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Free summer food options in decline

No meal sites for kids in Vergennes

By JOHN FLOWERS
ADDISON COUNTY

Changes in demographics, recent bumps in household income, low staffing and other factors will reduce the number of places hungry kids will be able to get free meals this summer.

That was the takeaway from a Tuesday gathering of the Addison County Hunger Council, a group of local human services providers who regularly join forces to tackle food security problems in our area. Tuesday's meeting featured an early look at "free

Two parents in a Vermont household where each is making the state's minimum wage of \$13.18 per hour could soon become ineligible for subsidized meals based on evolving federal poverty guidelines.

— Addison County Hunger Council

meals" landscape for school-age children whose access to nourishing meals typically declines once classes adjourn for the long summer break.

"Summer Meals for Kids & Teens" is a federal program that offers free food to children aged 18 and younger. These meals are sometimes combined with existing municipal recreation

programming and offer a chance for the children to stay connected with their peers. The meals — which can be hot or cold and must follow (See Summer meals, Page 9A)

Council confirms DiBiase as permanent city fire chief

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — In a unanimous decision followed by a standing ovation from both councilors and about 15 meeting attendees, the Vergennes City Council on May 9 confirmed interim Vergennes Volunteer Fire Department Chief David DiBiase as the head of the department.

DiBiase had been serving as the interim chief of the department since March 24, when Chief Jim Breur succumbed to cancer. Breur, the department's chief since 2009, had named DiBiase the department's first deputy chief in 2022.

DiBiase had been a department captain before that promotion; he first joined the agency as a youth cadet in 2002. City Manager Ron Redmond installed him as the interim chief immediately after Breur's passing, which came after a distinguished tenure.

On May 9, Redmond told the council a formal search had come up with a recommendation for removing the word "Interim" from DiBiase's title.

"I just want to express my delight" at the recommendation, Redmond told the council. "It's (See DiBiase, Page 11A)

Timber!



PATRICIA HANNAFORD CAREER Center student Carter Paquette prepares to fell one of more than 100 trees that are being cleared for a multi-use trail that will link the Belden Falls trailhead with an important shrubland in Wright Park. Paquette's classmates Cole Warren and Gavin McNulty look on during the May 19 work session, made possible through a collaboration between the Career Center and the Middlebury Area Land Trust.

Independent photo/Steve James

Career Center students learn in the field

Wright Park project will benefit hikers & wildlife

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Around two dozen Patricia Hannaford Career Center (PHCC) students have temporarily swapped their computer keyboards, pencils and paper for chainsaws, hammers and bolts.

They are working in cooperation with the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) to expand, and improve access to, an environmentally significant shrubland in Middlebury's Wright

Park at the end of Seymour Street Extension.

The project involves creating a roughly 1.25-mile, multi-use trail to join the Belden Falls trailhead with a 3-acre swath of the important Wright Park shrubland.

The ambitious undertaking began this past winter and is being undertaken by students in the career center's Natural Resources Management, Engineering & Architecture, and Visual Communications programs.

Friday, May 19, saw about 15 students blazing the new trail and cobbling together a wooden skidder bridge that will span a drainage area along the pathway. Once completed, the project

will enhance the property's wildlife habitat, add value to its recreational use, and provide a wider, sturdier surface for both hiking and deploying mowers and other heavy equipment to the Wright Park shrubland — a home to songbirds and other dwindling wildlife species.

"It's a big plus," MALT volunteer John Derick said of the partnership with career center students, who are using classroom knowledge and skills they'll need as they go on to jobs as foresters, loggers and other nature-based professions.

"(The tree harvesting) will allow the (See Students, Page 10A)



SHANNON BOHLER, LONGTIME director of MUHS plays and musicals, demonstrates a dance move from her perch while student actor Jacob Klemmer straightens his tie in the background during rehearsal of 2014's "Legally Blonde."

Photo courtesy Shannon Bohler

Curtain falls for MUHS musicals director

Bohler has mentored many teenagers, including her own, on stage

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — One of Shannon Bohler's favorite rewards from directing Middlebury Union High School student musicals has been seeing the young actors

receive accolades from the audience after the curtain has dropped.

"They're so happy and they're so proud; that's the best," she said during a recent interview.

Now it's Bohler's turn to take a bow.

An MUHS directing gig that began in 1997 with "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" drew to a close this spring with "Madagascar." (See Bohler, Page 12A)

Brandon's Boynton to lead Bristol Elementary

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — The committee tasked with searching for Bristol Elementary School's next top administrator has hired a new principal and bolstered the leadership team that will support him.

Aaron Boynton will take the reins at BES in July. The Brandon resident currently serves as principal of Berlin Elementary School in Washington County.

The committee also selected (See Boynton, Page 11A)

Two more towns eyeing housing relief

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — In the face of a statewide, ongoing housing crisis, officials in the towns of Lincoln and Monkton are looking at ways to boost housing opportunities in ways that meet current needs and maintain historic growth patterns.

Ongoing efforts include the potential creation of a new housing committee in Monkton that would further identify options for creating more affordable housing in town. Over in Lincoln, the planning commission is looking (See Housing, Page 9A)



By the way

The Charter House Volunteering Celebration Barbeque has been scheduled for June 3 in Middlebury. Join the Charter House Emergency Shelter community that Saturday for a volunteer celebration cookout from noon to 3 p.m. at 27 N. Pleasant St. Experienced volunteers and staff will answer questions about the Charter House's mission, cook hamburgers, and explain how to get involved. The Charter House provides emergency shelter, a community meals program and case management to help people improve their health and housing stability. Volunteers prepare and serve meals in the kitchen, or help staff oversee activities and tend to the daily needs of the shelter guests. The Charter House is seeking community volunteers to help with a variety of important (See By the way, Page 10A)

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BEEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Secretary Mary Pat Roche smiles with this year's class of kindergarteners at the New Haven school. Meeting the new kindergartners each fall has been one of the greatest joys of Roche's 27 years at Beeman, which will come to a close at the end of this school year.

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Longtime secretary bids Beeman Elementary farewell

By MARIN HOWELL

NEW HAVEN — A lot has changed since Mary Pat Roche first began working at Beeman Elementary School 27 years ago. The longtime school secretary has weathered evolving technology, watched generations of families pass through the New Haven school, and most recently navigated the shifting currents of public education during a global pandemic.

Amid such changes, Roche has remained a constant at Beeman Elementary. Now, at 69, Roche is preparing to bid farewell to her seat in the front office.

Reflecting on her time at Beeman, Roche said she's enjoyed the nearly three decades she's spent at the elementary school.

"I've had the best job, seriously. I've had the best principals and the best workmates. I've made lifelong friends here with our staff, current and past," Roche said.

Roche began working at Beeman in 1996. Before her tenure in the front office, Roche helped out at the elementary school by volunteering with the kindergarten class her daughter Sarah was in.

"When I started working at Beeman, my daughter was going into first grade here," she recalled. The job became available, I applied and that's when it began."

As the elementary school secretary, Roche's responsibilities over the years have largely included administrative tasks like answering phone calls, facilitating school orders and setting up field trips.

Though, Roche has worn plenty of other hats during her time at Beeman, offering a hand with what's needed at the small school.

"I help out by putting on Band-Aids when our nurse isn't here," Roche said of her daily tasks. "I'm in contact with parents, I do the school Facebook page. It's little bit of everything."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Addison County in 2020,

Roche's responsibilities shifted further outside of the front office. She traveled around town helping deliver school lunches and worked to prepare for students' hybrid return to the classroom.

Helping out with a little of everything has given Roche the chance to get to know the students who have come and gone from Beeman Elementary School throughout the years.

Roche said one of the things she's enjoyed most about her time at Beeman has been getting to take part in annual school activities with those students.

"I love our traditions, which I hope continue long after I'm gone," she said. "We have a longstanding tradition of walking to the cemetery after Memorial Day. We walk to the local cemetery and our fire department leads us; it's been a tradition for probably over 150 years."

Another of Roche's favorite traditions is bringing students to Middlebury College for Judi Smith Day. The yearly visit was started around 28 years ago, after the passing of Smith, a former first-grade teacher at Beeman who would take her students to the college.

Each year, students visit Middlebury College before the start of winter break to skate at Kenyon Arena and play in the field house.

"The whole school gets to enjoy both activities," Roche said of the tradition. "I always stay on the ice rink, I like to skate."

Getting to know students and their families is another one of Roche's favorite parts of her time at Beeman. In particular, meeting the class of kindergartners the elementary school welcomes each fall.

"What I really enjoy most is kindergarten registration day, I love when the new families come in," she said.

Roche has watched many

students move through the school, including students' whose parents also attended Beeman during Roche's time at the school.

"That's what made me decide maybe I shouldn't be here," Roche said jokingly. "Kids that sat here in kindergarten are now married and bringing their kids in. I've seen quite a few (families)."

As she enters retirement, Roche said she is excited to spend more time with her granddaughter, ride her horse and test out the new camper she and her husband, Paul, recently purchased. She also plans to work part-time at The Old Lantern Inn and Barn, a wedding venue in Charlotte where she's spent 12 years as the bar manager.

Though she's looking forward to

what's ahead, Roche said leaving Beeman will be bittersweet.

"I'm excited to retire, but I'm sad to walk out the door for the last time," she said of her departure. "Our (school) sign says it's 'a great place to learn,' and it's true, and it's also a great place to work."

Beeman Elementary School Principal Travis Park commended Roche for her contributions and said that she has been an essential part of creating a positive environment at Beeman.

"Mary Pat is the epitome of what Beeman stands for, I'm 100% sure that Beeman has been a great place to learn because of the (27) years of joy, kindness, compassion and dedication she brought to work every day," he said.



AFTER 27 YEARS at Beeman Elementary School, longtime secretary Mary Pat Roche will bid farewell to her seat in the front office at the end of this school year. Roche has worn multiple hats during her time at the New Haven school, in addition to her administrative responsibilities.

Independent photo/Steve James

Climate icon honored at Midd. graduation

MIDDLEBURY — Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, a marine biologist and one of the leading international voices in climate change action, will give the Commencement address to the Middlebury College Class of 2023 this Sunday, May 28.

A policy expert and writer, Johnson cofounded and leads [Urban Ocean Lab](#), a think tank for the future of coastal cities. In 2020, she coedited the bestselling climate anthology "All We Can Save" and cocreated the Spotify/Gimlet climate solutions podcast "How to Save a Planet."

"We are deeply honored that Ayana will join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2023," said Middlebury College President Laurie Patton. "As a gifted communicator, she tells us the sobering truth about climate change, yet offers a deeply informed vision of how things can improve. She is a challenging and inspiring messenger for our times."

A Brooklyn, N.Y., native, Johnson earned a BA from Harvard University in environmental science and public policy, and a PhD from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in marine biology. Her writing has been published widely, including in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Scientific American*. She serves on the board of directors for GreenWave and Patagonia, on the advisory board of Environmental Voter Project, and on the steering committee for the Ocean Justice Forum. Recently she was recognized with the Schneider Award for climate communication, a place on the *Time* 100 Next List, and with an appointment to the Secretary of State's Foreign Affairs Policy Board. Johnson's forthcoming book on climate futurism has the working title "What If We Get It Right?"

"Ayana personifies the climate movement at its best — a first-rate scientist who also understands that, by itself, science can't solve our crisis," said Bill McKibben, Middlebury's Schumann Distinguished Scholar. "She's employed every possible tool — writing, speaking, building institutions, helping organize political power — in order to make a resounding difference. If ever a person exemplified why the liberal arts — all of them — matter, it's Ayana."

Johnson coauthored the Blue New Deal, a roadmap for including the ocean in climate policy. Previously, she was executive director of the Waitt Institute, developed policy at the EPA and NOAA, and taught as an adjunct professor at New York University.

Johnson will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree. Middlebury will also award honorary degrees to the following individuals at Commencement:

BAMUTHI (Marc Bamuthi Joseph) is a 2017 TED Global Fellow, an inaugural recipient of

the Guggenheim Social Practice initiative, and an honoree of the United States Artists Rockefeller Fellowship. His opera libretto, "We Shall Not Be Moved," was named one of 2017's "Best Classical Music Performances" by *The New York Times*. His evening-length work created in collaboration with composer Daniel Bernard Roumain, "The Just and the Blind," was commissioned by Carnegie Hall and premiered to a sold-out house at Carnegie Hall in March 2019. His upcoming opera, *Watch Night*, is inspired by the forgiveness exhibited by the congregation of Emanuel AME church in Charleston, and will premiere at the Perelman Center in New York in 2023. Bamuthi's TED talk on linking sport to freedom design among immigrant youth has been viewed more than a million

times and is a testament to his capacity to distill complex systems into accessible and poetic presentations. His community development philosophy, called "The Creative Ecosystem," has been implemented in dozens of cities across the United States.

Bamuthi will receive an honorary Doctor of Arts degree.

Nancy Gaden is senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Boston Medical Center (BMC) and is a nationally recognized leader in the nursing profession. At BMC — a 514-bed academic medical center — Gaden leads more than 2,000 employees and manages a budget of more than \$300 million. Her work at BMC led to that hospital achieving Magnet designation from the American Nursing Credentialing Center. Gaden will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Thomas M. Wells, Carol Vitz Wells and Jordyn Wells are cofounders of the Wells Mountain Initiative (WMI), a Bristol-based foundation focused on social change through education and community building.

The organization supports young people in the developing world with student scholarships, skills training, and start-up funding, building a network of grassroots leaders who are catalyzing community transformation.

Founded in 2005, WMI has funded 365 student scholars and 285 graduate scholars in 54 countries.

Through their foundation, the Wells family has worked to foster a global community of grassroots leaders and social entrepreneurs who are tackling issues such as gender inequity, educational access, health disparities, and climate change through a locally rooted and community-driven approach, resulting in more just and sustainable solutions.

Carol Vitz Wells, Jordyn Carol Wells, and Thomas M. Wells will each receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

The Commencement ceremony will take place on the main quadrangle at 10 a.m. on Sunday.



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Students offer Middlebury CO2 road map

Group presents emissions plan

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — A Middlebury College student group has unveiled a proposed road map for the town of Middlebury’s quest to cut its emission of carbon dioxide cause by municipal operations by 80% by the end of this decade.

The report in question was assembled by the Middlebury Consulting Group (MCG), a nonprofit student organization that provides free research and problem-solving services to local businesses and national startups. MCG student members get to apply — in an entrepreneurial setting — the business principles they are learning in the classroom at Middlebury College.

Middlebury Energy Committee Chair Howard Widelitz said Dan Rafferty, a fellow committee member, had suggested engaging with MCG to assist with research on how the town might achieve its ambitious carbon-reduction goal.

“The suggestion was to have (the MCG student members) gain an understanding of the existing municipal CO2 emissions and to help prioritize the limited investments to obtain the greatest reduction in these emissions,” Widelitz said. “We have had very positive results with student support in the past and decided, as a committee, to engage the MCG.”

MCG subsequently voted to take on the Middlebury Energy Committee project. Students Derek Lu and Ella Du were named co-leaders of the assignment, which kicked off in late March.

A seven-member MCG team launched headlong into Middlebury’s CO2-reduction quest. First, the team gathered local CO2 emissions data from longtime town energy committee member Richard Hopkins. The team identified the two main contributors to the CO2 generated by Middlebury municipal operations: fuel use and heating.

This led to the team to design short- and long-term plans for the town to reduce carbon emissions associated with fuel and heating. During the ensuing six weeks, the MCG members crunched numbers and reached out to municipal officials, state environmental authorities, energy suppliers and industry experts to get insights on how Middlebury could achieve its carbon footprint goal.

“We wanted to make sure it wasn’t just us sitting behind the computer and gathering research,” Lu told the *Independent* in a phone interview.

It all culminated in MCG’s delivery of a 22-page report to the energy committee and Middlebury selectboard earlier this month.

The report included some of the following findings and suggestions:

- Municipal operations during fiscal year 2022 produced a total of around 1.34 million pounds of carbon dioxide. The highest CO2 emitters among Middlebury town



DEREK LU AND Ella Du of Middlebury College, shown at a Middlebury selectboard meeting this month, were part of a student-led effort to advise the town on how to cut its CO2 emissions by 80% by the end of this decade.

Independent photo/John Flowers

services that year were public works (34.8%), fire department (20.1%), sewer department (17.6%) and police department (14.8%).

“Their proposals for an anaerobic digester at the wastewater treatment plant were more centered around the financial benefits and did not get into the complexities of greenhouse gas emissions.”

— Middlebury Energy Committee Chair Howard Widelitz

to reduce its CO2 emissions by another 923,676 pounds (from 2022 levels) if it’s to achieve its 80%-reduction goal by 2030, according to MCG.

• A proposed major makeover of the Ilsley Library and a scheduled massive upgrade of Middlebury’s wastewater treatment plant could pay nice dividends in the CO2 battle, MCG team members said.

The town currently spends \$18,000 annually for fuel oil at the treatment plant, which produces 134,400 pounds of CO2 annually. Transitioning to natural gas would save \$9,085 and reduce CO2 emissions by 26,265 pounds, according to MCG. But this transition would, among other things, require installation of two new boilers.

• The town could also save on fuel use by installing “smart thermostats” in its buildings. Among other things, these thermostats can detect when rooms are unused (and adjust fuel consumption accordingly) and adjust heating or cooling needs to specific zones in a building.

• “Enveloping” — the process of making buildings energy tight

through added insulation and sealing — could also shave the town’s CO2 total.

• Transitioning from propane and fuel oil to more environmentally friendly alternatives — such as natural gas and biodiesel. The group estimated the town’s fire department and recreation center used a combined 9,616 gallons of propane during fiscal year 2022. MCG estimates that natural gas emits 6.63% less CO2 than propane, suggesting the town could cut its annual CO2 output by 7,738 pounds — and save \$13,000 — by transitioning to the former.

The group further submitted the town could save \$9,085 and reduce CO2 emissions by 26,265 pounds annually by switching from fuel oil to natural gas at its wastewater treatment plant.

Middlebury could also reduce its carbon footprint by using B99 biodiesel as a heating source, and B20 biodiesel as a fuel replacement for traditional diesel, according to MCG.

Local officials have been concerned about the potential for biodiesel to freeze, or gel, inside vehicles during cold Vermont winters. But a mixture of 20% biodiesel and 80% regular diesel has been proven to work well in cold temperatures and would emit 15% less CO2 than traditional diesel or heating oil, according to MCG research.

FINANCIAL HELP

The student consultants acknowledged the financial barriers to following some of their recommendations but pointed to several funding sources to blunt the financial impact for the town.

Among the money Middlebury could tap: Volkswagen diesel settlement funds, the Vermont Diesel Emissions Reduction Financial Assistance Program, the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development, the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure fund, and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program.

“Not only does the town need to know where to get funding, it also

has to have the necessary system and structure to apply for funding,” the student consultants wrote in their report summary. “However, the application process is complex and labor-intensive.”

MCG is encouraging the town to recruit from Middlebury College’s Environmental Science students to fill a grant writing role. This could yield big dollars for the town, while giving students real-world insight into government incentive programs.

Middlebury can’t afford, on its own, to phase fossil fuels out of its heating and fuel portfolio. But it doesn’t hurt to prepare for that eventuality, according to Lu.

“It might not be feasible now based on the costs to electrify... but (the MCG report) is providing the infrastructure to chase after this (grant) money now, because there are a lot of financial incentives there to prepare the town for the transition that will eventually have to come if they want to hit that 80% (goal).”

Widelitz said his committee is pleased to have MCG’s input. He acknowledged one “area of concern” from the committee — the MCG’s proposal that the town switch fuel sources from propane to natural gas.

“This was contrary to the strategy the committee has been taking given the serious impact of natural gas as a greenhouse gas,” he explained. “Their proposals for an anaerobic digester at the wastewater treatment plant were more centered around the financial benefits and did not get into the complexities of greenhouse gas emissions.”

Widelitz said that ideally, there should have been more interaction between MCG and the energy committee.

“A lesson learned for future engagement,” he said, but added, “Overall, for a six-week project, they developed a good understanding of their areas of focus even if they didn’t introduce electrification as a solution to reducing emissions from thermal heat sources. They provided a very professional presentation with data to support their proposals and were very receptive to feedback from the selectboard and energy committee.”

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ACSD search for interim leader narrowed to two

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Central School District board has narrowed its interim superintendent search down to two unnamed finalists from an original crop of 16 applicants.

One of those finalists has been interviewed and the second will get their turn on Tuesday, May 30, according to ACSD board Chair Barb Wilson. She added the board would likely make its final pick by the middle of next week.

The ACSD board is declining to reveal the names of the finalists “out of courtesy” to the two individuals, according to Wilson.

“Both are good candidates with a ton of experience who can lead us through this difficult time,” Wilson said on Wednesday.

The panel had been slated to hold a May 24 community forum to introduce the two finalists, but that plan was scrapped “due to candidate scheduling conflicts,” Wilson wrote in a May 23 email to the ACSD community.

The current search for an interim comes after the board’s ill-fated attempt to find a permanent replacement for longtime ACSD

Superintendent Peter Burrows, who will soon leave to become the top administrator of the Milton, Mass., school system. That search yielded 10 applicants that were whittled down to two finalists: Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll, superintendent of the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union (WSWSU); and Suzanne Gruendling, director of policy implementation for the Essex-Westford School District.

But Komons-Montroll withdrew her application following the first round of ACSD interviews, and the school board chose not to extend a job offer to Gruendling.

Whoever fills the interim superintendent role for the next year or two will be asked to provide stable, efficient leadership as the district takes on some hefty tasks — including preparing a particularly challenging 2023-2024 budget, completing a strategic plan update, developing a major repair plan for the ACSD’s aging school buildings, and taking another shot at finding a permanent superintendent.

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City council eyes pavilion, but also other infrastructure

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — In 2022, backers of a proposed 9,600-square-foot covered pavilion to the rear of the Vergennes recreation park off East Street saw the \$309,000 Phase One of their dream come true.

With many hours of volunteer help, grants (notably from Ferrisburgh’s Hoehl Foundation), financial support from the Vergennes City Council, and a dash of generosity from project contractors, the park’s outdoor skating rink and basketball courts were expanded, leveled and supplied with electrical service.

The upgrades improved the concrete’s formerly tilted surface and reinforced it to someday, backers hope, support a roofed pavilion that would be 17 feet tall, high enough to allow basketball in warm months and protect skaters — and the ice they glide on — in the winter.

In the meantime, the surface — once roofed — could be a multi-season, weather-proof community hub for concerts, workshops and other community events, according to backers.

But pavilion supporters Kathy Rossier and Robyn Newton also told the council on May 9 that Phase 2, actually buying and installing that pavilion roof, would be a more difficult proposition. That’s largely because, they said, it would be more expensive — about \$750,000, including about \$500,000 for the structure alone. That total also takes into account a 15% contingency.

Newton added backers, who are cooperating with the Vergennes Parks and Recreation Committee, of which Rossier is a member, are finding that fundraising for the pavilion itself poses a unique problem.

(See Pavilion, Page 7A)

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Guest editorial

Transform Ryegate, Yankee for jobs and for the climate

By Jim Hurt

Here is the gist of recent recommendations to the Vermont Climate Council calling for the profitable renovation of Vermont’s two wood plants, McNeil and Ryegate, thereby transforming them into negative-emission power and storage stations.

These stations will emit very little but remove much CO2 from the sky. A similar plan for Vermont Yankee is also financially attractive and will certainly create more jobs, profits and climate benefits than a new nuclear power plant at Vermont Yankee, as industry advocates still seek. Any nuke plan for Vermont Yankee, if seriously proposed, is likely to become a radioactive third rail to most voters in the tri-state region. The nuclear waste crisis is only getting worse.

Besides, Vermont can generate more green watts from more green resources in Vermont, i.e. solar and hemp, as Canada is doing. Hemp makes CBD, milk, bread, fabrics, drywall, car parts and biofuels. Hemp is a cash and cover crop that restores soil and rotates easily between other cash crops. Moreover, hemp removes CO2 from air faster than trees via photosynthesis.

CO2 gas from burning hemp biofuels can be captured at the point of emission and chemically reused to make synthetic e-fuels and feedstocks, i.e. H2, ethanol, gasoline, diesel, butanol, graphene and more. A new kind of multisystem power station can evolve out of the old plant.

The ever-useful switching yard can incorporate a) local solar farms, b) megawatt-scale storage and c) hemp biofuel generation with CO2 capture and reuse. Besides, central power and storage can only help accelerate distributed PV. Diverse companies like Siemens, Porsche and LanzaTech are engineering a biofuel and e-fuel revolution for transportation, electricity and building heat.

Moreover, Vermont is overdependent on out-of-state power, including nuclear and Hydro-Quebec, which is not the benign green resource HQ claims it is. Rotting biomass emits much greenhouse gas. Worse, native fishing villages have suffered terribly from methyl-mercury poisoning over decades.

Vermont’s premise for buying HQ power — that it’s green and benign — is tragically wrong. The better choice by far is to keep more green in Vermont by generating more green power in the Green Mountain State. Gov. Scott should make the case for a profitable free- market climate plan, i.e. Vermont green is Vermont strong for Vermont’s economy. And solar and hemp are green.

Yet, Gov. Scott and Vermont utilities are still marching toward ever-greater dependence on Hydro-Quebec and outside nuke power to cover new demand for electric cars and heat pumps. That means more Vermont green will be leaving Vermont just when Vermont farmers, especially dairy farmers, need new cash crops and markets, i.e. hemp and solar.

Then, too, the Vermont Climate Council might want to reduce CO2 emissions by another 500,000 tons or more per year to compensate for the implosion of the Transportation & Climate Initiative and other setbacks. Yet, there is still no focus in the governor’s office or Vermont utilities or the council on renovating Vermont’s wood plants. Though small, these two plants emit together over 600,000 tons of CO2 per year based on EPA estimates.

Or Vermont, Vermont utilities and Vermont power plant owners can profitably renovate these two plants with EPA blessings and Department of Energy support to reduce CO2 emissions by 600,000 tons per year and remove 600,000 tons per year from the sky at the same time. Carbon offsets and/or credits will no doubt apply.

Theoretically, a sustainably managed forest or set of forests can store more carbon in trees per year than released by logging and downstream use, including for wood chips and pellets for power plants or buildings. Let carbon forests proliferate by harvesting wisely. Don’t cut too much too soon.

Ideally, Vermont’s wood plants can burn a mixture of a) wood pellets from carbon forests that are managed and certified to store more carbon than is released per year, b) energy pellets from the stem of the hemp plant (the shiv), c) biodiesel from hemp seeds and d) ethanol from hemp leaves. These fuels can also be sold as carbon-neutral or nearly neutral biofuels for vehicles and buildings.

Finally, the Affordable Heat Act should be supported by a robust hemp cultivation program in order to, in their own words, “deliver fuel and technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” In that case, hemp biofuels should fit right in.

“All biofuels are not equal.” Sen. Anne Watson recently said. Indeed, hemp is a superior crop for biofuels and many other products or the Canadian government would not be promoting it over many years. Hemp is a prodigious and rapid absorber of CO2 from the atmosphere and yet has much lower life-cycle carbon intensity than fossil fuels or monoculture palm oil. Surely, transforming Ryegate into a negative-emission power and storage station is better than closing Ryegate, which will lead to the permanent loss of many jobs and much revenue to Ryegate Township and local economy.

