridge Elementary. Carter will continue in the Equity and Student Services role

while also taking on the assistant superintendent job. Reporter John Flowers is at

told the Independent this week that johnf@addisonindependent.com.

Molly Struhammer Ferrisburgh has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University School of Education. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their

coursework.

Path

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different projects and know which ones needed advancement," she

Murray put together a request for proposals from consultants, as one would be needed to coordinate and collate the document that emerges from the work to come. The end product is expected to sidewalk/connectivity maps, an inventory of present and future projects (as a detachable project matrix) and a set of recommendations for infilling Middlebury's somewhat fractured bike/ped paths.

The proposed projects would be assigned cost estimates and could range in size from crosswalks and safety upgrades to more comprehensive corridor studies.

Another big part of the project will include assessing the condition and safety of existing bike/ped infrastructure and reviewing crash data from the Middlebury Police Department.

Murray stressed the public will have ample opportunities to influence the bike-ped plan, which would have a project coordinator and a steering committee that would meet monthly. Input, Murray said, would be gathered from "across a variety of neighborhoods and stakeholders (to make) a plan that is fair and equitable.'

An online survey, social events and around three public meetings

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(one at the selectboard level) would also be used to gather feedback.

Bike/ped stakeholders include Tri-Valley Transit, Porter Hospital, Middlebury College and the Addison Central School District. The Middlebury Planning Commission and Addison County Regional Planning Commission would be enlisted to support the project.

SEPT. 30 DEADLINE

It should be noted that time is of the essence in getting a start on the Middlebury Bicycle and Pedestrian to pay for the consultant using around \$4,000 in local funding and a \$19,900 Municipal Planning Grant from Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development. Terms of the grant call for a Sept. 30 completion date for the project. Murray has set a consultant to reply to a request for qualification to coordinate the bikeped plan. The current timetable calls for a project kickoff by the end of June.

Laura Asermily is chair of the Walk/Bike Council of Addison County and a Middlebury Safe Routes member. She said Middlebury Safe Routes strongly supports the town's pursuit of a comprehensive bike-ped plan.

"There is no end to the wishes for more sidewalks, traffic calming measures and dedicated bike lanes and this will help us prioritize connectivity projects," she said through an email exchange with the Independent.

"I was struck by the number of open-ended responses in Middlebury's 2023 town meeting poll inquiring (about) bike-ped enhancements, like the proposed multi-use path along Exchange Street that has been delayed by right-of-way issues that are finally clearing up," she added.

Asermily has heard residents and visitors alike voice support for Connectivity Plan. The town wants improved bike-ped infrastructure — particularly at some downtown intersections, including at Greg's Market, at Boardman Street, and along Court Street through the school zone that includes Mary Hogan, Middlebury Union middle and high schools.

Also in high demand, according May 27 deadline for prospective to Asermily, are a connector path from East Middlebury to local schools and the downtown, and a recreational loop connecting Creek Road with South Street via a footbridge at the former Three Mile Road bridge site.

"Many tell me they would ride a bike for commuting or recreation but are terrified of fast-moving traffic and seek our help with calming it and providing safe crossings," she said.

Murray is excited about the project and hopes a consultant can be hired before the grant-related

deadline.

"Much like the downtown master plan, this is a great opportunity to give the town a long-range planning tool that makes our decision making about which projects should advance — and when — more equitable, because we're including input from the public, rather than just leaving it in the hands of volunteers on various committees and elected officials," she said.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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Editor's note: Dr. George Fjeld is a retired physician.

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SIXTY-YEAR-OLD Greg Eckhardt looks to nine-year-old Amelia Eckhardt, both of Landgrove, for inspiration during Vermont Sun's 5K race in Salisbury Sunday morning. It must have worked; Greg won the male division, though Amelia beat him to the finish line by

Photo by Pat Hendrick Photography



STARKSBORO RACER NEILY Jennings seems to be having an easy time of it as she runs along a Salisbury road during Sunday's Vermont Sun 5K race, which she won in 23:08.6.

Photo by Pat Hendrick Photography



THE WINNER OF Sunday's Vermont Sun Half Marathon, 24-year-old Willson Moore, cruises through Branbury State Park in Salisbury on his way to a

1:16:09 finish for 13.1 miles. Photo by Pat Hendrick Photography

Runners hit the mark in road race

SALISBURY — Freeport, Maine's Wilson Moore, 24, ran a 5:49-per-mile pace over 13.1 miles on Sunday to win the Vermont Sun Half Marathon with an overall time of 1:16:09. In the women's division of races that started and finished at Branbury State Park, 40-yearold Katie Dolbec of South Burlington claimed the crown in 1:30:35.

One hundred one runners competed in the half-marathon, which kicked off the Vermont Sun summer racing season. The day also saw 55 athletes running in 5K and 10K races

Willa Yonkman of Burlington won the women's 10K in 53:30. Noe Vyizigiro of Middlebury was the men's winner in 44:57.

Starksboro's Neily Jennings won the women's 5K in 23:08, while Landgrove's Greg Eckhard was the men's winner in 37:30. Complete results and photos can be found at vermontsun.com.

The running races were held in brilliant sunshine, but the temperature at the 9 a.m. start was just 43 degrees. A stiff 18 mph north wind coming off Lake Dunmore made it feel much colder, race officials said. Several athletes still jumped in the lake after their runs.

The Vermont Sun Triathlon Series continues with Sprint and Olympic distance triathlons on the following Sundays: June 18, July 16 and Aug. 13. The June event, open to all, is the USA Triathlon State Championship. For more event information and how to register or to volunteer to help, go to vermontsun.com or call 802-388-6888.



Nature steps in

PLAYERS FROM THE Mount Abe and Vergennes high school baseball teams felt less like the boys of summer (a phrase applied to baseball players) and more like boys of the Sahara during a game in Vergennes on Tuesday. Partway through the game the air temperature plummeted and a gusty north wind kicked up sandstorms across the infield. The players battled the elements and each other even into extra innings. See how the game turned out on Page 1B.

Independent photo/Steve James

Public hearing set on Vt. trapping laws

MONTPELIER — The Vermont that is not currently regulated. The will be held to provide additional Fish and Wildlife Department and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife comment and will hold three public to 100 hunters. It will also restrict

hearings on new proposed regulations for trapping and for hunting coyotes with the aid of dogs.

The new proposed regulations come in response to the Vermont Legislature's Act 159 and Act 165, both passed last

Act 159 directed the department to improve trapping safety and the welfare of animals trapped during the state's regulated trapping seasons. The department's proposal includes establishing a safety buffer between public roads, stateowned trails, and places where traps can be set, and restricting the use of body-gripping traps to reduce the risk to pets.

Act 165 directed the department to create rules guiding the use of dogs to hunt coyotes, a practice

department's proposal will cap the number of individuals permitted to Board are accepting public hunt coyotes with dogs in Vermont

> the number of dogs involved in each hunt to four or fewer and includes safety provisions like requiring that dogs wear tracking and control collars when

coyote hunting. Complete details on both sets of legislative

requirements, the proposed regulation changes approved for public comment by the board earlier this spring, and additional recommendations from the department are available at: tinyurl. com/trapping-coyote-hearings

Public comment will be accepted from May 17-June 30. Comments can be emailed to ANR. FWPublicComment@vermont. gov with the subject line "trapping contact information. Please send and coyote regulations."

Two in-person public hearings

opportunity for comment, at the following dates and locations:

• Tuesday, June 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rutland Middle School, 67 Library Avenue, Rutland Vt.

• Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Montpelier High School, 5 High School Drive, Montpelier

• Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Online via Microsoft Teams at: tinyurl.com/trappinghearing

Following public comment, revisions by the department, and a final vote by the board, the new regulations are expected to come into effect in January 2024.

Reasonable accommodation at public hearings is available upon request for persons with disabilities. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their an e-mail to abigail.connolly@ vermont.gov or call 802-793-8777 and one online public hearing (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).



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Books

(Continued from Page 1A) affects any library," Laliberte said. "We're working really hard to both educate the public and provide resources about banned books and challenged books themselves, to make them available to the public." **BOOK BANNINGS**

A report published by PEN America this past September found that over 1,600 individual titles were affected by book bannings across the United States during the 2021-2022 school year.

Frequently challenged books have been flagged for their focus on issues of race or the history of slavery and racism, LGBTQ+ issues and experiences, or sexual content. Nearly half of the titles banned during the 2021-2022 school year were young adult books.

The report focused solely on bans that occur in schools, though the country's public libraries have also dealt with a heightened number of challenges. The American Library Association in March released data documenting 1,269 requests to ban library books and resources during 2022, the highest number of attempted book bans since the organization began recording such data over two decades ago. Fortyone percent of those challenges targeted items in public libraries.

Despite a growing number of challenges to books in other states, the Vermont Library Association wrote in a September 2022 press release that "Vermont has had relatively few attempts to curtail the freedom to read.'

That statement holds true for many public libraries in Addison County, including at the Bixby Library Memorial Free Library

"The role of

library, and

the public

in general,

is to ensure

people's life, to

your own life."

Catharine Findiesen Hays said the Bixby hasn't had any books though challenged, like other libraries, it has a policy in place really libraries should someone want to question a title in the library's catalog.

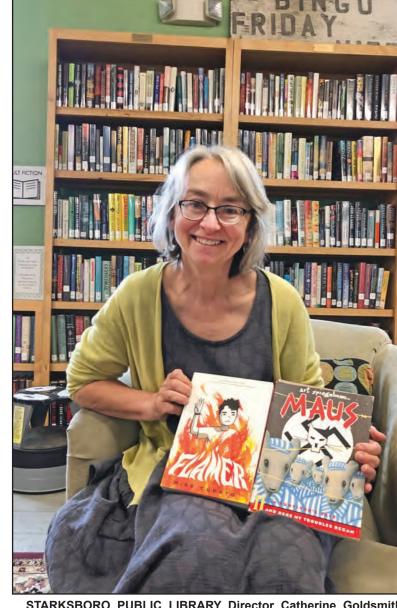
individuals are While not battling any challenges, the able to find issue of preserving themselves in local readers' access books. They call to books that explore it windows and a variety of interests doors, windows and experiences is still at the forefront of the and doors to other points of Bixby's work.

"It's what we're all view, to other about actually, I think that's a big part of our mission," Hays said.

The Bixby received American Rescue Act funding that helped support diversification of the

library's collection, and regularly refreshes its catalog, such as by monitoring what books have been awarded for a particular collection and well represent different identities and interests.

Hays said offering a diverse collection is a key part of making sure local readers find a space for



STARKSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY Director Catherine Goldsmith displays two books that have been challenged in school libraries and classrooms throughout the country. Goldsmith and other local librarians are committed to ensuring banned books and a diverse selection of other titles remain accessible to county readers.

Independent photo/Marin Howell

themselves at the library.

"The role of the public library, and really libraries in general, is to ensure individuals are able to find themselves in books. They call it in Vergennes. Library Director windows and doors, windows and

doors to other points of view, to other people's life, to your own life," she said. "We all have enjoyed the joy of finding a book that's talked to our souls."

situation The is similar at the Starksboro Public Library, where books remain unchallenged, and providing access to a diverse selection of books remains an important focus of the organization's work.

"In Vermont, we've been fairly lucky. It's not that there have been no challenges, - Catharine but it's been pretty few and far between " Bixby Library said director Goldsmith, director of the Starksboro

library.

Findiesen Haus.

ENSURING ACCESS

Like other local librarians, Goldsmith aims to provide community members with a wide range of titles. She believes doing so is an important part of any librarian's job.

"All public librarians in America

have a responsibility to reflect all of America," Goldsmith said. "This is hard, this can be really hard for librarians. It can be a hard road, it can mean losing your job, it can mean very difficult times."

The Starksboro Public Library's selection policy includes the organization's mission to foster a community of readers and thus offer a "collection that represents a wide range of experiences and viewpoints."

Like librarians at the Bixby, Goldsmith wants community members to be able to see their experiences reflected in the Starksboro library's collection.

"Everybody needs a safe space to find themselves. All young people need a place to see their lives, their desires, reflected. All adults need that, because no one should feel alone, even in a small town," she

Among a variety of other books, one can find multiple titles in the Starksboro Public Library's catalog that have been taken from shelves in other parts of the Catherine country, such as "Maus," a graphic novel that recounts the experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust.

And if library patrons can't find what they're looking for on the Starksboro Public Library's shelves, they might be able to find it online. The library is part of the Green Mountain Library Consortium, through which

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Placencia

(Continued from Page 1A) Fellowship, which will give her (and the Addison Central School District) the financial flexibility to release her from her MUMS teaching duties during the next academic year to create a "robust mentoring program" in the ACSD to support and sustain new teaching staff.

"I see the overwhelm of our new teachers and think back to my first year," Placencia said. "I am eternally grateful to the mentor I had. I want to ensure all new teachers have that support so they will choose to stay and grow in this profession."

Placencia is in her 22nd year as a classroom teacher. She, her husband and their two children lived in the San Francisco Bay area of California prior to their relocation to Vermont during the coronavirus pandemic. Originally from upstate New York, Placencia spent the first 20 years of her teaching career in the Golden State, except for a short stint as an educator at an international school in Mexico City.

When the Placencias were looking for a spot to resettle, they looked east. They took a pass on upstate New York in favor of Addison County. It's an area Placencia got to know earlier in her career while attending Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English.

"We knew we didn't want to go to the Adirondacks, but we really loved this area," she said.

Upon joining the MUMS staff during the 2021-2022 school year, Palencia became somewhat of a student herself — learning about a new group of colleagues, a new set of school protocols and a new curriculum: The International Baccalaureate program.

It takes a while to learn the ropes, and Palencia - who most recently taught a grades 9-11 group at Menlo-Atherton School in Atherton, Calif. — is still uncovering new things about how getting work done in the ACSD. She was fortunate to have colleague Eileen Sears as a mentor, helping her navigate the MUMS building, district customs and teacher expectations. The mentor-mentee met sporadically during the school year for orientation and support.

Caitlin Steele, current MUHS principal and soon-to-be-former assistant superintendent of teaching & learning for the ACSD, suggested last summer that a group of district educators join forces to see how the teacher-to-teacher mentorship program might be expanded and improved. Placencia was immediately interested, given her own transition as a new



ELIZABETH PLACENCIA, A language and literature teacher at Middlebury Union Middle School, is one of only six Vermont educators to receive a 2023 Rowland Fellowship. She will spend next year creating a mentoring program within the Addison Central School District to support and sustain new teaching staff.

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MUMS teacher. Also, Placencia had benefited from excellent mentoring programs in both the California school districts where she'd taught. She reasoned these experiences could benefit ACSD's teacher mentoring strategy.

The mentoring study committee began meeting last June and developed an improved program that launched in the ACSD last fall. Placencia was named mentoring program leader for the ACSD's secondary school grades.

Mentors and mentees now meet for monthly discussions that Placencia facilitates. So new educators get a snapshot of district expectations for every month during the academic year.

"I believe we've definitely made strides," she said. "But there's so much more potential there that I feel is untapped." ROWLAND FELLOWSHIP

Placencia wanted to further the program — something she believed she could accomplish with a Rowland Fellowship.

And it just so happens that Steele serves on the Rowland Foundation board. She encouraged Placencia and other ACSD middle and high school teachers to attend the foundation's annual conference in Burlington this past October.

"It was a phenomenal day professional development, she said of the conference, held at UVM. "It was exciting and invigorating."

Participants were reminded fellowship opportunities,

and Placencia stepped up with a proposal to boost ACSD's teacher mentorship program. The Rowland Foundation provides grants of up to \$100,000 to each receiving school to support their Rowland Fellow's idea to transform an aspect of the school in order to positively affect its culture and climate.

"I was thinking about the experiences I had had in the district I was coming from," she recalled. "I was thinking we had the potential to do a lot more."

Placencia's plan won over the Rowland evaluators. Her fellowship grant will mainly be used to pay for a substitute teacher to take her place at MUMS while she focuses on her mentoring initiative next year. The remaining funds will support her research activities, which might include travel, site visits and/or organizing a steering committee to help her with her project.

"I can take a year to really create something; to research and study best practices around mentoring programs," she said. "What is most effective? How do we best support and retain new teachers, so they feel like they're stepping into a professional community feeling ready they can take on the challenges they encounter during the course of a school year?"

An Oct. 7, 2022, VTDigger report found that roughly 360 to 370 teachers retired annually from Vermont public schools from 2017-2019. That number has spiked during and since the COVID-19 pandemic, with 462 retirements in 2020 and 409 in 2021, according to the report. It suggested that many of these were early retirements.

"We're not good at retaining teachers - not just here, but across the country," Placencia said. "I'm a little concerned about who is going to step into the role of a classroom teacher and how can we support classroom teachers."

Happier educators are more likely to stay in the profession and in a location where they feel comfortable, she reasoned.

ACSD Superintendent Peter Burrows is pleased Placencia's work could help the district slow its rate of staff attrition.

"Retaining and supporting teachers is crucial work for ACSD and for schools across the state and our nation," he said. "We're incredibly proud that Elizabeth received a Rowland Fellowship and are lucky that she will focus her work right here at ACSD so that our teachers and students can benefit from her learning."

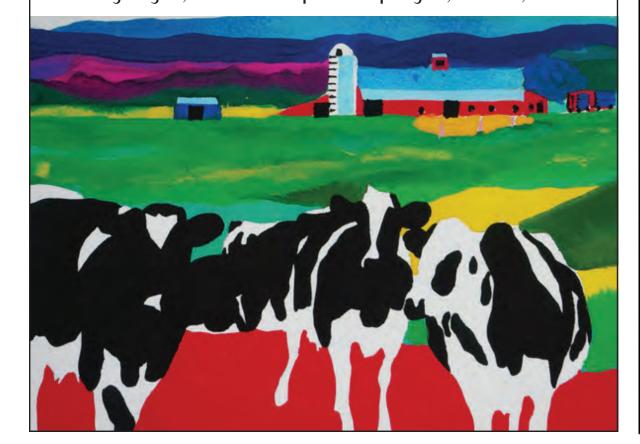
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Music

(Continued from Page 1A) were our ideas for a trail and how it might benefit or serve the community," Knight said. "We've always kind of had (the music idea) in our back pocket and are really looking forward to it."

The music series will kick off on June 11, with performances continuing on the second Sunday of each month into the fall. Live music will be located in a small, white tent at easily accessible parts of the BTN and signs will help direct community members to performances.

Knight said attendees can bring a chair if they'd like to watch the performances or just listen as they wander by on the trail.

"We're going to position the performers so that people can sit and listen, but if you're out with your smaller children, you might stop and listen to a song and pass on



through," she said.

Musicians will also have a lot of freedom during their performances, which will take place between 1 and 4 p.m. BTN volunteers David Gusakov and Anne Wallace helped organize performances for the series. In a recent email exchange with the *Independent*, the collaborators said performers can choose how to structure their three-hour time slot.

"We advised the performers that the audience would most likely be moving through, but some might bring stools or chairs to listen for longer. We really couldn't say much more specifically than that, as this is a unique format for us. Generally, groups had the leeway to prepare, say, one set that they repeated from, or as many as three if they wished," Gusakov and Wallace wrote.

The local artists slated to perform represent a range of the Addison County music scene, specializing in genres from folk music to the French, Québecois and Cajun compositions of the female trio Va et Vient.

"In considering musicians for this series, we looked mostly at the fivetown area and Addison County. We sought a diversity of musical styles as well as ethnic backgrounds. For financial reasons we went with smaller groups, and we gravitated toward those we thought would work well in an acoustic setting," Wallace and Gusakov said of the series' performers.

A NEW KIND OF GIG

Gusakov is a member of the

"Music on the Trail" 2023 Lineup

June 11 — Va et Vient trio on High School Trail

July 9 — Daddy Longlegs trio on Coffin Loop

Aug. 13 — Caleb Elder duo or trio on Dump Trail

Sept. 10 — Tim McKenzie on **Basin Street Trail**

Oct. 8 — Rodrigo Valencias on Business Park Loop

Daddy Longlegs trio, which will perform at "Music on the Trail" in July. The longtime musician said the upcoming series is unlike any other gig he's had in his more than 50 years of performing.

He appreciates the unique nature of "Music on the Trail" and is excited to participate.

"I'm most looking forward to the novelty of it, the more relaxed vibe than an indoor concert, playing acoustically in a beautiful setting, interacting with folks as they move in and out of the area, getting (hopefully positive) feedback from them in the moment instead of maybe at the end of the show, if they want to venture backstage," he

Gusakov said his personal preparation for the music series will be the same as for other performances, though the trio's approach to performing will likely vary from other gigs.

"Crafting a set list or two for the trio will be different from the norm, as people will likely be mostly staying for a relatively short while (as opposed to sitting for a two-hour concert). Thus, we could repeat songs and don't have to be super-conscious about the order of songs in the set (so less worry about consecutive songs in the same key and tempo for example)," he said.

While "Music on the Trail" presents some new opportunities, Gusakov has plenty of experience

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move in and out

performing outside. He said playing live music outdoors can present some challenges. including bugs, wind and direct sunlight.

Though Gusakov added outdoor performances also offer many benefits to look forward to.

"Beautiful, if not positively inspirational surroundings interacting with (fairly common in Vermont), no worries the sound about being too loud, or the of the area." performance space crowded," he "Outdoor gigs said.

are often acoustic, which usually means more nuanced dynamics and better interaction from musician to musician, as well as more direct mic stands, mics, cords in the way), as well as more freedom of movement as you play, which adds to the playing quality in my experience, especially as regards improvisation, plus less gear to haul, set up and take down."

Knight said she's looking forward to "Music on the Trail" and is excited by the work of the Bristol Trail Network volunteers who have made the idea come to life. She added she'd support efforts to continue the music series if the demand is there.

"Music on the Trail," is the most recent in a variety

of projects that have engaged community looking forward members with the to the novelty BTN. Other efforts of it, the more have included Art on relaxed vibe the Trail, which for two weeks displayed than an indoor exhibitions created concert, playing by seventh-graders acousticallu at Mount Abraham in a beautiful Middle Union School. "One of the things

I don't tend to do at the trail is say 'this will be this way always.' We let things unfold — David Gusakov naturally," she said. "There's so

many different ways to engage community members different walks of life on the trail that we're certainly not going to stop at this."

Starksboro Public Library patrons receive digital access to collections of ebooks and audiobooks. The Starksboro Public Library can also help patrons access titles

service that allows the library to borrow books from other libraries. "We can pretty much get anything," Goldsmith said. "People can request through email if they don't want to talk to me or see me, because that can be an issue for people, coming up and talking to someone they don't know about a

Access

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through interlibrary loan, a free

sensitive topic." A WIDE SELECTION

Elsewhere in the county, the Ilsley also aims to offer a wide selection of titles for county readers. The

library's Materials Selection Policy states that "will materials not be excluded because the religion, race. nationality, political views of an author or creator; offensive language; depictions descriptions violence sexually explicit activity; controversial content of an item; endorsement disapproval by an individual or group in the

reading." — Kathryn Laliberte, Ilsley Library

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community." In addition to making sure community members can access banned books, Laliberte said she's also tried to start conversations about challenged titles. This past summer, the teen and tween librarian created a reading challenge focused on banned books. Readers were given a bingo carded filled with banned or challenged book titles and invited to participate in discussions about the books they were reading

throughout the summer. Laliberte said conversations touched the reasons the book was banned and why the content is important.

"It was hugely popular. Teenagers don't like being told no, so usually when you tell them not to do something, they want to do it. So, banned books are kind of a cache for a teen audience because they want to know what they shouldn't be reading," Laliberte

Laliberte plans to include banned and challenged books in this summer's reading challenge, which will focus on social justice. The librarian said providing access to banned books and a variety of other titles is an ongoing part of the Ilsley and other libraries' work.

"It is every library's responsibility to make sure that our public and our taxpayers have access to any materials that they would be able to read, regardless of being potentially controversial," Laliberte said. "We want to provide all of the resources for people to make their own informed decisionmaking about. Even though we're not specifically facing these problems doesn't mean we're not just as concerned."

Back in Starksboro, Goldsmith said the team at the Starksboro Public Library is also committed continuing to offer a collection for readers that mirrors the world around them.

'We work for our communities, but if we call ourselves professionals and call ourselves librarian there is that idea that we don't just respond to someone who doesn't like something that's on our shelf, but that we have a responsibility to the people that either don't come to the library, or have never been in. We have an obligation for people to see all of America, because otherwise, small towns can stay really insular," she



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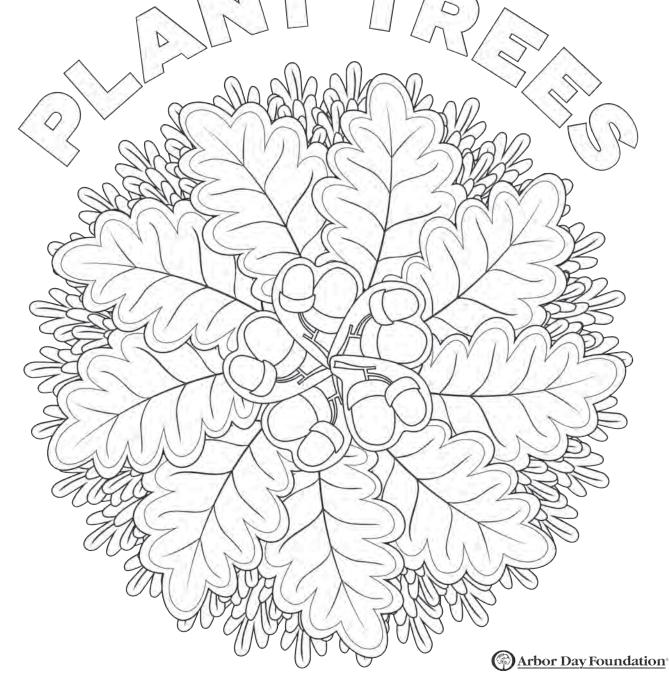
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Middlebury Police Log

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police assisted a juvenile who had been experiencing a mental health crisis on Court Street on May 11.

Police said Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services (MREMS) and Counseling Service of Addison County personnel assisted on the call.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

• Investigated a report of a suspicious man and the possible theft of beer in the Washington Street area on May 8.

• Responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Rogers Road and Court Street Extension on May 8.

· Received a "swatting" call — that is, a false report designed to bring police to a made up emergency — about an alleged kidnapping at a Harrow Way residence on May 8.