Closing Vermont Yankee was a victory for nuclear safety and an economic disaster for the tri-state region. With hindsight and new chemistry, transformation is the optimal solution and a good example for the nation, world and Joe Biden too.

Note: Jim Hurt is a resident of Woodstock.



The boy inside the bird
AFTER GALIVANTING AROUND the Mount Abraham Union High School diamond cheering on the Eagle boys’ baseball team on Tuesday, 12-year-old Charlie Hill of Starksboro took off his Eagle mascot head only to be handed his eight-month-old cousin Cam. Mascot, baby and fans had a lot to cheer about as Charlie’s older brother Gus was the winning pitcher in Mount Abe’s 10-7 victory over Middlebury.

Independent photo/Steve James

Libraries are a place of connection

In the few months that I’ve been a volunteer at the Lawrence Memorial Library, I’ve realized that many of my activities require using tape: Scotch tape, binding tape, that wide tape I call “gorilla tape” because it’s relentless (once in place, it cannot be repositioned), and laminates are just a few that I’ve encountered.

One project I find very meditative is covering books. It requires three of the above-mentioned adhesives to make sure that the books withstand the multiple manipulations that we hope most of the books undergo: being pulled off the shelf, read, dropped in the return bin, reshelved, repeat.

The most important library adhesive is its bond to the public. Judging by many of the conversations that have taken place across the country and within Vermont, the fact that a library is open at all is a gift. There have been many pieces written about the plan to repurpose (i.e., close) the Vermont State College libraries, so I won’t belabor that point. The outcry this plan created shows that people view libraries as more than just places to check out books.

Libraries serve many indirect purposes. For instance, during my first winter in Bristol, I discovered that a power outage is more than a temporary problem. In Charlotte, where I’d lived for many years, power was off a couple of hours at most. That first Bristol winter, the power outage lasted for days. I’ve been a remote worker for nearly 20 years and never had to face that level of inconvenience. I went to the library, which was open and internet accessible. I still work in

the library regularly because writing amidst activity places me in a cocoon of creativity.

A public library is a place to share the simple pleasure of reading, to use the computers, to meet with friends, to host a class, to listen to authors share their words or to attend game night. In some ways, it’s a public living room, where people can relax and connect with others. It’s a place of social connection and community, something that is stressed in the Surgeon’s General’s 2023 Advisory titled “Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation.”

In his opening letter, Dr. Vivek H. Murthy describes his cross-country listening tour, and his growing realization of how common social disconnection is. The advisory highlights research showing that the trend began long before the pandemic. The research also shows the resulting damage to individual and societal health. The report focuses on six “pillars to advance social connection.” Pillar 6 is Cultivate a Culture of Connection. Despite its modest size and budget, the Lawrence Memorial Library addresses this pillar.

There are other places where people can meet each other over common interests or just simply to hang out, such as cafes, gyms, churches. Many of these places require affiliation or money. A public library requires neither of those. I support the library with my volunteer time because it is open to the public.

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Ways of Seeing

By Ruth Farmer



I ‘May’ love this month the best

In his 1922 poem “The Waste Land,” T.S. Eliot said — if I recall correctly — “April is the cruellest month / But May is, like, amazing.” Boy, was he right.

It’s the time of year when I transform into an exuberant, sociable, outdoorsy person.

My default persona is fall/winter me. I like to shuffle around in cumbersome layers and thick socks, delighting in all the things that make the colder months appealing: dark evenings, a cozy heat source, homemade comfort foods, heavy blankets and, best of all, staying home.

But now, rather than curl up into a compact afghan-wrapped ball on the couch, I can’t sit still for five minutes. On a typical morning in May, I wake at sunup, look at the time and shove Mark.

“How can it be 5:13 already!? We’re burning daylight. Let’s go, let’s go, let’s go!”

Mark does not go. But I launch into a brisk set of bedside calisthenics, counting off my jumping jacks with a “one, two, three, ONE!” and so on, until he throws his pillow at me or I pull a calf muscle, whichever comes first.

Fully oxygenated, I put on the coffee and immediately head outside to do chores. These days, that means feeding and watering an additional assortment of fowl and livestock. And, of course, taking extra time to stop

and smell the lilacs and listen to the birds.

When the bird ID on my phone tells me the melodious trill from high in the treetops comes from a “warbling vireo” — a creature I can hear but not see — I have to take an extra tour around the yard in the hopes of finally spotting it.

The crisp morning air invigorates me, and by the time I return to the kitchen, I’m brimming with goodwill toward the world. Mark has come downstairs, and I find him slumped half-asleep at the table, mug in hand, staring bleary-eyed into the middle distance.

I kiss him on top of the head as I twirl past and say, “Why do we even need caffeine when we have nature to energize us?”

Life is so good, I’m insufferable. My mood continues this way for weeks, annoying friends, relatives and retail employees alike. The days feel endless, both in terms of sunlight and possibility.

I no longer dare slip into PJs at 6 p.m.; what if we decide to go out for creemeees? I want to be able to squeeze opportunity out of every last minute before dark.

One of the biggest changes from winter me to summer me — besides my expanded capacity to tolerate other humans — is how much time I spend

Around the bend

By Jessie Raymond



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Letters to the Editor

Student event was inspiring

Thank you to the students, staff and Monica Desrochers of the Addison Northwest School District who put on the Together in Belonging Community Discussion with students this past Wednesday evening in the Vergennes Union High School library. It was an informative and eye-opening evening learning about how students in our community schools experience safety, belonging and the gaps where they don’t.

While introducing myself with he/him pronouns and recognizing I hold privilege as a cis-white male in Addison County may not be how I grew up, it is how our young students are experiencing the same ages we once did long ago. We still don’t understand the full impacts of the pandemic on our society but something that did emerge from that time was a greater commitment to uplifting and supporting historically marginalized people in our community.

This past event was one of many steps on the road to equity in our schools but I am grateful to see it happen and to have participated. I learned a lot. Thank you VUHS students, your leadership is an inspiration.

Matt Vogel
Ferrisburgh

Let’s talk more about preschool

Last week’s editorial column talked about Sen. Ruth Hardy’s “bolder vision” for childcare “that deserves further scrutiny.” I agree about it needing further scrutiny and would love if the *Addison Independent* followed up on that idea by talking to the Early Educators in Addison County, the Vermont Association for the Education of the Young Child, and the Let’s Grow Kids Early Education and Childcare advocacy group who all worked very hard to make sure Ruth Hardy’s plan for putting *all* 4-year-olds into public schools for full time school was removed from the bill. What was kept in the bill was a plan to study the current Universal Preschool (UPK 10 hours of paid preschool a week), to be done with a wide range of stakeholders and with an explicit emphasis to keep the “Mixed Delivery” that currently provides the majority of preschool education. The goal is to provide full-time preschool for 4-year-olds in private and public settings and to continue to provide preschool for 3-year-olds.

The editorial states that the change to put all 4-year-olds in public schools was left out of the bill “because of concerns from private daycare centers.” One director of an Addison County Preschool and Childcare Center was quoted in Zoom testimony in the early stages of the bill as saying that this would be “a predictable disaster.”

I have been teaching preschool for 26 years. I am an “early educator” at a private, non-profit, parent cooperative preschool serving a mixed ages classroom or 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. I teach, with my team, 30 different children each week, 20 a day. Private preschools have been providing the early education in the state for at least 50 years while the public school system essentially ignored preschool education for most of that time. Addison County, in particular, is home to a network of exceptionally high-quality private preschools. The last few years of the pandemic has seen a big influx of grant money to improve quality, expand capacity, and support the workforce. My school is strictly preschool; taking away all of the 4-year-olds to public school and changing or limiting the UPK funding for the 3-year-olds would have put our 44-year-old school out of business. We have an amazing preschool infrastructure (outdoor classroom, beautiful indoor classroom, sledding hill, huge playground, play loft and every imaginable material for preschoolers) and just built a

EMS providers always ready

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized National EMS Week to celebrate Emergency Medical Services practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. National EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services on medicine's frontline. EMS Week is presented by the American College of Emergency Physicians in partnership with the National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians. National EMS Week is May 21-27 and the theme for 2023 is "Where Emergency Care Begins."

EMS providers are certified or licensed at many levels, from Vermont First Responders to Paramedics. Vermont EMTs, Advanced EMTs and Paramedics adhere to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) training standards and requirements. The training for the various levels is significant both at the beginning and ongoing. For example, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) requires 120 or more hours of classroom training, passing a skills-based exam and a comprehensive computerized exam. Then EMTs are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years. Paramedic training, depending on which college program, is a minimum of 18 months of

classroom, plus hundreds of hours of clinical time in the hospital and in the field. Paramedics must complete 60 hours of continuing education every two years. EMS training ranges from anatomy and physiology, to pathophysiology, to life span development, to pharmacology, to EMS operations and research. In addition to this time commitment, there are significant costs associated with these levels of education.

Modern EMS can trace its origins to the publication of the white paper "Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society," published by the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council in 1966. This paper called attention to the high number of preventable highway traffic injuries and deaths and cited deficiencies in prehospital care as one reason for the unacceptable high numbers. Since the publication of this white paper, EMS has expanded and improved based on research, improved training and lessons from military experience.

Across Addison County, Emergency Medical Services are provided by a mix of professionals that operate out of fire departments, first response agencies and ambulance agencies. They all started in EMS because they cared about people and wanted to learn how to help others in their time of

need. Some of them are volunteers and some of them decided to make a career out of EMS service.

EMS professionals are ready to respond to any call any time of the day or night. They may be dispatched for many types of 911 calls — from a Lifeline activation for a lift assist; a behavioral emergency or overdose; a trauma; to an unresponsive, not-breathing person. Once on scene, they have to quickly assess the patient and determine if and what life-saving interventions may be required. If they are a first responder, they focus on life-saving skills until the ambulance arrives. If they are part of an ambulance crew, they will administer pre-hospital emergency interventions developed and designed to improve the patient outcome. Regardless of the dispatch reason, the EMS professional must be prepared for any situation. In 2022, there were over 5,000 EMS activations in Addison County.

This gets back to the theme for 2023 "Where Emergency Care Begins." Pre-hospital emergency care begins with the initial certification, ongoing training and preparedness, and then when the EMS professional gets dispatched. This high-quality, prehospital emergency care has shown to have a significant impact on survival rates and positive neurological outcomes. As these professionals are your friends, families, neighbors and colleagues, many working multiple jobs, please recognize the time, education and commitment they have shown to others in their time of need.

Community Forum

This week's authors are Addison County first responders Dave Fuller, NREMT Advanced; Mark Nelson, NREMT Advanced; and Kate Rothwell, NREMT Paramedic.

Heraclitus and the unity of opposites

4th in a series

Heraclitus of Ephesus comes next in the roster of early Greek philosophers. He "flourished" at the end of the 6th and beginning of the 5th centuries BCE. Ephesus, like Miletus, was a Greek city in Asia Minor on the Aegean Sea.

Heraclitus was an aristocrat, and was offered the kingship of his city, which he declined. At the time, Ephesus was under Persian rule, and among the writings attributed to him is correspondence with Darius the Great, ruler of the Persian Empire, who invited Heraclitus to Persia.

Like his predecessors, Anaximander and Xenophanes, Heraclitus wrote a book entitled "Nature," in which he asserted the unity of the world system. Arrogant and self-assured, rather than presenting it to the public, he deposited the book in the Temple of Artemis, a sanctuary where public access was denied

Undoubtedly copies were made, for Heraclitus's book was well known in antiquity. Still, Heraclitus's very act of publication, or the manner of it, is worth noting. It is paradoxical to publish a work in such a manner that no one will have access to it. But this was just his point. The declaration with which he begins his book affirms this: "Although this account [of the nature of the world] will be true forever, men will always fail to understand it. Although all things come to pass in accordance with this account ... men are like sleepwalkers, oblivious of what they do awake, just as they are forgetful of what they do asleep."

Heraclitus was the first to make paradox a philosophical theme.

Not surprisingly, he claimed complete originality for his work, and denied that he might have

been influenced by any of his predecessors. Yet, notwithstanding his scorn for them, his theory of the origin of the Cosmos is not unlike theirs. Fire and earth are the basic elements of the natural world. He supposed that fire is the original motive force. Thus, he writes that fire, acting on earth, produces water and air. Fire is also the vital element in animals, which Heraclitus equates with the soul. He believed that the world was not created by any god.

When did this all begin? According to Heraclitus, the world has no beginning, nor will it end. It is a self-contained, self-generating whole. "This world, the same for all, neither gods nor humans made. It is and was and always will be fire everlasting."

Yet, although he wrote that the world is a self-sufficient totality without beginning and end, he also wrote that it is not always the same. Plato noted this: "Heraclitus, I believe, says that all things move, that nothing is at rest; he compared whatever exists to the flow of a river, he said that you cannot step twice into the same river." The river is the same, but what flows through it is always changing. The Cosmos is eternal, but whatever it contains is not. Plato took this as an example of Heraclitus's belief in the unity of opposites. Which fits perfectly with his fondness for paradox.

Overall, Heraclitus's outlook on "life, the universe, and everything" is pessimistic. And his pessimism

made him a misanthrope. The ultimate destiny of all things within the world is oblivion, and from his familiarity with the citizens of Ephesus, he concluded that this was a fate they well deserved.

Heraclitus's pessimism and misanthropy may explain his unwillingness to assume the kingship of his city. Consistent with his pessimism and misanthropy, his outlook on the political state of the world was grim. War and conflict are as basic to the political world as fire is to the operations of nature: "One must realize that war is common, and Conflict is Justice, and that all things come to pass in accordance to conflict." "Death is what we see when waking; what we see when sleeping is slumber." It is not surprising that Heraclitus should have come to be known as "the weeping philosopher!"

On a brighter note, Heraclitus may have been the first empiricist. He wrote: "The foundation of knowledge is not what we learn from others, but what we experience for ourselves," and "We should not listen like children. Whatever comes from sight, hearing, learning from experience, that I prefer."

Finally, there is one line from his work that anticipates the Socratic turn in philosophy. "I went in search of myself." A century after Heraclitus, in his search for wisdom, Socrates turned away from nature and made his moral self the object of his enquiries.



The History of Philosophy
by Victor Nuovo
Middlebury College professor emeritus of philosophy

Malloy letter

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new addition onto the school last summer so we could increase capacity from 15 children a day to 20. The "preschool" developmental stage is 3-, 4-, young 5-year-olds. That age group gets along fantastically as they are all deep in the world of learning through imaginary play. Some schools choose to teach 3- and 4-year-olds separately. Having children for two or three full years of preschool is highly advantageous for them in terms of consistency, building relationships, and for fully knowing and supporting a child as they move through the preschool years.

A business manager for one of the local school districts told me he had looked into the cost of gearing up for adding all 4-year-olds to the public schools and said the cost was prohibitive. The playgrounds and lunchroom tables at public schools are not designed for preschoolers. A developmentally appropriate setting for preschoolers involves a wide range of hands-on materials that would need to be purchased. One teacher in an elementary school with a public preschool told me everyone loves the little preschoolers. Another teacher at a different elementary school preschool setting told me "they hate having us there. The other teachers unhappily close their doors because the preschoolers are noisily playing." As they should be.

The *Addy Indy* editorial also mentions "using the expertise of the public school system" and "getting the best bang for the public's dollars here is to fully use existing capacity in our schools and expand that to younger students." The early educators in Addison County heard from a representative of Counselling Service of Addison County this

year that the behavior problems in the Addison County public schools has become significantly worse recently, including in the kindergartens. We have all read in our local newspapers about some serious issues in the local public schools. Frankly, parents have expressed to me a disinterest in increasing preschooler's exposure to that. The public schools, largely, do not currently have the "expertise" in the early education of preschoolers.

I believe the thinking was, 'Let's take all the 4-year-olds now to bring in more money for our public schools and the private preschools will have to turn to the toddlers and babies to survive. All the childcare problems would be solved!' It was unclear to me what the plan was for the 3-year-old preschoolers who have been getting UPK funding for many years. I absolutely love my job as a preschool teacher. Educators find their preferred age niche. Two-year-olds, and infants obviously, are at a different developmental stage than 3-year-old preschoolers and do not belong in the same group classroom. That said, mixed ages in small home-based childcare can, and does, work beautifully.

I understand that there are capacity issues across the state and that families want more preschool time paid for and available. It makes no sense to throw out the high-quality preschool capacity we already have with the private schools that have been partnering with the school districts for around 10 years (we were early adopters of UPK in Addison County) to provide early education. What would be great is to expand UPK funding for 3- and 4-year-olds beyond the 10 hours a week that is currently funded. Almost all children attend preschool for more than 10 hours a week and many attend full-time, both 3's and 4's.

There was an influx of children when UPK funding began and a big increase in days per week of attendance since families could afford more days when 10 hours was funded.

Part of the childcare bill increases eligibility for state subsidy funding (an additional funding source above UPK) for children in preschools and childcare. Right now, we have one child who qualifies for a subsidy out of 30 children enrolled. An increase in eligibility would have to be huge to make up for ending UPK funding for my 16 three-year-old preschoolers currently getting UPK funding for 10 hours a week. I haven't even touched on the financial effect this would have had on larger childcare centers where the UPK funding, and having preschoolers, helps offset the higher cost of providing infant and toddler care with very high teacher-to-child ratios.

Across the country "mixed delivery," meaning preschools in both private centers that partner with school districts and public school-based preschools, is the norm. That is why up to the last days before the S.56 Childcare bill was passed, Let's Grow Kids was asking people to contact their legislators to support the bill AND to insist that mixed delivery be kept in the bill. That is what Vermont's early education community wants and thinks is best for our children. The bill is not law yet, it may get vetoed, and it would hopefully have a veto override. The early education and childcare workforce supports the bill as written. I appreciate Sen. Hardy introducing the bill and would welcome a visit to our preschool anytime. Thanks to the *Addy Indy* for being such a great community resource.

Kerry Malloy Lincoln

Jessie

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outdoors. In the winter, you won't find me braving the elements if I can help it. (Braving, in general, is something I avoid.)

But in the warmer months, there's too much to do. Slathered in sunscreen, I fill my free time with gardening, walking in the woods and grilling out on the deck. Lazing around indoors isn't an option; the weather is too beautiful, and I have things to accomplish.

Even when I'm not attempting to set a world record for Most Items Crossed Off an Outside To-Do List in One Day, I can't get enough of

the fresh air and sunshine. The breeze caresses my skin. Flowers bloom all around me. Birdsong fills the trees. I dance around the yard smiling and inhaling like the star of a laundry detergent commercial.

Unfortunately, I have seen enough Mays to know that this joie de vivre will subside in a few weeks. Eventually, I will tire, physically and mentally, of the relentless daylight and daily grind of garden and barn chores.

The weather will get hot. The humidity will spike. Weeds will overtake my flowers. Coordinated

mosquito attacks will make sitting outside a frantic exercise in neck slapping and ankle scratching.

Faintly, above the cacophony of the songbirds — who seriously will not give it a rest for five minutes — I'll hear the siren song of the couch. My knitting basket, ignored all these weeks, will cry softly in the corner. They miss me!

I don't remember the rest of "The Waste Land," so I don't know what T.S. Eliot said about July.

Probably something along the lines of "Summer comes as respite from the darker days / But it's enough already."

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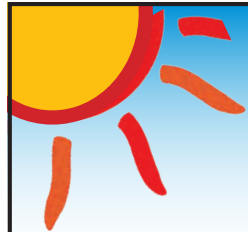
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Obituaries

Roger L. Cota, 77, of Monkton

MONKTON — Roger L. Cota died Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the age of 77. He was born in Middlebury Dec. 12, 1945, to Miles and Meta Cota.

Roger was a “Jack of all trades” and spent many years in construction and excavation. He was a free spirit who always followed the sun. He was known for his creations and creative mind.

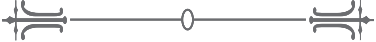
Roger was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who loved sharing his knowledge with family and friends. He had a deep passion for wood carving and created a beautiful collection for his family to enjoy.

Later on in Roger’s life his passion became focused on his family and his undeniable love



ROGER L. COTA

for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be forever missed, but the memories will live



Marjorie J. Markwell, 83, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Marjorie J. Markwell 83, died Thursday evening, May 18, 2023, at Porter Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born Feb. 14, 1940, in Windsor, Vt., the daughter of Chester and Beatrice (LeBlanc) Merrill.

Marjorie was a graduate of Windsor High School class of 1958.

She married Richard Markwell on March 28, 1958.

Marge worked side by side with Richard on a dairy farm in New Haven Mills for many years. After retiring from farming, she worked for Maple Landmark in

Middlebury.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, of Middlebury; by her children Debra Ash (Glenn), Lori Poirier (Louis) and Donna Chase; six grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Joanne Sawyers of South Carolina and a brother, Jack Merrill of New Hampshire.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Helen Porter Nursing Home in Middlebury, Vt.

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

Online condolences at www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.



Barbara Deane Charlamb, 82, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Barbara Deane Charlamb of Middlebury, Vt., and formerly of Manchester, Conn., died on May 23, 2023, in Middlebury.

Born in Jay, Maine, in 1940, she attended Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine and received her bachelor’s degree from Washington State Teachers College in Machias, Maine.

Barbara moved to Connecticut in 1963 and established a long career in teaching elementary and junior high school students in Manchester and Vernon public schools. She was a dedicated teacher and cherished colleague. She also enjoyed serving on the board of the Manchester (Conn.) Scholarship Foundation for 14 years and for one year as president.

After retirement, she pursued her passion for gardening and became a Master Gardener. She started a program in Hartford, Conn., introducing urban 5th graders to gardening.



BARBARA CHARLAMB

After moving to Vermont in 2010, she continued gardening and became a mentor with Everybody Wins, helping children of Mary Hogan Elementary School improve their reading for six years. Her last years were shaped by Alzheimer’s disease and aphasia. She lovingly cared for her husband, Alex Charlamb, during his decline from

Alzheimer’s disease. She began her own struggles with dementia and aphasia six years ago, and lived her last two years at Eastview, where she was a cherished resident and indefatigable walker, clocking one to two miles daily.

Barbara is predeceased by her husband, Alex Charlamb. She is survived by daughters Jennifer Gates of Manchester, Conn., and Lisa Gates and her husband Michael Roy of Middlebury, Vt.; grandchildren Ethan, Anna, and Julian Roy; and sister Beverly Knowles of Presque Isle, Maine.

Donations in Barbara’s memory can be made to HOPE, Charter House Coalition, Manchester (Conn.) Scholarship Foundation — all organizations important to her. Her family wishes to thank the caring staff at EastView GardenSong, the nurses at Addison Home Health and Hospice who supported her final weeks, and the many dear friends who called, visited and walked with Barbara these last years.



Rebecca Fifield
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MIDDLEBURY — The graveside service for Rebecca O. Fifield, who died on Jan. 8, 2023, will be held at Middlebury Cemetery, Middlebury, Vt., on Saturday, June 3 at 11 a.m.

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Michael W. LaFrance, 56, formerly of Bristol

LAKELAND, Fla. — Michael W. LaFrance, 56, Maple Street, Bristol native, passed away Nov. 17, 2022, at Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center in Lakeland, Fla., from heart failure.

Mike was born on March 18, 1966, in Burlington, Vt., to Osborne and Alfreda LaFrance. Mike was proud of his Abenaki heritage. He was instrumental as an Abenaki spokesman in native medicine and history and enjoyed attending Powwows.

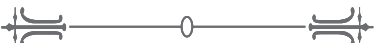
Before moving to Lakeland in August 2022, Mike lived in Brandon, Vt. He enjoyed watching the wildlife in the beautiful Vermont countryside, fishing and helping

those at his apartment complex. His fragile heart was filled with love for his family and friends.

Michael is survived by his daughter, Star LaFrance (Braeden Mylot); grandchildren Aurora, Brandon, and Charlotte; his sisters, Virginia Moulton and Sandy (Paul) Krueger both of Lakeland, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Oz “Jr.” LaFrance, and his parents, Osborne and Alfreda LaFrance.

A graveside service will be held at Bristol’s Mt. St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Plank Road, on Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m.



Dorothy Louise Johnson Oliver, 97, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Dorothy Louise Johnson Oliver, 97, died peacefully Sunday, May 21, 2023, surrounded by family at her home in Middlebury, after a long struggle with dementia. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1926, to Sillsbe and Haidee Viola (Price) Johnson, the youngest of four children.

A child of the Great Depression, Dorothy was a proud graduate of Woodward High School, one of the first public schools in the nation, where she edited the newspaper, starred in school plays, and was crowned Prom Queen. Considering herself a city girl all her life, she enjoyed the free cultural education afforded by such civic institutions as the public library, art museums, and the opera. She entertained her five daughters with true tales of riding to Coney Island on roller skates, hanging onto the rear bumper of a bus, and sneaking into the “talkies” with friends.

In 1945, she married her high school sweetheart, Al Haefner, who received his B.A. and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. When Al enlisted in the Army Air Force to serve in World War II, she moved with him to military bases in Texas and California, before returning to Cincinnati.

In 1953, they moved to Baton Rouge, La., lured equally by professional prospects in the burgeoning oil exploration industry, the balmy climate, and the blooming azaleas. They had three daughters together before divorcing in 1960.

In Louisiana, she worked as a studio photographer and assistant to

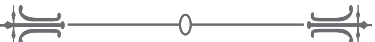


DOROTHY J. OLIVER

a woman doctor before marrying her second husband, Dr. Dalton Senter Oliver, in 1964, with whom she had two more daughters. She helped Dalton build his ophthalmology practice and supported his military career as a Major General in the Air Force Reserve while also raising their children. With fond memories of their honeymoon in Vermont, they rediscovered the state’s natural beauty and built their rural home in Middlebury in 1978.

Dorothy was a beloved wife and devoted mother to five children, stepmother to three, grandmother to 18, great-grandmother to 29, and great-great-grandmother to one.

She was a self-taught interior designer who honed her craft studying and collecting art and antiques such as Cincinnati-based Rookwood pottery. She had a rare talent for transforming even simple spaces into beautiful, harmonious, and welcoming homes, filled with natural light, art, and books. An avid reader, she instilled her



JAMES HANF

James Hanf
celebration of life

LINCOLN — A celebration of life for James Hanf, who died Nov. 18, 2022, will be held Sunday, June 4, from 2-5 p.m., at Burnham Hall in Lincoln. We will set aside a time to share special memories of Jimmy at 3 p.m. Please join us to celebrate his joyful spirit.

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MICHAEL GLEED LOWE

Michael Gleed
Lowe burial
service

WATERBURY — A burial service to lay to rest Michael Gleed Lowe, who died Oct. 28, 2022, in Morrisville, will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 11 a.m., in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury, Vt. The family welcomes all those who wish to gather with them in Mike’s memory. The full obituary may be viewed at www.dgfunerals.com.



MICHAEL W. LAFRANCE

lifelong love of literature, art, design, and cooking in all her children. She firmly believed that anyone armed with a public school education and library card could be and do whatever they wanted, as she did in building her own cultural education.

She was predeceased by Dalton, her husband of 44 years, older siblings Charles, Richard, and Anna Maria, and stepdaughter Nancy (Oliver) Hutchinson of Coronado, Calif.

She is survived by her three daughters by first husband Al Haefner: Sandra Bigner of Mebane, N.C.; Pam (Dale) Davis of Middlebury; and Ann (Randy) Solar of Baton Rouge, La.; and two daughters by second husband Dalton Oliver, Amy (Dan) Beaupre of Middlebury; and Jill (Mike) Rose of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. She is also survived by two stepchildren, Victor (Lynn) of Baton Rouge, La.; and Lucy Scheffy of Baton Rouge, La.

She was a long-term member of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Middlebury, and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, La.

The family would like to gratefully acknowledge the loving care provided by Carie at Home Health, as well as Ron and Margie, over the past ten years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Middlebury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 223, Middlebury, Vt., 05753.

ADDISON COUNTY
School Briefs

Two local students, **Sepehr Belar** of Middlebury and **Shannon Sunderland** of Shoreham, have been named to the winter 2023 dean’s list at Southern New Hampshire University.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the list.

With a GPA of 3.70 **Isabella DeCandio** of Middlebury was named to SNHU’s president’s list.

Nathan Viera of Lincoln has been named to the Belhaven University spring 2023 dean’s list. With a grade point average between 3.4-3.99, Viera is among a select number of students named to the list.

Viera concluded his time at Belhaven by receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Belhaven in May.

Nathan Muzzy of Ferrisburgh has been awarded the Main Street Scholarship from Capital University. The scholarship promises a minimum of \$20,000 annually to all qualified first time-in-college, full-time undergraduate students entering their first year of college.

Elinor Ross, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled “Feeding Greece: The Future of Distribution and Logistics.”

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. Ross is from Brandon.

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Help breeding turtles cross local roads

VERMONT — Vermont’s turtles are on the move, and the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking for the public’s help in keeping them safe. Female turtles will soon be looking for places to deposit their eggs, and they sometimes choose inconvenient or dangerous locations. Like gravel driveways or parking lots along road shoulders, which puts them at risk of being hit by motor vehicles.

“Turtles commonly cross roads as they move to nesting sites and summer foraging habitats,” said Luke Groff, biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. “Many turtles killed on roads are nesting females, so

not only is the female taken from the population but so are her future progeny. Turtles grow slowly and females may not reproduce until 10 or even 15 years old. So, for some species, the loss of mature breeding females may have population-level effects.”

Turtle nesting activity peaks between late May and early June, and drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles on the road — especially when driving near ponds and wetlands.

“Turtles are usually slow to move, so they have a tough time safely crossing roads. If you spot a turtle on the road, please consider helping it across but be sure you’re in a safe

spot to pull over and get out of your car. Human safety comes first,” said Groff. “If you’re going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they’re going.”

Most turtles can be picked up and carried across the road. However, snapping turtles have long necks and a powerful bite, so people should be alert and know what the species looks like. If the turtle is large or if it lacks colorful lines, spots, or other markings, then it may be a snapper. Instead of picking up snappers, try pushing them across the road with a shovel or pulling them across the road on cardboard or a car floor mat.



WATCH OUT FOR turtles like this snapping turtle on the move. They may be encountered on roads. Drivers are urged to keep an eye out for them and, if safe to do so, help them cross the road.

VTF&W photo by Dale Cockrell

Pavilion

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The project this year has been denied for Congressionally-directed spending (aka, a federal “earmark”), and grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, and the Northern Borders Catalyst, USDA Rural Development, and Vermont Community Development programs. Some of those sources are possibilities in the future, however, and other applications are pending. Backers do have \$100,000 in hand as well as those prospects for more.

Newton said the issue backers have come across is that the project can’t easily be broken down into component pieces for which potential donors and grant-givers can take individual ownership.

“This has been a pretty challenging phase to ask for grants,” Newton said. “Because people ask, ‘Can we fund part of the pavilion?’ There is no ‘part’ of a pavilion.”

The council itself has previously chipped in \$50,000 from the city’s Water Tower Fund, which is fed by cellphone companies who pay rent to hang broadcast equipment on the former water tower behind City Hall.

Councilors praised the efforts of Newton, Rossier, and other project backers at their May 9 meeting. Still, they and City Manager Ron Redmond also brought up competing infrastructure priorities while discussing the pavilion.

The sense on the council in recent months has been that Vergennes has fallen behind in making needed infrastructure investments. For example, the city budgeted no money for paving during the current fiscal year, and recently, while making his first budget draft presentation for the next fiscal year, Redmond said he regretted not recommending small tax increases

in the past couple years, in part to support infrastructure spending.

LIST OF CITY NEEDS

On May 9, councilors said they needed more information on the bigger picture before they could make decisions on what to commit to proposals such as the pavilion.

Redmond said he agreed, and he prepared a list of infrastructure needs and price tags that the council was set to review this week.

Those include \$2.2 million to renovate the city’s Green Street fire station, \$1.75 million to buy two new fire trucks, \$950,000 to bring the public works building up to snuff, \$350,000 to upgrade the city pool, \$245,000 to match a federal grant that will pay for most of the cost of a new salt and sand shed, \$136,000 for city hall maintenance and interior work, and up to \$3 million in sidewalk work, some more desperately needed than the rest.

The city is also expected to bond for about \$13 million to pay for its share of the \$33 million upgrade of its sewer treatment and collection system, and the Vergennes Opera House is proposing an all-access project that could cost \$1.5 million. Because that project will also benefit access to city offices, the city is expected to chip in a yet unknown amount.

Still, Newton and Rossier made their case for the pavilion. Newton noted it would answer a need identified by city residents.

“This did come from surveys of the community, the need for a recreation hub area,” she said. “That’s why we started this whole project.”

Rossier also pointed to residents’ and businesses’ contributions to the pavilion as evidence of support. Companies that discounted materials and design services, in some cases providing them at cost, include Artisan Engineering,

Parent Construction, J.P Carrara & Sons and D&F Paving.

“There are a lot of deliverables, a lot of time they’ve put into it,” Rossier said.

In asking for further council support, Newton said it’s been “helpful to say the city has already committed \$50,000” because it shows civic backing, adding more of the same would be useful to allow backers to strengthen their pitch.

Newton also suggested the city could consider using some of its roughly \$770,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds, and Rossier brought up the topic of possibly floating a bond.

Redmond said there’s a statutory limit to what the city can borrow based on its grand list, and care would have to be taken on that question. And he responded to Newton’s suggestion about ARPA funds by mentioning the Vergennes Opera House access project, adding that in general, councilors have to make difficult decisions about their priorities.

“We’ve got an equally competent and aggressive group working on the opera house and the accessibility project,” he said. “So it’s challenging to run traffic and make sure what (projects) can get money and what gets out in front sometimes.”

Councilors, including Mayor Chris Bearor, made no financial commitments to the pavilion at the May 9 meeting, but were grateful for the many hours of work backers have dedicated to the project.

“All of us really appreciate what you do, so thank you,” Bearor said.

And Rossier told the council she are others who want to make the pavilion a reality are undaunted by the financial challenge.

“We are determined to keep going, and we have about \$100,000 raised,” she said.



Fist bump for the elders

PROJECT INDEPENDENCE PARTICIPANTS were on hand at the Middlebury Union High School boys’ tennis team home match against South Burlington on Wednesday, May 17. Players from both teams, including MUHS doubles team Eliot Heminway, left, and Eddie Fallis, saluted their elders with a fist bump at the opening ceremony of the match, much to the spectators delight.

Photo courtesy of Ken Schoen

Two Brothers named a Lake Monster outpost

MIDDLEBURY — The Vermont Lake Monsters baseball team has named Two Brothers Tavern in Middlebury its first “Official Outpost of the Vermont Lake Monsters.”

“In the coming years, we are hoping to create an Official Outpost for the Lake Monsters in each of Vermont’s 14 counties. We are going to pilot this idea with Two Brothers Tavern in Addison County and were excited about the ongoing collaboration with Fiddlehead Brewing Company to help raise money for a worthy Vermont charity,” said C.J. Knudsen, senior

vice president of the Vermont Lake Monsters in Burlington.

As the Addison County Outpost for the Lake Monsters, Two Brothers Tavern will hold a season kick-off event on Saturday, June 3 at noon, with several Lake Monsters players in attendance. Two Brothers will also unveil its Lake Monsters Hot Dog; and \$1 from every dog that Two Brothers sells will be donated to the UVM Children’s Hospital.

Fiddlehead Brewing Company in Shelburne is also working with Two Brothers Tavern and the Lake Monsters to generate more charitable

fundraising. Starting June 3, Two Brothers and Fiddlehead will each donate \$1 to the UVM Children’s Hospital for each Fiddlehead Mastermind Double IPA pint sold.

As an Official Outpost, Two Brothers Tavern plans to host a series of eight Lake Monster Watch Parties throughout the season.

“I couldn’t be more excited to partner with the Vermont Lake Monsters and Fiddlehead Brewing Company to support the UVM Children’s Hospital,” said Holmes Jacobs, co-owner and general manager of Two Brothers Tavern.



Honoring the fallen

VERGENNES B.S.A. TROOP 539 Scouts Calder Rakowski (left) and Wilder Jacobson set Veterans’ flags at Prospect Cemetery on Sunday, May 21. Troop 539 Scouts support this annual event by replacing the old and tattered flags from the previous year on behalf of American Legion Post 14.

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Police busy with loose dogs

BRISTOL — In the past several weeks, Bristol police have dealt with multiple loose dogs in the Bristol area.

On April 23 police found a dog at large and returned the animal to its owner, who was given a warning.

Two days later, police responded to a dog at large complaint in Blaises Mobile Home Park. This owner also was given a warning.

Police responded to three more calls regarding loose dogs between April 26 and 29. On April 26 police issued a dog ordinance violation for a dog at large on Stonewall Drive.

In the second incident, officers responded to a dog call on West Street, returning the dog to its owner with a warning. On April 29 police responded to a report of a loose dog on South Street. When police arrived, the dog had been found by its owners, who were given a warning.

The dog complaints continued in May. On the 6th, police logged a dog complaint on Mountain Street, checked it out and issued a warning for an unlicensed dog.

Two days later, police received a report of a dog bite on Choiniere Road. The officer forwarded relevant information to the Bristol town administrator, requesting a hearing, and the officer also issued citations for a dog at large and unlicensed dog.

That same day, May 8, Bristol police received a dog that was found on Burpee Road. Police returned the dog to its owners and issued a warning for dog at large.

Between April 23 and May 13,

Bristol
Police Log

Bristol police also completed 51 foot patrols and one car patrol, conducted 12 traffic stops, and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School (MAUHS) 17 times, at Bristol Elementary School 17 times and at local business 17 times.

Police also processed 13 fingerprint requests, conducted three welfare checks, verified three vehicle identification numbers, helped one individual gain entry into a locked vehicle and facilitated the return of one wallet.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On April 23 responded to a minor parking lot crash on West Street.
- On April 26 responded to a noise complaint at Eagle Park and found that no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On April 27 helped mediate a civil matter between individuals on Adirondack View.
- On April 28 took a report of a lost license plate on Main Street.
- On April 28 cited Lynn Brown, 52, of Bristol for failing to appear at a previous court date after Brown turned herself in at the Bristol Police Department.
- On April 28 responded to a gas theft on East Street. An investigation is ongoing.
- On April 29 cited Patrick Cota Jr. for failing to appear for

a previous court date after Cota turned himself in at HQ.

- On May 3 received a report of a missing dog. The dog was found and returned to its owner.
- On May 6 responded to Devino Lane for an abandoned motorcycle. Police learned the owner had parked the motorcycle in the driveway after it stalled and was returning to remove it.
- On May 7 responded to complaints of a group of motorcyclists who were gathered in the MAUHS parking lot.
- On May 8 responded to a vandalism complaint on Airport Drive. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 8 assisted an elderly person on North Street.
- On May 8 responded to a two-vehicle crash in the Shaw’s Supermarket parking lot.
- On May 8 responded to a vandalism complaint on Liberty Street. Police determined the individual was destroying their own property and no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 9 assisted a disabled motorist on Lincoln Road.
- On May 9 received a report of a potential trespass on West Street. Police found no evidence of an offense.
- On May 10 responded to a minor two-car crash in a parking lot on West Street.
- On May 12 directed traffic at the intersection of Main and North streets during a school evacuation drill.
- On May 13 looked into the possible possession of alcohol by a minor. An investigation is ongoing.

Lincoln

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Call Dawn Mikkelsen at 453-7029

NEWS

LINCOLN — This summer the library will be offering a wide variety of activities for kids every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. Each session will highlight a different guest who will be sharing their own particular interest, talent or project. The library is looking for guest leaders who would be willing to lead a two-hour session. Snacks and materials will be provided. Some ideas for sessions include origami, puppets, fairy houses, alphabet art, making a board game, sewing bags for bikes, Spanish language project, seeds/gardening and STEM activities. If you are interested in leading a

session, please see Wendy at the library.

FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

An invasive species pull will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn to identify wild chervil, a highly invasive roadside plant. Our roadsides — when filled with native American flowers — are pollinator highways! Pollinators have coevolved with their respective indigenous plants. When exotic invasives take over the roadsides they cut down on the space available for native flowering plants, which in turn cuts down on food availability for our beloved

pollinators. A scrumptious Lincoln General Store lunch will be served at noon. Come join us! Rain date will be June 4.

REMINDER

The town-wide yard sale is Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Grab a map and follow the orange markers to each sale location. Don’t forget about the delicious food at the fire station and the book sale at the library. Until next time ... The Future Belongs To Those Who Believe In The Beauty Of Their Dreams. Each Day Provides Its Own Gifts. Don’t Let What You Can’t Do Interfere With What You Can Do.

Monkton

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Call Liz Pecor at 802-453-2180

NEWS

MONKTON — On Thursday, May 18, BSA Troops 525 and 802 met with Denny Cota to place flags on Veteran’s graves in Monkton. Thank you to all who attended for honoring our local soldiers.

Don’t forget to stop in to the Monkton Friends Methodist Church in Monkton Ridge this Saturday, the 27th, to check out the goodies at the bake sale and the wonderful plants available. The annual Plant and Bake sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beautiful locally grown sun-and shade-loving plants will be for sale along with fruit bushes and flower bulbs. After you’ve checked out the plants you can go inside and treat yourself to a variety of delicious

baked goods.

The church has partnered with the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association so that you can also drop off your #2 and #5 plastic containers, which will be crushed and remade into new nursery pots. It’s a great way to get rid of those broken or unused pots. Pollinator Pathway members will also be on hand to talk about the importance of pollinator plants and possibly help you choose some for your own garden. If you want more information or have other questions contact Ralph at fitzymodelt@gmail.com .

Also Saturday the 27th is Monkton’s annual town-wide yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. hosted by Monkton’s own BSA Troop

802. Maps will be available at the Monkton Friends Church plant sale, the church on Church Road and at a 265 Mountain Road sale (possibly more) for the locations of some of the town’s area yard/garage sales. It should be a fun day for all. There will not be any tables set up at the Monkton Fire Department this year. If you have questions you can e-mail Karen at puccidog@live.com .

If you want to attend the Simple Mushroom Cultivation workshop on June 8 at the Russell Memorial Library, you will have to reserve a spot. Check with the library at 802-453-4471 or e-mail russellmemlibrary@gmail.com to see if there is still room. Cost is \$18.

ONLINE AUCTION
May 31, 2023- June 9, 2023

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Summer meals

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USDA guidelines — typically include a grain, milk, protein, fruits and veggies.

In order to qualify for hosting a free summer meals site, a community must have 50% of its students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. And once a particular school or census tract is certified for the free meals site, it remains eligible for five years — even if it slips under the 50% threshold during that period. It should be noted that the federal government relaxed its free summer meals rules significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic, essentially ensuring that any hungry child had convenient access to food. Moreover, the fed allowed families to pick up their meals for takeout, as a means of preventing the spread of the virus. Rules have traditionally called for kids to consume their free meals at open sites.

But the COVID-related funding is running out, with rules reverting to pre-pandemic standards.

Council members got some sobering news from two key players in Addison County’s free summer meals programming: Kathy Alexander, food service director for the Mount Abraham and Addison Northwest unified school districts; and Steve Marinelli, who holds the same position in the Addison Central School District.

The bottom line, according to Alexander and Marinelli:

- There will be no Summer Meals for Kids & Teens program in Addison Northwest — which includes Vergennes and Ferrisburgh.

Vergennes lost its federal funding for summer meals last year, noted Alicia Grangent, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes. Knowing that many Vergennes-area kids still needed free food, the club boosted its fundraising to ensure kids involved in its summer programming would continue to

get fed. Last year, around 30 children per day got meals through the Boys & Girls Club.

But this year, the club only has around 10 slots for its summer program — which won’t be held at the Vergennes Armory. The club has a van to take participants off-site throughout the summer, so there won’t be an opportunity to give food to drop-ins, according to Boys & Girls Club officials.

Another likely 2023 food casualty in Vergennes will be the free summer meal kits that were distributed out of the Bixby Memorial Library. Each meal kit contained enough food for seven days of breakfasts and lunches for the recipient. So once per week, area families who signed up could pick up a meal kits for each kid.

“The library was amazing; they were great to work with,” Alexander said. “But pickup was challenging, and getting our product there. There’s just not a lot of space. We don’t have anywhere

in Vergennes where we have staff and kitchens to put together the meal kits this year.”

Grangent lamented the loss this year of a Bixby’s food program. “It’s too bad, because I know those food boxes (coming from the Bixby) had quite a bit of stuff in them,” she said.

On the brighter side, children enrolled in the Fusion summer program at Vergennes Union Elementary will have access to meals. But it’s for enrollees, not drop-ins, Alexander noted.

- Bristol will run two meal sites — one at Bristol Elementary School and the other at The Hub teen center for its summer programming. But they will be “closed, enrolled” sites, Alexander

noted, “where every child enrolled in the program gets two meals (breakfast and lunch) for free. This is distinct from an “open” site, where enrolled children can get meals and where *any* child 18 and younger can drop in and partake.

Alexander on Tuesday hadn’t given up hope that one of the two Bristol sites could be designated “open.” She said the state’s final list of confirmed open/closed meal sites was still more than a week away.

But even if Bristol is greenlighted for an open site, there’s no guarantee that organizers will be able to pull it off.

“As you might imagine, being able to do an open site requires another level of staffing and a willingness of the site staff (to collaborate),” Alexander said. “We haven’t gotten that yet.”

- The Starksboro Cooperative Preschool will host a free summer meals program for its students and nearby Camp Common Ground (when it’s in session). Also, the Starksboro site will assemble takeout “meal kits” for qualifying children.

“It will likely be a Friday,” Alexander said of the pickup day. “We will have a few extra (meals), but we’re going to really encourage people to sign up.”

Organizers hope a rigorous sign-up program will cut down on waste. A combined weekly 300 meal kits were prepared for MAUSD and ANWSD children last year, according to Alexander.

“But at every site, we had chronic leftovers,” she said. “It’s a lot of food, and people didn’t show up. We’re going to try to avoid that.”

- Middlebury will run two sites that will distribute to-go meals — one at Mary Hogan Elementary School, the other at Middlebury Union Middle School. Local families will be able to pull up to either school, receive their children’s to-go meals, and drive off.

Also, the Middlebury Recreation Department will offer free meals as an open site, focusing on children enrolled in its summer programming, according to Marinelli.

“We also have a van available, so if there are other sites that might need some distribution, we would be open to that,” he said.

The two Middlebury sites will run from open June 19 through Aug. 18.

- Salisbury will host a summer meals site during a month of children’s programming in that community. More details to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sadly, news could get even bleaker on the summer-meals front during the next few years, according to Alexander.

She said several Addison County towns — including the population hubs of Bristol and Middlebury — are getting close to no longer qualifying under the federal program rules. Some of that is due to household incomes rising in a post-COVID economy where businesses are competing for workers. But the fact remains that two parents in a Vermont household where each is making the state’s minimum wage (\$13.18 per hour) could soon become ineligible for subsidized meals based on evolving federal poverty guidelines, Hunger Council officials said.

Marinelli said Middlebury is in the third year of its five-year authorization for federal funding for summer meals.

The perennial summer meals-eligible towns of Bridport and Shoreham now no longer meet the program criteria, according to Alexander.

“I’m sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but we are in a transition period,” Alexander said.

Catherine Caum, grants manager at the non-profit Hunger Free Vermont, said towns may have to approach hunger differently, going forward.

“I think we’re looking at needing to start thinking about, as community members, how we’re going to address summer hunger in our communities in a different way,” she said.

Housing

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at potential adjustments to current zoning regulations that would create more housing opportunities in the town’s four village districts.

That endeavor is part of the Lincoln planning commission’s work with a \$9,000 Bylaw Modernization Grant it received from the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development last year. Commission members shared some of the work they’ve been doing with the grant during a special joint meeting with the selectboard and development review board on Tuesday.

“This is all sort of a culmination of the grant that we got as a planning commission to review our village districts and see if there’s anything we can change or suggest changing to sort of help with housing,” Planning Commission Chair Matt Atkins told the group. “Seeing if there’s anything that we can do differently with our current zoning to maybe assist in helping development and housing in those (village district) areas.”

GRANT WORK IN LINCOLN

Lincoln was one of three Addison County towns to secure a Bylaw Modernization Grant last year, joined by Shoreham and Bristol. The grant supports towns’ work with regional planners or consultants to identify zoning bylaw adjustments that allow for needed housing.

The Lincoln Planning Commission has collaborated on the grant work with Katie Raycroft-Meyer, community planner for the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Part of that work has included mailing out a survey to Lincoln residents to introduce the project and begin gathering community feedback.

“It was just kind of to give a flavor, sort of get people thinking

and get people talking about this and to then start the conversation about ‘how do we start thinking about this project?’” Raycroft-Meyer said at Tuesday’s meeting.

The survey asked respondents standard demographic questions like their age and employment status, but also looked to gauge how residents felt about current housing in Lincoln. Raycroft-Meyer shared that many respondents said they feel there isn’t enough housing in Lincoln, specifically not enough affordable housing.

Along with public outreach, the planning commission has spent time looking at the historic pattern

of growth in Lincoln and how that compares with existing zoning regulations. The commission has focused specifically on Lincoln’s four village districts.

Raycroft-Meyer shared examples of current housing in those village districts and excerpts from the town’s zoning regulations at the May 23 meeting.

“The reason I’m going through what you have already is because it sort of paints a picture of what you’re saying, what you have, and then looking at ‘OK, what do we really have here?’” Raycroft-Meyer told the group.

For example, current district dimensional standards require a minimum lot size of one acre, though a substantial number of parcels in Lincoln’s four village districts are smaller than that requirement. In light of that discrepancy, the planning commission proposed adjusting the minimum lot size requirement to one-fourth of an acre in the Lincoln Village and one-half of an acre in the other village districts.

That update would bring more of Lincoln’s existing parcels into conformity with zoning regulations, which Raycroft-Meyer noted is a key goal of work

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NEW VERGENNES FIRE Chief David DiBiase is shown here with his wife, Rachel, and sons Parker (10) and Benjamin (2). He said it takes the whole family for firefighters to be able to do the jobs they do.

DiBiase

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very exciting. It's rare that you get a colleague of Dave's caliber to be with us here at the city, and we have a great team of department heads. We've got a great fire department. We're really blessed."

Redmond added DiBiase is the right person to help the department move forward with some decisions looming and amidst the ongoing challenge of maintaining a volunteer roster with difficult training requirements.

Those decisions include the

question of possible regionalization of emergency services, and whether to fund a major upgrade to the city's Green Street station or build a new station. Redmond told the *Independent* an in-place renovation could cost more than \$2 million, and a new station could cost more than twice that.

The council also agreed to take up how to fund a regionalization study in July. In the meantime, it must create its Fiscal Year 2024 budget and set a new municipal tax rate by June 30.

"We've also got some challenges. We have to look at this facility and think about where do we want to go in the next 10 to 15, 20 years. We also have to look at our fire department in terms of staffing and recruiting," Redmond said. "And to have Dave as our chief is really going to help us move in the right directions."

Mayor Chris Bearor made the popular motion to appoint DiBiase, and applause began quickly after the vote.

State historic sites to open on May 26

ADDISON — On Friday, May 26, the Chimney Point, Mount Independence, and Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Sites, open for the 2023 season at 10 a.m.

Chimney Point, on Lake Champlain in Addison, focuses on the American, French Colonial, English, and early American history of the Chimney Point area, and is located in a historic tavern. Open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 26-Oct. 8, with the last day being

Monday, Oct. 9, Indigenous People's Day. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for children under 15.

Orwell's Mount Independence, a National Historic Landmark, is named after the Declaration of Independence. The site is back to open daily, May 26 through Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 14 to 6, under 6 free.

The Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site is the location of

the only Revolutionary War battle fought in what would become Vermont. Battle weekend is July 8 and 9. The site is back to open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., including Memorial Day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children 14 to 6, under 6 free.

Plan an outing this summer to explore Vermont's interesting history and beauty spots. For special events information: historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar.

Vermont free fishing day set June 10

MONTPELIER — Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 10 this year, and it will be highlighted by a free family fishing festival in Grand Isle as well as opening day of the state's regular bass fishing season.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and nonresident

anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick. "Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity for an experienced angler to be a mentor to friends who have not gone fishing before. A day on the water could lead to a lifetime of great

experiences and healthy local food."

Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 10, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.

Boynton

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Bill Huggett, acting principal at BES, and Anne McKinney, a literacy coach at the elementary school, to begin serving as co-assistant principals. District officials are hopeful the new leadership structure will help support Boynton and improve the environment at Bristol Elementary School.

Boynton expressed his excitement for his new position in a May 18 social media post shared by Mount Abraham Unified School District Superintendent Patrick Reen.

"It is with great appreciation that I accept the position of Principal at Bristol Elementary School," Boynton wrote. "I had the opportunity to experience a welcoming interview and school visit. This thorough process allowed the school community to get to know me, and for me to get to know the school community. I can already tell Bristol is a special place and I am excited to support students, staff, and families in moving towards a bright future."

BOYNTON'S BACKGROUND

Boynton has worked 16 years as a school administrator throughout the state. Before Berlin Elementary, he was principal at Middletown Springs Elementary School and then at the Rutland Town School. Prior to serving as an administrator, Boynton worked as an educator in the Rutland City Public Schools.

Living in Brandon, Boynton said he was excited when the opportunity to take a job in Addison County arose earlier this year.

"I was looking for something a little bit closer, but at the same time finding a school that offered me a new challenge and that built on the strengths that I feel I have," Boynton told the *Independent*. "When the opening at Bristol was posted, I considered it because of the location but also because of what the school characteristics are, and I felt that I could use my strengths to help make a difference and help move the school forward in a positive direction."

— Aaron Boynton

Boynton was one of two finalists identified by the Bristol Elementary School principal search committee last week. Boynton and McKinney, the other finalist, visited the elementary school and met with students, staff and community members prior to the committee's decision.

The search committee began its work earlier this year, following the March resignation of BES Principal John Bratko, who had begun his tenure at the elementary school last July. He was the fourth principal at BES since the 2018-2019 school year.

In announcing his departure, Bratko cited his reasoning for leaving the school as stemming from challenges faced by public education.

Bratko didn't offer the specifics of those challenges, though the elementary school and the MAUSD as a whole have in recent history worked to evaluate how the district supports its students.

"My experiences in the schools that I work in, and my current experience and some of the strategies and approaches that I currently use in my school, will be helpful for some of the issues or challenges at Bristol."