• On May 8, cited Cyrus Bedard, 33, for trespassing on Middlebury College property off College Street, in violation of a previous notice that had been issued to him.

• Stopped a person who had reportedly been driving erratically on Route 7 South on May 8. Police said the driver showed no signs of impairment.

of a loud party at 14 Cross St. on May 8.

• Received a report about a local dog bite incident on May 9 that resulted in victim(s) being treated at Porter Hospital.

• Were informed of the theft of a backpack from a Route 7 South location on May 9.

• Conducted a welfare check on Boardman Street on May 9.

• Investigated a reported theft at Middlebury Union High School on May 10.

Recovered, from the intersection of Court Street and Rogers Road, a bag containing a small amount of money in May

• Were informed of the theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked off College Street on May

• Responded to a report of a 11:35 p.m. on May 14.

broken window at the Methodist Church off North Pleasant Street on May 10. Police determined the damage had been caused by a rock thrown by a lawnmower.

· Assisted MREMS with a drunken person on Main Street on

• Assisted Middlebury Union Middle School officials with a student on May 11.

· Assisted MREMS with a drunken, aggressive patient in the Main Street area on May 12.

 Assisted state police with a roadside drunken driving screening at the intersection on Route 7 South and Salisbury Flats on May 12 (see Vermont State Police log).

· Received a report about a minor two-car collision on the Champlain Valley Fuels property off Exchange Street on May 12. Police said they were still looking for the individual who allegedly caused the crash.

• Retrieved, from a store in The Centre shopping plaza, the owner of a parked vehicle that contained two panting dogs during the afternoon of May 12.

· Were informed of a retail theft from Hannaford Supermarket on

• Investigated a trespassing • Restored the peace at the scene complaint at a Court Street location on May 13.

> Assisted a snapping turtle to cross a busy Weybridge Street on May 13.

· Received a report about someone allegedly firing a gun irresponsibly on a Quarry Road property on May 13. Police said the property owners denied the allegation.

· Responded to a complaint of a person causing a disturbance outside Shaw's supermarket off Washington Street in May 14.

 Assisted Vermont State Police on a call to assist a local person having a mental health crisis on May 14.

· Responded to a report of a suspicious truck on Buttolph Drive on May 14.

• Responded to a noise complaint at 24 Middle Road South at around

Minors cited with aggravated disorderly conduct

BRISTOL — Last month, Bristol police responded to a couple of disputes between juveniles in the Bristol area.

Police on April 10 responded to a dispute between two minors on West Street. After investigating, police cited both young men, a 15-year-old and a 14-year-old, for aggravated disorderly conduct.

On April 19, Bristol police responded to a harassment complaint on Airport Drive. The individuals involved were gone when police arrived, and an investigation is ongoing.

Between April 9 and 22, Bristol police completed 50 foot patrols, conducted 18 traffic stops and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 12 times, at Bristol Elementary School 12 times and at local businesses 13 times.

Bristol

Police Log

Police also processed 10 fingerprint requests, helped two individuals gain access into their locked vehicles, responded to one false alarm activated by an employee error and conducted one welfare check.

In other recent activity, Bristol

• On April 11, responded to South Street for a one-car crash that didn't result in any injuries.

• On April 12, responded to a minor, one-vehicle crash in a parking lot on Mountain Street.

• On April 13, received a social

media complaint. The information will be reviewed by the Addison control on South Street while a County State's Attorney to determine if the messages rise to the level of an offense.

• On April 13, received a report of a loose dog on Meehan Road and ticketed the owner for the violation.

On April 15, presented fingerprinting and crime prevention classes to Boy Scouts in Bristol Troop 543 for merit badge completion.

• On April 16, responded to a minor two-car crash on Church

• On April 17, responded to Church Street for a tree branch that had broken off and was blocking

• On April 19, assisted with traffic control on Mountain Street during school bus drills.

• On April 20, provided traffic utility company worked in the

roadway. • On April 20, provided assistance during a dispute between a customer and store employee on Route 116

• On April 21, responded to a complaint of a barking dog on River Road. Police warned the owner and advised them of the animal ordinance

• On April 21, assisted a driver with a disabled vehicle on West Street

• On April 21, responded to complaint of an intoxicated individual who was being loud in the Adirondack View area. Police spoke with the involved people, who agreed to lower their voices.

Rutland driver cited for DUI after hitting a tree

most serious criminal allegation leveled by troopers at the New Haven barracks of the Vermont State Police between May 9 and 15 were a pair of drunken driving charges that were levied within about a half an hour of each other.

In the first incident, state police officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on Lake Dunmore Road near Fern Lake Road in Leicester at about a quarter to

8 p.m. on May 9. They said that Alyssa Carey, 22, of Rutland was driving a Chevy Silverado pickup truck eastbound on Lake Dunmore Road when it went off the street, struck a tree and crashed onto its right side.

Police said Carey sustained minor injuries and the pickup was a total loss.

While speaking with Carey, troopers detected indicators of impairment, screened her for drunken driving, arrested her and took her to the New Haven barracks for processing.

At the conclusion of processing, Carey was released to a sober person with a citation for driving under the influence, first offense.

Then, at around a quarter passed

ADDISON COUNTY — The 8 p.m. on that same Tuesday evening, troopers stopped a vehicle driven by Ronald Gorton Jr., 52, of Bridport. The stop was in Middlebury on Route 7/North Pleasant Street near Seminary Street. Police said the reason for the stop was an observed motor vehicle violation.

> **Vt. State** Police Log

quick check of the Department of Motor Vehicles database showed the trooper that Gorton's license was

suspended.

While speaking with Gorton, troopers detected indicators of impairment, so they screened for drunken driving, him arrested him and took him to the New Haven barracks for processing. After citing Gorton for driving under the influence, third offense, and driving with a criminally suspended license, state police released him to a sober person.

Separately, troopers were conducting speed enforcement near the intersection of Route 7 and West Salisbury Road in Salisbury this past Friday evening when, at just before 10:30 p.m., they saw a black sedan fly by going 100 mph southbound on Route 7; the speed

was confirmed via radar. Police stopped the sedan without incident and cited Lawrence Severy, 57, of Brandon for driving with excessive by Middlebury police.

speed — 51 mph over the speed limit.

Troopers were assisted on scene



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By the way

(Continued from Page 1A) creative director at the Ruth Stone House, took home the Award in Poetry for her submission titled, "What Is Otherwise Infinite." The other winning authors were Zoë Tilley Poster, Kathryn Davis and Caren Beilin. The Vermont Book Award was created in 2014 to honor the literature of a state uniquely suited for creative enterprise. Three Vermont organizations run the prize in partnership: the Vermont Department of Libraries, Vermont Humanities and Vermont College of Fine Arts. A statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1974, Vermont Humanities seeks to engage all Vermonters in the world of ideas, foster a culture of thoughtfulness, and inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning. Learn more at Vermonthumanities.org.

Want to be a part of Off-Off-Off-Off-Broadway? **Middlebury Community Players** (MCP) is seeking directors of all levels of experience. Got a play you've always wanted to do? MCP would like to help you bring your vision to life, whether it be a musicals, drama, comedy, original work or a musical revue. MCP typically brings up to three large shows every year to the stage at Middlebury's Town Hall Theater, and members are actively looking for shows to fill out its upcoming season. The group's next mainstage production will run from Oct. 22-29. "Company Be," MCP's small theater branch, produces smaller, more intimate, "black box theater" plays that are staged at a variety of locations. If you have ever wanted to direct or produce a play, but the prospect of mounting a large-scale production seems

too daunting, then Company Be wants to hear from you. MCP has an energetic board of directors, a roster of former directors willing to help out, musical directors, choreographers, stagehands, stage managers, all waiting to start on a new show. If you'd like to become involved, please email info@middleburycommunityplayers.org.

Middlebury's Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History is asking for your help to reach its fundraising goal of \$25,000, as it honors longtime employee Mary Manley's 25 years of hard work connecting the community and visitors to Addison County's rich repository of artifacts. Manley is credited with helping the Sheldon make local history and art accessible to all who've wished to engage and learn. The Sheldon board of trustees has initiated a "match challenge," meaning every dollar donated will have twice the impact. Donated funds will help the museum and its staff continue to provide engaging exhibits and programs; care for the museum's collection of thousands of artifacts and rich archival collections; and enable people from throughout the U.S. and beyond to learn about Middlebury and Addison County history, art and culture. To donate, go to tinyurl.com/5n8k3m68.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have fallen 5 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.48 per gallon, according to GasBuddy. Prices are 1.5 cents higher than a month ago and 108.8 cents per than a year ago. The cheapest gas in Vermont this week was \$3.29, the most expensive \$3.69. Meanwhile, the national average price was \$3.51.

Stop in, for Breakfast, Lunch, or a Treat!





MORE THAN 150 Middlebury College students, staff and other community members attended the grand opening of a new feminist mini golf course at Kenyon Arena this past Friday. The course's 11 holes focus on various topics related to reproductive justice.

Mini golf

(Continued from Page 1A) issues," Boyd explained.

Students then created preliminary drawings and scale models of their designs. Midway through the semester, students began building the course at Kenyon Arena, using lumber from local companies like rk

The work of the project's other collaborators can be seen throughout the course, such as a "transportation" hole that was designed by students at the Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy at Metropolitan State University, Denver, and built by members of the Vermont Works for Women Trailblazers program. Students at Providence and Hamilton colleges also contributed artwork for the project.

The fruits of these efforts were unveiled on Friday at Kenyon Arena. where the course's 11 holes are situated across a sizable portion of the hockey rink. Each hole represents physical space in which various issues of reproductive justice unfold.

Players at Hole 10 find themselves in a solitary confinement cell, a replica that points to the experiences of incarcerated pregnant women and mothers. Hole 3 resembles a kitchen, a space in which tasks related to care work often take place. The hole informs players on the impact and burden of care work, or the paid and unpaid labor of taking care of others, and asks them to reimagine how that work is structured in society.

Crosby designed Hole 5, which focuses on sex education. The start of the hole asks players whether they were offered a comprehensive or abstinence-based sexual education course in school, with their answer directing them to one of two paths. A more comprehensive course leads to a less restrictive path, while those headed down the alternative route face more obstacles.

Crosby said the hole is meant to resemble how the type of sex education an individual receives can affect them.

'The (comprehensive) side is supposed to have a less obstructed path, to show how much more this kind of sex ed facilitates your first sexual experience and health," Crosby said.

The hole provides information on the current state of sex education throughout the country, noting that the majority of these programs exclude information about LGBTQ+ sex, among other topics.

Crosby said she hopes the course helps inform players about sex education and related issues of reproductive justice.

"I have a lot of friends that would never have taken the time to think about these topics, because they haven't been brought to their attention" she said. "There are a lot of people coming to this course that otherwise wouldn't be exposed to this information. It's interactive, and even if they're just here for mini



ELECTA ASSAF, LEFT, and Georgia Crosby were among the Middlebury College students that helped design and build the feminist mini golf course at the college. The course informs players and helps conversations reproductive justice issues.

PLAYERS PUTTING AT Hole 2 of the reproductive justice mini golf course must navigate a path obstructed by a variety of contraceptives. This hole and others throughout the course highlight different

golf, they're going to end up learning something along the way.' STARTING CONVERSATIONS

reproductive justice issues.

Informative material throughout the course is accompanied by QR codes, which direct players to additional sources of information. In addition to being educational, the mini golf course is also designed to start conversations about the various reproductive justice issues each hole focuses on.

Electa Assaf, a student in Thomsen's Politics of Reproduction class, said the golf course provides a different means of learning and talking about these topics.

"It kind of gives people a new way to think about some of this stuff that they wouldn't be engaging with otherwise," Assaf said. "Even if they aren't engaging directly with the QR codes, in some ways it provokes their thoughts and at least starts a conversation. In each of the holes there's a lot of information, in some there's a lot more art, and all of those choices are very intentional."

Some of those conversations began on Friday, when over 150 students, staff and community members came out for the project's

Independent photo/John S. McCright

grand opening.

Anita Borlak was among the Middlebury College students who tried out the course during the event. When she stopped to speak with the Independent at Hole 8, Borlak said she was finding the course to be informative in ways she didn't expect.

"I initially thought this was just going to be an interesting event, and I'm finding that a lot of it is much more substantial," she said. "This seems to be a really good mixture of quality, substantial feminist matters, but also a fun mini golf course."

Charlie Porto, a senior at the college who visited the course with Borlak, said he was also learning a lot from the game.

"Coming out here, it's hard to imagine mini golf being informative or educational in any way, but to see that actually being achieved here is quite incredible," he said.

The mini golf course will reopen to the public on June 1 and remain available during select hours until July 15. Open hours for the course can be found on the project's website at feministminigolf.org.



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Housing

(Continued from Page 1A) Jean Terwilliger, in concert with Cantrick.

The Career Center partnered with local tradespeople to inspect stages of this project.

It's been a nonprofit effort, made possible through provision of at-cost materials, donations, fundraising and, of course, volunteer labor on the part of the Career Center students — who get real-world experience in the building trades while knowing they're making homeownership a reality for a household of limited means.

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assigned a \$90,000 price tag for the tiny home, which will either be:

 Leased or sold to local nonprofit that will determine its location.

 Leased or sold to local landowner. A contractual agreement will ensure the home is rented for at least five years.

partnership "This collaboration has been a joyful one," reads a HomesFirstVT narrative about the project. "The students are not only developing much needed workforce skills, but they are experiencing what it is like to be a part of a community that cares about one another. In return, we are able to contain the cost of building the house so that we can keep the costs associated with leasing it below market rate."

The trickiest part remains finding a site on which to place the new home

HomesFirstVT's vision is to have a "village of 9-12 well-crafted, attractive 'right-size' homes with a community gathering space, situated within walking distance or on the bus line in Addison County."

The public will have another opportunity to view the Patricia Hannaford Career Center / HomesFirstVT tiny home in the Middlebury Memorial Day Parade.

Visit homesfirstvt.org for more information about HomesFirstVT. OTHER OPTIONS

The second upcoming affordable housing event is being offered by Middlebury-area faith groups and will take place on Sunday, June 4, beginning at 5 p.m. at Congregational Church of Middlebury's Unity Hall.

titled, "Community It's Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County."

Attendees will learn about three

Addison County's housing shortage: HomeShare VT, tiny homes (such as the one referenced above), and accessory dwelling units or ADUs. Panelists will offer a case study for each option and attendees will get a resource sheet to guide them in following through.

Middlebury's Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalists Society (CVUUS) members began convening last winter to brainstorm ways to address the housing crisis. A 250-unit, mixed income housing access it. Up to six homeowners project called Stonecrop Meadows is slated for land off Seminary Street Extension, but it could be a few years before it's fully permitted and built. Hence the effort to find more immediate housing solutions for the scores of people looking for housing in our county.

"Ideas ranged from helping families move into homes with the first month rent and moving expenses paid to converting garages and perhaps even barn spaces into apartments," noted Mike Greenwood, who with Terwilliger has been coordinating the CVUUS affordable housing discussions.

The CVUUS has explored partnering with organizations like HomesFirstVT on construction of tiny homes.

In February, CVUUS welcomed other area faith groups and local organizations into the conversation, forming the Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance. Among other things, the group has considered how to incentivize the growing number of homeowners with Air B&Bs to convert to long-term rental. There are more than 100 short-term rentals in Middlebury, according to the alliance's research.

Those who gathered for the different initiatives to help alleviate also learned about good progress

being made by the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on advancing ways for Middlebury residents to create accessory apartments on their property. St. Stephen's members have been encouraging homeowners to apply for a state grant of up to \$50,000 through the Vermont Housing Improvement Program that can help with ADU projects.

The state's ADU grant requires a homeowner match of \$10,000 to can get up to \$5,000 from St. Stephen's on a first come, first served basis to help meet this match. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will help administer this grant and is preparing a comprehensive ADU guide, according to alliance officials.

"We're providing a flowchart that helps you decide if an ADU is right for you," said ACRPC Executive Director Adam Lougee, who will provide an overview of the guide at the June 4 community conversation and hold ADU workshops to assist homeowners ready to take next

Meanwhile, HomeShare Vermont is matching homeowners with tenants who can offset their living expenses and provide care and companionship. Speakers will be on hand on June 4 to explain their experience with HomeShare Vermont's vetting process, which includes background checks, arranging a meeting, designing a lease agreement, and piloting it for two weeks before making things more final.

For more on the efforts of the Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance, contact Mike Greenwood alliance's February gathering at mike802vt@comcast.com, or visit cvuus.org/news.



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City man charged with two felonies

VERGENNES — Vergennes police with help from Vermont State Police on Sunday, May 14, arrested a South Water Street resident and cited him for five charges, two of them felonies, related to an alleged assault on his domestic partner during the course of Saturday and Sunday night. The incident included allegedly threatening her with a firearm.

Police cited Anthony Smith Sr., 47, for first degree aggravated domestic assault, a felony; being a person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a felony; reckless endangerment, a charge they said stemmed from Smith allegedly threatening the victim with a firearm; interfering with a person's ability to call emergency services; and unlawful restraint.

Police allege Smith prevented the victim from leaving an apartment or calling for

Vergennes help, at one point grabbing her neck

Police Log and at another holding her down on a sofa. They said she was able to leave the apartment early on Sunday morning and borrow a

phone to call 911 at 5:47 a.m.

Police then called in VSP to help with the arrest, and troopers joined two city officers to take Smith into custody. Police said they also found a pellet rifle in his possession. He was lodged at a Vermont correctional facility for lack of \$15,000 bail, according to police.

In another recent case, city police said they have not yet made an arrest in the May 7 case of a man in a vehicle chasing a car driven by his mother and stepfather on Main Street, and then jumping on their car and kicking in its windshield when it stopped. Vergennes police have not yet cited the man, apparently, they said, because the suspect is not cooperating.

Police in that case have prepared charges of unlawful mischief, a felony count because of the amount of damage done to his parents' vehicle; domestic assault; grossly negligent operation of a motor vehicle; disorderly conduct; and reckless endangerment. The *Independent* will update the case when more information is available.

Also between May 8 and 14, Vergennes police fingerprinted one job applicant, conducted 20 cruiser patrols and six traffic stops, responded to a false alarm, and also:

On May 8:
• Helped V

- Helped VSP by responding to a two-vehicle accident on Route 7 in North Ferrisburgh.
- Told an out-of-town resident how to report an identity-theft case on the FBI website. On May 9:
- Calmed a distraught woman who came to the station and was worried because her partner had not returned home promptly; police also contacted him via text and determined all was well.
- Helped VSP at the station by evaluating whether an impaired driving suspect was under the influence of drugs.
- Dealt with a minor two-car accident in the Maplefields parking lot off South Water Street.

On May 10 dealt with two cases related to the Valley Vista rehabilitation facility at 1 Alden Place. In the first one they helped calm a client being discharged from the program and gave her a ride to the city green to meet a party who would pick her up. In the second they heard from the mother of a 43-year-old client who had left Valley Vista and was concerned about her daughter, who had left for New York City.

On May 11 responded to a Waltham domestic dispute on behalf of VSP, calming the scene before troopers arrived; city police said state police took a woman involved to a detox facility.

On May 11 and 12 responded to two-vehicle accidents on Main Street, directing traffic briefly in both cases.

On May 13 searched unsuccessfully for an erratic driver reported on Monkton Road.

On May 14 while dealing with the Smith arrest asked VSP to handle a citizen dispute in a Main Street apartment building parking lot on their behalf.











THE U.S. FOREST Service and Vermont Agency of Transportation teamed up last week to solve a problem developing near the federal agency's Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton. They brought in Skip Lisle to install cage-like baffles that stop beavers from damming up a culvert under Route 125. At a May 11 installation are, clockwise from bottom left, Lisle assembling the baffle while neighbor and nature enthusiast Walter Donley holds a cross-piece in place; biologist Meredith Naughton and Donley discussing beavers while Lisle prepares to add more wire to the baffle; a truck whizzing past on Route 125 only a few yards from the now-protected culvert; Lisle doing the hands-on installation; evidence that beavers are active in the area.

Independent photos/Steve James

Beaver deceiver

Tubes installed for water, beavers

By STEVE JAMES

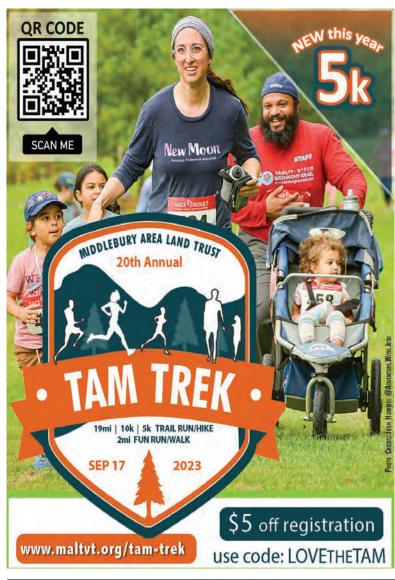
RIPTON — Beaver expert Skip Lisle of Grafton last Thursday constructed a flow device at a culvert under Route 125 near the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton. The culvert was clogged with debris from beavers building a dam.

Ripton resident Walter Donley, who lives nearby and has beavers living behind his house, approached Lisle to coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service and the Vermont Agency of Transportation to install a device he calls a beaver deceiver, at the culvert near the Frost Trail.

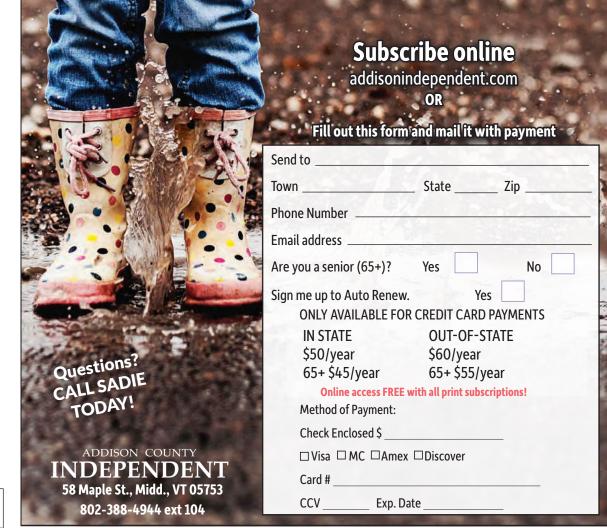
Lisle constructed two wiremesh-covered frames connected by a plastic tube upstream from where the water flows beneath the road. It allows the water to flow and lets beavers pass through, but prevents them from damming the culvert with wood and plant debris that can cause potential flooding and damage to the road. Lisle helped set up a beaver deceiver in Monkton last summer.

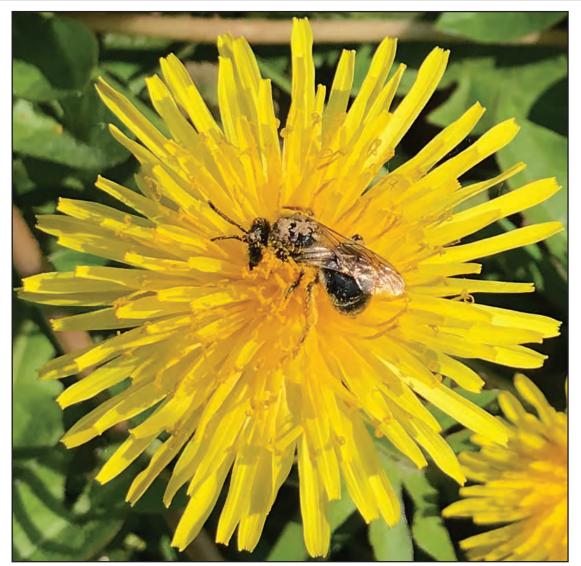
Jeremy Mears, the Middlebury district biologist for the Forest Service, on whose land the bridge sits, was at the site, along with another biologist from his team, Meredith Naughton. Mears said the problem is not uncommon in the area and building such devices can save money in the long run from road damage, while also avoiding killing the beavers.

Donley said beavers are important in combatting climate change. Ranchers out west, he said, used to shoot beavers; now they are asking for beavers on their ranches to help with drought. Both Donley and Mears said the animals help prevent flooding, clean the water and are beneficial for wildlife and plant diversity.



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Bristol bee

DANDELION POLLEN COATS this bee busily collecting in Bristol. Those who are holding off mowing their lawns for the month of May are helping her and other pollinators get off to a good start this spring.

Photo by Alice Leeds

Grants available for field cover crops

MONTPELIER — The Vermont on a first-come-first-served basis. Agency of Agriculture, Foods and Markets recently announced that its Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Program invests state funds in soil-based agronomic practices to improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and surface runoff from agricultural fields.

Grant applications are currently open for spring conservation practices planned to be installed before June 30, including manure injection, conservation tillage, notill pasture and hayland renovation, and rotation of cropland into hay.

Funding is limited and available

Applications are due at least 30 days prior to implementation for all spring conservation practices.

The Ag Agency recommends that farmers plan as far ahead as possible for implementation of agronomic practices, especially when seeking financial assistance. There is a maximum annual funding cap of \$8,000 per farm operation from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Agriculture The Agency published the following information on practice requirements and payment rates:

Cover Cropping (\$30 per acre

for broadcast or inter-seeded, and \$45 per acre for drilled or otherwise incorporated)

All cover crops must be seeded at highest recommended rate to provide effective soil coverage and must be in be in place during the non-growing season. Broadcast or inter-seeded seeding is expected to be completed by October 1st. Drilled and otherwise incorporated cover crops are expected to be completed by October 15th. If a farm applies for drilled cover crop and ends up broadcasting it, the state will pay at the broadcast rate. If a farm applies for broadcast

(See Cover crops, Page 15A)

Vt. farmers deal with conservation rigmarole

By GRETA SOLSAA VTDigger.org

Vermont is the only state in the country where farmers cannot readily access a program meant to pay them back for restoring

habitats around their farms. It's called the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program — almost always referred to as CREP — and is run by the U.S Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. Farmers who agree to use some of their land for wildlife habitats, runoff buffer zones or other conservationfocused projects over a 15-year contract get reimbursed.

But the program doesn't pay for projects that are required by regulations, and because Vermont's standards for conservation on farms mandate the same practices CREP covers, farmers here have to go through a separate application process with Washington, D.C., to get the funds.

"I am on the ground with farmers, and I see that what farmers need is for this to be simplified and streamlined, and they need access to more consistent, reliable funding," said Jennifer Byrne, manager of the White River Natural Resource Conservation District, one of several agencies around the state that have to sign off on CREP applications.