TEAM OF SUPPORT

The addition of two assistant principals is intended to further support Boynton and help move

the school forward.

"This level of leadership support is not sustainable long term but the search committee agreed it is needed for the next three to five years to help reestablish a sense of calm and stability at BES," Reen said through a public statement earlier this month.



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— Superintendent Patrick Reen

Reen added that Huggett and McKinney bring complementary perspectives to their new roles. Huggett was appointed as Bristol Elementary School's assistant principal in January and has served as acting principal since Bratko's departure. According to Reen, Huggett offers many strengths related to social-emotional learning.

McKinney has worked as a literacy instructional coach for MAUSD since 2018 and brings an academic background to her new position.

Boynton said he's looking forward to working with the new leadership team.

"Looking at the school as a system and knowing that we'll have two assistant principals, Bill and Anne, we'll work together to identify the specific needs and have the support to make positive change," he said. "It'll definitely be a community effort, but I think we will identify, plan and act on what we need to do to make Bristol an even more wonderful place than it already is."

As he prepares for a new chapter at Bristol Elementary, Boynton said he's looking forward to getting to know the school community and the greater Bristol area.

"I look at Bristol as a community. It's a wonderful town, it has so many qualities of a positive community and seems to have resources that make a community vibrant," he said. "I'm excited to get to work, for me personally, ready for a new challenge in my career and ready to work with what I hear is an amazing staff. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and do great things for the kids in Bristol."

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Bohler

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It's been a blast, but Bohler is now ready to move on to other creative outlets. She'll take with her tons of fond memories shaped by the student actors, whose playful creativity she helped mold into strong performances that won't soon be forgotten.

Bohler wants to make sure she's remembered favorably, and that's part of why she's decided to exit, stage left.

"Because of the pressure I put on myself, I was starting to feel that anxiety — which for me, turns into grumpiness," she said. "What you never want to do is work with students when you have a bad attitude. All you're doing is crushing their good time. They're coming into this to have fun and work hard, and if you're showing up grumpy half the time, that's not good for anybody."

Bohler's star began to rise at Middlebury-area schools in 1994 when she accepted a job teaching English at the Patricia Hannaford Career Center. Her then-husband Steve Small was coincidentally working in the same building, as one of the driving forces behind Addison Repertory Theater, known as A.R.T.

Her prior experience in theater and dance made her a natural to head up the annual MUHS senior play, a rite of passage for 12th-graders passionate about theater, singing and/or dance.

"I said, 'I don't give a (bleep) what other people have said to you about who you are and what's going on. You are completely capable of doing this work and doing a great job' ... (In the end,) It was great."

— Shannon Bohler

She thoroughly enjoyed her "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" directorial debut, and then helmed student performances of "Li'l Abner" in 1999, "South Pacific" in 2000, and "Princess Bride" in 2001. Her creative footprint at MUHS would grow in 1999, when she became the school's theater and dance teacher.

Bohler took a break from play directing in 2001. She intended for it to be a one-year hiatus — "I needed

a break from everything," she recalled — but it turned into nine, as her replacement (Pam Pezzulo) was happy to assume the role on a long-term basis.

After recharging her battery, Bohler returned to teaching and then expanded her professional horizons — first at Castleton State College, then at Middlebury College, where she became arts events manager in 2008. Her job description there recently changed to student program coordinator for the institution's Center for Teaching, Learning and Research.

While she was no longer directing student productions, Bohler got her arts fix in other ways.

She led Castleton's Soundings Program, which brings cultural and intellectual events to campus, including lectures, plays, films, recitals, poetry readings, performances and other activities. She became a dance instructor at Castleton and got involved with its "Arts Reach" program, which introduces area elementary school children to entertaining performances with cultural and racial diversity.

BACK AT MUHS

But by 2010, Bohler felt the tug of the theater director's chair.

"I would every so often say to (MUHS Activities Director) Sean (Farrell), 'Do you need a director?'" she recalled playfully. "And one day, he said 'Yes.'"

Bohler's return coincided with a decision by MUHS officials to add a fall musical to the annual lineup. So Bohler was returning to an extra dose of drama, which was fine with her. Officials reasoned that every other school in the county was putting on a fall musical, which provided an extra chance to involve students in grades 9-12 in a major theater production.

"I don't know of any directors in the state that do two musicals a year," she said, exhaling deeply, while stressing "there's no way" she could've done it without help. She specifically cited Liz LeBeau, the school's choir/vocal director who's been indispensable in staging the MUHS musicals.

The first MUHS fall musical was "Grease" in 2010. It proved a particularly joyful production because Bohler's cast included her oldest child, Chenoa — who played aspiring beautician Frenchy Facciano. Theater was indeed a family affair that year, because Chenoa also received direction from their father, as an A.R.T. student.

"It was very special, and it was hard for both of us," Bohler said of the "Grease" experience with Chenoa.

Theater was key in getting Chenoa through high school, their mom recalled. Chenoa's experience in stage productions has helped them empathize and connect with other people, which is now leading to a career path in social work or child psychology.

Bohler has gotten a lot of joy out of directing musicals. There are those delightful moments when a production starts to come together, when the actors nail their lines, and the butterflies of opening night.

But there are also the unscripted moments that occur during rehearsal. Bohler cited, as an example, the time the bed collapsed under the weight of multiple Von Trapp children during a run-through of "The Sound of Music."

"Everyone totally lost it for around five minutes," she recalled, her face lighting up with the memory. "It was out of nowhere."

In addition to being quality entertainment, the plays and musicals have delivered a nice dose of limelight for a number of young theater devotees who don't



STUDENT ACTOR WREN Colwell, getting ready for her turn in the 2019 MUHS production of "The Addams Family," appears to enjoy getting her hair styled by director Shannon Bohler. Bohler has retired after a long run directing the annual senior plays and fall musicals at MUHS.

Photo courtesy Shannon Bohler

feel the pull to varsity sports or other extracurriculars where their peers get to shine.

"That's the beauty of the musical: It's theater, dance and music," Bohler said of the varied skills students can display. "We have students who have all three of those strengths, and others who have one or two of those."

And Bohler has helped mold some very talented students during her years mentoring actors and dancers at MUHS. On the dance front, she'll never forget sisters Kelsey and Roberta Sinnock.

"They had a very specific style of movement," she said of the outstanding duo. "They used to make up dances in their living room when they were little and brought that to class."

Kelsey passed away a few years ago, making their story even more poignant, Bohler said.

Bohler's favorite musicals included:

- "Fiddler" with Chenoa.
- "Every student in that class could sing," she said.
- 2016's "Princess Bride," in which Bohler's youngest son Eamon assisted in a non-acting role.

"He did the tattoos on the guards — that's all I could get him to do," she laughed in remembering

Eamon's modest contribution.

- "High School Musical" in 2019.

"I swore up and down for years that I would never, ever do it," she said of the popular production.

What made the "High School Musical" special for Bohler is that it was taken on by a class that had come in with a reputation of being difficult non-conformists.

"I had a little chat with them," Bohler said. "I said, 'I don't give a (bleep) what other people have said to you about who you are and what's going on. You are completely capable of doing this work and doing a great job.'"

It was coach-speak, rather than director-speak, and it worked.

"It was great," she said of the resulting effort by her cast. "They had a really great time."

FINAL CURTAIN

Bohler told Farrell earlier this year that she'd be stepping down after this spring's "Madagascar."

Once the final curtain came down, Bohler gently broke the news to her students that she'd directed her last MUHS play.

"I'm not a crier, actually, but I cried," she said candidly of her emotional farewell. "It was hard."

Though disappointed, her students said, "We understand, and

we will miss you," Bohler recalled.

As of this writing, MUHS was still searching for Bohler's successor. She hopes it's a person who can bond with the young actors to get their talents to shine.

"If you're interested in this position, you'd better come and love them," Bohler said. "It's going to be the best that you can do, and it's going to be a good time."

Bohler would often be asked "How do you do it?" by people who assumed that directing high school kids was akin to herding cats.

Those people got a surprising response from Bohler.

"They're so amazing," she said of the students. "They're sort of walking contradictions. They know everything and know nothing. They have all the energy in the world, and they're so tired. But when you get them to gel all their energy and potential and then they put it out on stage? Come on."

MUHS Principal Caitlin Steele praised Bohler for her dedication to students and the theater/dance program.


"Shannon Bohler is a talented leader who is committed to creative expression and to increasing access to and joy around the performing arts," she said. "Over the years, she has directed dozens of fall musicals and senior plays, and she has invested endless care and energy into supporting hundreds of theater students. We are so grateful to her for her many years of service as drama director at MUHS."

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SHANNON BOHLER IS taking her final bow after a long run directing the annual senior plays and fall musicals at Middlebury Union High School.

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Youth leaders

VERGENNES UNION HIGH School's Hugh O'Brien Youth Ambassadors for this year are Kendra Jackson and Brody McGuire. Jackson and McGuire were nominated and selected for this honor based on their demonstrated and potential leadership skills and traits. The pair will attend the HOBY Seminar on May 25-28. This year's seminar will be held at Vermont Technical College's Randolph Campus. Ambassadors will participate in seminars and meet with leaders in the fields of education, government, and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

Photo courtesy of VUHS School Counseling

Vt. State Police Log

ADDISON COUNTY — The driver of a Subaru was killed in a Route 7 crash in Ferrisburgh this past Friday just after midnight. Vermont State Police said they were still investigating and hadn't released the name of the person who died as of Wednesday morning.

Troopers report that a 2012 Subaru Impreza was traveling southbound on Route 7 near Dakin Farm at around 12:12 a.m. when it crossed over into the northbound lane and crashed into a 2016 Volvo VNL tractor-trailer hauling a load of empty kegs to Shelburne. The two vehicles came to rest next to the guardrails on the west side of the highway, and the Subaru caught fire. The blaze destroyed both vehicles.

The New Jersey man driving the tractor-trailer was uninjured, police said.

The road was described as dry at the time of the crash and the weather clear.

Route 7 was closed for about nine hours.

Police said further information of the deceased driver would be released pending notification to next-of-kin. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Trooper Nicole Twamley at nicole.twamley@vermont.gov or by calling 802-388-4919.

State police were assisted by Ferrisburgh Fire Department & Rescue, Vergennes Fire Department, Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Vermont Hazmat Team and DMV Police.

In other recent activity, Vermont State Police:

- On May 17 at a little after 9 p.m. saw a traffic violation and stopped a car on Route 30 in Cornwall near Sperry Road. Police cited Jesus Rodriguez, 27, of Bristol for driving under the influence.

- On May 22 at 8:41 a.m. responded to a report of a family fight at a Granville home. Police arrested Mark Hammond, 53, of Granville and cited him for domestic assault and for interfering with a person's access to emergency services.

- On June 23 at around 5 p.m. responded to a disturbance on Lewis Creek Drive in Ferrisburgh. Troopers investigated and said that Jeffrey Debes, 54, of Ferrisburgh assaulted a 12-year-old who had ridden a dirt bike near his property. Debes also engaged in tumultuous behavior and used obscene language directed at the juvenile in a public place, police alleged. The trooper arrested Debes, took him to the New Haven barracks and cited him for simple assault and aggravated disorderly conduct.

Man cited with multiple assault charges

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police on Tuesday, May 16, cited a local young adult with multiple assault-related charges following an incident at Porter Hospital.

Police had responded to Porter on a report of a person who had punched a hospital staff member in the face. While attempting to restrain the man — identified as 19-year-old Colby Berthiaume — the man allegedly spat in the face of a nurse and an officer, bit the hand of the same officer (causing minor injury), and grabbed a second officer's hand and bent their fingers (breaking one of them).

Police cited Berthiaume for two counts of aggravated assault, simple assault, three counts of assault on a protected professional, and two counts of assault on a protected professional with bodily fluids.

In a separate incident earlier that day, police had cited Berthiaume for domestic assault, unlawful mischief and resisting arrest. Police had received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Dow Farm Lane residence.

Police encountered Berthiaume a third time just the next day, May 17, when they cited him for violation of an abuse prevention order.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Investigated a report of a person shooting a bear in the

Middlebury Police Log

Gambrel Court area on May 15. Police said they suggested the person consider safer alternatives in the future for dealing with nuisance bears.

- Returned a drunken man to the Charter House Emergency Shelter on May 16.

- Assisted the Middlebury Fire Department at an incident off Court Street on May 17.

- Heard from a local juvenile on May 17 who disclosed information about "non-consensual sexual contact."

- Assisted Brandon police by arresting Tayva Murphy, 21 — who has listed addresses in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — after she crashed her car on Route 7 South following a pursuit with Brandon PD on May 17. Police said Murphy had fled the crash scene on foot but was taken into custody after attempting to run through a wooded area near the crash scene. Murphy was taken to Porter Hospital for evaluation and then was taken into custody by Brandon police for multiple offenses, according to Middlebury police.

- Served a temporary restraining order to an individual at the Porter Medical Center campus off South

Street on May 17.

- Assisted local residents involved in a custody dispute on May 18.

- Assisted a disabled motorist on Three Mile Bridge Road on May 18.

- Investigated a report about someone driving erratically on Route 7 South on May 19.

- Responded to a collision involving a car and a person driving an electric bicycle on Court Street Extension on May 19. Police said the cyclist was injured and taken to Porter Hospital for treatment. Police said the collision occurred at the exit of the Walgreens Pharmacy parking lot.

- Assisted a local resident whose name had been fraudulently used to open a Verizon account on May 19.

- Conducted a death investigation on the passing of Gail McEvoy, 84, at a Seymour Street location on May 19. Police determined Ms. McEvoy died of

natural causes.

- Received a complaint about a "concerning number of vehicles" parked at the side of Cobble Road on May 20.

- Investigated a report about someone driving erratically on Route 7 North on May 20.

- Responded to a report of a loud party at 14 Cross St. on May 21. Police said the party had dispersed upon their arrival.

- Cited Fletcher Johnston, 28 of Middlebury following their investigation of a reported disturbance at a Nashua Lane home on May 21.

- Received a report about a woman found deceased at an Old Pasture Lane residence on May 21. Police determined that Dorothy Oliver, 97, had died of natural causes.

- Investigated an alleged online fraud attempt involving a local victim on May 21.

- Responded to a report of a child who had been darting out into Main Street on May 21.

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Natalie Martin of Waltham just finished her sophomore year at Boston College and was awarded dean's list-first honors for her spring semester. She is a Biology major.

Emma Pope McCright of Middlebury graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., Magna Cum Laude, on May 21. Pope McCright majored in History and minored in Russian.





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Cop and kids

VERMONT STATE POLICE Trooper Sean Hauter poses with his cruiser and children in The Ark Preschool/Kindergarten at Victory Baptist Church in Waltham this past Friday. Trooper Hauter read stories with the kids, explained the equipment he carries, and gave them a tour of the cruiser. The kids even got to turn on the lights and sirens.



Council helps fund disc golf course

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — In addition to appointing David DiBiase as the city’s fire chief (see story on Page 1A), the Vergennes City Council on May 9 voted unanimously to appropriate \$3,000 from the city’s Watershed Fund to support a proposed nine-hole Disc Golf course in Falls Park. The course will be installed near the new pollinator garden and not far from the city’s sewer treatment plant. Councilors had supported the concept at their prior meeting, but wanted a fund balance for the Watershed Fund before they committed the financial support. On May 9, Redmond reported a Watershed Fund balance of \$34,349.58. With that in hand, councilors backed a project that was proposed by a group of enthusiasts who’ll act as a

subcommittee of the city’s Parks & Recreation Committee in installing and maintaining the course. Among other business on May 9, councilors: • Met with Ferrisburgh Selectboard Chair Clark Hinsdale at his request to discuss issues of mutual interest, including regionalized emergency services—including fire protection—and the need to pin down where the boundaries are among Vergennes, Ferrisburgh and other neighbors. Lack of clarity on those boundaries is a potential stumbling block for both a new city charter and an alternate truck route that most agree is desirable and is now being studied by the Agency of Transportation. Following that discussion, councilors agreed to take the topic up in July.

• Made a series of appointments: Shannon Haggett and Councilor Cheryl Brinkman as delegates to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC), and Don Ferris as an alternate; and Brent Rakowski to the ACRPC’s Transportation Advisory Committee, and Haggett as an alternate. • Scheduled discussions on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget and tax rate, which the council must make final by the end of June. The council planned to discuss Police and Parks & Recreation spending this past Tuesday, take up public works and administration budgeting on June 6, and talk about fire and sewer department and city pool spending on June 20. On June 27, the council plans to set the budget and tax rate.

Vergennes Police Log

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on May 16 arrested a Vergennes resident on behalf of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and joined DEA agents in interviewing her at the city police station. Police said they arrested Jennifer Michaud, 46, on outstanding federal and Vermont warrants. Following Michaud’s interview at the city station, Chief Jason Ouellette said she was taken away in federal custody. In other action between May 15 and 21, Vergennes police conducted 11 patrols by cruiser and three on foot, 15 traffic stops, one property watch and three VIN inspections; responded to three false alarms; fingerprinted three job applicants; and also: On May 15: • After a tip from state officials checked the welfare of a Main Street resident and her dog, which they discovered had been injured and not taken to see a vet. Police worked with her and a vet to have the dog seen with a payment plan.

• Resolved a case of alleged credit card fraud in which a customer of a local eatery said they had not ordered food, but a third party had used their card number to do so. But the restaurant said they had delivered the food to the customer’s address, and police convinced the customer to pay up. On May 16: • Responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street. • Dealt with a case of vandalism to a locker at Vergennes Union Elementary School. Police are preparing to cite a student they call a repeat offender into juvenile court to face a charge of unlawful mischief. • Took a report of an Aubuchon Hardware parking lot accident for insurance purposes. • Responded to an untimely death at a West Main Street residence; police said the cause remains under investigation. • Issued a no-trespass notice to an unwanted person on behalf of a Main Street apartment resident. • Began investigating an incident in which a man allegedly carrying

a firearm harassed students on a transit bus; police are seeking video evidence to confirm witnesses’ suspicions. On May 17: • Took a report of a Vergennes Union High School parking lot accident for insurance purposes. • Returned to its owner an iPhone found by a citizen. On May 19: • Returned to its owner a purse and wallet left at city hall. • Directed traffic on West Main Street for 40 minutes until a disabled truck could be moved. On May 20: • Helped a resident weigh a U-Haul trailer at the station. • Helped a mother who had guardian ad litem status over her daughter, who had recently left the Valley Vista program. Police helped her track down the daughter by sending out a request to other agencies across the country. Her daughter was found in a mental health facility in Orlando, Fla. • Returned to its owner a wallet found by a citizen at VUHS.

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Going to Boys State

Three VUHS students have been selected to attend this year's Green Mountain Boys' State, which will be held June 25-30 on the campus of Norwich University in Northfield: Eyon Tembreull, left, Calvin Gramling and Tyerell Lavoie. The three were nominated by faculty and staff based on leadership, scholarship, character and loyalty and service to their school. Green Mountain Boys' State is a leadership laboratory for rising high school senior boys. The main focus is Vermont town, county, and state government, and its organization, policies and procedures. They will work on issues relating to Vermont, and debate and discuss these issues during a session at the State House in Montpelier. Photo courtesy of VUHS School Counseling

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Davison receives DAR award

CORNWALL — This year’s DAR Good Citizen Award has been given to Sean Davison of Bristol by The Ethan and Mary Baker Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Cornwall. Davison, a senior at Mt. Abraham Union High School, has been chosen by his faculty and classmates to receive the award. The DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward qualities of good citizenship. A student is chosen based on qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Sean comes highly recommended by his teachers and The United Way of Addison County, where he has volunteered and was hired as a Youth Coordinator. Davison has been class president all four years of high school. In addition to running cross country for Mt. Abe, Sean has been a leader of youth at his church, sings in an cappella group at American Legion events, and has participated in theater and music at school, all while excelling in difficult coursework.



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TIGER BEN SEATON leads the way around a curve on the Middlebury College track in the boys' 800 during the meet hosted by the MUHS team on May 17.

Independent photo/Steve James

Locals vie at track and field events

Eagle girls win meet; MUHS, VUHS compete at college

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Track and field athletes from Mount Abraham, Middlebury and Vergennes union high schools were successful last week at meets held at Missisquoi Valley, Middlebury College hosted by the Tigers, and in Essex for 9th- and 10-graders.

The Eagle girls took first and the Mount Abe boys were third at the six-team meet at MVU on Tuesday, May 16, and two Eagle girls placed at the Thursday, May 18, meet at Essex, including one taking two firsts. Mount Abe was the only local team at those meets.

On Wednesday, May 17, the Tiger girls were second and the MUHS boys third at their six-team home meet at the college's Dragone Track; the Commodore boys were fourth and the VUHS girls fifth at that event.

The Eagle teams combined for eight first-place finishes at MVU, and the Tiger teams combined for a half-dozen first-place efforts at their own meet. The Commodores placed in a number of events at the

MUHS meet.

EAGLES IN ACTION

On May 16 the Eagle girls prevailed with 132 points, followed by MVU (107), St. Albans (91), Richford (52) and Enosburg and Milton (41 each). Lauren Cousino and Ruby Jean Hall led the way for Mount Abe with two firsts apiece, and also winning was the Eagle 4x800-meter relay team of Emily Fritz, Isabella Shea, Olivia Devino and Cousino.

Richford (174.5) rolled on the boys' side, followed by St. Albans (95), Mount Abe (72.5), Enosburg (67), MVU (39.5) and Milton (19). Joseph Darling paced the Eagle boys' team with two first-place finishes and a second place, and the Eagle 4x400 relay team — Ben Brown, Will Iliff, Norman Benoit and William McLeod — also took first.

Eagle girls with top-five efforts were:

- 100 meters: 2. Hall, 14.6; 4. Isla Underwood, 14.7.
- 200: 3. Underwood, 31.1; 5. Emily Fritz, 31.4.

- 400: 4. Fritz, 1:17.3.
- 800: 1. Cousino, 3:00; 3. Isabella Shea, 3:17.7.
- 1,500: 1. Cousino, 5:55.1.
- 110 hurdles: 1. Hall, 18.6; 3. Shea, 20.3.
- 300 hurdles: 1. Hall, 57.9.
- 4X800: 1. Mount Abe, 13:00.8 (Fritz, Shea, Olivia Devino, Cousino).
- Javelin: 3. Hazel Stoddard, 20.96 meters.
- High Jump: 1. Stoddard, 1.37m.
- Pole vault: 4. Devino, 1.83m.
- Long jump: 2. Whitney Dykstra.

Eagle boys with top-five efforts were:

- 100 meters: 1. Darling, 11.7.
- 200: 5. Abel Atocha, 26.6.
- 400: 4. Ben Brown, 1:03.5.
- 800: 2. Norman Benoit, 2:18.9.
- 1,500: 2. Benoit, 4:44.5.
- 4x400: 1. Mount Abe, 4:30.6 (Brown, Will Iliff, Benoit, William McLeod).
- Shot put: 2. Atocha, 9.54m.
- Discus: 1. Darling, 31.12m; 4. Iliff, 24.1m.

(See Track, Page 4B)

Women's lax reaches semis of NCAAs

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Colby Mules played an inspired game in Sunday's NCAA Division III quarterfinal against their undefeated and top-ranked host, the Middlebury College women's lacrosse team.

It still wasn't enough, even though Colby came closer than anyone else this spring — Sunday's final score was 12-7 — to knocking off the 20-0 Panthers. No other team had come within six goals of Middlebury.

After Middlebury bolted to an 8-1 lead, the Mules slowly got to within 9-6 after three periods before the Panthers pulled away in the fourth.

The Panthers are headed to Salem, Va., for the NCAA final four. They will take on Franklin & Marshall (17-4) at noon on Friday, while in the other semifinal William Smith (20-0) will face Gettysburg (17-4) at 3 p.m. The winners meet in the final at noon on Sunday. Middlebury, winner of 25 straight games and the defending NCAA champion, did not play any of those teams this season.

Of note: William Smith defeated Tufts, 14-4, in another NCAA quarterfinal. The Panthers faced Tufts twice this season, winning at Tufts, 16-9, and topping the Jumbos, 19-13, in the NESCAC final.

Coach Kate Livesay said the Panthers were looking forward to seeing new teams after knocking



PANTHER MIDFIELDER KELCEY Dion races past a Colby defender during the Middlebury lacrosse team's NCAA quarterfinal victory on Sunday.

Independent photo/Steve James

off two NESCAC rivals in this past weekend's four-team NCAA regional: On Saturday they thumped Trinity, 22-9.

"We're just so thrilled to play other teams from other regions and just test ourselves from some of the other best in the country," Livesay said.

Senior attacker Jane Earley, who racked up five goal and four assists vs. Trinity and a goal and four assists vs. Colby, said the Panthers try to maintain an underdog mentality going, and that won't change

heading into the final four.

"We don't underestimate our competition. And we go into every game regardless of the competition with the same game plan and same intensity," Earley said on Sunday. "And today, honestly, was kind of an off day, and we still won. So I'm excited to see what we have to say, to answer back to that, next weekend."

Colby had something to do with that off day. The 14-6 team earlier this spring lost big to the Panthers twice, but served notice on Saturday

they had come to play in the NCAA tournament by defeating No. 6 The College of New Jersey, 14-9. TCNJ, which the Panthers had defeated in the regular season by 17-11, finished with a 16-4 record.

The Mules on Sunday scored first, with an Annie Eddy solo move in the third minute. But then the Panthers went on an 8-0 run, starting with midfielder Susan Rowley dodging in soon after Eddy's goal and finishing high. Next, attacker Hope Shue found the lower left corner on

(See Panther, Page 4B)

Diamond rivals clash

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Host Middlebury defeated Vergennes in extra innings to provide one local high school baseball highlight between May 17 and 23. Mount Abraham also hosted the Tigers on Tuesday; see story on Page 2B.

The Commodores split a pair of games, with their win being critical; MUHS dropped a close contest; Otter Valley took two out of three to move over .500; and the Eagles lost twice heading into Tuesday's showdown with MUHS.

Playoff pairings will be announced Sunday morning, and first-round games played next week. It appears only OV has a shot at a postseason home game in Division II, while the Commodores are in good shape in D-III.

VUHS AT MUHS

On Saturday it took nine innings for the Tigers to get past the visiting Commodores, 10-9. In the bottom of the ninth **Jack Wallace** came all the way home from first base with the winning run when the Commodores misplayed a **Carter Paquette** fly ball. The miscue made Commodore **Eyon Tembreull** the hard-luck losing pitcher, while Paquette earned the pitching win.

Hitters from both teams did damage. Tembreull tripled and singled, **Elijah Duprey** doubled and singled, and **Gabe Scribner** and **Nate Muzzy** chipped in two hits apiece for the Commodores.

Riley Disorda tripled and singled for MUHS, **Alex Sperry** and **Tim**

Whitney both tripled, and **Landon Shubert** and **Wallace** added two hits apiece.

EAGLES

On May 18 visiting Missisquoi remained unbeaten with a 7-1 victory at Mount Abe. T-Bird hurler **Eli Calhoun** threw a complete-game three-hitter, outdueling the Eagles' **Gus Hill**, who allowed three earned runs on seven hits in 6.2 innings.

On Saturday visiting Milton defeated the Eagles, 7-3. Yellowjacket **Nate Pepin** tossed a complete-game six-hitter for the win. **Tanner Castillo** doubled and singled for Mount Abe, and **Aricin Griffin** had an RBI hit. Griffin took the pitching loss, striking out 12 and allowing three earned runs on five hits and five walks.