Vermont farmers must follow rules from the state called required agricultural practices, which aim to mitigate the impact of farmwork on wildlife, water and more. Even though the program covers more than what's necessary under Vermont rules, federal legislators didn't like the idea of paying for practices that are required by the state. So in the 2014 federal farm of Cutting Hill Beef Company in

conservation regulations ineligible renew the enrollment of his land in for enrollment in CREP.

Legislators tried to address that on his property. in the 2018 farm bill by creating a way for farmers to get approval property that you're not using

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— Ramsey Mellish

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using and

for the funding, and now there is a special application process for Vermont farmers area on your to enroll their land in the program. Farmers also can automatically re-enroll their land after 15 years and access CREP funding if their land was because it's already enrolled in the too wet or program before the legislative change.

Before the change in federal law, farmers you can enroll had been using CREP and they pay in Vermont: The state you to do has more than 2,000 exactly what acres enrolled in the program. But in the first few years after the 2018 farm bill, the not using that program was halted parcel." until officials were able to figure out the specifics of the application process.

and farmers.

Vermont remains the only state where farmers have to go through this rigmarole to get their land in the program, according

to legislators, agricultural officials

None of the farm bureau presidents in Addison, Windham or Orleans counties had heard of the program and they found it difficult to find farmers in their networks who had experience with the program. But some agricultural leaders pointed to Ramsey Mellish

bill, they made land subject to state Cornwall, who said he was able to CREP and conserve the wetlands

"If you have area on your

and you can't use basically because it's too wet or too rocky or something — you can enroll and they pay you to do exactly what you're already doing, which is not using that parcel," Mellish said.

Не said recommends conservation program to any farmers who have land they can't use for production purposes.

However, Gabos who coordinates CREP for the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets — said the process to enroll land in CREP is unnecessarily backlogged.

"We need specialist, a CREP specialist at the Farm Service Agency, and

until we get that, that's really the backlog," Gabos said. "The local offices — they don't have the wherewithal to really deal with the sign-up.'

According to Gabos, the solution would be to hire one person at the local level trained to handle the paperwork, rather than disbursing responsibilities between staff in different agencies who are not properly trained on the software to handle the requests.

(See Conservation, Page 15A)

Area 4-H youth participate in Hippology

4-H Hippology Contest took part on two separate days and venues this year. Thirty-two 4-H'ers took part with the top 10 in each age division earning a rosette ribbon.

The first phases of the 2023 competition — the written exam, slides and identification stations were held on April 29 at River Valley Technical Center in

BURLINGTON — The State Springfield. The judging phase included took place on May 7 at Aspen East Stable in Jericho, where the 4-H'ers judged two classes, Hunter in Hand and Ranch Pleasure. Many of these youths also competed in the annual State 4-H Judging Contest, held at the same stable on the same day.

> Addison County placing participants in the written exam

(third); Shoreham Natalie Jackman, Vergennes (eighth); and Hannah Gendreau, Shoreham (eleventh). In the judging portion of the contest, Emma Reen, Lincoln, placed eighth; Shyanne Wedge, Shoreham placed ninth; and Hannah Gendreau, Shoreham, placed 13th.



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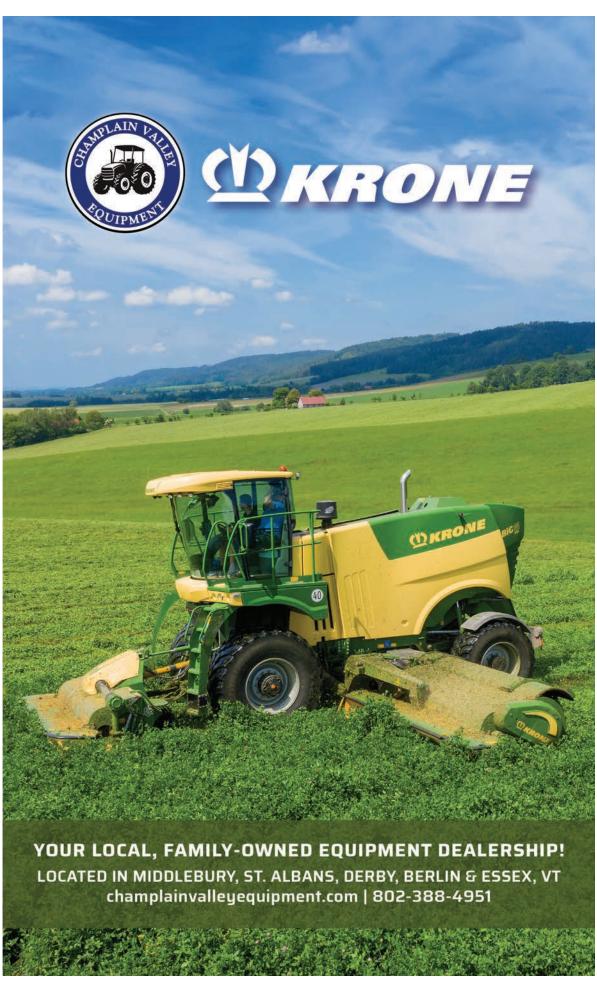


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Clinic prepares 4-H'ers for livestock shows

NEW HAVEN — The Addison County 4-H Beef and Dairy Clinic was held May 13 at the Addison County Fair and Field Days grounds in New Haven.

The purpose of the event was to provide 4-H club members with hands-on experience for preparing their animals for the show season. Twenty-nine youths took part to learn about clipping and showmanship from experts from Vermont, Rhode Island and New York.

4-H'ers enrolled in the beef project heard from Sophia Romani about what it takes to get a beef animal ready for show day from fitting and prep to nutrition, washing and clipping. Romani is a Middlebury College student and herd manager for Harmony Meadows Farm in Chepachet, R.I., her family's registered belted galloway operation.

The dairy members heard from two presenters. Justine Kelsey from Canastota, N.Y., discussed showmanship and nutrition. Cole Goodhue, a former Vermont 4-H'er from Franklin, demonstrated clipping. After the presentations,



LOCAL 4-H BEEF and dairy members gathered in New Haven on May 13 for the Addison County 4-H Beef and Dairy Clinic to hear from livestock experts about preparing their animals for the show season.

Photo by Martha Seifert/UVM Extension 4-H)

the 4-H'ers worked with their own heifers to practice clipping and showing. Goodhue, 4-H leaders and older 4-H members helped the younger ones clip their animals.

Participants were:

Addison: Paige Chamberlain, Hanna and Logan Torrey Kirkpatrich. Bridport: Colten Butler and

Rowdy Pope. Bristol: Hailey and Mackenzie

Ferrisburgh: Roxanne Griffin, Lola Rollins and Eleianna Venables-Vogel.

New Haven: Lacey Barber, Christopher Brown, Brailey Livingston and Bella Roell.

Orwell: Emma and Claira Lucas, and Boston and Isabella Wilbur.

Panton: Caroline and Tom Allen, Jayden Ploof, and Kylee and Sophee Shepard.

Shoreham: Gabby Ellis and Ella

Vergennes: Poet Dole. Whiting: Taryn Burns, and

Sutton and Tenly Chittenden.

The clinic was organized by Martha Seifert, University of Vermont Extension 4-H educator for Addison County. She can be contacted at (802) 656-7547 or martha.seifert@uvm.edu to learn more about the county's 4-H beef and dairy programs.

must provide full soil coverage and

planting method must be adequate

to accomplish the planned purpose

for the practice.

Conservation

(Continued from Page 14A) Gabos thinks his agency would fund that position, but he said the structure of the Farm Service

Agency has hindered that goal. Eileen Powers, an agricultural program specialist at the Vermont branch of the Farm Service Agency, agrees there is a backlog. Part of the reason why is the convoluted application process for a waiver. Farmers first ask for a recommendation from agency staff in their county; then they have to be approved by a county-level committee and a state committee before going to Washington, D.C., for a final yes or no.

"There's delays on three or even four levels," she said, and even once the application gets to the federal level, it typically takes two to six weeks to be approved. Powers said the Covid-19 pandemic also put stress on Farm Services Agency offices and slowed down the process.

But she said a solution will require more than just hiring one extra person at the local level.

The reason the agency has not yet created a position like Gabos mentioned, Powers said, is because rules prevent the agency from sharing data with non-federal employees. Since the position would be with the Vermont agriculture agency, the person who would be hired to fill it would have limited capacity to help process applications, Powers said.

But representatives of state and federal agencies are in negotiations to figure out what a role could look like to speed up applications.

There are other concerns in the bureaucratic maze. Byrne, the White River conservation district manager, said county-level agencies like hers in other states typically are highly involved in forming conservation plans with farmers for CREP projects. But that is lacking in Vermont, Byrne said.

District officials are supposed to sign off on conservation plans included in farmers' applications, but they are not included in the development of those plans before that point, she said.

There are only two employees at

the Agency of Agriculture who can intake farmers' applications and create conservation plans — Gabos and fellow program coordinator Phillip Wilson — and Byrne said her district has well-trained field staff who, if enlisted, could help accelerate the process. But those staffers haven't been included by the state, and Byrne doesn't feel comfortable approving plans her group hasn't been a part of. She said there hasn't been any improvement on that front.

Byrne also worries about equity with the program. She said farmers need to be in the know to seek out CREP resources and that there is a lack of transparency and accessibility about the application

"A really worthy approach would be to take a critical look at our programs and see what we can consolidate so that we could equitably get money out in a reliable way," she said, "so farmers could do real financial planning, viability planning and conservation planning and actually make strides to address climate change."

John Roberts, the executive director of the state Farm Services Agency branch, was a dairy farmer for more than 40 years and had his Cornwall land enrolled in CREP. He said that "all of the players are aware" the language of the 2018 farm bill has caused complications for both government agencies and farmers — something he hopes legislators will address next time

"I believe that the (Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Farms and Markets) made this position clear to former congressional representatives that a change in the farm bill ... would hopefully remove this sort of extra step in the process," he said.

He doesn't think the back-andforth over waivers provides any benefit to the government.

"And," he said, "certainly it doesn't to the applicant."

Editor's note: Greta Solsaa is a reporter with Community News Service, part of the University of Vermont's Reporting & Documentary Storytelling program.

Cover crops

cover crop and ends up drilling or incorporating it, the state will still pay at the broadcast rate.

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Crop to Hay (\$35 per acre \$45 per acre with a nurse crop)

Land is eligible for a one-time payment only at the period of the rotation where annual crop land is seeded down into perennial forages for pasture, hay or biomass production. This practice does not apply to the establishment of annually planted and harvested food, fiber, or oilseed crops. Seeding rate must provide full soil coverage and planting method must be adequate to accomplish the planned purpose for the practice. If applicable, nurse crops must be seeded at the maximum recommended rate for the variety and seed blend used (30-50 pounds per acre for oats).

Pastures supporting ruminant livestock are eligible for payments on an annual basis if livestock are rotated at least twice per week, excluded from surface water, and if at least three inches residual vegetation is maintained after grazing. Livestock access to surface water at well-managed discrete watering areas and livestock crossings are allowable under this program only when no other available options exist. Grazing plans, grazing maps, and records of rotational pasture management that indicate livestock are rotated at least twice per week to adequately rested pastures are required. Forest lands recently cleared and converted to pasture are not eligible.

No Till (\$15 per acre)

This program is limited to the Rotational Grazing (\$30 per planting of annual crops in a

no-till system. A minimum of 30 percent of the soil surface must be covered by uniformly distributed plant residue after planting. There must not be any full-width soil disturbance performed from the time immediately following harvest or termination of one cash crop through harvest or termination of the next cash crop in the rotation, regardless of the depth of the tillage operation. Fullwidth harrowing, chisel plowing, field cultivating, tandem disking, or vertical tillage is not allowable under this practice. Cover crop planting must be drilled or broadcast, not incorporated. Manure injection with soil surface closure at time of injection is allowable under this practice.

No-Till Pasture and Hayland **Renovation** (\$20 per acre)

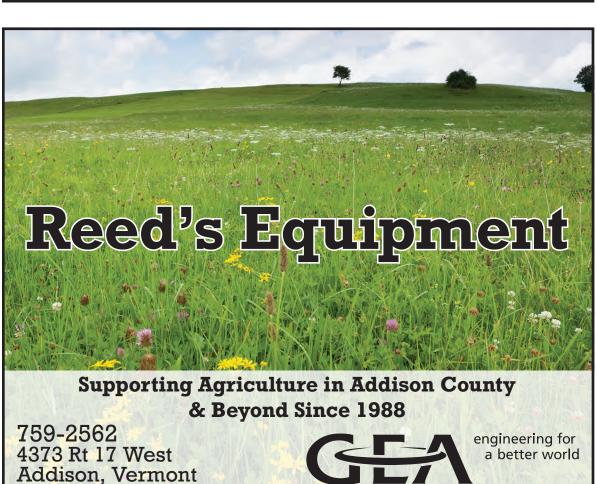
This program is limited to use of no-till drill equipment to improve

pastures and/or hay. Seeding rate

Manure Injection (\$25 per This program is limited to subsurface injection including disk, shank, and grassland manure injection, injected below soil surface simultaneously with a single implement. Chisel plowing or disk harrowing fields directly after manure injection has occurred (e.g. within two weeks of practice installation) is not allowable. All manure injection must follow manure application standards of the Vermont Required Agricultural Rule including Practices application of nutrients within agronomic recommendations.

For more information and program requirements head online to tinyurl.com/VtFAPprograms.





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Crop Insurance

Ken Scupp

(Continued from Page 1A) developed on the backside of his heart. Scupp had had a pacemaker installed a few years earlier to help deal with the aneurism.

The aortic procedure went well, but it came with some bad news.

"They fixed all the plumbing, because of the aneurism," Scupp recounted.

said of a condition known as ventricular "(My surgeon) tachycardia, or said to us ... 'Of "V-tach." V-tach is a all the patients heart rhythm problem (arrhythmia), caused I've ever had. by irregular electrical you were the signals in the lower sickest one to chambers (ventricles) ever survive." of the heart, according to mayoclinic.org.

In an effort to remedy his V-tach symptoms, he submitted to three separate ablations — a procedure that scars tissue in the heart to block irregular electrical signals — and an experimental radiation therapy usually reserved for cancer patients.

"None of it worked," his wife and soulmate Josie solemnly recalled. "He continued to go back into V-tach."

Thanks to TLC and a strict regimen, Ken was able to go 40

consecutive days last summer without a "It was either V-tach episode. He appeared to be out and he would of the woods and scheduled a checkup make it, or it with his cardiologist was over." Massachusetts

General Hospital.

celebratory meeting," Josie said. But on the very morning of his

checkup — Aug. 12, 2022 — Ken went back into V-tach. So instead of taking a victory

lap, the couple detoured into the Mass General ER, where Ken was admitted. There he would remain for more than three months, submitting to numerous therapies, medications and procedures aimed at getting Ken's heart to beat normally.

In spite of the world-class care, Ken's prognosis only worsened. The ablation procedures had further weakened the structure of his heart, Josie said.

Suddenly, Ken was 17 again, receiving some shocking news. Only this time the news was a lot

"They came to us and basically said, 'We've done everything we can, and the only thing that's going to return you to a life of normalcy but I still had 'electrical' issues, is having a heart transplant," Ken

> "They told him, 'Your heart has given all it can give," Josie added. **PUT ON A LIST**

Ken Scupp was put on a transplant list. His life would ironically depend on the tragic death of a

stranger whose final

act of selflessness would be a heart donation. He buckled up for a potentially lengthy wait — perhaps a year or

— Ken Scupp

going to work

But only a few days after being told he was living on borrowed time, Ken was thrown a bittersweet lifeline.

A 25-year-old man had died suddenly during Labor Day and his heart was weekend. available.

Mere hours later, Ken was again being rolled into an

operating room. Only this time, surgeons would be installing a new engine instead of tinkering under the hood. The operation, on

— Josie Scupp Sept. 4 of last year, "This was supposed to be a went well. Ken's body showed no signs of rejecting his new heart and he'd been told he could be discharged from the hospital within 10 days of the surgery.

> The Scupps have learned, however, that good medical news often comes with a catch.

Ken's recovery was hampered by his lungs, which had collapsed during the operation and refused to reopen. He was diagnosed with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), which occurs when fluid builds up in the tiny, elastic air sacs in the lungs. He developed pneumonia, which almost killed him. Physicians plied Ken with

medications, put him on a ventilator, and eventually a tracheostomy tube, or trach.

"He didn't tolerate (the trach) very well," Josie recalled.

So Ken's physicians decided to sedate him in order to let the trach do its work. He remained unconscious — save for a few coordinated wakeups — for more than five weeks, according to Josie.

"They really weren't sure he was going to make it; his lungs were bad and still weren't opening up," Josie

At that point, physicians tried what Josie called a "Hail Mary pass" — a simple-but-rare procedure for an ARDS patient with Ken's kind of medical history: They elected to "prone" him, meaning they put him on paralytics and flipped him on his stomach for half the day, and onto his back the other half.

Gravity was being enlisted to open Ken's lungs.

"We had a family Zoom meeting (with our two grown children)," Josie said, her eyes welling with tears. "It was either going to work and he would make it, or it was over."

It worked.

His surgeon was gobsmacked by Ken's perseverance and good fortune.

"(My surgeon) said to us, 'Mr. Scupp, I want you to know something; of all the patients I've ever had, you were the sickest one to ever survive," Ken said, shaking his head in disbelief.

With his lungs back in order, Ken was discharged from the hospital on Nov. 10 to begin a five-week stint at a physical rehab center in Cambridge, Mass. The surgeries and extended bed confinement had temporarily robbed him of his

"He had to learn how to do everything all over again," Josie said, noting it took him more than two weeks just to be able to stand up on his own.

Fortunately, Ken was a motivated patient who had set a goal of returning home before Christmas

He and Josie made it back to Middlebury on Dec. 20. **COMING HOME**



allowed Ken to live an active life after several months during which his survival was in grave doubt.

Now eight and a half months clear of the operation, Ken Scupp is counting his blessings. Topping the list is Josie, who's been with him every step of the way during his medical odyssey. She can recite the

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and recuperative experiences, finished his sentences a couple of times during the interview.

Ken, who grew up in Philadelphia, also drew inspiration film icon from Rocky Balboa, the boxer who things, and their Philly went the distance first reaction is, in a title fight with fictional heavyweight champion Apollo Creed. Ken had a Rocky poster hanging on the wall in his

room.

"I had that 'Rocky' mentality," Ken chuckled.

He's come a long way and is a veritable "cardiac kid" when one considers the age of his new heart, but Ken recognizes his limitations. He's lost 96% of the hearing in his left ear and developed a foot problem. Both ailments are side effects of his heart surgery. Ken added he "takes more pills than I'd care to admit," and faithfully attends rehab sessions (including treadmill, stationary bike and rowing machine) at Porter Medical Center.

Ken will never run another benchmark dates of Ken's surgical marathon but is an avid walker.

He'll soon add fishing to his more restrained recreational repertoire.

He's also committed giving back, including through Boston-based the HeartBrothers Foundation. It's a non-profit dedicated to helping heart failure patients and their families navigate the complex journey of cardiac ailments and recovery. The group gathers resources and

folks like Ken who can let future patients know what they can expect pre- and post-op.

Ken saw this month's United Way "Race for the Rest of Us" as a way to give back at a local level. He asked a bunch of friends and family for a penny for every yard he walked in the 0.5-kilometer event. Small steps can pay big dividends, as Ken's sponsors had ponied up a combined \$2,300 for the United Way as of this writing.

"I raised a lot more than I thought," he said gratefully.

Helena Van Voorst, executive director of United Way of Addison County, was thrilled with the Scupps' financial contribution and praised their courage in the face of Ken's medical predicament.

"There are times when we're just humbled by the heart this community has — pun intended," she said. "It's humbling to know that we have a community where people are going through difficult things, and their first reaction is, 'How do we give back?' And they think of the United Way. We're so grateful for Ken's and Josie's support...'

It's support that sadly couldn't have happened without another family's tragedy. Ken desperately wants to thank his donor's family, which has the right to remain anonymous. Ken has written a letter that'll be forwarded to the family, and they can choose to make

"I'm attempting to express my gratitude," Ken said, though he knows mere words can't begin to describe his feelings nor the donor family's loss.

"It is really daunting that someone had to die in order for me to live."





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Girls' tennis nets season's first victory

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ALBANS Middlebury Union High School girls' tennis team broke through for its first victory of the season, knocking off host BFA-St. Albans on Monday, 4-3, after falling short in two earlier road matches late last week.

On May 10 two-time defending Division II champion Montpelier topped the Tigers, 7-0.

The individual results were:

No. 1 singles, Rachon Cherian, Mplr., defeated Paige Hescock, MUHS, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 2 singles, Sophia Sevi, Mplr., defeated Dinara Meyers, MUHS, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 3 singles, Ruby McElwain, Mplr., defeated Caroline Nicolai,

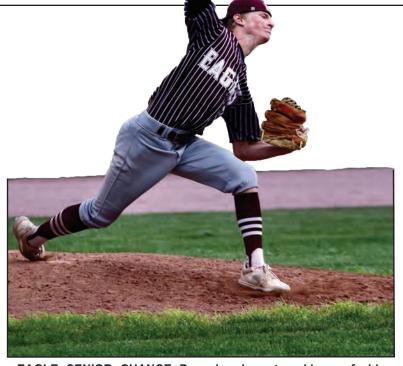
MUHS, 6-2, 6-1. No. 4 singles, Allegra Muller, Mplr., defeated Piper Farnsworth,

MUHS, 6-2, 6-1. No. 5 singles, Emily Tringe, Mplr., defeated Amelia Coburn,

MUHS, 6-4, 6-2. No. 1 doubles, Juliet Allen/ Britty Lassner, Mplr., defeated Clara Chant/Sophia Boise, MUHS,

6-1, 6-3. No. 2 doubles, Finn Lofgren/ Ellie Dupree, Mplr., defeated Subia Khan/Anna Wolosinski, MUHS, 6-2, 2-6, (14-12).

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EAGLE SENIOR CHANCE Denecker is not making a fashion statement: Strong gusts of wind kept blowing his hat off as he delivered pitches during Tuesday's game at VUHS, and this was his answer to the problem.

Independent photo/Steve James



MOUNT ABE SENIOR pitcher Eve McCormick fires a pitch vs. Enosburg on Saturday. McCormick got the win in a battle of D-II title contenders, striking out seven, walking none, and allowing seven hits and two earned runs.

Independent photo/Steve James

VUHS edges Eagle nine in 8

Teams battle each other, elements in see-saw contest

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — On a Tuesday afternoon not fit for man nor beast, never mind baseball, an exciting game of the latter nevertheless broke out at Vergennes Union High School, when the host Commodores needed eight innings to get past rival Mount Abraham,

Minutes before game time the sun shone, and the temperature stood around 70 degrees. Seemingly instantly, the mercury dropped in 20 degrees, and winds gusting up to 40 mph or more forced fans to huddle under blankets and put on winter parkas, players to hold onto their hats, and umpires to often halt play to let swirling infield dust

Meanwhile, the Commodores cruised to a 9-2 lead after four innings, but saw the Eagles who had won an 11-10, 10-inning home game under better weather conditions three days earlier rally for four runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings to take a

(See Baseball, Page 3B)



VUHS SENIOR ELIJAH Duprey is safe at home on this play. He came around from second base as the second runner to score on a perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt. Independent photo/Steve James

Mt. Abe softball stings Hornets

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — In a well-played duel on Saturday between Division II softball contenders, host Mount Abraham claimed a 4-3 victory over Enosburg. In the process the Eagles unofficially took over first place in the division with a 9-2 record, while the Hornets dropped to 8-2.

The teams have become rivals, with the Hornets and Eagles splitting regular-season games in each of the past two years, but Enosburg prevailing each season in the D-II semifinals on Mount Abe's field.

Eagle senior and Saturday's winning pitcher Eve McCormick acknowledged a victory over Enosburg carries a little extra meaning.

"This one felt really good for our team, I think. We've definitely been battling them for the last three years," she said. "As a team this just keeps us moving onto what our goal

That goal?

"Championship," was the reply. Eagle Coach Don McCormick, known as Dad to Saturday's winning pitcher, praised both teams.

"In my mind, that's two of the

best teams in the state, no matter what division," he said. "That's good softball."

He was particularly happy with the Eagles' effort out in the field. The Eagles did make three errors:

one on a tough infield hop, one on a high throw to second base on an attempted force play, and one on a fly ball that ticked off an outfielder's

(See Softball, Page 4B)



EAGLE JO TOY, right, congratulates teammate Madelyn Hayden after she scored a run in the Mount Abe softball team's victory over **Enosburg on Saturday.**

Independent photo/Steve James

Tiger boys' lacrosse gets past Woodstock in OT



MUHS SENIOR ATTACKER Owen Lawton fires home one of his four goals, one of which was the On May 12, host Rice also overtime game-winner, during Monday's home lacrosse game against Woodstock.

Independent photo/Steve James

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — It might not have been the most brilliant performance of the Middlebury Union High School boys' lacrosse team. But given that it came against ancient rival Woodstock, and the squad is dealing with a number of nagging injuries, they'll take Monday's 8-7 overtime victory against the Wasps and move along.

The Tigers never trailed, but they never put away a team they defeated by 17-2 in Woodstock a month ago, and when given the chance the Wasps rallied with three straight fourth-quarter goals to force overtime.

There, the Tigers took charge, pressing relentlessly until senior attacker Owen Lawton whipped in a 22-yard bomb with 2:30 gone for the game-winner, also his gamehigh fourth goal.

MUHS improved to 8-3, and — if standings published by the Vermont Principals' Association can be trusted — should be in third place in Division I, ahead of Essex (7-5), Burr & Burton (8-5) and Woodstock (6-4). One-loss teams Champlain Valley and South Burlington, the latter of which will

visit MUHS on Friday afternoon, are firmly ensconced in first and second place.

MUHS Coach Matt Rizzo acknowledged Monday was not his team's best effort, but could reasonably point to a couple factors. One was that the Tigers were out of synch because they were not at full strength, and the other that the Wasps played well, especially as they gained confidence when they realized the Tigers were not going to steamroll them again.

"We're very banged up," Rizzo said, noting limited minutes for offensive sparkplug Toby Draper and key midfielders Gus Hodde and Angus Blackwell, plus the absence of defensive midfielder Charlie Stone. "That takes us out of our rhythm a little bit, so there's that. And you've got to give them a ton of credit. They played awesome."

Most of the Tigers' problems came on the attack. The Wasps struggled to move the ball up the field against MUHS, and only managed two shots on Tiger goalie Kegan Brown (eight saves) in the first period, one of which, by Trey Jones, went in.

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Quiet evening. But a loud splash.

the sound of the splash, my heart began to race. I could feel the rush of adrenaline as my head whipped around toward the sound.

There is nothing quite like a loud splash to wake an angler up, put them on alert, get their attention back on the water. Especially on an evening when little has happened up to that point, and their casting has become mechanical because they no longer really expect a fish to take their fly. It's like watching your team's batters get stymied by the opposing pitcher all afternoon, never once building anything resembling a threat, while the other team slowly builds up a 5-0 lead. Your hope wanes, your attention drifts. But then with no outs in the ninth inning your team gets three quick hits sandwiched around a walk, suddenly it's 5-1 with the bases loaded and the tying run at the plate in the person of your hottest hitter.

Except in the case of the splash, the quickening of the pulse doesn't take several minutes. The sense of anticipation and hope is immediate.

And this splash was loud. Almost too loud to be a fish. I might have assumed it was a muskrat or even an osprey and not a fat trout hitting the surface except for three things. One was that the splashing sound came from right in the middle of the swift current beside a submerged log — right where I might expect a big fish, and not from along the stream bank in a long slow pool where I typically see muskrats or kingfishers. Also, it was really close to me. Close enough to exaggerate the sound. Too close for a bird or mammal to want to come. Close enough to intensify the rush of adrenaline.

And third, I had just walked through one of the thickest clouds of hatching mayflies I have ever seen on the New Haven River. Big juicy mayflies that were so thick in the air above the riffle that I had a hard time walking through some. There were also quite a to snatch them on the way up) and the surface in a warning sound. I

The reaction was instant. At few midges over the water, a less almost explode out of the water. intense but still non-trivial hatch of smaller mayflies, and also some large stoneflies coming off the water. It was the sort of evening when I thought trout should have been actively feeding, and had

> been surprised not to see any. I was fishing

MATTHEW DICKERSON

a stretch of river I had not been to in a couple years, working a log jam I had never worked. In many ways, conditions

were ideal. We are now coming into that perfect four-week stretch for trout fishing in Vermont. The snow is gone. Spring runoff is over. Water temperatures have risen up to that window — upper 40s through low 60s — when trout are active, but the water hasn't yet gotten too warm as it does in July and August. Levels were perfect also. Low enough to make for easy wade in most spots. And even though there are chest- and shoulder-deep pools along several of the bends, within a hundred yards in one direction or the other one can generally find a place to cross. Although I was fishing a stretch managed for wild fish, those who prefer hatchery fish can find them all around since most of the local rivers have already received the influx from the state's stocking efforts. Added to all of that, this evening was overcast after several days of sunshine. Overcast skies tend to trigger bigger hatches.

Different types of aquatic insects hatch and lay eggs in different ways. Stoneflies, when they are ready to hatch — to emerge from their underwater juvenile stage and become winged adults usually crawl out of the river onto a streamside (or lakeside) rock to dry off their wings. Caddisflies generate a gas bubble that enables them to shoot rapidly to the them without accidentally eating surface (making it harder for a fish

They often congregate on riparian bushes to mate, and they skitter across the water to broadcast their eggs. Mayflies are different. They swim to the surface, and usually have to sit on the top of the water for several seconds to dry off their wings before flying off. Their egg-laying strategy, unlike caddisflies, is to drop very quietly on the surface rather than skittering about. Most mayflies have only a very short adult life of a few hours to a day or two. They have no mouth parts and don't even eat. Once they hatch, all they do as adults is mate once, lay eggs and then die.

You can often tell what a trout is eating by how it is feeding. Trout that are feeding on so-called "spinners" — mayflies that have already mated and are now laying eggs before they die - don't have to chase them aggressively because the mayflies aren't going anywhere. The trout can just sip the spinners off the surface of the river as they drift by. It is very subtle and you have to look closely even to see the fish feeding. When trout are chasing the emerging mayflies or caddisflies, however, they have to be aggressive to get those insects on the surface before they fly off. That's when trout hit the surface hard with loud splashes, and sometimes even rise completely out of the water to snatch airborne insects as they flutter away.

This splash sounded like one of those latter examples of feeding: a trout hitting the surface hard. Up to that point, not having seen any rising fish, I had been fishing below the surface. As quickly as I could in the fading light with my aging eyes, I tied on a dry fly and began to cast in the swift current where I had heard the splash.

It might have been five minutes after the first splash when I heard the second. I didn't even have to turn my head to know what it was, however. It was the distinctive sound of a wide flat tail slapping looked 12 yards down the river to the wide pool below the fallen tree to see the large shape of a beaver slowly swimming away near the bottom of the clear pool. It disappears. Although I enjoy seeing beavers, I sighed in disappointment because I enjoy seeing big fish even more. A minute or so later, I heard the beaver talking with its partner in some hidden den not far away. My adrenaline rush faded. The

opposing pitcher has managed to get our top hitter to ground out weakly to the shortstop who gets the force out at second. It's now 5-2 but with one out and only runners at the corners. Inexplicably, the runner on first is then caught napping and picked off. Now there are two outs, and only one runner on, and your team is still down by three, with your soft-hitting infielder coming to the plate. Hope has faded.

I took a few more casts with the dry fly, but then I snipped it off and decided to try for the first time that evening my best big-fish fly: a heavily weighted, bug-eyed, black wooly bugger. This is something I could get down to the bottom of this deep pool below the log. I snipped off the piece of fine leader I'd been using for the dry fly, leaving only a heavy duty piece of stronger line to hold this bigger fly.

A few halfhearted drifts along the outside of the log in the swift current. Nothing. I didn't really expect anything anyway. I step around to the upstream side of the log and the softer deeper water on the far side. Risking losing that fly on the log, I let it drift along the jam and sink down to the bottom.

The fly stops moving. Half expecting the fly to be hooked on a log, I lift my rod. Suddenly there is a massive tug in the opposite direction. I set the hook on a big fish. It yanks in the opposite direction — straight toward the log jam. Hard pulsating tugs. Fighting to keep it from getting under the log, and knowing I now have a stronger line attached to the fly, I lift hard toward the surface just before the fish gets to the log. The strategy seems to work. The big trout comes to the top of the water. Biggest trout I've seen in the New Haven for a couple years. Big enough to make a big splash on the top of the water.

Big enough to break even my stronger line, which it does an instant before it slips back down into the deep. This time it takes several minutes for the adrenaline rush to fade and the sound of that splash to stop echoing in my ear.

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5/22 MAV at Stowe	4:30 PN
5/23 OV at Stratton	4:30 PN
5/23 MUHS at Essex	6:30 PN
5/25 Colchester at MAV (at VI	UHS)4:30
5/26 MUHS at CVU	4:30 PN
5/26 Montpelier at OV	4:30 PN

5/27 Randolph at MAV.....11 AM Girls' Lacrosse 5/19 MUHS at Essex 6 PM

5/19 St. J at MAV.....

5/22 Brattleboro at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/23 MAV at Milton	4:30 PM
5/24 CVU at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/27 St. Albans at MUHS	11 AM
5/27 Rice at MAV	11 AM
Softball	
5/18 Enosburg at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/18 Rice at Mt. Abe	4:30 PM
5/18 Milton at VUHS	4:30 PM
5/20 Milton at Mt. Abe	11 AM
5/20 VUHS at MUHS	11 AM
5/20 OV at Brattleboro	11 AM
5/23 Mt. Anthony at OV	4:30 PM
5/23 MUHS at Mt. Abe	4:30 PM
5/23 VUHS at Enosburg	4:30 PM

5/25 VUHS at Rice4:30 PM

5/25 MUHS at Milton 4:30 PM

5/25 Mt. Abe at Enosburg 4:30 PM

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5/25 MUHS at Milton	4:30 PM

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5/23 Burlington at MUHS Girls 4 PM						

5/24 MUHS Boys at St. J...... 4 PM

5/25 CVU at MUHS Girls 4 PM

COLLEGE SPORTS

Baseball **NCAA D-III Tournament** Regional at Bridgewater State (Double Elimination)

5/19 Midd vs Johnson & Wales ... 1:30 PM 5/19 Endicott vs. Bridgewater St. ... 10 AM 5/20 & 21Games TBD

Women's Lacrosse NCAAD III Bogional at Midd

NCAA D-III Regional at Wil	uu
/20 Midd vs Trinity	11 AM
/20 College of NJ vs Colby	2 PM
/21 Final	1 PM
/26-28 Final Four In Sal	lem, Va.

Men's Lacrosse					
NCAA D-III Sectional at Tufts					
5/20 Tufts (20-0) vs Lynchburg (16-8) . 2 PM					
5/20 Midd (18-2) vs RIT (20-1) 5 PM					
5/21 Sectional Final 5 PM					
5/28 NCAA Final in Philadelphia 4 PM					

MAV lax rides Seahorses

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BURLINGTON — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes boys' lacrosse team outlasted host Burlington on Monday, 11-8, improving to 6-2 in the process.

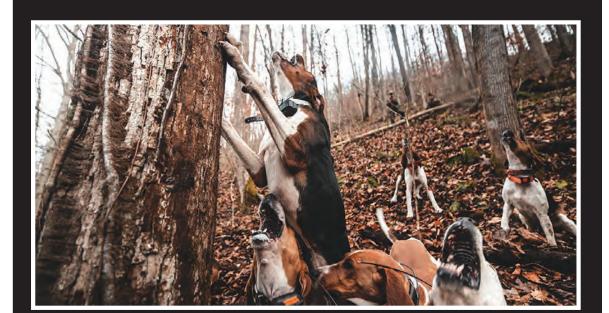
Because results are not up to date on the Vermont Principals' Association website, it was difficult to pin down whether the Eagles were in first or second place in Division III after the road victory over a D-II team, but MAV is clearly well positioned for the playoffs as the team enters the

home stretch. The Eagles were set to visit Milton on Wednesday.

On Monday Sawyer Leonard (four goals, assist), Noah Ladeau (three goals), Henry Anderson (two goals, assist), Jonah Howell (goal, three assists) Sawver Shepard (goal, assist) and Chase Atkins (assist) took care of the offense. Goalie Walker Forand backstopped the win with 11 saves.

Raven Clark scored half the Seahorse goals, and BHS goalie Cannon Poulin also made 11 saves.

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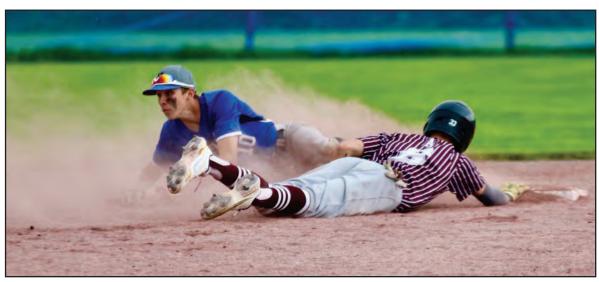
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COMMODORE ZEKE DUBOIS reaches for the base as Eagle first baseman Aricin Griffin checks to see if he has a play on this pickoff attempt during Tuesday's baseball game at VUHS. Independent photo/Steve James



EAGLE GUS HILL dives safely into second base as Commodore shortstop Zeke Dubois stretches for the throw during Tuesday's baseball game in Vergennes. Independent photo/Steve James

Women's lax to host in NCAAs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY Middlebury College women's lacrosse team breezed past visiting SUNY-Geneseo on Sunday, 19-4, in a second-round NCAA Division III

The 19-0 defending NCAA champions will host an NCAA regional this weekend. They have defeated all three teams that will visit, with the closest margin a sixgoal victory (17-11) at The College of New Jersey early this season.

The Panthers will take on NESCAC foe Trinity (13-5) at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Panthers defeated the Bantams on the road this season, 18-5. TCNJ (16-3) will the NESCAC tournament, 20-6.

Saturday's winners will play in the regional final — also an NCAA quarterfinal — on Sunday at 1 p.m. Sunday's victor will advance to the tournament's final four in Salem, Va. The semifinal is set for May 26 and the final on May 28, with game time at noon for both.

On this past Sunday, the Panthers had no trouble with Geneseo (15-5). which had blitzed SUNY-Canton, 22-4, in a first-round game on Kohn Field the day before.

After a Jane Earley goal in the first minute, Geneseo knotted the score in the third minute. The Panthers answered with five unanswered take on Colby (13-5) at 2:30 p.m. in goals in the first quarter and nine half and stopped one of the two shots Saturday's second game. Middlebury more in the second period to take the Middlebury defense allowed. defeated Colby in Maine in the a 15-1 lead into the halftime break.

regular season, 17-5, and at home in They allowed only one more shot on goal in the first half.

Eleven Panthers scored in the game, led by Maggie Coughlin (four goals, two assists), Caroline Messer, three goals, and Hope Shue, Sara Ellinghaus and Anna Spehr, with two goals apiece.

Kelcey Dion and Britt Nawrocki added two assists apiece, and they were also among the six Panthers who scored one goal. Earley controlled 10 draws, and defender Madison Paylor caused two turnovers and scooped five ground balls.

Two Geneseo goalies combined for nine saves, and three Panther goalies collectively stopped four shots. Annie Enrietto played the first



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Baseball

(Continued from Page 1B) 10-9 lead.

But the Commodores, who have been playing better baseball recently, tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, and then walked off with the win in the bottom of the eighth, when Elijah Duprey walked, moved to third on an Eyon Tembreull single, and came home with the winning run — his fourth of the game —on a Gabe Scribner base hit.

VUHS won for the fourth time in six outings and improved to 5-7. Coach Andy O'Brien said his team is playing with more confidence, especially at the plate and often in crunch time, as they did on Tuesday.

"They're figuring out we have to produce more runs. They've been coming up clutch," he said. "They're figuring it out, and it's been fun to see."

The Commodores are also coming together to support injured senior teammate Parker Kayhart, who was hurt a week before when he took an accidental knee to the head while stealing a base. Kayhart is recovering well and attended Tuesday's game, but is unlikely to play again this season.

"They're fighting in the games for him," O'Brien said. "It's really nice to see them rally behind him."

Mount Abe Coach Jason Barnard praised a gritty effort by senior pitcher Chance Denecker, who settled down after being hit hard through the first three innings and went the distance, in part because two other Eagle pitchers had combined to throw more than 200 pitches against Enosburg in Mount Abe's extra-inning victory on Saturday. Denecker allowed 12 hits, walked four and struck out eight as the Eagles dropped to 2-10.

The Eagles struck first, scoring once off VUHS starter Peyton Paquette in the opening inning. Denecker walked, stole second, and came home on a Tanner Castillo single.

The Commodores answered with three runs in their at-bat. Tyler Kimball walked, Duprey blooped a single into right field, and Eyon Tembreull doubled in the first run. A wild pitch and a Scribner RBI single made it 3-1.

In the third inning Duprey boomed a shot over the left-field fence to score Zeke Dubois, who reached on an error, and Kimball, who singled, and it was 7-1. Mount Abe got a run back in the third, when Evan Corrigan walked and Castillo doubled him home.

The Commodores made it 9-2 in the fourth by combining a perfect suicide squeeze bunt with excellent baserunning. Kimball singled and Duprey doubled to put runners on second and third, and Scribner bunted with both runners going.

Scribner was out at first, with Scribner scoring easily. Duprey never stopped running and beat the throw back to the plate.

But Denecker held the fort until the seventh, and the Eagles began to make noise, scoring four times in the fifth, Corrigan singled, and Denecker doubled off the centerfield fence to score him. A Castillo double, a Gus Hill single, a Caleb Russell fly ball to advance the runner, and an error made it 9-6, with Scribner relieving mid-inning. Paquette was charged with five runs on six hits overall.

The Eagles kept hitting in the sixth, knocking out Scribner with one out and scoring four more times. Jameson Huizenga singled, and Corrigan reached on a bunt to set the table. Denecker singled in one run, Aricin Griffin doubled in two to tie the game, and Hill doubled in Griffin to make it 10-9, Eagles. Tembreull relieved and got the final out and eventually earned the win with 2.1 innings of scoreless work.

But the Commodores answered in the seventh with an double from DeBlois and an RBI single from Nate Muzzy to force extra innings. And then they walked it off in the eighth on the walk to Duprey, and the Tembreull and Scribner singles.

And then grateful fans and umpires headed to warm cars and homes.

H.S. softball: Eagles rule rivals

Tigers, Otters and Commodores also pick up victories

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY Mount Abraham knocked off both its Addison County rivals Middlebury and Vergennes to highlight recent high school softball action, while elsewhere MUHS won twice, Otter Valley took two of three, and VUHS won once in three outings.

RIVALRY GAMES

On May 11 the Eagles bested the host Tigers, 8-3, as Eve McCormick tossed a completegame six-hitter, allowing one earned run while striking out four. Payton Vincent and Gabrielle LaFreniere led the Mount Abe attack with two hits apiece. Tiger losing pitcher Lexi Whitney went 3.1 innings, allowing five runs, four earned.

On Tuesday the Eagles belted the Commodores, 25-2, in a game after two innings as temperatures dropped to about 50 degrees and winds gusted to 40 mph as the Eagles scored 20 runs in the second inning.

For Mount Abe, McCormick blasted a grand slam and finished with two hits and six RBIs; Vincent doubled, tripled and drove in five; and Lucy Parker homered, drove in three runs and scored three runs. Other contributors included Joanna Toy (two hits, four runs), LaFreniere (double, single, RBI), Dakota Larocque (hit, RBI, three runs), and Bri Preston and Abigail Parker (three RBIs

The Eagles improved to 10-2, and VUHS dropped to 4-7.

On Monday the Tigers evened their record at 5-5 by blanking visiting Milton, 13-0, in five innings. Siena Rubright drove in a pair of runs with a hit and scored three times, and Skyler Choiniere went two of three and drove in a run. The Tigers took advantage of eight runs and fielding miscues; six of their runs were unearned.

On Tuesday MUHS avenged an earlier road loss by thumping visiting Rice, 21-8, erupting for nine first-inning runs. Lily Dame homered and singled to lead the attack and Ireland Hanley and Emma Deering each doubled and singles. Whitney picked up the pitching win as the Tigers

improved to 6-5. COMMODORES

five-inning perfect game, fanning six. Gabby Spaulding went fourfor-four with a three-run homer and a double to lead the Enosburg offense. Maddie Laberge took the pitching loss.

On Saturday visiting Rice earned a six-inning 15-3 victory over the Commodores. Winning pitcher Alayna Havreluk tossed all six innings, allowing four hits and three earned runs. Bella Messineo went three for-three, slugged a three-run homer and scored four runs for Rice.

Jasmine Little did most of the damage offensively for VUHS, with a three-for-three performance that included a two-run homer and two runs scored. Savanah Blaise

was the losing pitcher, allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks in four innings while striking out nine.

On Monday the Commodores snapped a five-game skid by knocking off host Fairfax, 10-4. Blaise went the distance for the win, allowing seven hits and fanning 12. Blaise and Little doubled to lead the attack as the Commodores improved to 4-6 heading into Tuesday's game with Mount Abe.

OTTERS

On May 11 the Otters topped visiting Green Mountain Union, 18-6, in five innings, scoring a combined 13 runs in the first two innings. Sierra Cormany earned the pitching win.

On Friday the Otters led host On May 11 Enosburg blanked Hartford, 8-6, entering the bottom VUHS, 21-0, as Hornet hurler of the sixth, but the 6-2 Hurricanes that both teams agreed to call MaKenna Lovelette tossed a took advantage of OV errors to plate eight runs in that inning and emerge with a 14-6 victory.

Mackenzie McKay, Ryleigh LaPorte, Sydney Gallo, Bryn Blanchard and Randi Lancour were most involved in the attack for the Otters.

On Monday the Otters rallied past visiting Windsor, 14-13, by scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh. Cormany led off with a hit, and two walks followed. The runs scored on a Gallo sacrifice fly, a Blanchard ground ball, a Lancour double and Mykenzie Thibault's walkoff game-winning hit. Cormany went four-for-four in the game as OV improved to 7-4.





MOUNT ABE SENIOR shortstop Lucy Parker lunges toward a ball hit up the middle in Saturday's home game vs. Enosburg. Parker had four assists and two putouts and drove in a run in the Eagle win.

Boys' tennis maintains its roll

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY Middlebury Union High School boys' tennis team improved its record to 9-0 by winning four recent matches, all by lopsided scored and two against Division I Chittenden County teams.

D-I tennis standings, as is the case with several sports, are not up to date at the Vermont Principals' Association website, but it appears the Tigers are in either first or second place.

On May 10 the Tigers blanked visiting South Burlington, 7-0. The individual results were:

No. 1 singles, Jackson Murray, M, defeated Will Bradley, (SB)

No. 2 singles, Lewis Suchomel, M, defeated Daniel Kim, (SB) 6-0,

No. 3 singles, Kellan Bartlett, M, defeated Mateo Duracak, (SB) 6-2,

No. 4 singles, Aidan Chance, M, defeated Jules Butler, (SB) 6-0,

No. 5 singles, Brian Newton, M, defeated Jay Eagle, (SB) 6-2, 6-2. No. 1 doubles, Iver Anderson and Milo Rees (MUHS) defeated

Robin Hokenmaier and Nicolas St. Joseph squad and played two Charlebois (SB) 6-1, 6-4.

No. 2 doubles, Eddie Fallis and Eliot Heminway (MUHS) defeated Tate Nightingdale and Spencer Higgins (SB) 6-2, 6-0.

On Friday, May 12, the Tigers topped host CVU, 6-1, losing only one match in a hard-fought tiebreaker. The individual results

No. 1 singles, Oscar Andersson, CV, defeated Murray, M, 6-3, 3-6,

No. 2 singles, Suchomel, M, defeated Ziggy Babbott, CV 6-1,

No. 3 singles, Bartlett, M, defeated Jacob Graham, CV, 7-5, 4-6, 1-0 (10-6).

No. 4 singles, Chance, M, defeated Nolan Sandage, CV, 6-1,

No. 5 singles, Newton, M, defeated Silas Cohen, CV, 6-4, 6-4. No. 1 doubles, Anderson/Rees, M, defeated Fernando Tejera/Kyle

Krieger, CV, 6-4, 4-6, 1-0 (10-3). No. 2 doubles, Heminway/ Fallis, M, defeated Rusty Zia/Zach Vincent, CV, 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-5). Monday the Tigers entertained an overmatched Mount

matches because an earlier date at MSJ had been rained out just as play started. Individual matches were played as single sets to eight games to allow both overall matches to be completed. MUHS Coach Ken Schoen juggled his lineup to give more players a chance to complete as the Tigers prevailed, 7-0 and 6-1. Winning handily in the 7-0

first match were Murray at No. 1, Suchomel at No. 2, Chance at No. 3, Avery Hamilton at No. 4, Spencer Copeland at No. 5, and Rees and Hemingway at No. 1 doubles. MSJ forfeited the No. 2 doubles competition in both matches. Only Chance surrendered a game.

In the 6-1 second match with a different lineup, Bartlett won at No. 1 singles, Chance at No. 2, Newton at No. 3, Nathan Stefani at No. 4, and Silas Taylor at No. 5; none surrendered more than three

The MSJ team of Myles Dachue and Ryan Forest defeated Tigers Kirin Biancosino and Yankee Rheaume at first doubles, 8-6.

Softball

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But only one Hornet run was unearned, and Mount Abe made good plays: Shortstop Lucy Parker racked up four assists and two putouts, catcher Gabrielle Lafreniere made a nice grab of a foul pop, and the Eagles handled the routine

"We've been working hard on defense," Coach McCormick said. "We were catching what we needed to be catching today."

The game featured a pitching duel between McCormick, who allowed seven hits, struck out eight and walked none, and Hornet junior Makenna Lovelette, who surrendered six hits and one walk and fanned two.

McCormick mixed in a fastball, sinker and changeup effectively against a lineup coming off a 21-run, five-inning win at Vergennes.

"I've got to hit my spots and have my pitches moving when I need them to," McCormick said. "They're a good hitting team."

She also praised the Eagles' defensive work: "Our defense did what we always do. We made a couple errors here and there, but we picked each other up and we kept moving forward."

Although the Eagles made better contract, the Enosburg outfield ran down scorched balls hit by McCormick, Payton Vincent, Jo Toy, Genevieve Forand and Madelyn Hayden, and Lucy Parker saw the Hornet shortstop snare her first-inning liner.

The game remained scoreless through four innings. Notably, McCormick struck out batters to end the second, third and fourth Enosburg innings with runners on base. The Eagles' best early threat came in the second, when Toy singled and Dakota Larocque walked, but the Hornet right fielder tracked down Forand's line shot for the third out.

Enosburg took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning. Cassidy Blaney reached on an outfield error, moved to third on McCormick's only wild pitch, and scored on a Rory Schreindorfer RBI grounder. Schreindorfer reached on an error on the play and stole second, but McCormick struck out the side to limit the damage.

The Eagles broke through for three runs in the bottom of the fifth. With one out Forand reached on an infield hit and stole second. Abigail Parker followed with a perfect bunt single, and also stole second. Hayden hit a grounder to short that plated Forand. Hayden reached when the first basemen dropped the throw, and she stole second.

Lucy Parker's groundout plated Abigail Parker, and then McCormick laced a single up the middle to score Hayden and make it 3-1, with two runs earned.

The Eagles added another unearned run in the sixth. Vincent reached on an infield error, reached third on a Lafreniere single, and also working hard for it."

cruised home on Toy's sacrifice fly.

Enosburg made a run at the Eagles in the seventh. Blaney drilled a leadoff double, and Schreindorfer followed with a bunt single and stole second. Consecutive groundball outs to Parker at short scored the baserunners and brought to the plate Lovelette, the cleanup hitter who hit a pivotal home run vs Mount Abe in the 2022 semifinal. McCormick induced a soft liner to Parker, and the Eagles celebrated.

Coach McCormick said his pitcher has been throwing well, and it showed on Saturday.

"Eve was on. She's in a little bit of a groove right now," he said.

The coach said the win felt good, but he believes the teams are once again likely to see each other with more at stake, whether it is in Enosburg, Bristol or Castleton University, host of the state championship game. But the win does help with a key goal, McCormick said: A No. 1 or 2 seed would assure the Eagles home field in the playoffs through the semifinal

"We feel good about where we're at," he said. "We want a top-two seed so we can play here until we can go to Castleton."