TIGERS

On May 18 visiting Enosburg edged MUHS, 6-4, as **Hornet** Peter Steibris earned the pitching victory, and **Danny Antillon** drilled a three-run triple in the fifth. **Tucker Morter** took the pitching loss for the Tigers. **Sperry** tripled for MUHS, and **Cole Warren** knocked out a pair of hits.

COMMODORES

On May 18 visiting Milton eased past the Commodores, 10-2. **Scribner** had two hits and threw four scoreless innings in relief for VUHS, and **Tembreull** also poked a pair of hits.

On Tuesday the Commodores picked up a key 6-0 victory at Enosburg as **Peyton Paquette** tossed a complete-game shutout, whiffing eight. **Reese Paquette** sparked the VUHS offense with two hits and three RBIs. **Scribner** and **Tembreull** added two hits apiece, and **Duprey** doubled.

The victory should lock down at least a No. 8 seed and a Division III first-round home game for the Commodores.

OTTERS

On May 18 the Otters had a tough day in the field, committing 10 errors and allowing just one earned run in an 8-4 loss to visiting Windsor. **Ben Adams's** RBI double was a highlight for OV (6-7).

On Saturday OV pitcher **Andy McEnerny** threw a complete-game, four-hit shutout as the Otters defeated host Brattleboro, 3-0. **McEnerny** struck out 11. **Matt Bryant** and **Luca Polli** each had two hits for OV, which plated runs on a double steal and a passed ball as well as a Bryant RBI hit.

On Monday, the Otters avenged their home setback to Windsor by winning on the Jacks' field, 14-5. **Isiah Wood** started and went 4.1 innings, and **Polli** and **Caleb Whitney** nailed down the win in relief. **McEnerny** doubled and singled twice for OV, and **Luciano Falco** and **Nolan Tripp** added two hits apiece.

The Otters improved to 8-7; their Thursday game at Hartford could determine whether they host a first-round playoff game.

Tiger girls' lax breaks out vs. Brattleboro

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse coach Dena Greenman acknowledges her team's season doesn't look great on the scoreboard, but heading into the past couple weeks she said the Tigers have maintained a positive outlook and improved steadily.

The Tigers' upbeat mindset and hard work have also been rewarded with a couple recent wins. On May 17 they edged visiting Mount Mansfield. After a May loss at Essex in which Greenman said her team played well, the Tigers hosted Brattleboro on Monday and rolled to a 14-3 victory.

The Tigers improved to 3-11 with their first positive results since a win at Burlington early in the season evened their record at 1-1. Their losing streak included seven straight on the road, a stretch that Greenman said was tough.

But, she added, if those losses tested the team's chemistry, the Tigers passed the test.

"This is the most positive, wonderful group of players,"

(See Tigers, Page 2B)



TIGER SOPHOMORE ATTACKER Ada Weaber picks a corner to score one of her three goals in the MUHS girls' lacrosse team's home win on Monday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS		
Boys' Lacrosse		
5/17 MAV vs Milton.....	11-9	
5/17 MUHS vs Mt. Mansfield.....	11-5	
5/19 South Burlington vs MUHS.....	10-4	
5/20 MAV vs Fairfax.....	11-6	
5/22 MAV vs Stowe.....	11-10	
5/23 Stratton vs OV.....	15-2	
5/23 MUHS vs Essex.....	14-7	
Girls' Lacrosse		
5/17 MAV vs Stowe.....	14-7	
5/17 MUHS vs Mt. Mansfield.....	11-9	
5/19 Essex vs MUHS.....	14-8	
5/19 St. J vs MAV.....	15-10	
5/22 MUHS vs Brattleboro.....	14-3	
5/23 MAV vs Milton.....	21-8	
5/24 CVU at MUHS.....	Late	
Softball		
5/18 MUHS vs Enosburg.....	6-5	
5/18 Mt. Abe vs Rice.....	13-1	
5/18 Milton vs VUHS.....	6-3	
5/20 Mt. Abe vs Milton.....	12-7	
5/20 MUHS vs VUHS.....	6-3	
5/20 OV vs Brattleboro.....	14-2 (5)	
5/22 OV vs Windsor.....	14-7	
5/23 Mt. Anthony vs OV.....	16-6	
5/23 Mt. Abe vs MUHS.....	15-1 (5)	
5/23 Enosburg vs VUHS.....	20-1	
Baseball		
5/18 Missisquoi vs Mt. Abe.....	7-1	
5/18 Enosburg vs MUHS.....	6-4	
5/18 Windsor vs OV.....	8-4	
5/18 Milton vs VUHS.....	10-2	
5/20 MUHS vs VUHS.....	10-9	
5/20 OV vs Brattleboro.....	3-0	
5/20 Milton vs Mt. Abe.....	7-3	
5/22 OV vs Windsor.....	14-5	
5/23 Mt. Abe vs MUHS.....	10-7	
5/23 VUHS vs Enosburg.....	6-0	
Boys' Tennis		
5/19 MUHS vs N. Country.....	7-0	
5/22 MUHS vs Harwood.....	6-1	
5/24 MUHS at U-32.....	Canceled	
Girls' Tennis		
5/18 MUHS vs St. Albans.....	5-2	
5/19 N. Country vs MUHS.....	5-2, 5-2	
5/22 Harwood vs MUHS.....	5-2	
5/24 U-32 at MUHS.....	Canceled	
COLLEGE SPORTS		
Baseball		
NCAA D-III Tournament		
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5/20 Endicott vs. Midd.....	6-1	
Women's Lacrosse		
NCAA D-III Regional at Midd		
5/20 Midd vs Trinity.....	22-9	
5/20 Colby vs College of NJ.....	14-9	
5/21 Midd vs Colby.....	12-7	
Men's Lacrosse		
NCAA D-III Sectional at Tufts		
5/20 RIT vs. Midd.....	16-6	

Tigers

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Greenman said. “Everyone supports each other. Culture is the most important thing to us. We have three incredible leaders, (seniors) Nyna (Cole), Nora (Wootten) and Elizabeth (Crawford), who set the tone.”

While the team hung together, it has started to play better. Greenman said the offense has improved in recent games, including scoring “a lot of goals off assists.”

“We really encouraged the attack to spread out further off the 15 so they have more room to work, and to be patient,” Greenman said. “And they were. I’ve never seen them work the ball like that.”

Offensive balance has also been a plus. Senior middle Lia Robinson broke out for five goals on Monday, probably a career high, while four other Tigers scored: Wootten (two goals), sophomore Ada Weaber (three goals, three assists), sophomore Juliette Hunsdorfer (one goal), and Kenyon Connors, a freshman recently moved from midfield to attack (two goals, one assist). Greenman said Cole has also been a steady contributor to the attack.

Greenman added draw controls have also been a plus for the Tigers, citing the work of Robinson, Weaber and freshman midfielder Erin Sears. On Monday MUHS won 11 of 17 draws.

Robinson (“a ground-ball machine” according to Greenman) has been the main midfield engine, and seniors Hana Doria and Crawford anchor the defense in front of second-year starter Ava Schneider, a sophomore, in goal.

On Monday, the Tigers did start slow, winning the first four draws and promptly turning the ball over each time. Brattleboro’s Gretchen Stromberg made them pay for one of the miscues, bolting in from midfield to give the Colonels an early 1-0 lead.

At 21:36 the Tigers answered: From the top of the fan Sears found Connors open out front, and she whipped it home. Three minutes later Wootten found the lower left corner from the right side, with an assist from freshman middle Quinn



TIGER FRESHMAN KENYON Connors gets a hug from teammate Juliette Hunsdorfer (No. 23) after scoring one of her two goals in the MUHS girls' lacrosse team's home win on Monday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Doria. At 17:00 Weaber spun and flicked home a backhand on a Connors feed to make it 3-1.

Then Robinson took over. At 14:51 she cut in from the right, took a Weaber pass and deposited the ball in the net’s left side. A minute later Colonel Willow Romo briefly crashed the party by dodging through the fan to make it 4-2.

No matter: The Colonels had no answer for Robinson. At 10:12 she raced straight to goal and scored with a high finish. Twice over the rest of the half she cut left-to-right through the fan and found the lower left corner, the second time with a scoop shot at 3:03, and it was 7-2 at the half.

The goals kept coming after the break. Connors scored from Weaber, Wootten netted a Weaber feed, Robinson completed her big day with a shot that trickled in off Colonel goalie Maren Sawyer’s stick, Hunsdorfer and Weaber (twice) both dodged through the fan and converted, and Wootten added a late transition goal to cap the scoring. That goal came after a nice solo effort from Colonel Abby Henry.

Schneider backstopped the victory with six saves, and Sawyer made four for the 2-11 Colonels.

The Tigers were coming off a split of two games. On May 17

Tiger boys' lacrosse wins two of three, clinches high seed

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys' lacrosse team took two out of three recent games to improve to 11-4 heading into the Tigers regular season finale on Friday at defending champion Champlain Valley.

The Tigers appear to be locked into the No. 3 seed for the upcoming Division I playoffs. Pairings will be announced on Monday. Essex, which the Tigers defeated on Tuesday, is a possible first-round opponent next week.

On May 17 the Tigers topped host Mount Mansfield, 11-5, as Jackson Gillett (four goals, two assists), Willem Berry (three goals, assist) and Logan McNulty (two goals, two assists) sparked the attack. Brady McDonough (goal, two assists), Zach Jette

(goal) and Landon Kean (two assists) also contributed, and goalie Kegan Brown made saves.

MMU’s Finn Heney scored three goals, and goalie Ray Chamberland made 13 saves.

On May 19 visiting South Burlington, which as of Tuesday was tied for first with CVU, defeated the Tigers, 10-4. Details were not reported.

On Tuesday the Tigers doubled up host Essex, 14-7, as Owen Lawton poured in seven goals, and Toby Draper added four. Logan McNulty chipped in a goal and three assists, and Jette and Gavin McNulty added a goal apiece. Brown made eight saves.

Hornet Harrison Hutton scored four goals, and Essex goalie Mason Mackres also stopped eight shots.

MAV girls' lax takes two

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes high school girls' lacrosse team won two out of three recent games, and at 8-5 remain in position for a top-four seed in the upcoming Division II playoffs.

On May 17 the Commodores rallied to defeat host Stowe, 14-7, after trailing at the break, 6-4. Coach Marikate Kelley said a big factor was the team switched to face-guarding Raider high scorer Sadie Wing in the second half; Safi Camara and Nell Harvey shared that chore. The Commodores also started to win the draws in the second half, Kelley said, reversing a first-half trend.

Offensively, Reese Gernander and Annie Dufault poured in five goals apiece, Harvey scored twice, and Anna Stillwell and Cassandra Guillmette added a

goal apiece. Goalie Carley Cook made seven saves. Wing ended up leading Stowe with three goals.

On May 19 visiting St. Johnsbury (7-6) outscored MAV, 15-10, as three Hilltoppers combined for 11 goals. Gernander (five goals), Dufault (three goals, assist), Harvey (goal, two assists) and Stillwell (goal, assist) led the Commodore attack, and Cook made 11 saves. The setback snapped MAV’s four-game winning streak.

The Commodores bounced back on Tuesday to defeat host Milton, 21-8. Multi-goal scorers were Gernander (seven goals, one assist), Dufault (three goals, three assists), Stillwell (three goals, two assists), Kennedy Denecker and Sierra Stanley (two goals, two assists each), and Guillmette (two goals). Cook made six saves.

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Schedule

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Boys' Lacrosse	
5/25 Colchester at MAV (VUHS) .	4:30 PM
5/26 MUHS at CVU	4:30 PM
5/26 Montpelier at OV.....	4:30 PM

5/27 Randolph at MAV.....	11 AM
5/29.....	Tournament Pairings Set
5/30&31	First-Round Games
Girls' Lacrosse	
5/26 Rice at MAV.....	4:30 PM
5/27 St. Albans at MUHS.....	11 AM
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5/25 Mt. Abe at Enosburg.....	4:30 PM

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5/30&31	Playoffs Open
Girls' Tennis	
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5/29.....	D-II Pairings Set
5/30&31	Playoffs Open
Track & Field	

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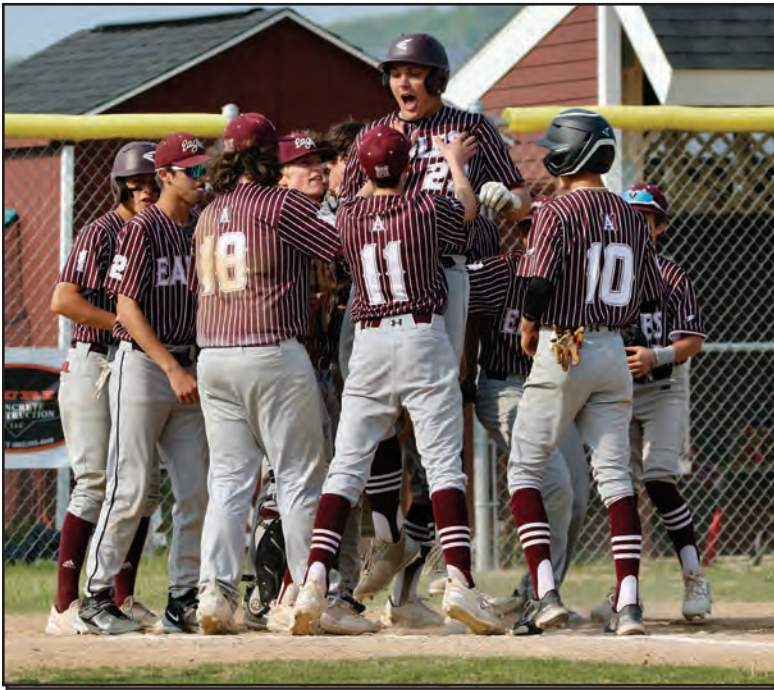
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TIGER RILEY DISORDA slides safely with a stolen base as a low throw bounces away from Eagle second baseman Evan Corrigan during Tuesday's game at Mount Abe, won by the Eagles.

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EAGLE SENIOR CALEB Russell's teammates greet him at home plate in the first inning after his titanic three-run homer gave Mount Abe an early 4-3 lead over visiting MUHS. The Eagles eventually prevailed in a back-and-forth game.

Independent photo/Steve James



EAGLE PITCHER GUS Hill went six innings for the pitching win against visiting MUHS on Tuesday, allowing six hits and four walks and striking out eight.

Independent photo/Steve James

Host Mount Abe rallies past Tigers in see-saw battle

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — One way for a team to make the most of a losing season is to defeat a local rival on its Senior Day.

Mount Abraham baseball did just that on Tuesday, using good defense, clutch hitting and a gutty pitching performance by senior Gus Hill to rally past visiting Middlebury, 10-7.

The Eagles improved to just 3-12, but have played a bit better of late after a slow start. xThey will wrap up their regular season on Thursday at Enosburg, a team they defeated recently at home in extra innings.

Like the 6-9 Tigers, who conclude their regular season at Milton on Saturday, Mount Abe will open the Division II playoffs on the road. Both teams will learn where when the Vermont Principals Association announces pairings on Sunday morning. First-round games are set for next Tuesday or Wednesday.

First-year Eagle Coach Jason Barnard was pleased the Eagles didn't get discouraged when they had a rough first inning and fell

behind quickly, 3-0, nor when a later error put them down by 6-4.

“They didn’t turn their heads down. They kept hitting the ball. They went back out, and they knew they were going to get more runs,” he said, adding, “The team hit from top to bottom. I’m really proud of these guys. They got a lot of key hits.”

Hill's six-inning effort was critical, Barnard added. He allowed six hits and four walks, but struck out eight and allowed just two earned runs.

"I'm proud of the way Gus Hill pitched on the mound," he said. "He was working hard."

Tiger Coach Tim Paquette credited the Eagles.

"Mount Abe came out and wanted to play baseball today on Senior Day," Paquette said. "They hit the ball when they needed the big hits, and made the plays when they

needed the big plays.”

He could also point to his team staging rallies once they fell behind after the Eagles scored five runs in the fifth to take a 9-6 lead.

"The boys didn't give up. They tried their best," Paquette said.

The first inning was rocky for both Hill and Tiger hurler Tim Whitney, who also tossed six innings and allowed seven earned runs on nine hits.

The Tigers scored three times when Cole Warren singled, Alex Sperry walked, and both stole bases to put runners on second and third. An infield error on Carter Paquette's hard-hit grounder plated Warren, and Sperry scored on a wild pitch. Paquette stole two bases and scored on an overthrow as he took third.

The Eagles struck back with

“They’ve got each other’s backs.”

– Coach Jason Barnard

RIT tops men's lax in NCAAs

MEDFORD, Mass. — No. 3 ranked RIT bolted to a 6-1 first-quarter lead on the way to a 16-6 victory over the No. 5 Middlebury College men's lacrosse team in an NCAA Division III quarterfinal played on Saturday at Tufts University.

RIT improved to 21-1 and advanced to take on undefeated Tufts in a Sunday NCAA semifinal

(Tufts won, 15-11). The Panthers finished at 18-3, losing for the first time this spring to a team other than Tufts. Their record includes two NESCAC tournament victories and two NCAA tournament wins.

The Panthers had chances and earned a 41-34 edge in shots at goal. But RIT starting goalie Will Sterrett made 12 saves, and Kyle Gaffey added two more in the final

three minutes.

Luke Pilcher scored five times to lead RIT, and Spencer Bell added three.

Cooper DeMallie scored twice for Middlebury; Luke Simpson, William Ryan, Patrick Jamin and Tom Conley added a goal apiece; and Billy Conley chipped in two assists. Goalie Hayden Kern made six saves for the Panthers.



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Panther

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a free position. A Shue solo run with a high finish quickly made it 3-1.

By the period’s end Middlebury led by 6-1: Rowley netted a feed from attacker Anna Spehr, Earley powered in and scored as she was being bowled over, and at 1:36 Maggie Coughlin, at the left post, deposited a transition feed from Shue. That play was set up by a groundball win by defender Kylie Wilson that triggered the break.

Two minutes into the second period the Panthers added another highlight-reel goal: middle Caroline Messer kissed a quick-stick goal into the left side on a Spehr feed from behind the net. At 11:44 Earley set up Spehr out front, and it was 8-1.

And then the well ran dry. The Panthers scored just one goal between then and the end of the third quarter. Early in the third Messer finished high on a feed from Earley. That made it 9-5.

What happened to the Panther attack, and how did they regain their footing?

“We were just stagnant,” Livesay said. “We were just looking to dodge from the top, dodge frodm the top, and those lanes weren’t there. So you saw Jane do a really nice job of getting the D pulled in and finding the open person. And we found ways to get Hope open a little bit.”

Livesay also credited Colby’s

goalie Sarah Hearn (17 saves) and the Mule defense: “They’re tough defensively, and their goalie is hot right now.”

Middlebury’s defense — Erica Barr, Chloe Newman, Madison Paylor, Wilson Grace Mumford and goalie Annie Enrietto (eight saves) also played well, but Colby crept back into the game. In the second period Paige Saudek, Eddy and Elizabeth Hennessey found the net, and it was 8-4 at the half.

In the third period, Mule Julia Jardina’s free position at 11:14 made it 8-5. Messer broke the ice for Middlebury less than a minute later, but Ally Franz answered for Colby at 6:17, and it was a three-goal game entering the fourth.

Then the Panthers began to assert themselves. At 12:16 Shue, cutting in from the left, took a feed from Coughlin and buried a low shot. At 9:05 Earley cut through the fan, was doubled, and tossed the ball to her left to Rowley, who buried the feed. At 11-6 the momentum had swung to the Panthers.

“I can pretty much bet on them sending a double when I want to drive,” said Earley. “I’ve learned over the years to keep my head up, watch that double come to me, and then dish it out.”

Colby’s Franz made it 11-7 at 8:31, but the Panthers answered at 6:15, when Earley again cut through

the fan, this time feeding Coughlin off the left post, who finished to make it 12-7. Before long the Panthers were celebrating their 25th straight victory dating back to last year

In Saturday’s 22-9 win over Trinity (13-6), Middlebury led by 13-5 at the half and then put the game out of reach by with a 7-1 third period. Shue (two assists), Earley and Rowley each scored five goals to lead the attack; Kelcey Dion added a pair, and five Panthers contributed a goal apiece. The Panthers won 21 of 32 draws, with Earley controlling 11 of them.

Enrietto stopped five shots for Middlebury, and two Trinity goalies combined for nine saves. Molly McGuckin scored four goals to lead the Bantam attack.

Afterward, both Livesay and Earley talked about the depth of talent on this Panther team. Both said having so many offensive weapons makes them hard to stop.

Earley said the fact that all the middies and attackers are “hungry to score” puts pressure on opposing defenses, and that all the Panthers are confident in each other.

“I have faith in every single person that they’re going to catch that pass,” she said. “That faith where everybody is so dialed in really sets this team apart.”

Boys’ tennis remains unbeaten

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury zUnion High School boys’ tennis team picked up two more one-sided victories in the past week to improve to 11-0. Their final regular season match was scheduled for this Wednesday at U-32, a team the Tigers have already defeated by 7-0 this spring.

The Division I playoffs will begin the first week of June. The Tigers are jockeying for seeding position with three other teams that according to the Vermont Principals Association rankings, which are not always up to date, are also undefeated: Stowe, Burlington and Burr & Burton.

The Tigers defeated visiting North Country, 7-0, on May 19. The

scores were:

No. 1 singles, Jackson Murray (MUHS) defeated Cooper Brueck (NC) 6-2, 6-7, 10-3.

No. 2 singles, Lewis Suchomel (MUHS) defeated William Brandich (NC) 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3 singles, Kellan Bartlett (MUHS) defeated Mathew Poginy (NC) 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4 singles, Brian Newton (MUHS) defeated Liam Carrick (NC) 6-1, 6-0.

No. 5 singles, Avery Hamilton (MUHS) defeated Andrew Kerwin (NC) 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles, Milo Rees/Aidan Chance (MUHS) defeated Quinn Goff/Carver Maxwell (NC) 6-0, 6-0.

NC forfeited second doubles.

On Monday, the Tigers defeated visiting Harwood, 6-1. The scores were:

No. 1 singles, Murray (MUHS) defeated Cole Baitz (H) 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2 singles, Cole Baitz (H) defeated Suchomel (MUHS) 4-6, 6-3, 10-6.

No. 3 singles, Bartlett (MUHS) defeated Alvar Calvo (H) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

No. 4 singles, Chance (MUHS) defeated Daniel Steber (H) 6-2, 6-3.

No. 5 singles, Newton (MUHS) defeated Ollie Kottke (H) 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles, Iver Anderson/Rees (MUHS) defeated Biel Ayres and Jack Wolf (H) 6-2, 6-0.

Harwood forfeited No. 2 doubles.

Seahorses best girls’ Ultimate

MIDDLEBURY — Visiting Burlington defeated the Middlebury Union High School girls’ Ultimate team on Tuesday, 12-5. The Seahorses used a

balanced attack to improve to 9-0.

Ari Graham-Gurland led the Tigers with three goals, and Vivian Ross tossed a team-high three assists. Maggie Conklin and Elise

Heppel each contributed a goal and an assist for the 3-6 Tigers, who will conclude their regular season by hosting Champlain Valley on Friday afternoon.

MAV boys’ lax nets three wins

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative boys’ lacrosse team maintained its winning ways between May 17 and 23, earning three victories, all against Division II teams, to remain in the thick of the race for the top seed in D-III.

The Eagles, 9-2 with home games next week vs. D-II Colchester and D-III Randolph remaining before the playoffs, are running neck-and-neck with Stratton (6-1 as of Tuesday morning per the Vermont Principals’ Association website) for the top postseason seed.

On May 17 MAV prevailed at Milton, 11-9, as Noah Ladeau poured in six goals and Henry Anderson contributed three goals and four assists. Jonah Howell (goal, four assists), and Sawyer Shepard

(goal, two assists) rounded out the scorers, and goalie Walker Forand made four saves.

Ayden Honnon led Milton with three goals, and goalie Griffen Smith stopped five shots.

On Saturday the Eagles topped visiting Fairfax, 11-6, as Anderson became the second VUHS player (joining Tyler Crowningshield) and first MAV player to score 100 goals. He tossed in five goals and assisted two. Sawyer Leonard contributed two goals and an assist, and Ladeau, Shepard, Finley Kaeck and Lorenzo Atocha also found the net. Forand stopped eight shots. Bryce Fontaine scored four times for Fairfax, and Max Mills made 11 saves.

On Monday the Eagles won at Stowe, 11-10, in overtime when Chase Atkins scored with an assist from Leonard early in the extra

session. Jamison Couture won the OT faceoff, and shortly afterward Anderson hit the post. But the Eagles controlled the rebound, and Atkins netted Leonard’s cross-crease pass for the game-winner against the 7-7 Raiders.

On offense for Mount Abe, Ladeau (three goals, assist), Shepard (three goals, two assists) and Anderson (two goals, four assists) did most of the damage. Leonard finished with a goal and two assists, Atkins (who celebrated his birthday with the game-winner) added an assist, and Jonah Howell also scored a goal. Forand backstopped the win with nine saves.

Leander Pinkham (five goals) and Liam Newhouse (four goals) led the Stowe attack, and goalie Carter Getty stopped five shots.

Girls’ tennis takes one, falls in two

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls’ tennis team won its second match of the season in recent action, but came up short in three other outings. The Tigers are 2-10

In a 5-2 victory at BFA on May 18 the Tigers won two of three tiebreakers and swept the doubles matches:

At No. 1 singles, Aroa San Juan Mes, BFA, defeated Maeve Roche, M, 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 2 singles, Jaillin Bechard, BFA, defeated Audrey Carpenter, M, 6-4, 4-6 (10-5).

At No. 3 singles, Paige Hescocck, M, defeated Shelby Bechard, BFA, 7-5, 6-1.

At No. 4 singles, Caroline Nicolai, M, defeated Blooma Krei,

BFA, 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 5 singles, Sophia Boise, M, defeated Maura Thompson, BFA, 6-3, 6-2.

At No. 1 doubles, Piper Farnsworth/Amelia Coburn, M, defeated Paula Marras Jimenez/ Milla Anderson, BFA, 6-3, 7-6 (8).

At No. 2 doubles, Anna Wolosinski/Dinara Meyers, M, defeated Sarah McConnell/Lilah Powers, BFA, 6-1, 6-4.

On May 19, visiting North County claimed of a pair of 5-2 decisions from the Tigers; one match accounted for an earlier weather postponement. Individual contests were played with sets to eight games to allow for both overall matches to be played.

In the first match the Tigers picked up victories from Boise at No. 5

singles and the team of Farnsworth and Coburn at No. 1 doubles. In the second match Carpenter at No. 2 singles and Hescocck at No. 3 netted wins.

On Tuesday, host Harwood topped the Tigers, 5-2. Hescocck at No. 3 singles won again, this time in a tight contest, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 10-6. Coburn and Farnsworth claimed a 6-3, 6-1 victory at No. 1 doubles to earn the other Tiger point. Roche rallied for a second-set tiebreaker win against Harwood’s No. 1 player before coming up short in the match tiebreaker.

The Tigers were set to host U-32 on Wednesday, and they are scheduled to entertain two-time defending champion Montpelier on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in their regular season finale.



TIGER SENIOR SEINA Dowgiewicz clears the bar in the girls’ high jump at a May 17 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College. Dowgiewicz took fourth in the event.

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Track

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• Long jump: 2. Darling, 4.89m; 5. Atocha, 4.53m.

On Thursday in Essex at the 9th- and 10th-grade meet, Stoddard won both the javelin (21.91m) and high jump (1.37m), while Cousino took fifth at 1,500 meters (5:45.16).

TIGERS HOST

On the college track on May 17, U-32 swept both the girls’ and boys’ team competitions.

The girls’ scores were U-32, 231; MUHS, 149; Mount Mansfield and Rice, 88 each; VUHS, 26; and North Branch, 11. Jazmyn Hurley won two sprints for MUHS, Fiamma Battistini prevailed in the javelin, and the Tiger 4x800 relay team of Mary Harrington, Lily Lapiner, Seina Dowgiewicz and Beth McIntosh took first.

The boys’ scores were U-32, 241; MMU, 145; MUHS, 109; VUHS, 42; and Rice, 22. Matt Brown and Eliot Schneider won individual races for MUHS, and the Tiger 4x400 relay team — Haakon Olsen, Schneider, Kaden Hammond and Ben Seaton — also took first.

The MUHS and VUHS girls’ top-five finishers were:

• 100 meters: 1. Hurley, M, 13.3; 2. Solstice Binder, M, 13.92; 5. Alexiis Williams, M, 14.48.

• 200: 1. Hurley, M, 26.74; 2. Binder, M, 28.95; 5. Williams, M, 30.27.

• 400: 3. Sawyer Witscher, M, 1:04.78; 4. Finnley Jacobson, V, 1:15.48.

• 100 hurdles: 5. Navah Glikman, M, 20.6.

• 4x100 relay: 2. MUHS, 54.18 (Binder, Williams, Glikman, Hurley).

• 4x400: 2. MUHS, 4:34.23 (Hurley, Lily Lapiner, Seina Dowgiewicz, Beth McIntosh); 3. MUHS, 4:44.42 (Binder, Williams, Witscher, Grace Ritter); 5. VUHS, 5:12.18 (Quincy Sabick, Mia Kutchukian, Gina LeBeau, Jing Williams).

• Pole vault: 2. Geneva Mott, M, 2.13m

• Long jump: 3. Vivian Mott, M, 3.56m; 4. Torrey Hanna, V, 3.5m.

• High jump: 2. Lapiner, M, 1.3m; 4. Dowgiewicz, M, 1.15m; 5. Harrington, 1.15m.

The MUHS and VUHS boys’ top-five finishers were:

• 100 meters: 1. Brown, M, 12.11; 4. Haakon Olsen, M, 12.36.

• 200: 4. Gideon Palmer, V, 25.85; 5. Calder Rakowski, V, 25.96.

• 400: 3. Rakowski, V, 55.98. • 800: 1. Schneider, M, 2:07.69; 3. Baxter Harrington, M, 2:10.63;

• 4. Grey Fearon, V, 2:10.7; 5. Ethan Spritzer, M, 2:10.84.

• 1,500: 3. Ben Seaton, M, 4:27.03; 4. Harrington, M, 4:28.78.

• 4x100 relay: 2. MUHS, 48.17 (Cole Schnoor, Brown, Olsen, Joshua Kafumbe).

• 4x400: 1. MUHS, 3:46.74 (Olsen, Schneider, Kaden Hammond, Seaton); 3. VUHS, 4:10.69 (Calvin Gramling, Chance Koenig, Peter Maneen, Fearon).

• 4X800: 2. MUHS, 9:38.46 (Matthew Berg, Spritzer, Toby Wells-Spackman, Hammond).

• Discus: 5. Brodie McGuire, V, 22.67m.

• Javelin: 2. Schnoor, M, 33.99m; 4. Maneen, V, 29.8m; 5. Brown, M, 26.41m.

• Long jump: 2. Kafumbe, M, 5.10m; 5. Neil Brons, V, 4.71m.

• 4X800: 1. MUHS, 11:35.95 (Mary Harrington, Lapiner, Dowgiewicz, McIntosh).

• Javelin: 1. Battistini, M, 25.47m; 2. Cady Pitner, M, 24.79m; 4. Jacobson, V, 22.0m.

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Eagle softball top winner

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Mount Abraham prevailed over Middlebury, and the Tigers defeated Vergennes in softball rivalry games to highlight local high school softball action between May 17 and 23.

Elsewhere, the Eagles kept rolling with two wins; MUHS earned a key win; VUHS lost twice; and Otter Valley took two out of three.

Playoff pairings will be announced Sunday morning, and first-round games played next week. The Eagles can nail down the top seed in Division II with a victory on Thursday at rival Enosburg, currently in fourth place. OV and MUHS are solid for first-round home games in D-II, while the Commodores are on the bubble in D-III. First-round games and quarterfinals will be played next week.

EAGLES-TIGERS

On Tuesday the Eagles spotted the Tigers a first-inning run, but took charge with nine runs in the second inning in a 15-1, five-inning victory. **Eve McCormick** allowed three hits to earn the pitching win.

Gabrielle LaFreniere led the attack with three hits and five RBIs, and **Abigail Parker** (two hits, two RBIs) **Payton Vincent** and **Dakota Larocque** (two hits and an RBI each), and **Madelyn Hayden** (a hit and three RBIs) all contributed as the Eagles moved to 13-2 heading into their Thursday game at Enosburg. The Tigers dropped to 8-6.

MUHS-VUHS

On Saturday the Tigers outlasted the Commodores, 6-3, as MUHS hurler **Emma Deering** earned the win, and the Commodores' **Savanah Blaise** took the loss. **Lily Dame** doubled for MUHS, and **Abby Stafford** and **Skyler Choiniere** each had two hits.

TIGERS

On May 18 the Tigers knocked off visiting Enosburg, 6-5, by scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh. Dame and **Sienna Rubright** had multiple-hit outings for MUHS in a pivotal victory.

EAGLES

On May 18 the Eagles coasted past visiting Rice, 13-1, in six innings, as McCormick allowed three hits and struck out eight. The Eagles belted three homers: **Lucy Parker** cleared the fence and singled twice, LaFreniere homered and drove in

three runs, and **Joanna Toy** homered and drove in a pair. Vincent drove in three runs with two hits.

On Saturday the Eagles outslugged Milton, 12-7. McCormick and Vincent, the winning pitcher, both went four-for-four; Vincent doubled twice and drove in four runs, and McCormick doubled twice, drove in a run and scored three. Parker homered and drove in two. LaFreniere added two hits and three RBIs, and Toy doubled and drove in two. Vincent allowed four earned runs and fanned eight in 6.1 innings.

COMMODORES

On May 18 host Milton got past the Commodores, 6-3. Winning pitcher Grace Williams tossed a complete-game three-hitter, striking out 15, allowing three earned runs, outdueling Blaise, who allowed seven hits and four earned runs and fanned 14. **Jasmine Little** (double, RBI, run) and **Katie Laberge** (double, RBI) did most of the offensive damage for VUHS.

On Tuesday host Enosburg rolled over VUHS in five innings, 20-1. Winning pitcher Makenna Lovelette allowed two hits and drove in two runs with two hits. Among the other Hornets who had big offensive days were Lilly Robtoy (triple, single, two RBIs) and Gabby Spaulding (triple, double, single, three RBIs).

The Commodores dropped to 4-10 with games at Rice and Harwood left this week; they might need to win one of those to earn a D-III home game.

OTTERS

On Saturday Otter Valley knocked off host Brattleboro, 14-2 in five innings. **Grace O'Connell** homered for OV, and she and winning pitcher **Mackenzie McKay** each had three hits. McKay allowed four hits in her five-inning stint.

On Monday the Otters doubled off host Windsor, 14-7. McKay and O'Connell led the offense with four hits apiece, and **Mykenzie Thibault** added two hits. **Sierra Cormany** earned the pitching win, striking out six and walking none.

On Tuesday visiting D-I Mount Anthony topped the Otters, 14-6. McKay took the pitching loss, and O'Connell highlighted the offense with a double. At 9-5 with two games remaining the Otters appear to be assured of a first-round home playoff game.

Panther nine's season over

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — The Middlebury College baseball team dropped two straight games this past Friday and Saturday at a four-team, double-elimination NCAA D-III Tournament regional hosted by Bridgewater State and saw its season conclude with a 27-13 record.

Endicott (40-7), ranked No. 7, eliminated the Panthers on Saturday, 6-1. Middlebury managed just six hits, two by Andrew Gough. The Panthers scored their only run in the fifth, when Beau Root doubled, and Gough singled him home. Spencer Dessart started on the mound and took the loss; the Gulls jumped on him for three runs in the first inning. Justin Lessing and Andrew Gatland threw in relief.

The Panthers opened on Friday with a 12-11, 11-inning loss to Johnson & Wales (29-13). The Panthers surrendered three runs in the top of the ninth to lose a 9-6 lead.

After a scoreless 10th inning, Johnson & Wales took a 12-9 edge in the top of the 11th on two RBI singles followed by a passed ball. The Panthers pulled back to within a run in the bottom of the inning on a walk to Sammy Smith and

Nathan Samii's two-run homer with one out, but could not get another runner on base.

The Panthers scored a run in the first on two walks, a double steal and a Kyle McCausland grounder. McCausland belted a two-run homer to make it 3-2 in the third.

In the fourth they scored three times to snap a 3-3 tie, loading the bases and scoring on a Root fielder's choice and a John Collins two-run single.

The Wildcats made it 6-6 in the sixth as Trevor Juan tripled to center and scored on a knock to left by Miles Kelly. After a walk, Middlebury relief pitcher Henry Gustavson induced a double play to get out of the jam.

The Panthers scored twice in the seventh on walks to Mitchell Schroeder and Gough and singles by Smith and Samii, and in the eighth on three walks and a wild pitch. But a bases-loaded walk and a two-run single tied the game in the ninth for J&W as the bullpen could not hold the lead.

Alex Price started as pitcher for Middlebury and struck out eight batters on Friday, becoming the first pitcher in program history to surpass 200 career strikeouts (203).

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STATE OF VERMONT
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADDISON UNIT
DOCKET NO.: 22-PR-06186
IN RE ESTATE OF:
ROLAND BRACE, SR.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Roland A. Brace, Sr., late of Monkton, 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: 05/17/23

Executor/Administrator:
Angela Brace-Jimmo
3 Putty Bed Place
Bristol, VT 05443
802-377-9432
angiebj1967@gmail.com

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 05/25/23
Address of Probate Court:
Addison Unit, Probate Court
7 Mahady Court
Middlebury, VT 05753

Email your Public Notices to legals@addisonindependent.com and Jenna makes sure it gets in the paper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Ferrisburgh Municipal Planning Consultation

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will meet on June 6, 2023 for a public hearing with the Town of Ferrisburgh's Selectboard. The meeting will take place in person at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall, 3729 U.S. Route 7, Ferrisburgh, VT at 6:30 p.m. at the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting.

As per 24 V.S.A. §4350, ACRPC will consult with Ferrisburgh in regards to the municipality's planning efforts, ascertain Ferrisburgh's planning needs, identify needed assistance from ACRPC and confirm that the municipality is:

- (1) is engaged in a continuing planning process that, within a reasonable time, will result in a plan that is consistent with the goals contained in section 4302 of this title;
- (2) is engaged in a process to implement its municipal plan, consistent with the program for implementation required under section 4382 of this title; and
- (3) is maintaining its efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

Questions, please call either:

Adam Lougee, Director
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
802-388-3141

Clark Hinsdale
Ferrisburgh Selectboard
802-877- 3429

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TOWN OF BRIDPORT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bridport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **June 13, 2023** in the Town Office at 82 Crown Point Road, on each and to consider each of the following application(s):

1. At **6:45pm** on Application (23-21) by **Jennifer Lowe** for a lot subdivision of parcel ID# **04-007A** owned by **Jennifer Lowe/ Charles Duvic** The property is located at **2574 East St.**

Plans and additional information regarding any such application may be viewed at said Town Office or by calling (802) 758-2483, Ext. 2. Participation in the Planning Commissions proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal on any decision of it on an application.

Steven DeCarlo, Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF BRISTOL

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bristol Development Review Board will hold the following hearings on June 13, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The hearings will be held in person at the Town Office, located at 1 South Street. The hearings will also be available via Zoom and login information is below.

Permit #23-401: James and Christine Whitcomb of 140 North St. (Parcel #060120) are requesting a 2-lot subdivision per Bristol Unified Development Regulations Article IX, Section 930

Copies of the complete zoning applications are available for review at the Bristol Town Office during regular business hours.

Remote Access: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/85786761083> • Meeting ID: 857 8676 1083 • Passcode: 805823
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TOWN OF FERRISBURGH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

June 7, 2023

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Ferrisburgh will be held at the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, to consider the following:

7:00 PM Call to order and approval of minutes from the May 3rd meeting.

1. Application No. 23-051 (J. Blasius) Commercial, Storage Units; property ID#: 15/01/64 (Lot 4); Tappers Crossing; Industrial (IND-2) district; conditional use
2. Application No. 23-059 (J. Puma) Residential, Waiver, Accessory use; property ID#: 14/02/46; 316 Sleepy Hollow; Conservation (CON-25) district; conditional use
3. Application No. 23-050 (B. Dykema) Residential, Waiver, Accessory use; property ID#: 09/01/05;4974 Sand Road; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) district; conditional use
4. Application No. 23-062 (T. Nies, Tesla, Inc.) Commercial, Super Chargers installation; property ID#: 15/02/26;113 Monkton Road; Highway Mixed Use (HMu-2) district; conditional use
5. Application No. 23-012 (R. Donovan) Short Term Rental; property ID#: 18/20/53;718 Old Hollow Road; North Ferrisburgh Village (NVFVD) district; conditional use Continued

The above files are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Persons wishing to appear and be heard may do so in person or be represented by an agent or an attorney. Communications about the above hearings may also be filed in writing with the Board or the Zoning Administrator.

ADDISON COUNTY
School News Briefs

Catherine Schmitt, of Middlebury was named the recipient of The Randall J. Harris Prize Scholarship at Hamilton College's annual Class & Charter Day, held on May 9. The event combines the traditional Class Day celebrating the end of classes with a commemoration of the granting of the College's charter on May 26, 1812.

The Randall J. Harris Prize

Scholarship is awarded to a junior concentrating in Philosophy who has demonstrated superior scholarship in that discipline. Preference is given to a student expressing a desire to undertake graduate study in philosophy.

Schmitt, a junior majoring in Neuroscience and Philosophy, is a graduate of Middlebury Union High School.



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A subscriber from Middlebury writes:

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Quotes are taken from reader comments submitted with subscription renewals.



ADDISON COUNTY
INDEPENDENT

community
calendar

may 25 THURSDAY

American Red Cross blood drive in Bristol. Thursday, May 25, noon-4:30 p.m., American Legion Bristol Post 19, 56 Airport Dr. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now.

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.

may 26 FRIDAY

Surf & Turf dinner in Middlebury. Friday, May 26, 5-7 p.m., VFW, 530 Exchange St. Delicious steak, shrimp, baked potato and Green Beans. Eat in or take out. Open to the public. Steak dinner \$16/person, shrimp dinner \$16/person, combo dinner \$18/person. All proceeds benefit Veterans' programs. More info at 802-388-9468.

may 27 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 Averil.

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.

Town-wide yard sale and fundraiser in Ripton. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Ripton Community House, 1283 Route 125. Items from various households. This is a fundraiser for the Ripton Social Committee. Don't miss out!

Friends of Bixby book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Downstairs in the Otter Creek Room of the Bixby. Enter from the back parking lot. Our first mini-book sale. Books on our packed shelves only. Choose from a large variety of fiction, nonfiction and children's books.

Vermont Open Studio weekend. Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., locations around Addison County. For a list of local participants go to www.vermontcrafts.com/spring-open-studio-tour-loops.

may 28 SUNDAY

Vermont Open Studio weekend. Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., locations around Addison County. For a list of local participants go to www.vermontcrafts.com/spring-open-studio-tour-loops.

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, Mount Independence Coalition President Stephen Zeoli 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.

Memorial Day parade in Orwell. Sunday, May 28, 1:30 p.m. Color guard, historical and fun floats, children, old cars, tractors, bagpipes and maybe even Ghostbusters. Carla Ochs is the 2023 parade Grand Marshal. Same route as in years past: beginning on North Orwell Road and running east to Main Street, before heading onto Church Street, circling Roberts Avenue, and then bending back to march west on Main Street. The parade will conclude on the town green, where many of bands will perform for the crowd.

New sign unveiling in East Middlebury. Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m., just below the Route 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 "bloemery" was in operation until 1887, the last to close in Vermont. All are invited to partake and explore.

may 29 MONDAY

Memorial Day parade in Middlebury. Monday, May 29, 9 a.m., downtown. Middlebury American Legion



An epic painting

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE COALITION President Stephen Zeoli will give an illustrated talk on John Trumbull's painting "The Declaration of Independence" at Mount Independence in Orwell on Sunday, May 28, from 1-2:30 p.m. Zeoli will discuss Lt. Trumbull's important contributions to Mount Independence and provide background on his work and research to create this painting.

John Trumbull, The Declaration of Independence
Source: Wikimedia commons

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.

may 30 TUESDAY

American Red Cross blood donation in Middlebury. Tuesday, May 30, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Vermont Hard Cider, 1321 Exchange St. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give.

june 1 THURSDAY

"Most Costly Journey" talk in Starksboro. Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m., Starksboro Public Library, Route 116. Join Marek Bennett, artist, translator and co-editor of the Vermont Humanities Council Vermont Reads 2022 book "The Most Costly Journey," for an in-depth look at this important book. Based on stories told by local migrant farm workers and drawn in collaboration with New England cartoonists, this groundbreaking anthology provides a powerful model for exploring communities, citizenship and survival. Bennett also shows how you can cartoon the stories of your own family, neighborhood and wider world. No prior art experience needed — Everybody can create comics.

june 2 FRIDAY

Tai Chi for Fall Prevention, Level 1 in Middlebury. Begins Friday, June 2, 10 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Join Wendy for 10 weeks of Tai Chi instruction. Tai Chi is a flowing and graceful sequence that improves balance, concentration and overall sense of health and well-being. It is appropriate for all ages and people with arthritis and other conditions that limit mobility. Space is limited. Register at wcacovey@gmail.com or call 802-238-5217 to leave a message.

Cider Garden grand opening in Shoreham. Friday, June 2, 2-8 p.m., Champlain Orchards, 3597 Route 74 W. Walk the orchard paths, play lawn or board games, picnic, take scenic photos, and more. Food and drink will be available for sale from the orchard's new Cider Garden.

june 3 SATURDAY

Green Mountain Club trail work in Ripton. Saturday, June 3. Final trail crew workday for spring to address Long Trail problems. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, ecronana@yahoo.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, June 3, 7-9 a.m., meet at Otter View Park parking area, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. For information, including the latest COVID constraints, call 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

Middlebury Garden Club plant sale in Middlebury. Saturday, June 3, 9-11 a.m., on the green. Get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, shrubs and more — for the coming season. Plants are in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will be a table with books and gardening accessories, too.

American Red Cross blood drive in Middlebury. Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Middlebury Parks & Recreation, 154 Creek Rd. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS

(1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now.

Extravaganza! in Brandon. Saturday, June 3, noon-6 p.m., Estabrook Park. A fun-filled afternoon with music, 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 admission.

Charter House volunteering BBQ in Middlebury. Saturday, June 3, noon-3 p.m., Charter House, 27 N. Pleasant St. Join the Charter House community for a volunteer celebration cookout. Experienced volunteers and staff will answer questions about the mission, cook hamburgers, and explain how to get involved. If you can't attend but want information email info@chcvt.org or visit www.chcvt.org.

june 4 SUNDAY

Starksboro in Bloom and Community Sale in Starksboro. Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Starksboro Village Center, Route 116. Kick off summer with a day-long community sale and, from 3-5 p.m., "Starksboro in Bloom" at the pavilion site with a barbeque, pie contest, games, children's activities, plant sale, bake sale and representation from town organizations.

Community Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County in Middlebury. Sunday, June 4, 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@comcast.com or visit cvuus.org/news.

june 5 MONDAY

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, June 5 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.

june 6 TUESDAY

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.

june 8 THURSDAY

Growing Mushrooms workshop in Monkton. Thursday, June 8, 5-7 p.m., Russell Memorial Library, 92 Monkton Ridge. Learn techniques for growing wine cap mushrooms a home and create an indoor oyster mushroom fruiting kit from Julie Mitchell, a local herbalist. There is a limit of 12 attendees so pre-registration is required. Cost \$18. Call 802-453-4471 to sign up or email russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

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ADDISON INDEPENDENT
on **Pages 5B, 7B, 12B.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Addison Municipal Planning Consultation

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) will meet on June 6, 2023 for a public hearing with the Town of Addison's Selectboard. The meeting will take place in person at the Addison Town Clerk's Office, 65 Vermont 17W, Addison, VT at 7:30 p.m. at the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting.

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Questions, please call either:

Adam Lougee, Director
Addison County Regional
Planning Commission
802-388-3141

Cheri Waterman
Addison Town Clerk/
Treasurer
802-759-2020

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS

POSTED: MAY 22, 2023

BIDS DUE: JUNE 22, 2023

New Haven River Fishing Platform

Repair at Eagle Park Bristol, Vermont

The Town of Bristol is seeking competitive bids to repair the fishing platform on the New Haven River at Eagle Park. The project includes repair of the concrete access walkway, stabilization of a boulder that the platform is mounted on, installation of a split rail fence, and installation of two posts at the entrance to the new path. Project construction is anticipated between August 1 and October 1, 2023. The project is being funded in part with hazard mitigation funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Companies that are women-owned, minority-owned, Section 3, and local small businesses are encouraged to submit bids. A complete scope of work and other information can be found on the Vermont Bid System website (<http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com>) or the Town of Bristol's website (<http://www.Bristolvt.org>). For more information, contact Valerie Capels, Bristol Town Administrator, at (802) 453-2410 ext. 1 or at townadmin@bristolvt.org.

A pre-bid site showing is planned for Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 10:00 am. Meet at Eagle Park.

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, Thursday, June 22, 2023 by mail or hand delivery to the Town of Bristol, P.O. Box 249, 1 South Street, Bristol, Vermont, 05443, Attn. Town Administrator, or by Email to townadmin@bristolvt.org. The Selectboard has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The Town of Bristol is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, religion, gender, or familial status.

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE ORWELL VT ROUTE 22A WIDENING PROJECT

RE: Orwell STP 017-1(18) VT ROUTE 22A WIDENING PROJECT

NOTICE OF 19 V.S.A. SECTION 502 PUBLIC HEARING

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) hereby gives notice to property owners, parties interested in land or with rights in land, and municipalities affected by the proposed construction of the above-captioned transportation project, that VTrans will conduct a 19 V.S.A. Section 502 public hearing at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at the Orwell Village School Town Hall located at 494 Main Street, Orwell, VT.

VTrans will accept oral or written statement or exhibits at the hearing and for ten (10) days after the hearing via mail or email. VTrans will make these materials part of the hearing record. To submit statements or exhibits after the hearing, please contact the VTrans Project Manager, Bruce Martn.

Mailing Address:

Vermont Agency of Transportation
c/o Bruce Martn VTrans Project Manager
219 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641

Email Address:

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VT Route 22A is a South-North corridor connecting travelers from the New York State to the Chittenden County area. The purpose of the proposed project is to widen the substandard roadway and to improve roadway geometry and intersections to promote safety along the corridor. The acquisition of easements is required to construct the roadway and, in some areas, maintain constructed features such as slopes, bridges and waterway channels, and features for permitting requirements.

VTrans is notifying by certified mail all parties it knows who may be, but not necessarily will be, affected by the proposed project. VTrans will conduct property owner meetings with all the parties affected by the proposed project after the public hearing.

Members of the public may see a copy of the 502 hearing figure plans and handout for this project online on the Vermont Route 22A Corridor Projects website: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/vt22a>. At the hearing, VTrans representatives will discuss the tentative schedules for right-of-way easement acquisition and construction.

Dated at Barre, this 22nd day of May 2022.

Joe Flynn

JOE FLYNN, SECRETARY
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TOWN OF LEICESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Leicester Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Leicester Town Office at 6:00 p.m.** to consider the following applications:

(16-23-DRB) James Greenamyre, 1245 Hooker Road for conversion of seasonal camp to year-round dwelling, Section 2.4.3 C of the Leicester Unified Zoning Regulations. Parcel ID# 212027, Lake 1 District submitted by James Greenamyre.

Application is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, 44 Schoolhouse Rd., Leicester, VT during regularly scheduled hours.

Participation in this proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Jeff McDonough, DRB Chairman
05/16/23

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TOWN OF LINCOLN PUBLIC NOTICE

Thursday, June 8, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Town Office (62 Quaker Street, Lincoln, VT) and virtually using Zoom.

The Lincoln Development Review Board will hold a public hearing to reopen the:

1. Conditional Use Application #23-016, as requested by Silver Maple Construction, LLC on behalf of Estate Marbina Abenaki II, LLC, for an addition of 6400 sq. ft., Parcel I.D. # 29090115.000 at 736 Upper Notch Road, Lincoln, VT.

Participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. Please call the Town Office at (802) 453-2980 to arrange a time to view the complete application.

The Zoom link will be included in the agenda which can be found on the Town's website the week prior to the hearing: <https://lincolnvermont.org/agendas-minutes>

Nicole Lee, Lincoln DRB Chair

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Middlebury Union High School

Maggie Conklin

Maggie Conklin is Middlebury Union High School's latest Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Kate Conklin and she has two younger siblings. Ellie is in 7th grade at MUMS and Peter is in 9th grade at the North Branch School in Ripton. Her presence will be missed as her contributions to our community have been appreciated by her teachers and her peers.

A dedicated student, Maggie's focus in the classroom has earned her a spot on the MUHS Honor Roll, and she is actively involved in the school's chapter of National Honor Society. Maggie is known as one to collaborate in a positive manner with fellow classmates and who asks thoughtful questions. She is a candidate for the full International Baccalaureate Diploma and is looking forward to graduation in June. MUHS teachers appreciate that she is a patient, compassionate and thoughtful student who approaches learning in a meaningful way. She especially enjoys science and mathematics and says she is, at this time, undecided about a college major but anticipates that she will likely focus on Biology or Environmental Studies. She is grateful for all of her teachers at MUHS, especially Ms. Manley, Gardner Olson, Amanda Van Dellen, Mr. Krahn, Mr. Comar and Ms. Causton for their continual support and encouragement.

Outside of class, Maggie has participated in the environmentally-focused club BIOME, served as a Peer Leader, and been involved in athletics. She has run on the cross-country team and served as captain last fall. She skied with the Nordic team in 9th through 11th grades. She says that being part of the Ultimate team has been a highlight of her high school experience. Her teammates chose her as one of the team's captains and she loves the positive camaraderie of the sport. She has spent summers working as a nanny for a local family and loves spending time with young children.

As she reflects on the last four years and looks ahead to graduation day, Maggie finds it hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. She is ready for the next adventure and her enrollment at Dickinson College. We wish her only the best on her next journey!