Eve McCormick agreed the team feels positive about its chances, but also knows what it needs to do to achieve that one-word goal she stated earlier:

"We're pretty confident, but we're

Baseball teams all earn wins

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY

Middlebury topped Mount Abraham to highlight high school baseball action between May 9 and 16, while elsewhere the Eagles picked up a win, the Tigers split two other games, and Vergennes and Otter Valley each won two out of three.

The Eagles also visited the Commodores on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

TIGERS-EAGLES

On May 11 the Tigers doubled up the visiting Eagles, 12-6. For MUHS Tim Whitney and Carter Paquette each belted bases-clearing doubles. Paquette and Alex Sperry poked two hits each, and Tucker Morter picked up the pitching victory.

Chance Denecker led the Eagles with three hits, and Tanner Castillo doubled. Brody Barnard was the

losing pitcher.

The Eagles on Saturday picked up wild win over visiting Enosburg, 11-10 in 10 innings. Mount Abe had an apparently comfortable 8-5 lead entering the seventh, but the Hornets rallied for four runs when Aricin **Griffin** walked three batters, hit one, Danny Antillon singled home one run and Peter Stiebris tripled home

Mount Abe tied the game at 9-9 in the bottom of the inning when Castillo tripled with two out and then scored as the Hornets bobbled Griffin's grounder to second base, allowing him to beat the throw to

The Hornets went back on top in the ninth, 10-9, on two walks, a wild pitch and an errant throw, but the Eagles tied the score again in the bottom of the inning on a Denecker triple and Castillo RBI hit. Griffin retired the Hornets in the top of the 10th and earned the win when the Eagles pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the inning against Stiebris.

In that inning Colt Bagnulo reached on an error to lead off, and with one out Barnard walked and Evan Corrigan reached on an infield hit to load the bases. With two outs Castillo worked a walk to force Bagnulo home with the winning run.

Castillo finished with three hits and three RBIs. Denecker had two hits and three runs; Gus Hill had two hits, two runs and an RBI; Barnard poked a two-run single; and Griffin had a hit and scored twice as the Eagles picked up their second win of the spring headed into their Tuesday game at VUHS.

TIGERS

On Saturday the Tigers stretched their winning streak to five games by scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh inning to nip Milton, 6-5. Morter's RBI double scored the winning run. Sperry and Paquette had two-hit games, and Paquette was the winning pitcher.

On Tuesday visiting Missisquoi remained undefeated by easing past MUHS, 17-6, snapping the Tigers' winning streak. Sperry's two hits were a highlight for MUHS, which dropped to 5-6.

COMMODORES

On May 11 the Commodores defeated visiting Enosburg, 11-1, in six innings. Tyler Kimball tossed a complete game for the win, allowing six hits, walking none and whiffing seven. Kimball also contributed two hits to the offense. Gabe Scribner drove in two runs with a pair of hits, and Eyon Tembreull poked one hit, drove in three runs and scored three

On Saturday VUHS scored three times in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings against Missisquoi, the Lake Division's first-place team, but the T-Birds responded with a two-run eighth to prevail, 10-8. Peyton Paquette was the most effective of three Commodore pitchers. Reese Paquette had two hits, and Scribner, Tembreull and Xavier DeBlois each had key hits.

On Monday the Commodores scored four times in the seventh inning at Fairfax to snap a 3-3 tie and claim a 7-3 victory. Kimball threw another complete-game win, allowing eight hits and fanning five. Tembreull, Peyton Paquette, DeBlois, Nate Muzzy and Zeke Dubois drove in runs for VUHS, which improved to 4-7 heading into Monday's game with the Eagles.

OTTERS On May 11 OV dealt visiting Green Mountain Union its first loss, 4-3, scoring the winning run on a passed ball in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Caleb Whitney earned the pitching win, striking out six and allowing no earned runs. Luca Polli sparked the OV offense with two hits and an RBI.

On Saturday host Burr and Burton edged the Otters, 4-3. Details were unavailable.

On Monday in a game OV honored a former coach, the late Wade Mitchell, Isaiah Wood tossed a five-inning two-hit shutout as the Otters defeated visiting Stratton, 10-0. Stratton broke up Wood's no-hit bid with a pair of singles with two outs in the top of the fifth. Wood fanned four and walked three.

In the second inning OV took a 1-0 lead on a Whitney sacrifice fly, and then the Otters scored five runs in the third and four in the fourth inning. In the third Luciano Falco belted a three-run triple, and Matt Bryant hit a sac fly. In the fourth Whitney's two-run triple sparked the rally. Ben Adams added two hits for OV, which improved to 6-6.

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Tennis

(Continued from Page 1B) blanked the Tigers, 7-0.

The individual results were: Rice, defeated Maeve Roche, MUHS, 6-1 6-1.

No. 2 singles, Anna Walters, Rice, defeated Hescock, MUHS, 7-5, 6-0. No. 3 singles, Lili Collins, Rice, defeated Audrey Carpenter, MUHS,

No. 4 singles, Maty Sultzbough, Rice, defeated Nicolai, MUHS, 6-4,

No. 5 singles, Gabby Sneddon, Rice, defeated Chant, MUHS, 6-2,

No. 1 doubles, Grace Marroquin/

Ella McCormack, Rice, defeated Boise/Coburn, MUHS, 6-0, 6-1.

doubles, Lucy No. 1 singles, Sophia Strouse, McLoughland/Lili Diemer, Rice, defeated Maryam Khan/Wolosinski, MUHS, 6-2, 6-1.

> On Monday at BFA, the Tigers won the Nos. 3, 4 and 5 singles and No. 1 doubles matches to edge the Comets, 3-1. Two of their victories came in tense tiebreakers won by

The individual match results were:

No. 2 singles, Genevieve Laclair,

Hescock and Nicolai.

No. 1 singles, Aroa San Juan Mes, BFA, defeated Roche, MUHS, 6-0,

BFA, defeated Carpenter, MUHS,

No. 3 singles, Hescock, MUHS, defeated Shelby Bechard, BFA, 5-7, 6-4, 12-10.

No. 4 singles, Nicolai, MUHS, defeated Drew Ducolon, BFA, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 10-6.

No. 5 singles, Boise, MUHS, defeated Milla Anderson, BFA, 6-4,

No. 1 doubles, Farnsworth/ Coburn, MUHS, defeated Paula Jimenez/Blomma Krei, BFA, 6-1,

No. 2 doubles, Maura Thompson/ Lyla Rouleau, BFA, defeated Khan/ Chant, MUHS, 6-2, 1-6, 18-16.

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Locals score at track and field meets

BURLINGTON — A few Middlebury, Mount Abraham and Vergennes union high school track and field athletes cracked the top six in individual and relay events at this past Saturday's major midseason Burlington Invitational.

Division I programs dominated the meet, capturing the top seven places in the combined girls' and boys' standings. Among the local squads competing among two dozen teams, MUHS took 12th to fare best on the girls' side, and VUHS was 14th to lead the way on the boys' side.

The Tiger girls posted two second-place efforts. Jazmvn Hurley was the runner-up at 400 meters in a personal-record time of 59.21, the MUHS girls' four-by-800-meter relay unit of Mary Harrington, Beth McIntosh, Seina Dowgiewicz and Lily Lapiner finished second in 10:50.54.

The Commodore boys' 4x800 relay team of Calvin Gramling, Riley Gagnon, Grey Fearon and Calder Rakowski also ran to a second-place finish in 8:52.61.

Posting a top-six scoring finish for Mount Abe was Gavin Bannister, who took fifth behind four D-I competitors in the 110m high hurdles in 16:37.

On Wednesday after the deadline for this edition, Vergennes athletes were set to compete at a meet hosted by Middlebury at the Middlebury College track, and the Eagles are headed to Missisquoi on Tuesday.

MILTON MEET

At a smaller meet on May 10 at Milton attended by only Mount Abe among local teams, the Eagles received first-place finishes from Ruby Jean Hall, Lauren Cousino, Olivia Devino, Evan Roy and Joseph Darling.

Among the six teams there, the Eagle girls took second with 82 points behind first-place Peoples (279). Peoples also prevailed among the boys' teams with 263.5, well clear of second-place Richford (124). The Eagle boys were fourth at 78.

The individual Eagle girls' scoring results were:

- 100 hurdles: 1. Ruby Jean Hall, 18.36
- 300 hurdles: 2. Hall, 53.33
- 1,500: 1. Lauren Cousin,
- 800: 1. Cousino; 2:50.772; 2. Isabella Shea, 3:03.62.
- Pole vault: 1. Olivia Devino.
- High jump: 4. Hazel Stoddard,
- Javelin: 3. Stoddard, 75-3. The Eagles also finished fourth in both the girls' 4x100 in 59.83 and the girls' 4x400 in 5:07.79

The Eagle boys' scoring results

- were • 100: 3. Joseph Darling, 11.77. • 1,500: 3. Norman Benoit,
- 4:44.13
- 800: 3. Benoit, 2:16.83.
- Pole vault: 1. Evan Roy, 9-8; 4. Nathaniel Gustin, 8-0.
- · Long jump: 2. Darling, 18-8.50.
- Discus: 1. Darling, 120-2. • Javelin: 3. Benoit, 111-2;
- 4. Benjamin Brown, 104-10; 5. Gustin, 103-6.

The Eagles also won the boys' 4x800 in 11:41.19.



TIGER JUNIOR MIDDIE Jackson Gillett races past two Woodstock players during the MUHS boys' lacrosse team's home overtime victory on Monday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Lacrosse

(Continued from Page 1B) At the other end in the opening quarter, the Tigers fired a halfdozen shots high or wide, and not all their passes were on target or well advised. Wasp goalie Rowan Larmie (nine saves) also stopped four of their bids, and the Tigers' big early edge in territory paid off with only a 2-1 lead after one period. The first score came after a Wasp turnover, Lawton netted a feed from middie Jackson Gillett at 7:44 to make it 1-0.

Jones tied it in transition, from Mark Van der Schoot, three minutes later. Lawton tossed in a long-range laser in the final seconds to give MUHS the lead after one.

Early in the second Gillett converted a nice feed from senior middie Willem Berry, and the Tigers led, 3-1. But they were unable to extend the lead as turnovers continued to bog down the attack; they also hit three posts in the first half. Van der Schoot drew the Wasps back within one with a 45-yard solo runs at 4:41. Lawton scored from the outside again at 0:26, and it was 4-2 at the break.

Five minutes into the third period Jones curled clockwise from behind the MUHS net and scooped a shot home, and it was a one-goal game. But a minute later Lawton, under heavy pressure at the top of the box, spun and cleverly found Landon Kean open to the right of the Wasp goal, and Kean deposited the ball into the far corner to make it 5-3.

The Tigers then killed a twomaking a big stop on Van der Schoot, and at 2:57 Berry swept from left to right through the Wasp box and found the lower left corner, and the lead was three entering the final period.

At 9:48 the lead was two. Wasp Owen Cross netted a nice feed from Van der Schoot in transition to make it 6-4. The Tigers responded 34 seconds later, when Hodde cut in from the left and took a strong pass from junior middie Brady McDonough and tucked the ball into the right side of the net.

But now the Wasps were playing better. Hambsch picked up the groundball on the following faceoff, raced in and scored 10 seconds later to make it 7-5. Brown in the Tiger net next did well to deny Van der Schoot; he made four saves in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers were also unlucky. Berry hit the post a couple minutes later, and even though the ball bounced to Lawton, Larmie was there for the stop.

A couple minutes later the Wasps struck for two goals in 26 seconds. First Brown made a save, but the rebound rolled to Jones, who stuck it home at 4:16. At 3:50 Van der Schoot knotted the score at 7-7 with a strong solo effort, and it was anyone's game.

The Tigers then survived a threeminute penalty for an illegal hit at 2:58. A big save by Brown on Van der Schoot on a shot ticketed for the lower left corner was the key play in that stretch.

Then came overtime, and the Tigers swarmed the Wasp end, with Larmie denying Gillett before Lawton found room more than 20 yards out from the right post and ripped a shot high into the left side to end the game.

The Tigers also got good play from defenders Fynn Whitlock, Gavin McNulty, Noah Konczal-Doherty and George Devlin.

The Tigers were coming off mixed results. On May 10 visiting Essex eked out a 14-13 victory over MUHS when Eli Edwards scored the tie-breaking goal with 2:39 left in regulation.

The Hornets got five goals apiece from Tanner Robbins and Drew Forcier and four from Eli Edwards while Essex goalie Mason Marckres made 10 saves.

Draper (five goals), Lawton (four goals), Berry (goal, three assists), and Blackwell and Gillett (a goal apiece) contributed offensively minute penalty, with Brown for MUHS, while Brown made 10

> On Saturday the Tigers got past visiting Rice, 10-4, as Lawton (three goals, assist) Berry (two goals, assist), and Gillett and Draper (one goal, two assists each) did most of the damage. Rice upset CVU on Tuesday.

> MUHS was set to visit Mount Mansfield on Wednesday before South Burlington visits Fucile Field on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Rizzo remained philosophical after Monday's game.

"It's a journey. It has its ebbs and flows. We're on a journey, and we're in the thick of it here, and we're a little banged up, but championship teams figure out a way to power through that stuff," he said. "And we gut it out, and we win. And sometimes you have to do that."

Panther baseball earns NCAA bid

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MEDFORD, Mass. — Host Tufts defeated the Middlebury College baseball team in the championship game of the NESCAC tournament on Sunday, 12-1, but the Panthers earned an NCAA Division III tournament bid despite the setback.

The 27-11 Panthers are the second seed in a four-team regional hosted by Bridgewater (Mass.) State and will take on No. 3 seed Johnson & Wales on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Top seed Endicott will take on No. 4 seed and host Bridgewater in Friday's first game at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday's schedule will hinge upon Friday's results. Middlebury has not played any of these three teams this year.

The Panthers lost to Tufts twice during the NESCAC final four, but also defeated host Colby twice in the three-day, four-team double elimination tournament. Their wins are the second-most in program history, trailing only the 2022 squad. Tufts also defeated Bowdoin, as did Colby, and the Jumbos' three victories improved their record to 31-9.

runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to rally past Colby, 7-6.

The Mules plated five runs in the top of the first off starter Alec Price, who went 7.1 innings and allowed four earned runs, but the Panthers chipped away, scoring two in the sixth and three in the seventh to make the score 6-5.

In the bottom of the ninth Mitchell Schroeder hit a lead-off homer to tie the score. Sammy Smith then walked, Andrew Gough singled and Lucas Flemming was intentionally walked to load the bases. Smith scored the winning run on a balk.

Flemming finished with a hit and two RBIs, Chris Borter had a hit and an RBI. Schroder had three hits and scored three runs, and Smith scored twice. Jackson Atwood picked up the win with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief.

In Saturday's first game, Tufts prevailed, 8-4. Middlebury took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. After a hit batter, a Gough singled and walk, Alec Ritch poked a two-run single. In the Panthers' tournament Schroeder homered in the third to

opener on Friday, they scored two make it 3-0, but Tufts scored eight unanswered runs until Flemming hit a solo homer in the ninth. Spencer Dessart took the pitching

The Panthers then eliminated Colby, 12-6, in Saturday's nightcap. Colby had earlier eliminated Bowdoin. Homers by Kyle McCausland and John Collins made it 2-0, and the Panthers scratched out three more runs in the third on walks, hit batters, a double-play ball and Andrew Ashlev's infield hit to make it 5-0.

Middlebury added a run in the fifth when Schroeder singled in Ritch and plated three more in the sixth on a bases-loaded hit-batter, a sac fly and a McCausland double. Borter singled home a run in the seventh, and the Panthers added two more in the eighth. Sawyer Duarte went five innings for the win, his fifth.

On Sunday, Tufts ended the Panthers' championship hopes with its 12-1 victory. Ritch took the pitching loss. Middlebury's only run came in the ninth on singles by McCausland, Smith and Ashley followed by a Gough sacrifice fly.

MAV girls' lax nets two triumphs

VERGENNES — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes girls' lacrosse team improved to 6-4 with a pair of recent one-sided road victories. Standings are not up to date on the Vermont Principals' Association website, but it appears the Commodores could be in fourth place in Division II; they are 6-4, and their last three wins have not been recorded.

On this past Friday, MAV breezed at Lamoille, 21-1. Reese Gernander led the attack with eight goals and an assist, followed by Annie Dufault (four goals, three assists), Anna Stillwell (three goals, three assists), and Nell Harvey and Kennedy Denecker (a goal and two assists apiece). Four

other Commodores added a goal apiece, and goalie Carley Cook made two saves.

On Monday, MAV topped host Colchester, 14-2, as Anna Stillwell led the way with two goals and an assist. Junie Yates-Risch, Gernander, Safi Camara and Dufault added two goals apiece. Siena Stanley chipped in a goal and an assist, and Liana Gay, Cassandra Guillmette, and Nell Harvey contributed a goal each. Cook made six saves. Laker goalie Mei-Ling Cottrel made 23 saves for her 4-8 team.

The Commodores scheduled to travel to Stowe on

Tiger girls' lax drops three games MIDDLEBURY topped the Tigers, 16-4. Rachel Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team dropped three

road games between May 10 and 15; their record fell to 1-9 for the On May 10 the Tigers came up just short at defending Division I champion St. Albans, 10-9. Kenyon Connors tossed in five goals for MUHS, Ada Weaber added three, and Erin Sears had

goals, and Lia Robinson notched two assists. Goalie Ava Schneider made 13 saves.

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one. Nora Wootten set up five

Kelley led the Wolves with six goals, and SG goalie Victoria Bohlmann made seven saves. Wootten, Weaber, Robinson and Sears scored a goal apiece, and Schneider made nine saves.

On Monday host Rutland celebrated its senior day with a 15-7 victory over MUHS. Karsyn Bellomo and Lauren led RHS (7-5) with five goals apiece, and Mackenzie McLaughlin added

Weaber, Robinson and Wootten scored two apiece for the Tigers, On Friday host South Burlington and Nyna Cole added one.

Panther softball falls in first game of tournament

MEDFORD, Mass. — Host topseeded Tufts on May 12 ousted the eighth-seeded Middlebury College softball team from the NESCAC playoffs, 3-2 in eight innings. Tufts, the No. 6 team in NCAA Division III, improved to 36-3, while the Panthers finished at 18-17.

Middlebury struck for its runs in the third, when Jordyn Johnson reached on an infield single and scored on a Kristyn Carroll double. Carroll extended her hitting streak to seven games. Carroll moved to third on a groundout and scored in a rundown on a Megan Fox groundball. Fox picked up her 39th RBI of the spring on the play.

Tufts loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fourth and scored a sacrifice fly by Nicole

The hosts tied the game in the sixth. Rachel Moore reached on an infield single and scored on a Russo double.

The Jumbos loaded the bases in the bottom of the eighth inning and scored the winning run on a two-out Emma Jacobson single. McKenna Lont took the loss, allowing two runs in 3.2 innings of relief. Jewel Ashbrook started and surrendered one earned run in four innings. Emilie Doty earned the win for Tufts with four hitless innings of relief.



Men's lax advances in NCAAs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — The Middlebury College men's lacrosse team won two games this past weekend at an NCAA Division III regional hosted by Union College. By doing so the 18-2 Panthers advanced to a four-team quarterfinal and semifinal minitournament this weekend hosted by Tufts in Medford, Mass., with a berth in the NCAA tournament's championship game at stake.

At 5 p.m. this Saturday, Middlebury, ranked No. 5, will take on No. 2 RIT (20-1). At 2 p.m. on Saturday undefeated No. 2 Tufts (20-0) will take on Lynchburg (15-6). Saturday's winners will square off on Sunday at 5 p.m. for a berth in the May 28 title game in Philadelphia.

The Panthers have not faced either RIT or Lynchburg this spring, but have lost at Tufts twice, 19-16 and 19-6.

On this past Sunday, the

Panthers pulled away from host No. 17 Union in the second half to prevail, 19-10. Middlebury led at the half, 9-6, before outscoring the Dutchmen after the intermission by 10-4.

Jack Sheehan and Cooper DeMallie led a balanced Panther attack with three goals apiece, and Billy Curtis, Patrick Jamin (three assists) and Russell Thorndike each scored twice. Seven Panthers added a goal apiece.

As well as scoring a goal, Luke Simpson tied his season high with seven groundballs and caused three turnovers.

Panther goalie Hayden Kern made five saves, allowing nine goals, and Finn O'Connor played the final few minutes. Zach Davis scored four goals for Union, and goalie Dan Donahue made 19 saves.

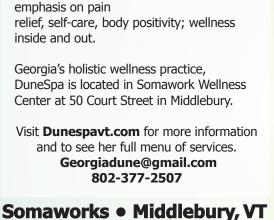
The Panthers' 18th victory tied a program high, and the win gave the program its first NCAA quarterfinal appearance since 2010.

The Panthers had received a first-round NCAA bye. They reached Sunday's regional final by prevailing in a second-round regional game in Schenectady, 10-9, over St. Mary's of Maryland.

William Ryan's third goal of the game, assisted by Billy Curtis, gave Middlebury a 10-6 lead with 9:26 to go. St. Mary's scored three times over the next four minutes to cut the lead to one, but the Panthers limited their opponents to two shots in the final five-plus minutes, both of which Kern stopped, as they prevailed.

Russell Thorndike joined Ryan in netting a hat trick, and Garrett Hawthorne, Jake Peluso, DeMallie and Finn Muldoon scored a goal apiece. Kern made 14 saves for the Panthers.

Cal Wilcox, PJ Fenchak and Johnny McGrain each scored twice for St. Mary's (15-6), which got 16 saves from Ben Robertson.



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Don't disturb or touch fawns, moms are close by

the time of year when deer fawns are being born, The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up.

Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Nick Fortin. Fortin says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost or needing to be rescued.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Fortin encourages people to

MONTPELIER — Since this is resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these tips:

- Deer nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- · Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.
- Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.
- Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other baby animals.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

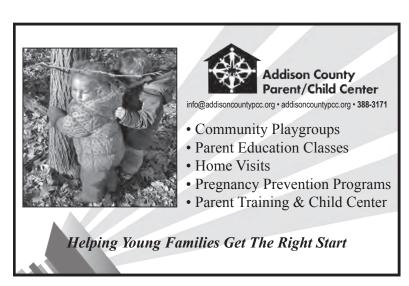
"It's in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that live here, for all of us to maintain a respectful distance and help keep wildlife wild," added Fortin.

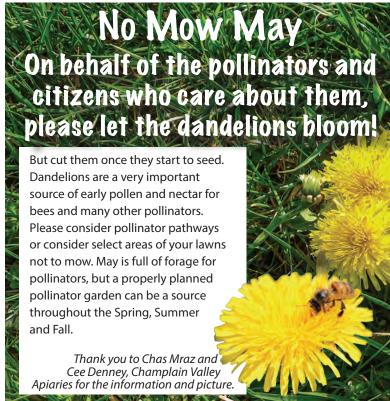


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Reader Comments Here's what one reader has to say about us! A subscriber from Colchester writes: "You do an excellent job!"

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THURSDAY

American Red Cross blood drive in **Brandon.** Thursday, May 18, 12:30-5 p.m., Brandon Congregational Church, 1 Carver St. Donate and save up to three lives. All donors will get a \$10 gift card to a merchant of your choice plus have a chance to win a four-night trip for two to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game in Seattle. Includes flights, hotel and \$750 in spending money. Sign up at redcrossblood.org, 1-800 Red-Cross, or the Blood Donor Ap.

From Homebrew to the House of Fermentology" in Bristol. Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., Howden Hall, 19 West St. The Bristol Historical Society hosts William Mares for this talk. Mares began making his own beer 45 years ago, when home brewing was illegal and there were no microbreweries in America. Mares will offer a short history of beer itself, and discuss the American beer revolution, Vermont's small but significant contribution, and his co-ownership of a brewery.

FRIDAY

Backyard compost Workshop in Middlebury. Friday, May 19, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 in St. Loop what makes Main St. Learn what makes a compost pile successful, the different types of compost, how to build a pile, and ways to troubleshoot common compost problems.

'Taste of Summer" in Ferrisburgh. Friday, May

19, 4-7:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Union Meeting Hall, Route 7. Five food vendors serving a mix of traditional fair food, authentic Mexican and Guatemalan food, snow cones, Bloomin' Onions and smoothies. Live music and dancing, a market on the green, and an art show. More info at unionmeetinghall.org/programming-andevents. Parking is at the FUMH and across Route 7 at the Historical Society and Ferrisburgh

SATURDAY may

Green Mountain Club paddle in Chittenden. Saturday, May 20, Chittenden Reservoir/Leffert's Pond. Kayak paddle at Chittenden Reservoir/ Leffert's Pond. Chittenden is an almost 700acre mostly undeveloped high-altitude lake sitting under the spine of the Green Mountains. Leffert's is a counter point to Chittenden. It's small and only 12 feet deep, a quiet wetlands ecosystem. The group will have a choice of paddling one or the other, or both. Contact Barry Francis for details, barryfrancis@gmavt.net.

More at gmcbreadloaf.org.
"Stop The Bleed" first aid training course with Josh Dishaw in Middlebury. Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The Stop The Bleed campaign was initiated to build national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and human-made and natural disasters. This course has limited

capacity, please register on the IIsley website. Med47 Garden Shoppe opening in Bristol. Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., 3319 South 116 Rd. Opening weekend of this annual fundraiser to benefit the Brendon P Cousino Med47 Foundation. Veggie starts, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, plantings, house plants and succulent gardens. Also handcrafted garden

decor and gifts. Tag Sale fundraiser in Bristol. Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., First Baptist Church in Bristol, 10 Park St. Lots of treasures — housewares, holiday items, books, games, puzzles, etc. Proceeds benefit church programs

Spring Eco-fair and seed swap in Weybridge. Saturday, May 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Weybridge Elementary School, 210 Quaker Village Rd. The Weybridge Energy Committee invites all interested community members to an Electric Equipment Demo/Seed/Seedling Share. Anyone from any town may attend. Children are welcome. Rain date May 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m., same location.