Maggie Conklin
MUHS

Vergennes Union High School

Gideon Palmer

Gideon Palmer of Vergennes is the final Vergennes Union High School Student of the Week for the 2022-2023 school year. Gideon lives in Vergennes with his parents and his dog, Bode.

Gideon says his favorite subject is English. He has really enjoyed taking AP Literature and AP English Language with Mr. Thomas. As an excellent student, Gideon is also a member of the National Honor Society at VUHS. He also really enjoys participating in VUHS music programs. Gideon has performed in both district and all-state music festivals. He has found his niche in the VUHS music department, playing percussion in concert band and piano in jazz band. He has had lead roles in the school musical productions since his freshman year.

He has played soccer throughout high school, and this spring he added track and field to his athletic interests.

During the school year Gideon focuses his time on his studies and music, but in the summer he works on the golf course at Basin Harbor and as a lifeguard at the city pool. He is also a Boy Scout and has participated in a number of volunteer projects through that organization.

His spare time is spent predominantly writing or practicing music, but he also enjoys soccer, skiing and martial arts.

Gideon's advice to his peers is to find a passion that they can dedicate themselves to. "I have always counted myself lucky that I found my passion for music so early in my life, but it can be hard to find that kind of obsessive dedication to a craft in ourselves," he says. "Even when it can become so grueling, finding something that you can't imagine your life without is the most rewarding achievement one can strive for and it will help set your path for both high school and beyond."

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Gideon Palmer
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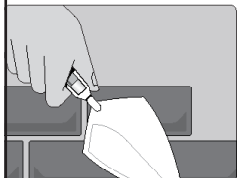
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Sign on bonus **\$500**

Please inquire about per-diem shift openings for all departments

Applicants must be able to work weekends. Background checks required.

Please email your resume to Kristen LaFlam at klaflam@residenceottercreek.com. or use our new QR Code.



The Residence at Otter Creek
350 Lodge Road, Middlebury, VT 05753
www.residenceottercreek.com

Addison Independent

CLASSIFIED ORDER FORM

ADDISON INDEPENDENT
58 Maple Street, Middlebury, VT 05753
802-388-4944
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Name: _____

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Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted

MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL 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.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted

TOWN OF SHOREHAM ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 9, 1761 Vermont

Town Treasurer

This position is responsible for management of all the town's municipal financial operations, investments, and monthly and annual financial reporting. Experience with NEMRC is a plus, but training is available.
Additional responsibilities include shared office management with the Town Clerk.

Compensation includes:

- 24-28 hours per week
- Salary range commensurate with experience
- Individual Health insurance
- Retirement Plan through Vermont Municipal Retirement System
- Combined time off

A job description and application can be obtained upon request.

Send letter of interest and resume to:
shorehamtown@shoreham.net
EOE Town of Shoreham

Garage Sales

LARGE BARN / YARD SALE Tools, Antique Tools, Horse Stuff, Antiques, Farm. 65 Years of Collecting! Lots of Misc. Saturday & Sunday, May 27-28, 8:30-4. Location: 3500 Quaker Village Rd, Weybridge.

Garage Sales

LAWN SALE SATURDAY May 27. 35 Seymour St, Middlebury. 9-3. Furniture, Puzzles, Household Goods, Clothing, Books, Garden items, Toys.

LINCOLN: Town Wide Lawn Sales. Sat. May 27, 9-3. Maps available. Lunch available at Lincoln Fire Company.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday-5/27, 8am to 4pm. Sunday-5/28, 8am to 3pm. Jersey Street South in West Addison. Something for everyone!

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: May 27th & 28th 8am-3pm. 104 Jersey St West Addison, VT 05491.

Help Wanted

Garage Sales

RIPTON COMMUNITY YARD SALE and Fundraiser - Saturday, May 27th from 9am-1pm. Ripton Community House, 1283 Vermont Route 125. Items from various households. Don't miss out!

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Marine/powersports mechanic needed full-time. Apply at Champlain Valley Motorsports. 802-462-2468.

Help Wanted

KE USA, INC in Middlebury is seeking flexible, motivated individuals to become part of our manufacturing team. Qualified candidates must have a valid driver's license, be familiar with power hand tools, be willing to work overtime if needed, and have an aptitude for layout work. Experience in building construction is a plus. KE Durasol offers wages commensurate with experience and full benefits. Please apply in person or send your resume to: Curtis.larose@keusa.us or call 802-398-5424. You may also apply in person or send your resume to: KE USA 38 Pond Lane, Suite B Middlebury, VT 05753 An equal opportunity employer.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



MAPLEFIELDS

Looking for work in your hometown?

We offer medical, dental, paid vacation, personal time, sick time and 401K for full time positions.

ALL ADDISON COUNTY LOCATIONS CURRENTLY HIRING!

For openings and to apply, visit Maplefields.com

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Administrative Assistant Full-Time Position

Immediate opening - Starting salary of \$23/hr.!

The ACSWMD is seeking to hire a full-time Administrative Assistant for its office at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. Duties of this position include answering phones, filing, preparing mailings, updating and maintaining records, and providing other administrative and clerical support for managers as needed. Assists with A/P, A/R & Payroll during Business Mgr. absence. Fills in at Transfer Station Scalehouse during Operator's lunch break and absences as needed. May require an occasional Saturday shift. High school degree or equivalent with excellent reading, communication, computer & math skills and the ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment.

The schedule is Mon-Fri, 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Excellent benefits include: 100% paid BCBS/VT Health Insurance for employees and their dependents; Employer Paid HRA; Dental, Eye, Life, STD, and LTD Insurances; generous sick and vacation leave; training; and a retirement contribution match.

Please contact Patti Johnson, Business Manager at (802) 388-2333 or by email at patti@acswmd.org for a copy of the job description and application, or visit our website at AddisonCountyRecycles.org, or apply through Indeed.com

The ACSWMD is an Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") Employer.

THE PITCHER INN

Warren, Vermont

Bartender
Breakfast Cook
Sous Chef
Line Cook/Chef de Partie
Front Desk/Guest Services
Dishwasher

Full-time employee benefits include paid time off, health insurance, staff meals, holiday pay. Transitional or full-time housing available on a case-by-case basis.

Hostess
Massage Therapist
Food Runner
Housekeeping
Nanny/Au Pair
Cashier/Barista



Apply at pitcherinn.com/careers

Help Wanted

Help Wanted

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Transfer Station Scalehouse Operator Part-Time Saturday Position

Immediate opening - Starting salary of \$23/hr.!

The ACSWMD seeks to hire a part-time Scalehouse Operator for our Transfer Station located in Middlebury. Duties of this position are operating the scalehouse, including: weighing loads in and out utilizing WasteWORKS software; cashier services; daily cash reconciliations; and delivery of outstanding customer service on Saturdays. Must have excellent computer & math skills and the ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment.

The schedule is 7:45AM to 1:30PM on Saturdays.

Please contact Patti Johnson, Business Manager at (802) 388-2333 or by email at patti@acswmd.org for a copy of the job description and application, or visit the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org, or apply through Indeed.com

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ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS 2023-2024

Addison Central School District is seeking individuals for the following positions:

- **Custodian, full year, full or part time, day or night shift**
- **Learning Center Clerical Assistant, school year, part time**
- **Paraprofessionals, school year full time**
- **Security Monitor, school year, full time**
- **School Nutrition Assistants, school year full or part time. This position also has the potential to work in our summer program.**
- **School Nutrition Manager, school year, full time. This position also has the potential to work in our summer program.**

Addison Central School District offers competitive wages. Employee benefits include: Health, Dental, Life AD&D, Long Term Disability Coverage

- Contribution to up to a family health insurance plan contribution to a Health Savings Account or a Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- Access to a flexible spending account
- Single dental insurance plan funded by the school district with the option to purchase dependent coverage
- Long term disability plan with a 90-day elimination period, benefit pays 66 2/3% of salary, funded by the school district
- Life insurance valued at \$30,000, funded by the school district
- Paid leave

Other Benefits

- Retirement annuity match of up to 4-5% of salary
- Employee Assistance Program

Please refer to our ACSD website for additional details. Apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and three current reference letters via School Spring or send to:

Peter Burrows, Superintendent
Addison Central School District
49 Charles Avenue, Middlebury, VT 05753
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.
E.O.E.

Starksboro VERMONT

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 accounts;
- 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 necessary.

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.

Help Wanted



SPAFFORD AND SONS WATER WELLS is Hiring full time Pump Technicians and Drill rig Assistants. Starting wages \$20/hr , benefits include health, life , paid vacations and holidays. Clean DMV and reliable transportation necessary. Experience with plumbing and electrical preferred but not required. All training is provided. Positions are full time with on call rotation stipend and overtime for weekend water system repair. For all inquiries please call our office at 800-287-7521 or email to Info@spaffordwaterwells.com.



TIRED OF BEING RETIRED? Limited hours, A&W and Greg's Market. Applications available at Greg's. Pick your own hours.

Help Wanted

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>

For Sale

2 NEW DOG BEDS for large dogs. \$30. each. 802-352-4375.

FOR SALE Cub Cadet Rototiller \$180. Matrix Exercise bike \$150. Speed Queen Washer \$200. Garden Bench \$25. Porch Rocker \$20. Marge 802-453-3891.

Help Wanted


SATORI Satori VT is hiring!

Full-time and part-time (Monday-Wednesday) positions available.

Please submit your resume to jobs@satorivt.com.

For more information, please visit our website <https://satorivt.com/careers/>

SCHIP

A nonprofit upscale resale shop in the  of Shelburne Village

SCHIP is seeking two candidates to join our dynamic team:

• **Part Time Warehouse/ Merchandise Associate** beginning immediately

• **Part Time Sales Associate** beginning 8/15/23

For full job details and to learn more about our mission visit
TheSchip.org

Email us at
Operations@theschip.org

EastView AT MIDDLEBURY

COME SPREAD JOY AT EASTVIEW!

Looking for meaningful work where you can have fun and make a difference in the lives of elders?

We have openings in our Community Life team for a full-time and a part-time Resident Engagement Assistant.

We offer a generous benefits package, flexible hours, a free meal with every shift, and paid time off.

Join us at EastView - Middlebury's nonprofit, locally governed retirement community!

To apply, or for a full job description, contact tdunakin@eastviewmiddlebury.com
Check out all our jobs at <http://eastviewmiddlebury.com/join-our-team>

seedsheet

Seasonal Help Needed

Looking for extra income this spring?

\$20 an hour

NO Heavy Lifting

NO Customer Facing

Flexible Schedules

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.

Full and Part-time schedules are available.

Available shifts:
9:00am - 4:00pm
12:00pm - 4:00pm
12:00pm - 8:00pm
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Please email: jobs@seedsheets.com for more information.

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38 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT 05753

Addison Independent CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

FOR SALE: Schwin Mountain Bike. \$200. 802-398-7636.

KAYAK HURRICANE SANTEE 126 MsrpP: \$1300.49 used once. \$950. 802-236-3115 or 802-388-6967

PINE BOARDS; 12' long, clear, \$600. Also small utility trailer, 4'x6', \$200. 802-388-6004.

Lawn and Garden

GARDEN TILLING large and small. Brush Hogging, lawn mowing. Reasonable rates. Contact Wayne 802-382-7465.

Vacation Rentals

ADDISON: LAKE CHAMPLAIN waterfront camp. Beautiful views, gorgeous sunsets, private beach, dock, rowboat and canoe included. \$999. weekly, or call for weekends. 802-349-4212, no texts.

FERN LAKE: Private 1 story cottage for couple or families. Amenities: double seated and single kayak, canoe and dock for fishing. Screened in porch, open living room and kitchen. Sleeps 4- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom with shower. 7 nights at \$1050. or \$175. per night. 802-345-0970.

For Rent

ALL REAL ESTATE advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or persons receiving public assistance or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-424-8590. For the Washington, DC area please call HUD at 426-3500.

For Rent

DRY, WINTER/SUMMER STORAGE SPACE in Addison. Available storage space in my barn for summer/winter storage. The barn is structurally sound and weather-tight with electricity. No heat or running water. The barn is also available for lease. The entrance door measurements are 8' wide by 7' high. For more info: 802-363-3403 or rochon_m@yahoo.com.

EAST MIDDLEBURY: furnished room. All included; fully equipped kitchen, wi-fi, w/d, parking, all utilities. Private entrance. Share kitchen, share bath with one other tenant. Clean, quiet, safe. \$650 per month. Text Sue 802-989-8941.

FOR RENT: 400-600 sq.ft. space for rent. 546 Main St. Orwell, VT. Please call Gladstone Moore 860-965-3100.

MIDDLEBURY RETAIL SPACE, Exchange Street. 2,000 sq.ft. 802-349-8544.

MIDDLEBURY, OFF CAMPUS HOUSING available. 802-388-4831, AJ Neri Property Rentals.

For Rent

SALISBURY; 1 BED-ROOM basement apartment. Newly renovated. Heat and electricity included. No pets, no smoking. \$1,250/mo. Deposit and references required. 802-238-6497, 585-721-3179.

For Rent

VERGENNES VALLEY VIEW APARTMENTS is currently taking wait list applications. Occupants must be 62+ years of age. No smoking/ No pets. Income limits apply - Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 802-247-0165 TTY: 800-253-0191 www.SummitPMG.com.

Att. Farmers

SMALL SQUARE BALES, \$3.50. Call 802-377-5455.

WHITNEY'S CUSTOM FARM WORK Pond agitating, liquid manure hauling, drag line aerating. Call for price. 462-2755, John Whitney.

Cars

1969 BUICK SKYLARK collector's car. Good for parts. 802-462-2020, \$500. OBO.

1986 CHEVY CORVETTE 350 V8 Auto transmission. Glass top. Call for details. 518-546-7025. \$2500 OBO.

2014 HONDA CIVIC 4 dr SED. 24,000 miles. Asking \$14,000. 802-377-0280

Wanted

WANTED: Large microwave. 802-398-7636.

WANTED: Looking for a small dishwasher on wheels to be hooked up to a sink faucet. 802-398-7636.

WANTED: Looking for large storage buildings to rent. Call Champlain Valley MotorSports. 802-462-2468.

Old & Used Guns Wanted

OLD & USED GUNS WANTED

Rifles, Hand guns, Shot guns

Top prices paid.

P: 802-775-2859

C: 802-236-7213

Auctions

Public Notices

Public Notices can be found in this

ADDISON INDEPENDENT

on **Pages 5B, 7B, 12B.**

Munger Street Cemetery Notice

The Annual Meeting of the Munger Street Cemetery Corporation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m across from the cemetery at the home of Ruth Penfield, 2691 Munger Street in New Haven VT.

Mary McGuire, Secretary

Market Report

ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

RT. 125 • EAST MIDDLEBURY, VT

Sales for 5/18/23 & 5/23/23

		COST	
BEEF	LBS.	/LB	\$
A. Brisson	1540	1.48	\$2279.20
K. Rousseau	1535	1.15	\$1765.25
Gosliga Farm	1995	1.10	\$2194.50
Woodnotch Farm	1555	1.08	\$1679.40
H. Sunderland	1555	1.02	\$1586.10
J. Fifield	1470	1.00	\$1470.00

		COST	
CALVES	LBS.	/LB	\$
Barnes Bros.	104	4.50	\$468.00
R. Scholten	99	4.20	\$415.80
A. Brisson	91	4.00	\$364.00
Conants Riverside	106	3.50	\$371.00
K. Gray	98	3.35	\$328.30

Total Beef - 172 Total Calves - 196

We value our faithful customers.

Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.

call 1-802-388-2661

Town of Middlebury Public Hearing Notice

The Middlebury Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 12, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Town Offices, 77 Main Street, to consider the following application(s).

- Application request (file #2023-24:048.000-CU) by Turning Point of Addison County seeking conditional use and site plan approval to use a portion of the existing St. Mary's Shannon Street School building and property for "supervision or rehabilitation services". There is no residential component proposed for the Shannon Street property. Turning Point plans to relocate to the former St. Mary's School property from their 54 Creek Road space. The property is located at 86 Shannon Street in the Residential 20 (R-20) zoning district, parcel #024048.000.

The hearing will also be available to participants via Zoom video link. The link will be provided on the meeting agenda posted on the Towns website. Plans and additional information regarding these applications may be viewed at the Planning and Zoning Office in the Town Offices or by calling 388-8100, Ext 226. Participation in this public hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

David Wetmore
Assistant ZA

Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District Public Notice

The Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (OCW) provides email notifications of all planned spraying to control adult mosquitoes. Those notifications are sent no later than six (6) hours in advance and include the spray route(s) to be treated and the pesticide(s) to be used. In addition, notification will be provided at least monthly regarding the anticipated schedule of trapping and treatment for all towns in the district to alert residents to be aware of potential notification of spraying. The OCW's published spray routes can be viewed at: <https://ocwcid.com/route-maps/>. To subscribe to the spraying notification email list, please send a request to: ocwcid@gmail.com. Please include your name, E-911 physical street address, and town in your request. Requests for inclusion on more than one email notification list will be accommodated.

Further information can be obtained from:

Doug Perkins, OCW Board of Trustees Chair or
Will Mathis, OCW Operations Coordinator
Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District
P.O. Box 188
Brandon, VT 05733
(802) 247-6779
ocwcid@gmail.com
<https://ocwcid.com>

Comments or complaints about OCW spraying operations should be addressed to:

Director, Public Health & Agricultural Resource Management Division
Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets
116 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2901
(802) 522-6973
Steve.Dwinell@vermont.gov

City of Vergennes Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2023, at 7:30 PM for the following purpose:

To consider site plan review for application #2023-23 by Marc Halliday for a waiver of a setback for an accessory structure at 7 Courtney Drive. Reviews will consider Article VII, and Section 1501 (D).

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906470948>, meeting password: 656417.

Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 859 0647 0948; Meeting Passcode: 656417.

For participants joining by phone:

To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9.

To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact Zoning Administrator Peter Garon at 802-377-9527.

You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.

A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting Peter Garon at pgaron@vergennes.org.

May 18, 2023

Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

Town of Bristol Public Hearing Notice Annual Water District and Sewer District Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023, meeting starts at 7:00pm in person at Holley Hall and via Zoom

Remote Access: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 879 1281 0018 **Passcode:** 619003

Phone In: 1-646-558-8656

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87912810018?pwd=WfGdNUtJYWx1eHMrenpqTkZmUUNGZz09>

The Bristol Selectboard, acting in its role as the Water Commission and the Sewer Commission, will be holding a public hearing for the purpose of receiving input regarding the proposed annual budgets and annual rents or charges for the Water Department and the Sewer Department on **Monday, June 12, 2023**. The meeting starts at **7:00pm**, in person at Holley Hall and via Zoom. Copies of the proposed budgets and other information can be found on Bristol's Web site at <http://bristolvt.org/meeting-minutes/fy-2022-2023-meetings/> in the Selectboard meeting materials section. They can also be obtained at the Town Office, or provided upon request by calling (802) 453-2410 or by e-mail to townadmin@bristolvt.org.

For more information, contact Town Administrator Valerie Capels at townadmin@bristolvt.org or Town Treasurer Anthony Delmonaco at treasurer@bristolvt.org, or at (802) 453-2410.

City of Vergennes Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM for the following purpose:

To consider site plan, conditional use and Local Act 250 review for application #2023-09 by George Berkley LLC for a change of use from one household to a 6-household dwelling at 54 West Main Street. Reviews will consider Article VII, VIII, and XI, and Section 1603.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.

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May 18, 2023

Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

Notice of Tax Sale

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of 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 described property in such Town, to wit:

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Sandy Beauregard and Timbo Williams, identified as Parcel no. 1353134.054, and located at 54 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Boynton, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.079, and located at 79 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Robert Daley, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.070, and located at 70 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Toby Danzig, identified as Parcel No. 0502017-MHNL, and located at 1625 Shared Villa Rd., Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Heather Dyer, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.057, and located at 57 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Roy Emery, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.122, and located at 122 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

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 of the Town of Salisbury land records [E911 Address: 1932 Leland Road, Salisbury.]

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Kalagian, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.060, and located at 60 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Michael Kalagian, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.072, and located at 72 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Bryan Keefe, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.174, and located at 174 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

Being property taxed as real estate, now or formerly of Angela Lafountain, identified as Parcel No. 1353134.073, and located at 73 Kampersville, Salisbury, VT.

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.

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Dated at Salisbury, VT this 28th day of April 2023.

Mindy Goodrich
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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ARTS+LEISURE

The Addison Independent

May 25, 2023



Lucas Levy (left) as Jaquino and Isaiah Musik-Ayala (right) as Rocco star in the Opera Company of Middlebury's spring performance of Beethoven's "Fidelio". The show goes up June 2, and will run through June 10. Tickets and more info at townhalltheater.org.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

Rescued by love: Beethoven's 'Fidelio' takes the stage

Fidelio is Beethoven's only opera. The Opera Company of Middlebury's production opens on June 2 and should not be missed. Not only is the music as powerful as you'd expect, but the 19th century politics are also hauntingly current to us today.

The overture begins along with a scene of protestors, standing silent outside a prison. We don't know exactly where, but it is reminiscent of the "Mothers of the Disappeared" who gather in Argentina, and could be in Kyiv or Syria or New York.



BY **DAVID**
WEINSTOCK

Then the story starts. The first voice we hear is Jaquino (tenor Lucas Levy), a porter at the prison. Jaquino is wooing the jailor's daughter Marzelline (soprano Andrea Baker). The way opera usually works, the tenor gets the girl and Jaquino knows this. He is so certain of her love that he's ready to set a date.

But Marzelline has other ideas. She is crushing on another man, the newly hired assistant jailor Fidelio, and she is completely clueless that Fidelio is actually a woman. Leonore (soprano Rebecca Krynski-Cox) has disguised herself as a man. This is a plot twist probably no longer allowed in the state of Florida.

The Jaquino-Marzelline comical subplot quickly takes a back seat to a much darker story. *Fidelio* is about a horrid prison, full of political prisoners unjustly confined. Leonore has arrived to rescue her beloved husband Florestan (tenor James Flora) and bring

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Mending Wall and Yankee Friendship

It's May, the best month of the Vermont year, and we are deeply into our spring rituals. Everything has gone from brown to a glorious green. Color abounds in the landscape. The daffodils and tulips have arrived and are soon gone. Pussy willows! Lilacs. Apple blossoms.

And the chores, clearing the detritus of winter, keeping the woods at bay — mowing, weeding, brush hogging, those tasks we so begrudge in summer's heat, we engage without complaint in May.

Many of the poems of Robert Frost, the Bard of Ripton, are celebrations and deliberations on seasonal change in this part of the world. His "Mending Wall," a spring poem, is a delightfully deliberate poem, about the springtime rituals of denizens of the north country. The poem itself is a bit of a ramble, nothing rushed, befitting the haphazard pace of the gesture which is at the heart of the poem: repairing a wall of stones at "spring mending-time."

The speaker in "Mending Wall" ruminates somewhat bemusedly on this annual ritual of repairing the stone wall that separates his property from that of his neighbor, a taciturn fellow whom we know from the aphorism he likes to spout, "good fences make good neighbors."

I believe Frost is being playful with this central line. When I read it, I hear a rhyme, a Yankee rhyme, uttered with a distinctly New England



BY **KARL LINDHOLM**

accent: "good fenc-siz make good neigh-biz." This expression, on which the poem turns, is a maxim that goes all the back to the 17th century.

I was annoyed a few years ago when a committee at Middlebury College included "Mending Wall" in a set of readings for incoming students intended to introduce them to the native culture of the region, an introduction to the Yankee character.

The problem for me was that the folks making the selections were all flatlanders, relative newcomers, who felt that a few years in this rarefied place, Middlebury College in Middlebury Vermont, gave them expertise to generalize about Vermont culture.

(On the other hand, they *were* experts on how warmly, or coolly, they felt they had been received in this new place for them.)

Their view of the poem was cautionary, even negative, believing "Mending Wall" revealed the kind of chilly reserve newcomers

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MENDING WALL (Robert Frost)

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of out-door game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall;
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'
Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
If I could put a notion in his head:
'Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it
Where there are cows? But here there are no cows.
Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down.' I could say 'Elves' to him,
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me,
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, 'Good fences make good neighbors.'



This stone wall resides at the Homer Noble Farm/Robert Frost cabin in Ripton where Frost resided for 42 summers.

PHOTO / KARL LINDHOLM

FIDELIO

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him back to freedom.

Why are there so many operas about prisons and prisoners?

“Opera is about people behaving badly,” explains Flora, “Bad things happen to people and we go through it with them.” Florestan’s only crime was to oppose the tyrant Don Pizarro (bass John Paul Huckle). Florestan has been chained in a secret dungeon for years, cut off from the world, slowly starving, not knowing that Leonore has been searching for him.

Although Leonore’s mission is driven by marital love for one man, she soon begins to understand that every prisoner deserves better. She persuades jailor Rocco (bass-baritone Isaiah Musik-Ayala) to release the prisoners for a few moments in the sun, and he breaks his usual rules to do so. The prisoners’ joyful chorus is one of the most unforgettable parts of the opera.

Even at her darkest moment, as she is forced to help dig a grave Rocco intends for Florestan, Leonore realizes that she supports freedom for all. Before long, love and music triumph, the lovers are reunited, and all the other prisoners are also freed. Go through it with them!

And for one more opera set in prison, stay tuned for OCM’s second 2023 production. *Glory Denied* by Tom Cipullo, opening Sept. 27. This piece is based on the life of an American pilot, a prisoner of war during the Vietnam conflict.



Rebecca Krynski-Cox (left) as Leonore and Andrea Baker (right) as Marzelline also star in Beethoven’s “Fidelio,” presented at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury June 2-10, by the Opera Company of Middlebury.

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— James Flora

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Sparrow Art Supply opens new show 'Texture,' May 26

The newest exhibit at Sparrow Art Supply is an enticing display of texture. In "Texture," over 50 local artists indulge in surfaces that are rough, soft, scratchy, silky, furry, glossy, spikey and more. Spanning all mediums, some artists highlight the innate texture of their chosen materials, and others craft the illusion of texture through the manipulation of light, shadow, and pattern. The surfaces represented in this show are so irresistible that you'll want to touch them.

Texture runs from May 26 to July 8. To kick off Vermont Open Studio weekend, Sparrow Art Supply is hosting an opening reception on Friday, May 26, from 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public with complimentary refreshments by Schmetterling Wine Shop and Thistle and Honey Baking.

Sparrow Art Supply is an art supply store and gallery at 52 Main Street, right in the heart of Middlebury, next to the waterfall and down the stairs.



BY ETHAN QUILLEN



BY DENISE LETENDRE



BY JUDY ALBRIGHT

Middlebury College Museum of Art opens exhibits on new and 'tossed' acquisitions

TOSSED: ART FROM DISCARDED, FOUND AND RE-PURPOSED MATERIALS

May 26-Dec. 10

Artists have always made use of what's available. Ancient societies gathered what nature discarded and developed cultural aesthetics based on the qualities of those materials. In the Renaissance western scholars and artists assembled diverse collections of objects, often gleaned from non-western cultures and grouped with exotic natural detritus. In the 20th century Marcel Duchamp and others took found objects and declared them art, their transformation being simply the result of said declarations. And the years following WWII saw even more of society's tosses re-surfacing on canvases, assemblages, and sculptures.

This willingness to look at materials with a fresh eye continues with today's artists, and our throwaway culture provides an ample and varied supply of fodder.