Green Mountain Club hike and potluck in Bridport. Saturday, May 20. Join Deborah Lewis in Bridport for a hike followed by a potluck on their screened porch. Plan to meet at 10:30 a.m. and depart at 10:40 a.m. for an easy 3-mile walk, followed by potluck. Contact Deborah Lewis for details and to register, dlewis@ bredeson.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

A Passion for Bells" in Shoreham. Saturday

May 20, 2 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, School St. Shoreham resident Judy Blake will highlight her lifelong passion for collecting bells. A long-time member of the American Bell Association, Judy will bring a sample of bells to this presentation. Some of them can be handled and rung by those present, and some are rare and only for viewing. This event is free and open to all ages.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, May 20, 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-

going efforts for cemetery improvements. IMAGINE: Brandon Heart & Soul potluck supper in Brandon. Saturday, May 20, 5 p.m., Brandon American Legion, Franklin St. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30, presentation at 6. Bring a dish to share, and the hosts will provide the dessert. Please RSVP with number of adults

Boogie for Brian benefit dance and basket raffle in Middlebury. Saturday, May 20, 6-10 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. All proceeds to benefit Brian "Hump" Bishop. Snacks and cash bar, dozens of prize baskets will be raffled off, 50/50 raffle. All ages welcome. Admission by donation. Contact Michelle Eastman for more information at 802-349-6370.

Quarry Hill School 50th anniversary in Middlebury. Saturday, May 20, 7-10 p.m. Enjoy live music, hors d'aguyres and a cash bar while

live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while admiring beautiful mountain views from the spectacular party barn. There will also be a silent auction to help Quarry Hill purchase a new outdoor play structure. Purchase a ticket by May 5. Tickets are priced per-person on a sliding scale--pay as much as you are comfortable. All money raised will go directly to QHS. More info email erinpowersvt@gmail.com.



Bargains galore

YARD SALE ENTHUSIASTS will have plenty to choose from on Memorial Day weekend, with town-wide yard sales in Lincoln, Monkton and Ripton, and plant, book and bake sales in Brandon, Orwell and Monkton. See the May 27 calendar listing for more details.

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MONDAY

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, May 22, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. The first rehearsal for the upcoming summer season. Instrumentalists of all ages are welcome. Concerts in the park on Mondays begin on June 26. Contact Susan O'Daniel at 802-349-5906 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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American Red Cross blood drive in Middlebury. Wednesday, May 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Middlebury Rec. Center, 154 Creek Rd., Monkton Rd. Donate and save up to three lives. All donors will get a \$10 gift card to a merchant of your choice plus have a chance to win a four-night trip for two to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game in Seattle. Includes flights, hotel and \$750 in spending money. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, 1-800 Red-Cross, or the Blood Donor App.

American Red Cross blood **Vergennes.** Wednesday, May 24, noon-4:30 p.m., Cross Life Church, 1759 Route 7. Donate and save up to three lives. All donors will get a \$10 gift card to a merchant of your choice plus have a chance to win a four-night trip for two to the 2023 MLB All-Star Game in Seattle. Includes flights, hotel and \$750 in spending money. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, 1-800 Red-Cross, or the Blood Donor App.

THURSDAY

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fun Middlebury. Thursday, May 25, 6 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 grownup. Space is limited, please register on the IPL website. We supply everything you need. Just show up and have fun. Note: This is not a painting instruction class. It is a low-stress, havefun-with-paint opportunity.

SATURDAY

Town-wide yard sale in Monkton. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Now is the time to get your address listed on the town map (cost \$15) being made by host BSA Troop 802. The deadline to sign up is May 22. If you have questions or for more information, e-mail Karen at puccidog@live.com. Plant and Bake Sale in Brandon. Saturday, May

27, 9 a.m., Brandon Congregational Church, 1 Carver St. Before you hit the garden stores this Memorial Day weekend, stop by at the Brandon Congregational Church's annual plant sale and bake sale. There will be a variety of annual and perennial flower plants, herbs and vegetable starters, and houseplants. Bring your kids and they can plant and take a flower for free. Bake sale inside including pies, cinnamon rolls, cake pops, bread, brownies and more. All proceeds will benefit Elaine Averill.

Town-wide lawn sale in Lincoln. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Locations around town. Rain or Shine. Lunch available at Lincoln Vol. Fire Company. Yard sale season has begun. Drive on up to Lincoln and see what treasures can be discovered

Plant, book and bake sale in Orwell. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Plants of all kinds: annuals, perennials, houseplants, herbs, vegetables, shrubs, container gardens, and hanging baskets will be for sale as well as, books, DVDs, home baked and canned goods, soups, and breads. All proceeds go directly to the Orwell Free Library for purchasing books, providing programming, updating technology and serving our community. Online ordering for sale day pick up is available until Thursday, May 25, at orwellfreelibrary.org.

Plant and Bake Sale in Monkton. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monkton Friends Methodist Church, Monkton Ridge Many beautiful, local-grown plants, including shade-loving and sun-loving ones, flowering bushes, raspberry canes, rhubarb, daffodil bulbs and much more. Don't forget to check out the baked goodies when you stop to get some wonderful plants or flowers for your yard.

SUNDAY

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New sign unveiling in East Middlebury. Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m., just below the Highway 125 bridge over the Middlebury River. The East

Middlebury Historical Society will unveil of a sign to commemorate the Iron Works built in 1831 by George Chapman. The "bloomery" was in operation until 1887, the last to close in Vermont. All are invited to partake and explore.

MONDAY Memorial Day parade in Middlebury.

Monday, May 29, 9 a.m., downtown. Middlebury American Legion Post 27 and the Town of Middlebury will once again hold a Memorial Day Parade "Honoring the Memory" of over 1 million men and women who have lost their lives defending America since the Revolutionary War. Those wishing to participate should contact Post 27 leaving a name and contact number, nature of parade entry to include the number of participants More info at (802) 388-9311 ext. 0 or legionpost27@aol.com.

Memorial Day parade in Vergennes. Monday, May 29, 11 a.m., downtown. American Legion Post 14 will host the annual Memorial Day Parade "Honoring & Remembering All Who Served". Following the parade, a ceremony honoring our service men and women will be held on the Vergennes Green. The parade honors all men and women who have served our country during times of conflict. Following the parade, a chicken barbeque will be held at American Legion Post 14 from noon until they are sold out.

SATURDAY

Brandon.

Extravaganza!

Saturday, June 3, noon-6 p.m., Estabrook Park. A fun-filled afternoon isic, field games, food by the Brandon Fire Dept, vendors, a Lift-A-Thon and community partners providing info. Bring your lawn chair and plan on spending the day. Free parking, free

SUNDAY june Community Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County in Middlebury. Sunday, June 5 p.m., Unity Hall, Congregational Church of Middlebury, North Pleasant St. Join the Community Conversation and learn about three different initiatives to alleviate Addison County's housing shortage: HomeShare VT, Tiny Homes

and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Hear case

studies and receive a valuable resource sheet.

For more, email Mike Greenwood mike802vt@

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comcast.com or visit cvuus.org/news.

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une **TUESDAY**

802-349-5906 for more information.

Virtual "Waste Warrior" workshop. Tuesday, June 6, noon-12:45 p.m. and 5:30-6:15 p.m., Zoom. The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is restarting the Waste Warrior Program. Waste Warriors are volunteer educators trained to help event attendees properly sort recycling, compost and trash. These are the first two training sessions. To sign up or learn more go to AddisonCountyRecycles.org or reach out to

Gabriella Stevens (Gabriella@acswmd.org). 'Climb Every Mountain" with Michele Hernandez Bayliss and Dean Ouellette in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The two local climbing partners will present their new book from Falcon Guides, "Climb Every Mountain: 46 of the Northeast's 111 Hikes Over 4,000 Feet," and share images and anecdotes from their years conquering the great peaks of the Northeast, many in challenging conditions.

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Speaking for the trees

CHRIS OLSON OF the Middlebury Tree Committee reads "The Lorax" to a small but interested audience behind Ilsley Public Library on Green Up Day, Saturday, May 6, as part of the committee's Arbor Day program. Photo by Wally Elton

Lincoln

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

LINCOLN — It's almost time for the Annual Town Wide Yard Sale. Get your shop on Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. A donation of \$15, to benefit Weathervane United, Inc. senior housing, will put you on the map and orange arrows will direct shoppers to your location. Sign up at the general store or call Jodi Gale at 802-453-2785. While there will be no plant sale, the library will still be holding their front porch book sale. As always, yummy food will be available at the Lincoln Fire Department.

FROM THE GREEN UP

COMMITTEE

Once again the good people of Lincoln came together and greened up our community roads. Eighty bags of trash were collected and we were gifted with a sunny day, a

variety of baked goods, and most a place for scenic commuting and when we come together for a worthy

NEWS

Winners of the raffle include Caleb, who won a Jones the Boy gift certificate; Lena, who won the Recycled Reading certificate; Isabelle, who won the Simon Says prize; Mike, who took home the Tillerman gift certificate; and Christy, who won the Mini Factory gift certificate. There were many worthy contenders for the prize for the most trash, but with two truckloads of debris, the winner of the Bobcat Cafe & Brewery gift certificate was Nat.

Many thanks to those of you who keep the Green Up spirit all year through picking up litter on the down low and keeping our roadsides

pleasantly the feeling of camaraderie communing with wildflowers. You are another reason to love our bighearted little town of Lincoln.

Stop by the children's room wall at the library where vibrant artwork by the preschool students is displayed. You'll also enjoy photographs of the kids at work. Come see what they have created. While you're there, be sure to look at the amazing LEGO display in the glass case from a Starksboro teen.

Summer items are now available at the library. Use your library card to get access to an Echo Museum admission pass and a Vermont State Parks day pass. Tennis rackets, pickleball equipment and birding packs, which include binoculars and birding books, are also available for

TOWN OF CORNWALL NOTICE OF HEARING ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL PLAN

The Cornwall Select Board will hold a public hearing on June 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 2629 Route 30 in Cornwall, Vermont. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and concerns related to the revisions made by the Select Board to the draft Cornwall Town Plan (approved by the Cornwall Planning Commission on March 16, 2023) in preparation for its adoption by the Cornwall Select Board. This hearing is held and public notice given pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4385.

Copies of the proposed Cornwall Town Plan may be obtained at the Cornwall Town Hall

For further information please contact:

Tanya Byker, Chair, Cornwall Select Board

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, the New Haven Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Offices located at 78 North Street, New Haven, to consider the following:

Application #DRB-2023-05: Mike Lee d/b/a New Haven Power Equipment is requesting site plan review and approval for sales and service of outdoor power equipment and sheds/portable buildings located at 3065 Ethan Allen Highway. This application will be reviewed under Article II, Sections 341 and 352.

The hearing will be held as a hybrid meeting, with participation either in person or by Zoom:

To join meeting remotely via Zoom:

https://zoom.us/j/98142119190?pwd=U0pFdDQ2a1ZRZzVCRkN4ZGcyYUF3

Meeting ID: 981 4211 9190 Passcode: 4jYbTA

Please note that you must participate in the local proceeding as a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. An electronic copy of the application is available on the Town's website at https://www.newhavenvt.com/, and also may be obtained by emailing the zoning administrator at newhavenzoning@ gmavt.net, or requesting a hard copy by calling the Town Clerk's office: 802-

New Haven Zoning Administrator, (802) 453-3516

Monkton

Have a news tip? Call Liz Pecor

of how to plant their own pollinator

garden. It will be a great day.

Monkton Herbalist Julie Mitchell

will be at the Russell Memorial

Library to talk about Simple

Mushroom Cultivation on June 8,

from 5 to 7 p.m. There is a fee for

this class of \$18 to be paid by May

25. Please make your check out to

Julie Mitchell or you may pay cash

if you wish. To reserve your spot or

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with the Pollinator Pathway MONKTON — There are still free flower and vegetable seeds members for this event. They will be at the church during the plant available at Russell Memorial sale to talk about the importance Library plus a new addition; of pollinators and to inform you seed potatoes in two varieties are which plants are the best hosts for now available. The library is still bees and butterflies. There will accepting and appreciate your kind donations of seeds as well. also be an informational table for people who would like to be a part There are still a couple of spaces of this project or want information

left in the Wool Felting Picture class with Sharron Bigelow at the library. The class is scheduled for Friday, May 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 20, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will need to attend both classes of the workshop. The fee for both days is \$90. Call 802-453-4471 for more information.

The Monkton Friends Methodist Church is holding their Annual Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 27, at the church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be many beautiful locally grown plants including shade loving and sun loving plants, flowering bushes, raspberry canes, rhubarb, daffodil bulbs and much more. Don't forget to check out the baked goodies when you stop to get some wonderful plants or flowers for your yard.

The church is partnering with two different groups this year. The Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association is helping with the collection of #2 plastic and #5 plastic containers at the plant sale that will be crushed and shredded to be made into new nursery pots. The containers need to be separated before they go to the recycling site to do this. Check your shed or garage where you have stored all those old plastic pots and bring them to the plant sale with you. Free recycling is a wonderful thing! If you have questions, email Ralph at fitzymodelt@gmail.com. The church is also partnering

Bird walk on tap May 20 in Orwell

ORWELL Independence State Historic Site in Orwell will host an "Early Bird Nature Walk" on Saturday, May 20, from 8-11 a.m. The walk, led by bird expert Sue Wetmore of Brandon, is a special event before the museum opens for 2023 on May 26.

Wetmore is an engaging guide, and will introduce participants to the birds of spring, spring migration, and identifying whatever birds appear. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Bring water and your binoculars if you want. No pets please.

Meet in front of the museum. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children 14 to 6, under 6 free.

Mount Independence is located on Mount Independence Road, six miles west of the intersections of VT Routes 22A and 73 near Orwell village.

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BID PACKAGE 3 INVITATION TO BID at 453-2180

The Otter Valley Unified Union School District is inviting qualified vendors to submit proposals for updating the Otter Valley Union Middle/High School Vocational Education a/k/a Shop Dust Collection System.

Scope of work and engineering designs are available online at: https://www. rnesu.org/page/public-bids or by calling RNESU office: 802-247-5757

Interested parties are invited to a Site Visit May 22, 2023 at 3:00pm, at OVUMHS 2997 Franklin Street, Brandon, VT 05733. Sealed bids will be received electronically by the Rutland Northeast

Supervisory Union, Brenda L. Fleming, bfleming@rnesu.org Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 9 AM. Construction is anticipated to start as soon as possible after notice to proceed

no later than July 1, 2023 and be substantially complete on or before August 22.

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Mount Abraham Union High School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Natalie Adams

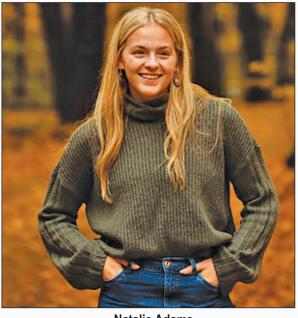
Congratulations to Mt. Abe's student of the week. Natalie Adams. Natalie lives in Monkton with her parents and two cats, Wesley and Basil. Natalie takes the initiative to be involved in many activities including field hockey and lacrosse, a member of the tech crew for the Fall and Spring Musicals and as a member of the Eagle Leadership Society. She has enjoyed all of her time in athletics and theater because of the huge impact the process and experience has had on her. Natalie is a creative, innovative, driven scholar,

Natalie says she appreciates "the way teachers care about their students and are genuinely interested in our opinions and perspectives. I think it is important for students to feel like they can make a difference, and our teachers do an amazing job of looking for our input and asking for us to become involved in important decisions."

Outside of school, Natalie participates in Girl Scouts and has devoted several hours to volunteering at the Monkton Recycling Center and at other various community events. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her friends, playing volleyball, knitting and crocheting.

Natalie shares an important lesson she has learned while in school, "Practice work, may seem tedious and not very helpful at the time, but doing all of your work no matter how much the grade is will set you up to first, do well in high school and second, to do well after high school, whether that be in college or in the workforce."

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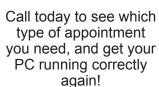
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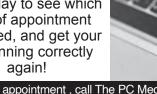
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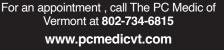
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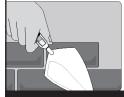


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Help Wanted

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Additional responsibilities include shared office

· Retirement Plan through Vermont Municipal Retirement

A job description and application

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Send letter of interest and resume to:

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EOE Town of Shoreham

NEMRC is a plus, but training is available.

• Salary range commensurate with experience

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Compensation includes:

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Combined time off

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Maplefields Addison County

Position Based in Middlebury

Position Description

The primary role of the Assistant Manager/Manager in Training is to develop and demonstrate the skills necessary to successfully oversee operation of a Maplefields Store in the absence of a manager. This individual is also to assist the Store Manager in the day-to-day activities associated with the store and the development and training of store sales associates, while ensuring that company standards are met at all times. The goal of this position is to be ready to step into a Store Manager role or another leadership role.

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60 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury VT

Part-Time Breakfast Cook

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Must be flexible to learn all shifts and train staff. inventory scheduling, and work with the Store Managers with hiring.

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MUHS DRAMA DIRECTOR

Middlebury Union High School is seeking a

Drama Director

for our Fall and Spring productions. Must possess strong organizational skills and the ability

to communicate and relate to students.

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. E.O.E.

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We have openings in our Community Life team for a full-time and a part-time Resident Engagement Assistant.

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Cashier - Customer Service PT Seasonal and FT Positions available for all positions

Immediate Openings available. Must be able to work until 6pm. Weekdays and Weekends a MUST. Up to 40 hours per week. Wage commensurate with experience.

Please send Resumes to info@middleburyagway.com or Fill out Application at Middlebury Agway, 338 Exchange Street, Middlebury VT. Please no phone calls.

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Warehouse Worker Job Purpose: Loading and Assisting with Customer Orders from the Yard, Warehouse and Store, Stocking Shelves and Filling Propane Tanks. Up to 40 hours per week.

Skills/Qualifications: Ability to lift 50lbs repeatedly throughout the day. Weekends and dependability a MUST! Preferable age 18+. Please fill out an application in person.

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

Nursery and Greenhouse Sales and Care Associate PT Seasonal and FT Positions available for all positions

Middlebury Agway is seeking a highly motivated individual to assist in our Nursery and Greenhouse during our busy season. We're looking for someone to pleasantly and confidently interact with customers in a demanding, fast paced environment. Full Time or Part Time candidates will be considered but weekend availability is required. Multiple positions available.

- Ability to lift and assist in loading and unloading of plant material and in
- Knowledge of Growing/Caring for/Harvesting: Vegetables, Annuals, Perennials, Trees and Shrubs
- Excellent Customer Service Skills a must plus ability to recommend and sell plant material as well as complementary products
- Must be available to work weekends
- Team oriented, co-operative and a positive attitude required

Please send Resume along with Salary History and References to: Middlebury Agway Farm & Garden, Attn: Jennifer Jacobs, 338 Exchange St., Middlebury, VT 05753

Middlebury Agway 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.

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Seedsheet is looking for seasonal help in processing customer orders. We are looking for team members with strong attention to detail and a desire to create a great product for our customers.

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4:00pm - 8:00pm



38 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753

Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

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Help Wanted

THE SOON-TO-OPEN Red

Clover Children's Center is looking for a founding Director to be responsible for ensuring the health, safety and quality of education for all children within the center's care. The Director will lead and oversee the final steps to opening the center including hiring staff, achieving state licensure and more. To learn more about our center, the position and how to apply visit: https://www.midducc.org/ home/rccc-director-position

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PINE BOARDS; 12' long, clear, \$600. Also small utility trailer, 4'x6', \$200. 802-388-6004.

or 802-388-6967

Help Wanted



Finance Professional

The Town of Starksboro seeks an experienced finance professional to join its team for a part-time position (10-20 hours/week). The professional in this position will be responsible for maintaining the town's cash accounts, investing town money, approving accounts payable and payroll, and collecting and recording tax payments and fees. This position plays a critical fiduciary role in the financial operation of the town and record-keeping required under state law and may be also be appointed as Town Treasurer. **REGULAR RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- collect and process payments for fees, programs, invoices and taxes:
- deposit, borrow, invest, and transfer town funds;
- · reconcile end-of-day cash with system reports and prepare daily cash receipts report;
- monitor all town bank accounts;
- · provide monthly reconciliation of general ledger
- ensure all internal controls are followed and provide adequate financial oversight;
- invoice accounts receivable;
- deliver monthly reports to the Selectboard and Department heads.

The finance professional works with the Town Auditors, Town Administrator, and the Town Clerk under the supervision of the Town Administrator and Selectboard. Position to assist with other tasks as required by the Selectboard, to assist the Town Clerk with counter service and phone coverage when

Successful applicants will have 3-5 years of financial administrative oversight experience, or a comparable knowledge base and skill set. Position requires knowledge of fund accounting, excellent independent judgment and decision-making skills, and the ability to work with members of the public and outside agencies. Occasional weeknight or weekend hours may be required. Experience with NEMRC municipal software is strongly preferred. Hourly pay based on experience.

More info at www.starksborovt.org/employment

Please submit a resume and cover letter to **Town Administrator Rebecca Elder at** rebecca@starksborovt.org

Applications accepted until position is filled. EOE.

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For Rent

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Help Wanted

ads can be found on Pages 10B, 11B and 12B.

Our schools need substitute teachers.

You can help!

Substitute Teachers

- Are essential to our schools! • Help our schools operate at their full potential during staff vacancies and
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This could be a great fit if you:

- Love supporting kids!
- · Have and want a flexible schedule • Are energetic, curious, inclusive, and kind.
- Are considering a career as a teacher or paraprofessional.
- Want to get involved and support
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Your rate of pay increases if you commit to consecutive days a week. Substitutes are paid on half/full day basis.

Licensed Substitute Teachers and ACSD retires \$160 per day for 5 days \$150/day for 4 days \$140/day for 3 days\$130/day for 2 days \$120/day for 1 day

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Cornwall (1)

Middlebury (2)

New Haven (1)

described property in such Town, to wit:

54 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Salisbury, VT.

Salisbury, VT.

Salisbury, VT.

Att. Farmers

HORSE BLANKET WASH and repair. Accepting nonleather (for now) horsewear of all kinds for cleaning and repairing at my Weybridge location. Call or text Sue Miller at 802-377-5945 or email svdwmiller@icloud. com with "horse" in the

SMALL SQUARE BALES, \$3.50. Call 802-377-5455.

subject line for more in-

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For Rent

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Public Notices Index

Public Notices can be found on Pages 7B and 12B.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

property in the Town of Salisbury, in the County of Addison and the State of

Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the tax

years of 2014-2021 remain unpaid, either in whole or in part, on the following

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Sandy Beauregard

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Boynton,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Robert Daley,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Toby Danzig,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Heather Dyer,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Roy Emery,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Hilton Foote,

and being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Hilton W.

Foote by Warranty Deed of June Marie Mitchell and Jason E. Mitchel dated

January 28, 2005 and recorded on February 1, 2005 in Book 58 at Page 91

identified as Parcel No. 1353134.122, and located at 122 Kampersville,

identified as Parcel No. 0502017-MHNL, and located at 1625 Shared Villa

identified as Parcel No. 1353134.057, and located at 57 Kampersville,

identified as Parcel No. 1353134.070, and located at 70 Kampersville,

identified as Parcel No. 1353134.079, and located at 79 Kampersville,

and Timbo Williams, identified as Parcel no. 1353134.054, and located at

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Union (1)

Salisbury (2)

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MARKET REPORT

Auctions

Sales for 5/11/23 & 5/15/23 COST

LBS. /LB BEEF 1510 1.40 \$2114.00 J. Townshend J. Fifield 1290 1.40 \$1806.00 Blue Spruce Farm 1295 1.29 \$1670.55 Lazy Dog Farm 1320 1.24 \$1636.80 Deer Valley P'ship 1270 1.14 \$1447.80 MacGlaflin Farm 1905 1.06 \$2019.30 Wilcon Farm 1775 1.00 \$1775.00

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STATE OF VERMONT **SUPERIOR COURT** PROBATE DIVISION **ADDISON UNIT** DOCKET NO.: 23-PR-00882 IN RE ESTATE OF: **RICHARD HART MOFFI**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of: Richard Hart Moffi, late of Starksboro, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if not presented within

the four (4) month period.

Dated: May 11, 2023 Executor: Brandi Myers % Katherine W. Hope, Esq., 111 S. Pleasant Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 khope@langrock.com 802-388-6356

Publication: Addison Independent Publication Date: 05/18/23 Address of Probate Court: Addison Unit, Probate Court 7 Mahady Court Middlebury, VT 05753

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION **REVIEW OF SALISBURY TOWN PLAN**

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission's (ACRPC) Local Government Committee along with the Salisbury Planning Commission will meet for a joint public hearing on June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Town of Salisbury has requested that ACRPC grant regional approval of their updated Town Plan pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4350(b). At this meeting, the ACRPC will also conduct a consultation with the municipality in regards to its planning efforts. ACRPC's Local Government Committee shall review Salisbury's Town Plan to determine whether the Plan:

- (1) is consistent with the goals established in 24 V.S.A. §4302;
- (2) is compatible with its regional plan;
- (3) is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; (4) contains all the elements included in 24 V.S.A. §4382;
- Copies of the Salisbury Town Plan on Salisbury's website: http://www.townofsalisbury.org

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85825518932?pwd=U09scVEwYW11a2NXUHMwb zIOSWswdz09

Meeting ID: 858 2551 8932 **Passcode:** 716146 Join meeting by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 858 2551 8932 **Password:** 716146

Questions, please call either: Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Community Planner Addison County Regional Planning Commission 802-388-3141

Deb Brighton Salisbury Planning Commission 802-352-4228

******** TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING **ROOM 116 – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM TOWN OFFICES - 77 MAIN STREET** TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

Also available via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83786795584 By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free) Webinar ID: 837 8679 5584 For those wishing to watch but not participate:

Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTVVermont and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

AGENDA

- 1. **Call to Order
 - 2. *Approval of Agenda 3. *Approval of Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Regular Selectboard
 - 3b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 3c. Approval of Renewal Applications for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class Liquor Licenses, Outside Consumption Permits and Entertainment Permits
 - 3d. Consent Agenda Placeholder 3e. Consent Agenda Placeholder
 - 3f. Town Manager's Report
 - 4. *Citizen Comments [Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda]
 - 5. Public Assemblage Permit Requests 5a. Middlebury American Legion Post 27 - Memorial Day Parade
 - 5b. Better Middlebury Partnership Block Party/Tiger Day 6. *Fred Kenney, Addison County Economic Development Corporation,
- Presentation on Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) 7. *Emmalee Cherington, Director of Public Works Planning with
- Updates & Recommendations from the May 11, 2023 Infrastructure Committee Meeting
 - 7a. Paving Contract
 - 7b. Asset Management Engineering Contract 7c. Mary Hogan Stormwater Design Contract
 - 7d. Wastewater Generator Quote
 - 7e. Culvert Engineering Agreement 7f. Request for Proposals for Roof Top Solar on Municipal Buildings
 - 7g. Project Updates 8. *Annual Approval of the Certification of Compliance for Town Road
- and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory 9. *Report on the Personnel Committee Meeting of May 17, 2023, including a recommendation on creating a full-time custodial position
- at the IIsley Public Library 10. *Approval of Lease Agreement for Storage of Municipal Records
- 11. *To authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the Purchase of the former Maverick Gas Station from Global Montello Group Corp and authorize the Treasurer to issue payment for the purchase
- 12. *Approval of Check Warrants
 - 13. **Board Member Concerns
 - 14. *Executive Session Not Anticipated 15. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- 16. *Adjourn
- * Decision Item ** Possible Decision

identified as Parcel No. 1353134.076, and located at 76 Kampersville,

Dated at Salisbury, VT this 28th day of April 2023.

of the Town of Salisbury land records [E911 Address: 1932 Leland Road, Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Kalagian, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.060, and located at 60 Kampersville,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Kalagian, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.072, and located at 72 Kampersville,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Bryan Keefe, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.174, and located at 174 Kampersville,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Angela Lafountain, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.073, and located at 73 Kampersville,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of John Martell, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.056, and located at 56 Kampersville,

Salisbury, VT. Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Bill Martelle, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.145, and located at 145 Kampersville,

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Keith McCutcheon, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.100A, and located at 100A Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Melissa Mitchell,

And pursuant to 32 VSA \S 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Salisbury Town Office, a public place located at

25 Schoolhouse Road, Salisbury, VT, on the 9th of June, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Mindy Goodrich

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Received for record at the Town of Salisbury Clerk's Office on this 28th day of April, 2023. Recorded in Book ATT2 at Page 435-436 of the Town of Salisbury

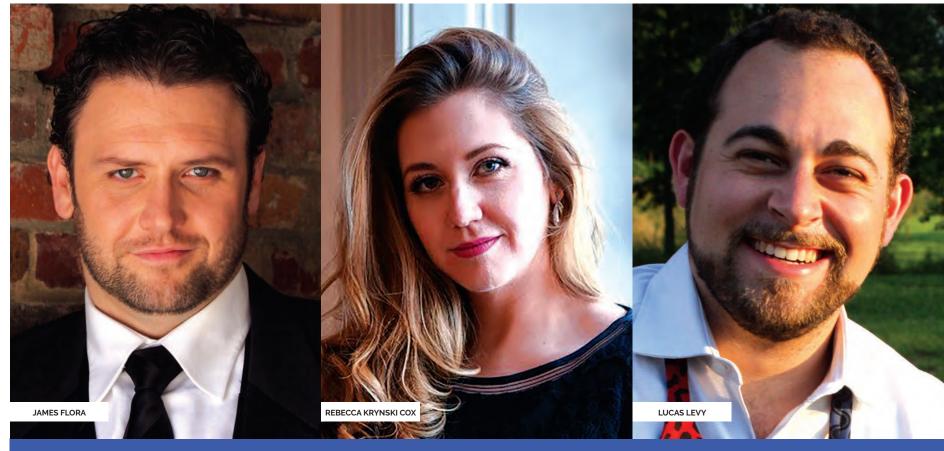
Town Clerk, Town of Salisbury

Real Estate Exhibits Entertainment Music Calendar Feature Interviews

ARTS+LEISURE

The Addison Independent

May 18, 2023



AVERY DIFFERENT KIND OF AUDDITION MEET THE SINGERS OF FIDELIO

anding a singing role on the professional opera stage is never easy. The audition process is rougher than the NFL Combine, and more selective than getting into Middlebury College. Tenor James Flora, who will sing the incarcerated political prisoner Florestan in OCM's upcoming Fidelio, recalls that earlier in his career, when he won a spot in the Pittsburgh Opera Company's Young Artists program, only five were chosen from 900 candidates.

OCM artistic director Doug Anderson agrees. "We get 300 to 500 submissions for 80



BY **DAVID**WEINSTOCK

audition slots for maybe twelve roles, It's a brutal business." Last December, Anderson and his team

traveled to Ripley-Grier Studios on Eighth Avenue in New York City. "We saw a singer every ten minutes for two days, two whole days. It's exhausting and wonderful." Lucas Levy, the tenor cast as assistant jailor Jaquino, remembers. "The Middlebury experience is very different. With other companies, usually, you walk into the room and wait for them to tell you that they're ready. They ask you what you want to sing and you sing it. Then they quietly confer with one another. Maybe they ask you for a second thing and then — you're done, nothing particularly human about the experience. It's very in-and-out, streamlined, which loses the part of being an artist that is being a person. But with Middlebury, you come in, you sing something. Then they tell you to pull up a

SEE AUDITIONS ON PAGE 3

Summer concert series kicks off at New Haven vineyard

n Saturday, May 27, Town Hall
Theater kicks off its summer series
outdoors at Lincoln Peak Vineyard
in New Haven, with Mal Maïz on
Memorial Day weekend. This show
features global sounds alongside
award-winning local wine, with
family-friendly food available for
purchase.

This opening concert welcomes Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maïz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra. The festive band blends traditional cumbia, montuno, son corrido, puya, and afro-Caribbean sounds — all while sharing heritage and culture. Kick back on a picnic blanket or bring your moves to join an explosive dance party.

"Town Hall Theater is thrilled to launch its second annual summer series at Lincoln Peak Vineyard — a perfect pastoral venue for local music of all kinds" said Lisa Mitchell, THT Executive Director.



Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maïz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra will perform on Saturday, May 27, at Lincoln Peak Vineyard as part of the summer series outdoors hosted by Town Hall Theater.

Tickets are available at townhalltheater. org, by calling 802-382-9222, or at the door. \$16/advance; \$20/door; kids 12 and under free (with purchase of an adult ticket.) Bring picnics, blankets or chairs — but please, no outside alcohol.

DETAILS

Mal Maïz + Afro-Latino Orchestra Saturday, May 27

Doors 5 p.m. Music 6-8 p.m. Lincoln Peak Vineyard, New Haven Tickets: \$16/Advance; \$20/Door. Kids 12 and under free.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to open on May 20

Located on the shores of Lake
Champlain by Vergennes, Lake
Champlain Maritime Museum offers
a unique, engaging experience for families,
history buffs, mariners, boat builders, learners,
paddlers and lake lovers of all ages. All are
welcome to browse exhibits, stroll and picnic
on museum grounds, learn about historic and
replica boats, watch boats being built, shop for
local gifts in the museum store, and take part
in educational activities.

ake Champlain Maritime Museum will open for the 2023 season on Saturday, May 20. The museum will be open daily with free admission from May

"We believe that all people should have equal and free access to Lake Champlain and the opportunity to learn from the lake and our history, connect with each other, and be inspired to see new possibilities," said Lauren Ross, the museum's director of development and interim co-director. "Thanks to our sponsors, donors, and members our doors are open for free in 2023 and we look forward to welcoming everyone on campus this season."



Beginner and experienced rowing clubs meet weekly at the museum and in Burlington and are open to everyone.



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chair, You go and you sit with them and you talk for a while."

What do they talk about? Anderson often

asks singers to reveal something personal that has nothing to do with music. Nobody expects the question, but it's an effective icebreaker. Flora said he loved to cook, especially braising meat, which he learned from his wife, Cuban-American mezzo-soprano Olga Perez Flora.

Soprano Rebecca Krynski Cox, who will sing the title role of Fidelio, said she loved hiking in the mountains. "They said, 'Well we have beautiful mountains in Vermont too!"

While get-to-know-you chatting might seem like a standard part of any other kind of job interview, it's so rare in the opera world that Anderson gets grateful notes from singers who weren't cast. "Thank you for making it fun. I've never met people like you before."

An audition is the singer's chance to demonstrate multiple skills, some artistic and some purely physical. Flora says, "Beethoven was not well known for his vocal music. He

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— Lucas Levy

forgets that we're not violins and we can't breathe wherever we want to breathe, so he writes these long, long lines where there's no place to breathe. It's a challenge."

Auditioning opera singers must also show their mastery of multiple languages. Levy offered an aria in German from Korngold's Die Tote Stadt. Krynski Cox sang Elsa's Dream from Wagner's Lohengrin. And because speaking and singing are quite different skills, and because Fidelio includes more than the usual amount of spoken German dialogue, it was a plus that she has been living in Switzerland and is

conversationally fluent.

Her audition, her first with OCM, went well. "There are very few times that I walk away from an audition saying 'I got that job.' But this one, I said 'I'll be surprised if I didn't get that job.' I was absolutely thrilled when I heard the news.

Krynski Cox's acting role is doubly complicated: her character Leonore plays the entire part disguised as a man, Fidelio, convincingly enough that the jailor's daughter Marzelline falls in love with her. "It's my first pants role," she says. Anderson, who came to opera after decades conducting theater, insists on top acting. "Park and bark" isn't good enough. "An aria is a play in three acts," Anderson says, creatively misquoting Oscar Hammerstein's "A song is a play in three acts."

Auditioning itself is a skill, notes Levy. "It's different than being a performer on stage. On stage we sell the show, we are a character. But in audition, we have to sell ourselves. Even though we embody the characters and the arias that we sing, we still want them to pick us, the person in the room."

And if you'd like to be in the room with those remarkably talented persons, come to Meet the Singers!

THE OPERA COMPANY OF MIDDLEBURY PRESENTS FIDELIO

An Opera in Two Acts Music by Ludwig van Beethoven, Libretto by Joseph Sonnleithner Fidelio will be fully staged with orchestra conducted by Music Director Filippo Ciabatti. All events are at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, Vermont, unless otherwise specified.

PERFORMANCES:

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 5 p.m. **Meet the Singers**

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct, Middlebury

Tickets

Under the age of 26? Check out our Opera Under 26 program to learn how to get free tickets to the opera!

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 p.m. — Pre-Show talk at **Memorial Baptist Church** 7:30 p.m. — Fidelio Opening Night at Town Hall Theater, Middlebury

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

1 p.m. — Pre-Show talk at Memorial **Baptist Church** 2 p.m. — Fidelio at Town Hall

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TUESDAY, JUNE 6 7 p.m. - Fidelio, Cover Performance with Piano, Town Hall

A full-length performance of Fidelio, starring the understudies who have been rehearsing with the company.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 6:30 p.m. — Pre-Show talk at **Memorial Baptist Church** 7:30 p.m. — Fidelio at Town Hall Theater, Middlebury

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 7 p.m. — Young Artists Concert, Town Hall Theater, Middlebury

The Young Artists will present two short operas: A Hand of Bridge by Samuel Barber, and *The Telephone* by Gian Carlo Menotti, plus other arias.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 1 p.m. — Pre-Show talk at Memorial **Baptist Church**

2 p.m. — Fidelio at Town Hall Theater, Middlebury





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UPCOMING

Rokeby Museum to hold concert fundraiser

Rokeby Museum will host Music with the Museum, an evening of food and music with renowned musicians Paul Asbell and Bob Stannard at the historic Ferrisburgh Town Community Center on Thursday, May 25, at 6 p.m.

During this event, a silent auction will be held to raise funds for Rokeby Museum's exhibition fund, which supports the institution's dedication to sharing the stories of the people who lived and worked at Rokeby. Thanks to the generosity of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, funds raised during the event will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000.

"Rokeby Museum is excited to have Paul Asbell and Bob Stannard performing in support of the museum. They are both talented musicians, and their support of

Rokeby and its mission is truly appreciated," commented the museum's executive director, Lindsay Varner.

The museum's Exhibition Fund supports the exhibits at the museum, including an update to the museum's main exhibition "Free & Safe: The Underground Railroad in Vermont." Rokeby is a small museum that prides itself on its high-quality exhibitions. Each year a seasonal exhibit features themes from the site's history. In 2024, the nearly 10-year-old main exhibition, "Free & Safe," will be updated to include newly researched information and hands-on, family-friendly additions.

Tickets are \$30 for Rokeby Museum members or \$45 for non-members. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit rokeby.org/ music-with-the-museum.

Diana Fanning performs concerts around state

Feel like getting outta town for a bit? Take a road trip through the beautiful spring blooms to a neighboring town to hear Middlebury pianist Diana Fanning perform Schubert's wonderful Sonata in A Major, D. 959. An outstanding piano work of the Romantic era, it is a masterpiece of lyricism, imagination and expressivity. Works by Chopin, Lili Diana Fanning will Boulanger, and Ravel complete the program.



perform around the state. PHOTO / TAD MERRICK

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES: Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m. Plainfield Opera House, 18 High Street, Plainfield

Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m. Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 North Main Street. Randolph

Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. Frank Suchomel Memorial Arts Center, Adamant

MORE TUNES -

Dudes perform Dead and Garcia tunes in May

The Morning Dudes will perform four concerts around the state this month, including a set in Middlebury and in Brandon The Morning Dudes play songs from the wide and varied repertoire of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, including folk, blues,

country, bluegrass and improvisatory rock. Jake Geppert (Weston) brings musical mastery on acoustic and electric guitar, mandolin, ukulele and Tom Van Sant (Lincoln) holds down the rhythm on acoustic guitar. Both 'dudes' sing with passion and love of the material, borne out of their lifelong fandom and attendance at hundreds of Dead and Garcia concerts. It's always a hoot!

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

Friday, May 20

Third Place Pizza, Castleton, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

51 Main, Middlebury, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

Red Clover Ale, Brandon, 3-6 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Shelburne Vineyard, Shelburne, 6-9 p.m.



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"Pop-Up Books." A new exhibit of pop-up books has been installed in the Davis Family Library atrium at Middlebury College. This exhibit was curated by Middlebury College student Anne Lofgren, class of 2023. On view through the summer.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Introducing!" A group exhibition featuring new 2023 Edgewater artists, including Tracy Burtz/Melanie Considine/Marcia Crumley/Larry Horowitz/Julie Keller/Sasha Dorje Meyerowitz. This exhibit, opening April 25, will be on view through May 25.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Seasonal Majesty," a solo exhibition of new work by Rory Jackson featuring the landscape of Addison County. On view May 9 - June 27, with an opening reception Thursday June 8, from 5-6:30 p.m.

JACKSON GALLERY

68 S. Pleasant Street, Middlebury Visit townhalltheater.org/jackson-gallery or call 802-382-9222 for more info.

"#Skylights" is a new exhibit featuring Winslow Colwell's paper constructions, light boxes and kites. On view April 21-June 10.

NORTHERN DAUGHTERS GALLERY

221 Main Street, Vergennes

Visit northerndaughters.com or call 802-877-2173

"Verdant." This body of large works from Carla
Weeks looks to examine the relationship between
architecture and nature, in all shades of green. On
view from May 11-June 15, with an opening reception
on May 19, from 5-7 p.m.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"Animalia" reveals the essence of a member of the animal kingdom. Juror Traer Scott selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and up to 40 for the online gallery. On view May 4 - June 2.



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ARIES: March 21/April 20. You may struggle to get going this week, Aries. But once you do, it will be full speed ahead. In fact, you may need to

slow things down to let others catch up.

TAURUS: April 21/ May 21. Taurus, if you are feeling a bit scattered as of late, take some time out of your schedule to meditate and reflect on what is most important to you. Then follow that path.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, give yourself permission to move slowly this week. If you racing through things, you're apt to make mistakes. Set your own pace and let things play out as they may.

CANCER: June 22/
July 22. Deadlines could
make for a heated
week, Cancer. It's best
to remove yourself from
any situations before
they get out of hand.
Offer advice when
things cool down.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23.
Routines are boring you lately, Leo. You may need to shake things up. If you work a set schedule, see if you can go to flex time and look for ways to change.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, others feel you're giving off some high-strung vibes this week, and they wouldn't be wrong. Something is weighing

on your shoulders. Figure out what it is and lighten the load.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/

Nov. 22. Scorpio, you're dishing out all sorts of sage advice but it may be frustrating if others don't want to take it. All you can do is offer and let others lead their lives.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov.

23/Dec. 21. Things may be a little rough around the edges lately, and you'll need to figure out the ways to smooth things over, Sagittarius. Find a few friends who are in your corner.

CAPRICORN: Dec.

22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, emphasize a slow and methodical approach to a problem with an elusive solution. Slowing things down has a tendency to provide substantial clarity.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/
Feb. 18. Disagreements
on how to move
forward could bring
tension at home or work
this week, Aquarius.
Everyone needs to put
their ideas on the table
and whittle down the
best answer.





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VIRGO: Aug. 24/

Sept. 22. Do not let drama that doesn't involve you sneak into your orbit, Virgo. If you need to distance yourself from others for a while, then do so.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Don't compare yourself to others, Pisces; otherwise, you may downplay all of your wonderful attributes. Be proud of who you are.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

MAY 18 — Tina Fey, comedian (53)

MAY 19 — Malcom X, Civil Rights activist (d)

MAY 20 — Cher, singer (77)

MAY 21 — Albrecht Durer, artist (d)

MAY 22 — Jasper Johns, artist (93)

MAY 23 — Mary Cassatt, painter (d)

MAY 24 — Bob Dylan, musician (82)

MAY 18-29 2023



THURSDAY, MAY 18

"WHALE RIDER" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. The latest Middlebury Classic Film Club film centers around a Maori tribe in New Zealand with a strict rule for future chiefs: they had to be male. This pattern was upset when the heir to tribal leadership died in infancy. His twin sister survived and wants to be chief someday. The struggle to find peace revolves around finding harmony between a talented and ambitious young woman and her kindly but traditionbound grandfather.

"FROM HOMEBREW TO THE HOUSE OF FERMENTOLOGY" IN BRISTOL. Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., Howden Hall, 19 West St. The Bristol Historical Society hosts William Mares for this talk. Mares began making his own beer 45 years ago, when home brewing was illegal and there were no microbreweries in America. Mares will offer a short history of beer itself, and discuss the American beer revolution, Vermont's small but significant contribution, and his co-ownership of a brewery.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

"TASTE OF SUMMER" IN FERRISBURGH. Friday, May 19, 4-7:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Union Meeting Hall, Route 7. Five food vendors serving a mix of traditional fair food, authentic Mexican and Guatemalan food, snow cones, Bloomin' Onions and smoothies. Live music and dancing, a market on the green, and an art show. More info at unionmeetinghall.org/programming-andevents. Parking is at the FUMH and across Route 7 at the Historical Society and Ferrisburgh Central School.

ART OPENING IN VERGENNES. Friday, May 19, 5-7 p.m., Northern Daughters Gallery, 221 Main St. Come to the opening reception for Carla Weeks' "Verdant."

Weeks is a British born artist based in Maine who uses abstraction to articulate the subtleties and nuance of sensory memory.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB PADDLE IN CHITTENDEN.

Saturday, May 20, Chittenden Reservoir/Leffert's Pond. Kayak paddle at Chittenden Reservoir/Leffert's Pond. Chittenden is an almost 700-acre mostly undeveloped high-altitude lake sitting under the spine of the Green Mountains. Leffert's is a counter point to Chittenden, It's small and only 12 feet deep, a quiet wetlands ecosystem. The group will have a choice of paddling one or the other, or both. Contact Barry Francis for details, barryfrancis@gmavt.net. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

EARLY BIRD NATURE WALK IN ORWELL. Saturday, May 20, 8-11 a.m., Mt. Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Sue Wetmore introduces you to the birds of spring and spring migration. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. No pets please. Meet in front of the museum.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM OPENING DAY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m-4 p.m., 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. LCMM's first day of the 2023 season is free for all visitors.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE AND POTLUCK IN BRIDPORT. Saturday, May 20. Join Deborah Lewis in Bridport for a hike followed by a potluck on their

screened porch. Plan to meet at 10:30 a.m. and depart at 10:40 a.m. for an easy 3-mile walk, followed by potluck. Contact Deborah Lewis for details and to register, dlewis@bredeson.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

"TASTE OF SUMMER" IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday,

May 20, 11 a.m-7:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Union Meeting Hall, Route 7. See May 19 listing.

"A PASSION FOR BELLS" IN SHOREHAM. Saturday May 20, 2 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church, School St. Shoreham resident Judy Blake will highlight her lifelong passion for collecting bells. A long-time member of the American Bell Association, Judy will bring a sample of bells to this presentation. Some of them can be handled and rung by those present, and some are rare and only for viewing. This event is free and open to all ages.

"THE PILGRIM" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Brandon Town Hall's 2023 silent film series begins with this Charlie Chaplin film. The clergy, Westerns, child discipline and baking are among sources of laughter in The Little Tramp's last-ever non-feature-length movie, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. A free will donation event.

A NIGHT WITH FRANZ KAFKA: READINGS & COMMENTARY IN BRISTOL. Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. Join Jim Stapleton and Diana Bigelow for a night dedicated to the enigmatic writer, Franz Kafka. Readings and commentary will run about an hour, followed by a Q & A session. Free will donation to the library for admission. No Registration required.

PATTI CASEY WITH COLIN MCCAFFREY IN

VERGENNES. Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Hometown gal Patti Casey returns to her Vergennes roots to help VOH close out its season with great music and hometown pride. Joining Patti on stage is the incomparable Colin McCaffrey. Tickets \$15, general seating, available at vergennesoperahouse.org. Doors and cash bar open at 6:30 p.m.

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MCTV Channel 1071

Friday, May 19 Overnight - State House, Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 6:30 p.m. League of Women Voters Ranked Choice Voting in Vermont

8:30 p.m. State House Saturday, May 20

Overnight - State House, Public Affairs Selectboard 10 a.m. 12 p.m. Ranked Choice Voting 1 p.m. League of Women Voters: The Privatization of Medicare

Memorial Baptist Service 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Eckankar

Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Governor's Press Conference, Public Affairs

Sunday, May 21

Overnight - State House, Public Affairs Catholic Mass 9:30 a.m. Health Care Today with Dr.

Louis Meyers 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 1:45 p.m. Health Care Today 2:14 p.m. Selectboard

Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar Catholic Mass 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs

Monday, May 22 Overnight - State House, Public Affairs Privatization of Medicare 8 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 10 a.m. Ranked Choice Voting 9:30 p.m. Eckankar Health Care Today 10 p.m.

10:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell Tuesday, May 23 Overnight - Public Affairs 5 a.m. Energy Week

9:30 a.m. Eckankar Selectboard, Public Affairs 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Congregational Service Selectboard, Public Affairs

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24
Overnight - Public Affairs

Privatization of Medicare 5:58 a.m. Under the Dome Conversation

6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass

Selectboard, Public Affairs 10 a.m. **Energy Week** 5 p.m.

Selectboard, Public Affairs 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25 Overnight - Public Affairs

4:30 a.m. VNH Programs Congregational Service 8 a.m. 11 a.m. Energy Week Selectboard, Public Affairs 12 p.m. 9 p.m. Under the Dome 9:31 p.m. Eckankar

Dr. John Campbell 10 p.m. VNH Programs 11 p.m.

MCTV Channel 1091 Friday, May 19

All Things LGTQ
Norwich Book Store: An 5 a.m. 6 a.m. **Evening of Readings**

A Vermonter's Tale of Hiking the Appalachian Trail 9:41 a.m. The Archaeology of the Ethan Allen Homestead

School Board Meetings 12 p.m. 5:30 a.m. Norwich Book Store 7:30 p.m. Theater First Friday Live Jam

With Valley Improv 8:30 p.m. High School Girls' Lacrosse Saturday, May 20 Music in the Morning

Liam Grant & Ethan WL Live 7 p.m. 8:28 p.m. Vermont Master Anglers Sunday, May 21 Burlington's Black Trailblazers 5 a.m. 6 a.m. Norwich Book Store New England Cooks 8 a.m. Mad River Bear Initiative 9 a.m. 10:16 a.m. State House - Serve, Learn and Earn 11:30 a.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail 12:41 p.m. School Board Meeting All Things LGTQ 5 p.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail

8:19 a.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail 10 a.m. Norwich Book Store

All Things LGTQ

Theater First Friday

12 p.m.

5 p.m.

6 p.m.

6 p.m.

School Board Meetings

Monday, May 22 6:30 a.m. Norwich Book Store 8:30 a.m. Reclaiming Our Lost Selves, Gerette Buglion, author of An Everyday Cult 9:30 a.m. School Board Meetings

Serve. Learn and Earn 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 7:30 p.m. Rhymes and Good Times, Jewish Poetry Reading

9:12 p.m. Author Talk

Tuesday, May 23
6 a.m. Music in the Morning
9 a.m. Rhymes and Good Times, 11 a.m. Poem City 2023 - Poetry Sings-Marjorie Ryerson

School Board Meetings 12 p.m. 5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6:30 p.m. Poem City 2023 - Natural Selections

8:16 p.m. Serve, Learn and Earn 9:30 p.m. State Board of Education Wednesday, May 24

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Thursday, May 25

Rhymes and Good Times 7 a.m. Mighty Yoga 9 a.m. New England Cooks 10 a.m. Burlington's Black Trailblazers 11 a.m.

School Board Meetings 12 p.m. Mighty Yoga 5 p.m. State Board of Education

SUNDAY, MAY 21

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB TRAIL WORK IN RIPTON.

Sunday, May 21. Group outing focusing on Long Trail tread and drainage projects or areas needing clearing. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information at ecronana@yahoo.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY FIDDLERS IN MIDDLEBURY.

Sunday May 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. \$3 cover, 50/50 raffle, Door Prize, Refreshments available. All are welcome.

MEET THE SINGERS IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, May 21, 5 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. Come meet the singers from the Opera Company Of Middlebury's production of "Fidelio." Enjoy listening to the singers' favorite arias or songs from musical theater. Tickets \$35 plus \$2 fee, with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. More info at ocmvermont.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

MUSIC WITH THE MUSEUM IN FERRISBURGH.

Thursday, May 25, 6 p.m., Ferrisburgh Community Center, 3279 Route 7. Rokeby Museum hosts an evening of food and music with renowned musicians Paul Asbell and Bob Stannard at the historic Ferrisburgh Town Community Center. A silent auction will be held to raise funds for Rokeby Museum's exhibition fund, which supports the institution's dedication to sharing the stories of the people who lived and worked at Rokeby. Funds raised during the event will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. Tickets \$30 Rokeby members/\$45 non-members.

HAVE FUN WITH PAINT IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, May 25, 6 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 grownup. Space is limited, please register on the IPL website. We supply everything you need.

Just show up and have fun. Note: this is not a painting instruction class. It is a low stress, have fun with paint opportunity.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

AFTER-HOURS LOUNGE: THE OWL HOUSE BINGE WATCHING PARTY IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, May 26, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join us for a marathon of the hit Disney series, "The Owl House." Snacks, games, and Hooty. 6th grade and up.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRIDPORT.

Saturday, May 27, Snake Mountain. Discover the hidden Snake Mountain on this 3- to 5-mile hike, depending on weather. 500 feet elevation gain and loss. The group will meet at 9 a.m., depart at 9:10 a.m. Well-behaved dogs, always on leash are welcome. Contact Deborah Lewis for details and to register, dlewis@bredeson.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

ARTIST RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, May 27, 1-3 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Come meet artist Linda Lynton, whose work "Earth & Sky"will be on display at the Ilsley from May 17-June 30. Lynton's work is an exploration of our planet, from the rocks beneath our feet to the sky above, with all the life between.

MAL MAÏZ IN NEW HAVEN. Saturday, May 27, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. THT and Lincoln Peak present Mal Maïz this Memorial Day Weekend. Kick off your summer with Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maiz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra, a hot Festive Band, who blend traditional cumbia, montuno, son corrido, puya, and afro-carribean sounds all while sharing heritage and culture. Tickets \$16 advance/\$20 at the door. Children under 12 free with adult ticket. No outside alcohol permitted. More info at townhalltheater.org.

KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH.

Saturday, May 27, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and

Community Center, Route 7. A sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is a game that involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

JOHN TRUMBULL AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN ORWELL. Sunday, May 28, 1-2:30 p.m., Mt. Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. In this illustrated talk, Stephen Zeoli, president of the Mount Independence Coalition, will focus on the epic painting, "The Declaration of Independence" by noted artist John Trumbull, in the U.S. Capitol rotunda. He will discuss Lt. Trumbull's important contributions to Mount Independence and provide background on his work and research to create this painting.

MONDAY, MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN MIDDLEBURY. Monday, May 29, 9 a.m., downtown. Middlebury American Legion Post 27 and the Town of Middlebury will once again hold a Memorial Day Parade "Honoring the Memory" of over 1 million men and women who have lost their lives defending America since the Revolutionary War. Those wishing to participate should contact Post 27 leaving a name and contact number, nature of parade entry to include the number of participants More info at 802-388-9311 ext. 0 or legionpost27@aol.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN VERGENNES. Monday, May 29, 11 a.m., downtown. American Legion Post 14 will host the annual Memorial Day Parade "Honoring & Remembering All Who Served." Following the parade, a ceremony honoring our service men and women will be held on the Vergennes Green. The parade honors all men and women who have served our country during times of conflict. Following the parade, a chicken barbecue will be held at American Legion Post 14 from noon until they are sold out.





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It's swim lesson season. **Jake Jacobs** —aka Jake at the Lake — is teaching her group and private classes at Branbury Beach again this summer, as well as in Brandon and Salisbury. Jake has literally taught generations of local youth to swim. This year, her 48th as a swim instructor, she'll have the help of assistant Kaitlin Sulik-Doty at the lake. Find a link to her schedule at MiniBury.com. Swim lessons are also offered through the Middlebury and Vergennes Rec Departments. Bristol Rec has lessons, too, though details are still being finalized. Vermont Sun only does private swim lessons through the summer.



Live music

Enjoying live music outdoors while the kids run around is one of the highlights of a Vermont summer. And it's all starting up soon!

Town Hall Theater's Outdoor Music Series at **Lincoln Peak Vineyard** begins Saturday, May 27, at 5 p.m. with a show by Costa Rican multi-instrumentalist Maiz "Brujo" Vargas Sandoval and his Afro-Latino Orchestra. Local wine and family-friendly food will be available. Kids 12 and under are free. The **Midd Summer Market** is back with live music and local vendors every Thursday afternoon and evening, starting June 1.



Music on the Trail is a cool new series this summer taking place at different spots along the Bristol Trail Network. Go for a hike on the High School Trail on Sunday, June 11, and catch the trio Va et Vient under a trailside tent at 1 p.m.And don't miss **Pocock Rocks**, Bristol's big street festival, back for the first time since the pandemic, on Saturday, June 17.



Coming up

Taste of Summer at Union Meeting Hall, Ferrisburgh: Friday through Sunday, May 19-21. Food trucks, live music, antique cars and market vendors.

Free Skate Day @ Vergennes Skate Park: Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come check out the new half pipe addition to the skate park! Demos, snacks and raffles.

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CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S TOTALLY PAWESOME PET PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

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We received more than 75 submissions, ranging from playful puppies and sleepy kittens to baby chicks and graceful horses! Each and every entry featured a special and loveable pet, but here are the top picks based on pup-ular vote after tallying up hundreds of Facebook likes.

All submissions can be viewed on the Addison Independent's Facebook page and on our website addisonindependent.com.

First-place winners in each category will be mailed a \$25 Agway gift card. Winners will be contacted next week with more prize details.

This contest is made possible by support from Middlebury Agway.

Action Shot



Oaklee
Age: 1.5 years

Oaklee (1 1/2 yrs. old) showing you she will go for high leaps for her Purple Elephant!!! And she caught it! Oaklee has so much fun with all her toys and if you go for a 3-5 mile hike, there is always a toy with her! She is always amazing us!

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan



Sir Black Beard

Age: 2 years

Just a hanging out in his swing!

Submitted by: Heather Ballard

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odie

Age: 13 years
Dickory, Dickory, Dock
the mouse ran up by the
clock!! The clock is striking SIX, as
Odie sits!!! They stare at each other
and wonder who goes up and who
will come down! Dickory Dickory
Dock! Odie is around 13 years old
and she kind of slow in her hunting!
Rather play than hunt! She never
loses that instinct as she gets
older!

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan



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Best Pals



Ages: 14 months & 9 months

Submitted by: Carie Spooner James

ella Blue & Stella Luña Age: 5 years

Stella Blue (left) and Stella Luna (right) are both 5-ish year old rescue dogs who live across the street from each other. Their families call these BFFs (best fuzzy friends) 'the Stellas'. They like to visit each others' homes, run in the woods, and chase each other around the yard.

Submitted by: Liza and Anna Sacheli (Stella Luna's family) & Sarah,
Patrick, and Hazel Lawrence (Stella Blue's family).

COUCH Pofato



Ages: 1.5 years & 14 years
Oaklee (top bunk) is 1 1/2
yrs old Muri (bottom bunk)
is 14 yrs old! After a hard
day's work of playing and
enjoying the outdoors, they
love to sleep together on
their dog bed!!! I think we
spoil our animals and our
furniture is their furniture!

Submitted by: Julie Lonergan

Earl & Poppy TIED



Age: 1 year Meet Earl! He is a oneyear-old Australian Shepherd. He loves to play hard and nap harder. He loves to greet everyone with relentless licking and joy.

Submitted by: Jennifer Grilly



Age: 5 years
This is our 5-yearold Poppy in her
favorite spot on the
couch (note the worn
leather).

Submitted by: Jackie Devoid

Poppy

Age: 5 years
My grandson,
Graedyn, and
our 5-yearold lab,
Poppy.

Submitted by: Jackie Devoid

2rd Miss Stache

Age: 3 years
Miss Stache really
knows how to relax.
She also loves to
cuddle, chases the
dog (chihuahua), and
helps me sew every
project.

Submitted by: Susan James



BEST HOTO

funny faces

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Age: 11 years

Submitted by: Michele Harrigan



Poppy

Age: 5 years This is our 5-yearold lab, Poppy, at our Sugarhouse with my mom, Connie Needham. She wanted to eat goulash with Mom and made this face when told she couldn't eat Mom's food!

Submitted by: Jackie Devoid

Age: 10 years

Submitted by: Maeve Newton

This is Loki, my 10-year-old draft cross enjoying his favorite treat after a ride.



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Model Shof



Chester

Age: 1

This is Chester. He's about 1 year and 4 months old. We got him as a rescue from a couple who had taken him in from an unfortunate situation. We purchased a dog DNA test and found Chester is 54% Bernese Mountain dog, 17% Australian Shepard, and some mixes of 9 other breeds. Chester is very sweet and very goofy. He's very loving as well. I'm not quite sure if I'd categorize this as being more funny or model. I might say model because you get to see his beautiful and playful personality in this smile. Chester's submission is also a tribute to our dear beagle Blackie who we had to say goodbye to last summer. They both have just such loving personalities. It's like all they know is love.

Submitted by: Brittany Mason

Ziggy
Age: 7

This is Ziggy, my 7-year-old German Shepherd. He's the sweetest, most loyal companion always ready to go for a walk or hike on a moment's notice! Submitted by: Kate Heffernan



Skye

Age: 12
Skye is a yellow lab mix, and will be 13 years old this July!
Submitted by: Kelly Devino,

Work Companion



Rick

Age: 8 years
Rick is an 8-yearold English Springer
Spaniel. My son
rescued him a year
and a half ago as his
family was moving and
couldn't take him. He
filled a huge hole in our
hearts after losing our
2 German Shepherds.
Even though he can't
be a daily office mate,
he sure loves to stop in
for a visit!

Submitted by: Adam Forbes

Millie

Age: 6 years
Millie is
a mixed-breed
rescue dog from
Texas. She is
around 6 years old
and very shy. For
the last year, she
has been coming



with me to my job and helping me take care of an elder. They have formed a very close and loving relationship. Millie is learning people can be trusted and are kind.

Submitted by: Kelly Wellings

rd Thisfle

Age: 3 years
My favorite
bone! Thistle is a 3
year Aussie mix dog
from Kentucky where
someone dropped
her off beside the
road. She came to
SayWat Farm for her
forever home.

Submitted by: Cindy Watrous







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Meatball is a 5-year-old, 19-pound Miniature Pinscher mix. He has been bounced around a lot in his young life and a very active home with a lot of traffic would be stressful for him. Meatball is looking for a calm and quiet home. Meatball walks well on a leash and is always happy to be out and about. He should be the only pet



in a home because he doesn't get along with cats or dogs. He is a little lap dog and needs his own space to be able to





Tucker is a handsome 87-pound, 2-year-old chocolate lab. He will greet you with a wagging tail and a toy in his mouth. Tucker gets startled easily and we are working on building up his confidence. Previous owners say he's not a big fan of having his face touched, but he'll lean into you for snuggles.

Tucker enjoys the company of other dogs but can become food aggressive in their presence. It is important to feed him separately from other dogs in the home and to avoid high-value items like marrow bones. Tucker is housetrained and knows some basic commands. He walks well on a leash and loves being around people!



Binky is a chatty guy who acts like a big baby, hence the name. He is around 4 years old but acts like an overgrown toddler who can never have enough attention. Binky is a total lap cat and loves affection! He seems to be okay with cats, but we are unsure about dogs. Binky came to us as a stray and might enjoy exploring an indoor/outdoor lifestyle in his future home.







Clover is beautiful and petite; we estimate her to be about a year old. She came to us with her litter of kittens. Clover has come a long way from being shy and reserved when she first arrived. She has become a little more outgoing and interested in the staff and volunteers who care for her and

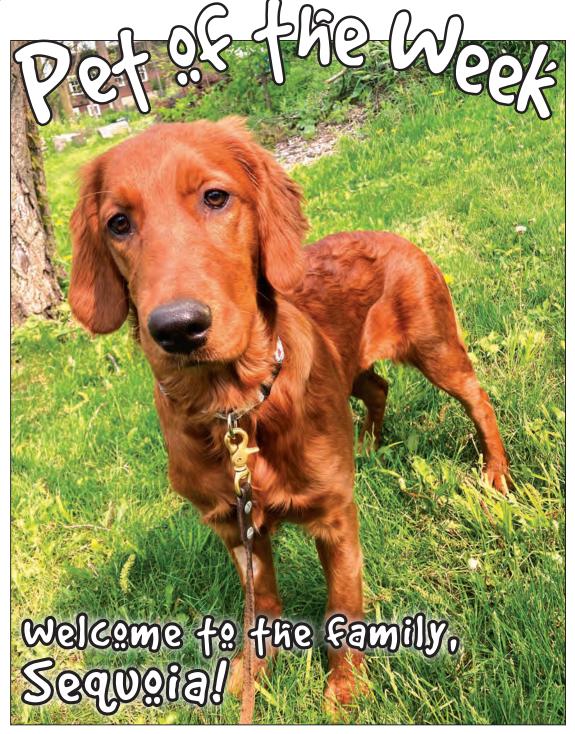
has started to poke her head out of hiding for some pets. Clover is now ready to find a home of her own where she can be free to explore and socialize at her own pace. She gets along well with other cats and we are unsure how she is with dogs. Clover recently went into foster care to become acclimated to a nome environment and to further assess her personality.



Harold is a goofy, super sweet 18-yearold. He loves his canned food but loves people even more. Harold's favorite toy is his water bowl. He tries to help us clean by dragging his water dish around to wet the floor for mopping! He is currently on a joint supplement which he willingly devours in his wet food. He gets along with cats and should be okay with a calm dog.



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remember our Trudy Muffin as we watch you rediscover toys she abandoned in her old age and frolic and play as she used to do. We can feel her helping you find your place among us, and encourage us to open our hearts back up to you.

We hope you feel the safety of our home and family and look forward to the days and months and years ahead as we wiggle our ways into each other's lives.

I think we'll get along just fine.

> - Christy, Sam, Woody and Naomi Middlebury

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Shelburne Museum exhibits open for the season

Shelburne Museum has announced its slate of exhibitions for the 2023 season. This year, the museum will feature a variety of special exhibitions focused on creative play, whimsy, and beautiful masterworks of Native American pottery.

Toys, woodblock prints, sculpture, children's printed textiles, and outdoor inflatable sculptures, along with a significant exhibition of pottery from the Southwest are all featured in the exhibition lineup for the coming season.

This year's focal exhibition, Built from the Earth: Pueblo Pottery from the Anthony and Teressa Perry Collection, elucidates the techniques and artistry of potters from eight of the Pueblo communities in New Mexico.

Northern New England's largest art and history museum opened on Saturday, May 13. The museum is open six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sunday, Oct. 22. This season's exhibitions include:

OBJECT/S OF PLAY: THE WORK OF CAS HOLMAN AND KAREN HEWITT

May 13-Oct. 22

The Work of Cas Holman and Karen Hewitt explores the creative processes of two award-winning American toy designers — a generation apart — who interpret the concept of open-ended play in their own unique ways.



Artist formerly known (Acoma Pueblo), Polychrome Storage Jar, ca.1880–90. Collection of Shelburne Museum, Perry Collection of Native American Arts.

Instead of providing step-by-step instructions or written rules about how to engage with their toys, both Holman and Hewitt design playthings that encourage children to use their own imaginations, fostering creativity, ingenuity, and independent thinking.

PET FRIENDLY: THE ART OF STEPHEN HUNECK

May 13-Oct. 22

The Art of Stephen Huneck highlights the prolific career and multimedia artwork of the celebrated Vermont artist Stephen Huneck (1948-2010). Despite limited training, Huneck worked fluidly between artistic media, including sculptural woodcarvings, furniture, paintings, stained glass windows, prints, children's books, and more. Bridging Huneck's varied artistic ventures is his subject matter. Huneck is perhaps best known for his depictions of dogs — especially his beloved black lab, Sally — a faithful source of inspiration for over two decades. While canines and their humans feature prominently throughout his oeuvre, Huneck also highlighted a menagerie of other adored creatures, including cats, birds, fish, and farm animals in his art.

RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE: CHIL-DREN'S PRINTED TEXTILES FROM THE COLLECTION OF J.J, MURPHY AND NANCY MLADENOFF

May 13-Oct. 22

Featuring selections from the collection of J.J. Murphy and Nancy Mladenoff, Right Under Your Nose is inspired by the more than 3,200 examples of children's printed textiles gifted to Shelburne Museum in 2020. Themes as varied as insects, alphabets, circus clowns, shadow puppets, the solar system, and a lumberjack beaver appear on these printed cotton handkerchiefs manufactured for children between the 18th and 20th centuries. Usually worn on or carried close to the user's body, these intimate, everyday objects taught lessons, instilled social and cultural standards, and sometimes even inspired a giggle while providing soothing relief for a runny nose. Close examination of these objects reveals technological innovations in manufacturing, shifts in understandings of children and the concept of childhood, the development of ideas like nationalism and cultural identity,



Stephen Huneck, Lap Dog, 2002. Woodcut print, 25 1/2 x 18 1/2 in. Collection of Shelburne Museum, gift of the Friends of Dog Mountain, Inc. 2022-3.14.

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the evolution of gender norms and racial stereotypes, and more.

POP UP: INFLATED SCULPTURE May 13-Oct. 22

Inflated Sculpture celebrates the innovative designs, diverse materiality, and technological advancements of contemporary inflatable sculpture. Disrupting Shelburne Museum's landscape with large, sensuous forms and bold pops of color, the inflated artworks imbue playful humor and wonder while also facilitating conversations related to larger sensory, socio-political, and cultural topics. Pop Up features work by three talented contemporary artists: Claire Ashley, Tamar Ettun, and Pneuhaus. Every two months, a new large outdoor sculpture by one of the participating artists will be on view at different locations across the museum's grounds. Throughout the duration of the exhibition, additional multimedia artwork by each artist will be on view in conversation with various museum buildings and collections.

BUILT FROM THE EARTH: PUEBLO POTTERY FROM THE ANTHONY AND TERESSA PERRY COLLECTION

June 24-Oct. 22

Pueblo Pottery from the Anthony and Teressa Perry Collection highlights important items from the Perry collection. The exhibition focuses on the skill and artistry of potters from eight of the Pueblo communities in New Mexico: Acoma, Cochiti, Laguna, Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, San Ildefonso, Zia, and Zuni. Built from the Earth will introduce visitors to the techniques of creating these works of art, discussing the historic methods rooted in the land and materials of New Mexico.

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ACROSS

- **1.** Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- **4.** Chinese philosophical principle
- **7.** Branch
- **8.** Jewish spiritual leader
- **10.** Slang for requests
- **12.** "So Human An Animal" author
- 13. Rocker Billy
- 14. British Air Aces
- 16. Type of tree
- **17.** "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary
- **19.** State attorneys
- **20.** Goddess of fertility

- 21. Localities
- **25.** Beloved singer Charles
- **26.** Clue
- **27.** Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
- **29.** Helsinki neighborhood
- **30.** Farm resident
- 31. Ocean
- 32. Where
- ballplayers work
- **39.** Unable to hear
- **41.** Cool!
- **42.** Cape Verde capital
- **43.** One point north of due east
- 44. Kilo yard (abbr.)
- **45.** Middle Eastern

nation

- **46.** It yields Manila hemp
- **48.** People operate it (abbr.)
- 49. Regenerate
- **50.** Not healthy
- **51.** Chinese sword
- **52.** Mild expression of surprise

DOWN

- 1. Unit of angle
- **2.** Headgear to control a horse
- 3. Clots
- 4. Follows sigma
- **5.** A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
- 6. Greek units of

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Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium and difficult.

Level: Medium

weight

- **8.** Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- **9.** Systems, doctrines, theories
- **11.** Stony waste matter
- **14.** Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- **15.** Hostile to others
- **18.** U.S. State
- 19. Not wet
- **20.** Something one thinks up

- **22.** Where beer is made
- **23.** Clumsy person
- **24.** Belonging to us **27.** Canadian flyers
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Snakelike fish
- 31. Unhappy
- 32. Fruit
- **33.** Not good
- **34.** Zero degrees Celsius
- 35. Goo Goo Dolls'

- hit
- **36.** Crawls into the head (folklore)
- **37.** Legally responsible
- **38.** Move in a playful way
- **39.** Regarded with deep affection
- **40.** Partner to flowed
- **44.** Native American tribe
- 47. Head honcho

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 21.



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including heirlooms, offer a wider range of flavors and colors although they may be more vulnerable to diseases, yield less fruit than hybrids and can be prone to splitting.

Determinate tomato plants are bushy. They grow and flower until they reach three to four feet tall then stop. That condenses the harvest period and limits the need for pruning. You can use small stakes to support them.

Indeterminate varieties grow all season, producing fruit for months. They benefit from

early season pruning and tall stakes. Semideterminate varieties are in-between. They don't sprawl, but they aren't bushy either.

Before planting, a soil test will reveal whether you should add lime and how much fertilizer. You can have your soil tested through the University of Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab (https://go.uvm.edu/soiltest).

Many garden soils already contain plenty of phosphorus from previous compost, manure or fertilizer use. It's common to find that only nitrogen and potassium are needed. Tomatoes are heavy feeders of both those nutrients.

Good drainage is important. If your soil tends to be wet, making raised beds can help. Water-logged soil promotes diseases such as Phytophthora that cause root rot.

Crop rotation helps avoid plant diseases. Moving your tomato plot a long distance each year is ideal, but even moving over a few rows can help. If root or leaf diseases are severe,



Dr. Vern Grubinger works out of the UVM Extension office in Brattleboro.

you can skip a year of tomato growing to allow diseases to die off.

Be patient. Planting early usually doesn't have much benefit, since tomatoes grow slowly when it's under 70 degrees Fahrenheit. If nights get into the low 50s, the crop may be injured, which shows up as light-colored blotches on the leaves.

Set tomato transplants deeply in the soil, especially if they're leggy. Roots will form along the stem, so you can bury plants up to the lowest leaves if necessary. Plant late in the day or during cloudy weather to limit transplant shock. Water in well and use small stakes if it's windy.

Watering whenever needed in the summer promotes good growth and helps avoid blossom end rot of fruit, a calcium deficiency. Since calcium moves with water through the plant, dry soil can lead to a calcium shortage when fruit is forming.

Wet the soil deeply when it doesn't rain. Sandy soils need watering every few days. Those with a lot of silt and clay retain moisture longer. Put your hand in the soil to see if it's drying out. Don't wait until your plants wilt to irrigate.

Straw, wood chips or plastic mulch reduce evaporation from soil, so less irrigation is needed. Mulch also reduces soil blowing and splashing, which helps prevent leaf diseases such as early blight and Septoria leaf spot. These are promoted by leaf moisture.

Staking, pruning and wide spacing of plants encourage good air movement to keep leaves dry. When watering, don't wet the foliage.

Prune indeterminate plants to avoid a tomato jungle. Aim for two main stems per plant by pinching off suckers at the base, up to the one below the first flower cluster. Remove suckers when they're a few inches long to avoid making large wounds.

Late in the season, cutting plant tops off will allow green tomatoes to finish ripening before frost, but stop most new growth. Determinate plants usually don't need pruning, but you can keep plants smaller by removing the lowest suckers if you wish.



Planting tomatoes in late May when temperatures have warmed up will help ensure a healthy crop of juicy red tomatoes to harvest in August.

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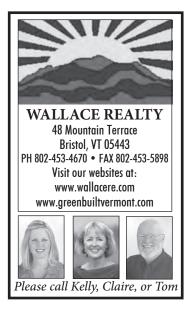
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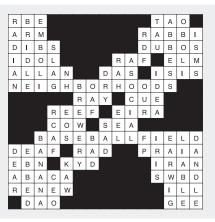
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EXHIBITS

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SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"Artists in the

Archives: Unseen Neighbors: Community, History & Collage." Digital collages and three analog format collages by 23 artists from seven countries that reflect upon the idea of community in the 21st-century world are on view. The exhibit also includes displays of recently-discovered and acquired materials highlighting the presence of Native American, African American, and Asian peoples in the Middlebury area. On view May 13-Aug. 26.

"Variety Sew: A Sampling of Textile Tools and Devices." From the collections of the Sheldon Museum comes a plethora of sewing machines, a surfeit of spinning wheels, and a myriad of sewing paraphernalia to discover. Many of these items have not been on exhibit for decades and have Middlebury and Addison County histories. On view May 13-Sept. 30.

"Stellar Stitching: 19th Century Vermont Samplers." Features textiles as a learning tool through needlework samplers made exclusively by young girls in the 19th-century depicting alphabets, numerals and decorative elements. On view May 13-Jan. 13, 2024.

"Recent Acquisitions." Recent Acquisitions will feature some new items in the museum's collections including two stunning pieces of furniture by Vermont cabinetmaker Norman Jones, recently donated by Cherie Roberts, along with supporting objects and archival materials. On view May 13-Jan. 13, 2024.





Highlights of the 2023 season include:

Free admission: The museum is free for all visitors, open

seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., from May 20-Oct. 15. Plan a visit at lcmm.org/visit.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits: Visitors can enjoy a dozen exhibit spaces on campus including the updated "Hazelett Small Watercraft Center," which documents the history and craft of small boats in the Champlain Valley; outboard motors collection on display in "Steam to Gasoline," open for the first time since the pandemic; and new interactive panels about native and invasive species at the waterfront. Open exhibits will be posted at lcmm.org/exhibits.

Pay-what-you-can camps and expeditions: Summer programs at the museum have a paywhat-you-can tuition model to ensure all kids and teens have equal access to a great camp experience. Participants can sign up to build kayaks, learn about underwater archaeology, go on an overnight kayak or rowing expedition, and more. Details available at lcmm.org/camps.

Events and activities: Throughout the season, the museum has events and activities for visitors



Outboard motors on display in the Steam to Gasoline exhibit.

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including Abenaki Heritage Weekend on June 17-18 presented by the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association and Abenaki Arts and Education Center; the After Hours Summer Party on July 7; free monthly Collection Corner events with unique artifacts from the museum's collection; and ROV shipwreck tours on Lake Champlain. For the most up-to-date list of events visit lcmm. org/calendar.

Open-water rowing: Each spring through fall, adults of all ages are invited to experience openwater rowing on the lake in the museum's fleet of rowing gigs. Interested participants can join a

weekly rowing club, which range from beginner to experienced, or sign up for one of the rowing events this season including the Hope for TomorROW on June 24 or the Lake Champlain Challenge Race on Sept. 9. Rowing clubs and events available at lcmm.org/adult-rowing.

Free admission for the 2023 season and paywhat-you-can camps and expeditions are made possible with support from Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, local businesses, individuals, foundations and the museum's membership program.

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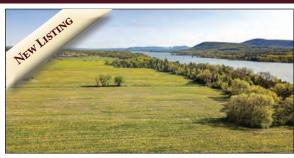
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