Melvin Edwards (American, b. 1937), *Numunake Inike OK*, 2019, welded steel, 10 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches. Collection of Middlebury College Museum of Art. Purchase with funds provided by the Christian A. Johnson Memorial Art Acquisition Fund, 2022. © Copyright Melvin Edwards.

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Tossed brings together — both from Middlebury's collection and from other private and public collections — nearly 20 works that make use of discarded materials. The exhibit, which is curated by the museum's longtime exhibition designer Ken Pohlman, juxtaposes contemporary works — by artists such as Swoon, Richard Stankiewicz, El Anatsui, Romuald Hazoumè, Melvin Edwards, and Betye Saar — with artists' statements and contextual insights about our throwaway society as it explores themes of thrift, aesthetics, social / political commentary, and cultural reference.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS: 2016-2023

May 26-Aug. 6

Featuring more than 30 recent additions to the museum's permanent collection, this exhibit includes work by Veronica Ryan, Sean Scully, Joan Snyder, John Steuart Curry, Fidelia Bridges and James McNeil Whistler, among others. Some of the works will be accompanied by short texts prepared by the 2022-2023 cohort of Robert Reiff museum interns.

ART ON EXHIBIT

DAVIS FAMILY LIBRARY

110 Storrs Ave, Middlebury
Call 802-443-5494 for more info.

"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 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.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

72 Porter Field Rd, Middlebury
For more info visit middlebury.edu/museum/exhibitions.

"Tossed: Art from Discarded, Found and Re-purposed Materials." "Tossed" brings together — both from Middlebury's collection and from other private and public collections — nearly 20 works that make use of discarded materials. On view through Dec. 10.

"Recent Acquisitions: 2016-2023." Featuring more than 30 recent additions to the museum's permanent collection, this exhibit includes work by Veronica Ryan, Sean Scully, Joan Snyder, John Steuart Curry, Fidelia Bridges and James McNeil Whistler, among others. On view through Aug. 6.

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..

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



ARIES: March 21/April 20. Being more selective can enhance your life in many different ways, Aries. You often are judged by the company you keep, so think about that when starting new relationships.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Set up camp on the sofa for the next few days, Taurus. Enjoy the rest and relaxation. You don't have to be productive every minute of the day so don't feel guilty about your R&R.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Some interesting information could be coming your way, Gemini. You just need to keep your ear to the ground and open to receive it. Others may want to get in on the news.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Cancer, this week you may find it easier to cut out superfluous spending or extravagant behavior than at other times. You may need to exert greater control and discipline.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. There's a fresh cosmic wind blowing your sails, Leo. This gives you all the energy you need to tackle projects or get moving in other ways. Embrace all of this energy.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Your romantic life is about to get even more exciting, Virgo. Date nights are happening with greater frequency and you're likely to enjoy all of the extra attention.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. You'll likely feel more at ease having a big group of people around you during the next few days rather than heading out alone. Put away that lone wolf mentality for now.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Ambitious career goals could have you reevaluating all of the choices you have made thus far, Scorpio. It might be time to venture off on new paths once you figure out the way.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, the call of the wild is quite strong right now. This means you might be right at home on a hiking trip or a rafting trip. Make your plans and bring a friend.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, rather than being light-hearted, conversations could take a turn to the more serious, especially as they pertain to a health condition for someone you love.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, don't try to take on too many things yourself. You need to know when to ask for help this week, especially as your schedule gets even more filled up.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. This is the perfect time to get more organized, Pisces. Try to fit in time to sort and clean among all the other things on your itinerary.

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MAY 25 — Sir Ian McKellen, actor (84)

MAY 26 — Miles Davis, jazz musician (d)

MAY 27 — Donna Strickland, physicist, Nobel-laureate (64)

MAY 28 — Jim Thorpe, athlete (d)

MAY 29 — Melissa Etheridge, singer-songwriter (62)

MAY 30 — Countee Cullen, poet (d)

MAY 31 — Walt Whitman, poet (d)

CALENDAR

MAY 25-JUNE 4
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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

VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND. Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., locations around Addison County. For a list of local participants go to vermontcrafts.com/spring-open-studio-tour-loops.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRIDPORT. *CANCELED* 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.

ARTISTS' 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 MAIZ IN NEW HAVEN. Saturday, May 27, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. THT and Lincoln Peak present Mal Maiz 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 Pedé 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

VERMONT OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND. Sunday, May 28,

10 a.m.- 5 p.m., locations around Addison County. For a list of local participants go to vermontcrafts.com/spring-open-studio-tour-loops.

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.

BLUES WITHOUT BORDERS IN CORNWALL. Sunday, May 28, 5-7 p.m., 14 Audet Road. The West Cornwall Backyard concert series is up and running for summer 2023, weather permitting. There is no entry fee, but freewill cash donations are graciously accepted. Award winning Shady J's BBQ will be on site. Grab some food, enjoy the show and stick around for a fantastic sunset.

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,

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MCTV SCHEDULE Channels 1071 & 1091		MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY TELEVISION: P.O. Box 785, Middlebury, Vt. 05753		Please see the MCTV website, www.middleburycommunitytv.org , for changes in the schedule; MCTV events, classes and news; and to view many programs online. Submit listings to the above address, or call 388-3062.	
MCTV Channel 1071 Friday, May 26 Overnight - State House 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Energy Week 6:30 p.m. League of Women Voters Ranked Choice Voting in Vermont 8:30 p.m. State House Saturday, May 27 Overnight - State House, Public Affairs 8 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Service 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Gov. Scott Press Conference, Public Affairs Sunday, May 28 Overnight - State House, Public Affairs 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 9:28 a.m. Under the Dome Conversation 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 1 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs	4 p.m. Congregational Service 6:30 p.m. Eckankar 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Gov. Scott, Public Affairs Monday, May 29 Overnight - Public Affairs 7 a.m. Medicare, Medicaid & Elder Law <i>Memorial Day Special Programming</i> 9 a.m. The Parade Live in Middlebury The Middlebury parade and the ceremony at the monument will be cablecast several times throughout the afternoon, evening and throughout the week! 9:30 p.m. Eckankar Tuesday, May 30 Overnight - State House, Public Affairs 4 a.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 8:30 a.m. Energy Week 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Service 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Wednesday, May 31 Overnight - Public Affairs 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Service 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass	10 a.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs Thursday, June 1 Overnight - Public Affairs 4:30 a.m. Green Mountain (GM) Care Board 8 a.m. Congregational Service 11 a.m. Energy Week 12 p.m. Selectboard, Public Affairs 7:30 p.m. Montpelier Happy Hour 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Ranked Choice Voting MCTV Channel 1091 Friday, May 26 5 a.m. All Things LGTQ 6 a.m. Norwich Book Store: An Evening of Readings 8 a.m. A Vermonter's Tale of Hiking the Appalachian Trail 9:41 a.m. The Archaeology of the Ethan Allen Homestead 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5:30 p.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 27 5 a.m. Music in the Morning 8:19 a.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail 10 a.m. Norwich Book Store 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. All Things LGTQ 6 p.m. From Town Hall Theater 8:30 p.m. The Story Matters Sunday, May 28 5 a.m. Burlington's Black Trailblazers 1790 -1860 6 a.m. Norwich Book Store 8 a.m. The Story Matters 8:36 a.m. Mad River Bear Initiative 10 a.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. All Things LGTQ 6 p.m. The Story Matters 6:36 p.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail Monday, May 29 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 5:30 p.m. All Things LGTQ 7:30 p.m. Rhymes and Good Times,	Jewish Poetry Reading 9:18 p.m. The Story Matters Tuesday, May 30 6 a.m. Music in the Morning 9 a.m. Rhymes and Good Times, 11 a.m. Poem City 2023: Poetry Sings - Marjorie Ryerson 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5:30 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6:30 p.m. Poem City 2023: Natural Selections 9:30 p.m. State Board of Education Wednesday, May 31 6:30 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7:30 a.m. Rhymes and Good Times, 12 p.m. Reclaiming Our Lost Selves 5:16 p.m. Norwich Book Store 9 p.m. Rhymes and Good Times, 10:50 p.m. Hiking the Appalachian Trail Thursday, June 1 7 a.m. Rhymes and Good Times, 9 a.m. Mighty Yoga 10 a.m. New England Cooks 11 a.m. Burlington's Black Trailblazers 12 p.m. School Board Meetings 5 p.m. Mighty Yoga 8 p.m. State Board of Education	

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

"MOST COSTLY JOURNEY" TALK IN STARKSBORO.

Thursday, June 1, 7 p.m., Starksboro Public Library, Route 116. Join Marek Bennett, artist, translator and co-editor of the VT Humanities Council VT Reads 2022 book "The Most Costly Journey" for an in-depth look at this important book. Based on stories told by local migrant farm workers and drawn in collaboration with New England cartoonists, this groundbreaking anthology provides a powerful model for exploring communities, citizenship, and survival. Marek also shows how you can cartoon the stories of your own family, neighborhood, and wider world. No prior art experience needed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

"MATILDA JR." ON STAGE IN BRISTOL. Friday, June 2, 7 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School auditorium, Airport Dr. This MAUSD Expanded Learning Program Middle School Musical features MAUSD 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Tickets \$8 each (additional processing fees are \$1 per ticket plus 3.5% per total order) at showtix4u.com/event-details/74054.

BEETHOVEN'S "FIDELIO" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. Opera Company of Middlebury will stage "Fidelio," Beethoven's only opera. Directed by Douglas Anderson, with orchestra conducted by Music Director Filippo Ciabatti. Sung in German with English supertitles. Fidelio is the story of political prisoners in a corrupt regime, and a woman who risks everything to save her husband. Assigned seating. Tickets \$87/\$72/\$57 available at townhalltheater.org.

"THE INDOMITABLE BLACKSMITH" AND "DEATH IN THE WILDERNESS" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Friday, June 2, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. The Brandon Museum presents a film that tells the true story of Brandon's own Thomas Davenport, the pioneering electric motor he invented in 1834 and the loyal wife who supported him through all his troubles. As an added bonus, "Death in The Wilderness," the very successful Civil War Movie about Brandon's Frankie Davenport will also be shown. A free will donation event.

"GIACOMO'S MUSE" WORLD PREMIERE IN BRANDON. Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera, 1386 Pearl St. Loosely based on the scandalous events that transpired in the life of world-famous (and notorious womanizer) composer Giacomo Puccini, told through a contemporary construct. Tickets \$50. More info at barnopera.com.

FULL FRONTAL FAIRYTALES IN ROCHESTER. Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Spice Studio, 482 S. Main St. Bald Mountain Theater presents this live performance

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

SPRING WAVE RACE IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. The spring open-water rowing season for all middle and high school rowing teams ends with this seasonal championship race at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Over 100 youth rowers from around Vermont and New England will participate in races. All are welcome to join us and cheer these rowers on from the museum's harbor. Free.

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 3, 9-11 a.m., on the green. Get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, shrubs and more — for the coming season. Plants are in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will be a table with books and gardening accessories, too.

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CAPTAIN EDSON'S STEAMBOAT COLLECTION IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. The first monthly Collections Corner workshop, featuring a recently donated collection of steamboat ephemera related to Lake Champlain steamboat captain Calvin Grant Edson, who piloted 20th-

century Champlain Transportation Co. steamboats. Descendants of Captain Edson will share family stories during the program. Free.

"MATILDA JR." on stage in Bristol. Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m., Mt. Abraham Union High School auditorium, Airport Dr. See June 2 listing.

"THE TEMPTRESS" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. The silent film "The Temptress" stars Greta Garbo and Antonio Moreno. Garbo destroys the lives of men on two continents. The film was made with two very different endings per order of studio boss Louis B. Mayer and both will be screened. A free will donation event.

"GIACOMO'S MUSE" WORLD PREMIERE IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera, 1386 Pearl St. See June 2 listing.

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BEETHOVEN'S "FIDELIO" IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, June 4, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Maple St. See June 2 listing.

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Middlebury



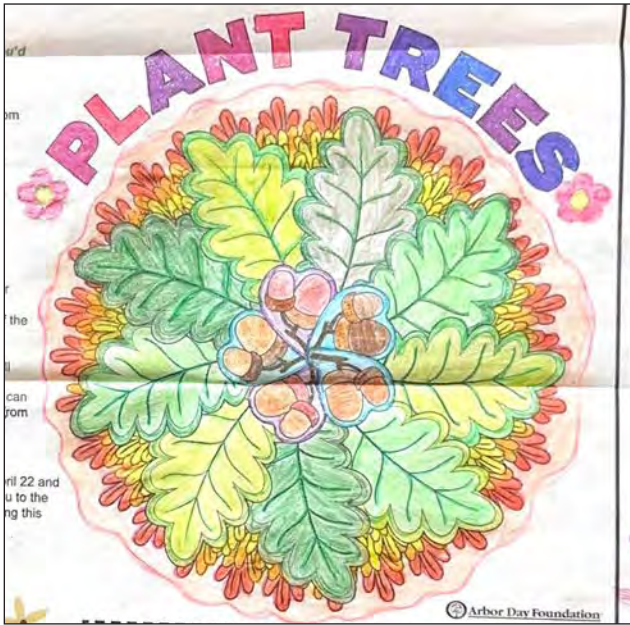
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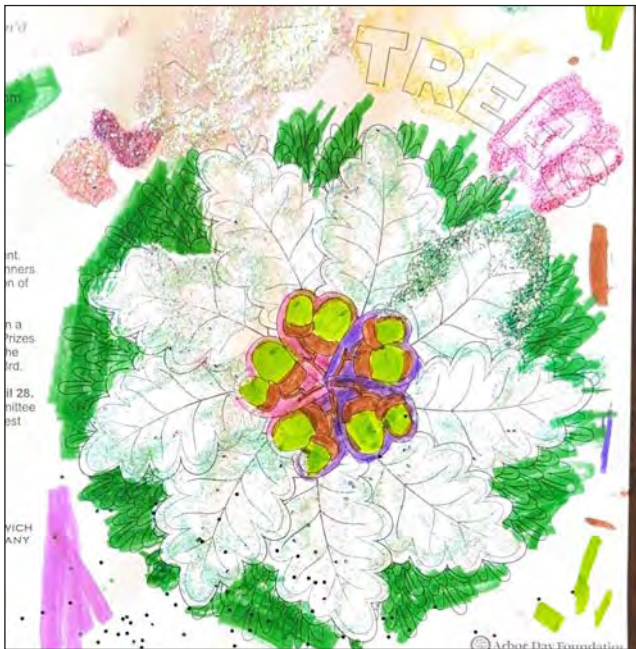
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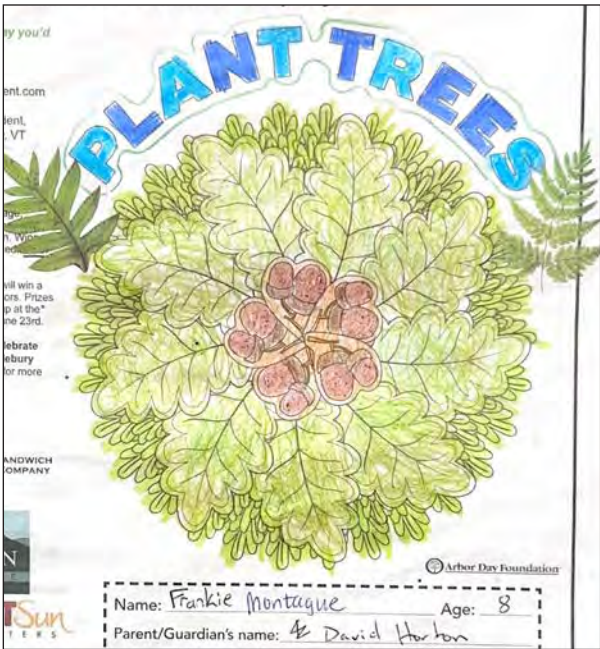
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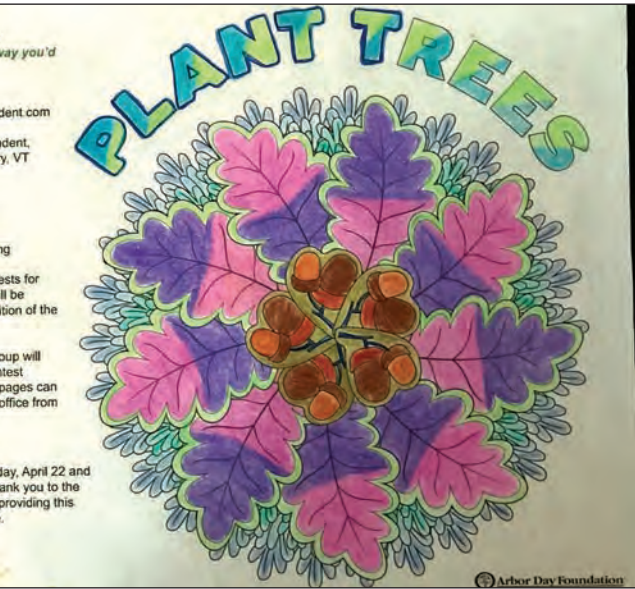
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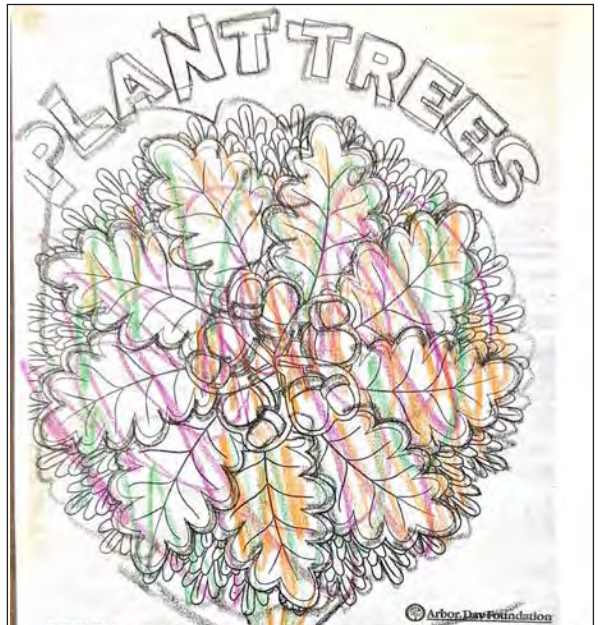
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FILM SCREENING

Brandon silent film series screens 'The Temptress' next Saturday

It's a film with two completely different endings: one sad and tragic, and the other uplifting and positive. It's "The Temptress" (1926), an MGM romantic drama starring Greta Garbo, then just starting a legendary Hollywood career.

Studio boss Louis B. Mayer found the original ending to "The Temptress" so depressing, he ordered a second — and much happier — conclusion. See both endings when this steamy silent romantic drama is screened with live music at Brandon Town Hall and Community Center on Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations.

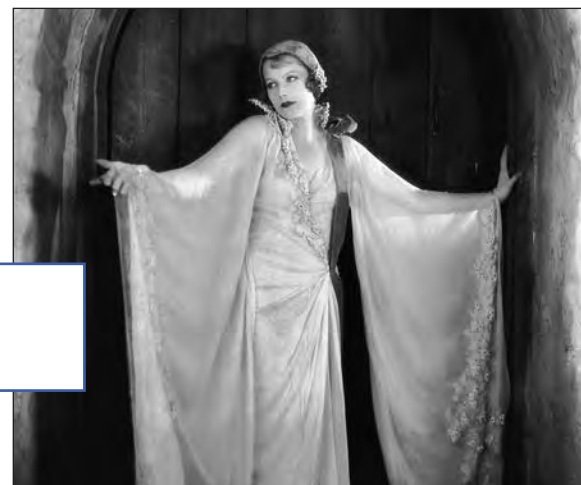
The screening, the latest in the venue's silent film series, will feature live accompaniment

by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating music for silent films.

In "The Temptress," Garbo plays Elena, the wife of Monsieur Canterac (Lionel Barrymore) and the mistress of rich Parisian banker Monsieur Fontenoy (Marc MacDermott). When the banker's friend Robledo (Antonio Moreno), a dynamic young engineer building a massive dam in Argentina, visits Paris, the fickle Elena immediately falls in love with him.

Elena follows Robledo to Argentina, where her presence leads to a whip duel between Robledo and his rival, Manos Duros (Roy D'Arcy). She then indirectly causes the collapse of Robledo's dam, which is where the two versions of the film diverge.

In the original version, Elena returns to Paris



Greta Garbo stars in "The Temptress" (1926), which has two endings. The film will be screened with live music on Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center. All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations. For more info, visit brandontownhall.com.

and the movie concludes tragically. The revised version sees the film end in Argentina on a much happier note. Both endings will be screened in Brandon: first the original "tragic" conclusion, then the more optimistic ending.

Garbo, who first won notice in her native Sweden, came to Hollywood at age 19. "The Temptress," her second film for MGM, helped establish her as a major star. Initially,

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WALL

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encounter in these parts, expressive of the barriers to intimacy that are erected and maintained

by Yankees in this region: they emphasized the lines where the two characters in the poem "walk the line/And set the wall between us once again. We keep the walls between us as we go."

That view has merit to be sure, but the poem can also be seen as something of an invitation to friendship. Repairing the wall in the poem, mending the fence, is an activity, an annual ritual. They're not going out for a beer, they're not having cocktails on the deck, they're repairing the wall! It's possible good fences *do* make good neighbors, in this case anyway. They plan, they get together, they work, they connect, on some level at least. It's a neighborly enterprise.

Walking the line, repairing the wall, may be just an "outdoor game" they are playing, "nothing more," as the speaker suggests, but it is more than that too.

I know, it's *a wall*. There is irony in this poem, layers of meaning, and irony is the coin of the realm in these parts. They are not building a wall

— they're *mending* a wall. There's a difference.

The mending of a fence, or wall, in this poem need not be emblematic solely of enforcing a separation, a distance, in a relationship, and evidence of Yankee reserve. After all, the meaning of the colloquial expression, "mending fences," is just the opposite.

When we say, "I have to mend that fence," we intend a reconciliation, a gesture of healing. Fences are interesting metaphors (one of my favorite pieces of American literature is August Wilson's drama, "Fences"): fences keep things in *and* keep things out. They are symbols of order, structure, permanence.

Intact, these stone walls are aesthetically appealing. Aren't we all moved by the stone walls we see in Vermont, surrounding the pastures and fields? We sense what it took to make them, to harvest the stones from the field so animals might graze and crops be tilled. They honor the past.

When you see one of these walls that has crumpled in places, or been disturbed, don't you have impulse to set it right? I do. Don't these walls represent somehow the connection and the border between the human and the natural world? Mending the wall is an adjustment that doesn't impair or destroy but maintains.

I know that the speaker sees his neighbor at the end as moving "in darkness as it seems to me, not of woods only and shades of trees." Those lines do give pause, but I like to imagine these two men walking their property line, very different people from one another, and . . . they're not arguing over the boundary, calling a lawyer — they're just mending the wall.

They're having a good time, I think, spending some time together, bonding as neighbors in a ritual of connection. They are not soulmates. It's the way we Yankees make friends. It takes a little time and effort and forbearance, but it's worth it, generally. We are, in the end, a steadfast bunch.

We should all walk our "property lines," with our neighbors and friends this season: take the stones from the fields of our lives and make something lasting and pleasing of them; mend a fence, tell a joke or two, make someone smile, shake hands — and commit to doing it again.

Let's mend a wall this week!

Karl Lindholm Ph.D is a retired dean and faculty member at Middlebury College. He grew up in Maine and has lived in Addison County for a half century. He taught a course at Middlebury, "Roads Less Traveled," an examination of the Yankee archetype. He can be contacted at lindholm@middlebury.edu.

Pets of the Week

Meet Bob & Lorna!

They live in Shoreham and enjoy being outside, going for walks and being with people. But most of all they love going for car rides!

Linnie Fleming
Shoreham



FILM

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the director of "The Temptress" was Garbo's mentor-lover, the brilliant Mauritz Stiller. But he was replaced halfway through by Fred Niblo, giving "The Temptress" two different styles.

This is the 13th year of Brandon's popular silent film series, which gives residents and visitors a chance to see great movies from the pioneering days of cinema as they were meant to be shown — on the big screen, with an audience, and accompanied by live music.

Screenings are held once a month, generally on Saturday nights and running through November. The next Brandon Town Hall silent film is:

Saturday, July 15, 7 p.m.
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Bonnie

Bonnie is a sweet, 73-pound Foxhound mix. She is approximately 6 years old and very friendly. She likes being out for walks and running with her person. Bonnie has previously lived with both dogs and cats but is scared around small children. They can be too much for her. Bonnie needs to be in a home where she can get a lot of exercise and mental stimulation. She also requires her own space to relax in and would do best in a home without too much chaos. Bonnie is housebroken. She is very strong on a leash but walks well with a no-pull harness.



Biscoito

Biscoito is a loving 13-year-old. He is a short-haired, classy-looking guy who is always looking for someone to talk to. He enjoys wand toys if they move slowly enough for him to keep up with. He was nervous around one of the shelter's dogs but might be okay with a calm, low-energy dog in the home. Biscoito has hyperthyroidism and is on a low-cost medication that he receives twice daily.



Chips & Dip

Chips and Dip are a bonded pair of shy guys. They have lived in a barn and are best suited for an outdoor-only or indoor/outdoor lifestyle. There are two things they love the most – to cuddle next to each other and all things food-related. They are eligible for our working cat program.



Zigman

Zigman is a big 5-year-old mush who likes to hide in small spaces. He greets people with a hiss but quickly has a change of heart if he smells some food. His favorite is Churu snacks! Zigman likes to be petted, but not picked up. He has lived with cats and dogs and gets along with both.



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1. Wear away by friction

7. Insecticide

10. Elicited a secret vote

12. Beef

13. Disagreement

14. __ Crawford, supermodel

15. Jeweled headdress

16. Digits

17. Trillion hertz

18. Snap up

19. Classical portico

21. Residue after burning

22. Large integers

27. Free agent
28. Where ballplayers work

33. Blood type

34. Scottish city

36. Google certification (abbr.)

37. Serbian monetary unit

38. Make a sudden surprise attack on

39. Wood or metal bolt

40. Relaxing attire

41. Famed neurologist

44. Dullish brown fabrics

45. Member of ancient Jewish sect

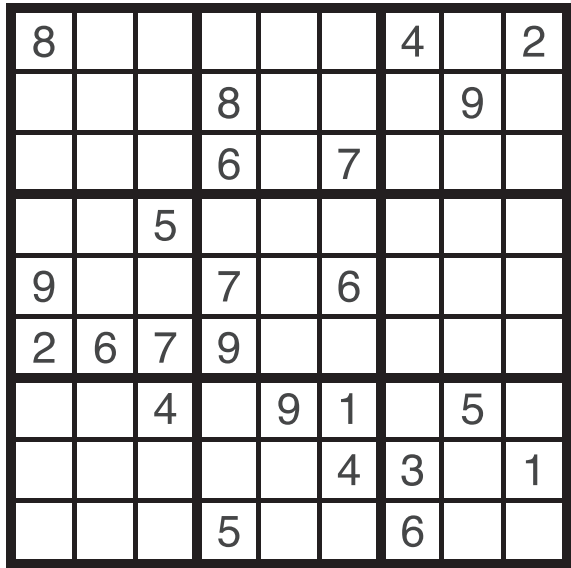
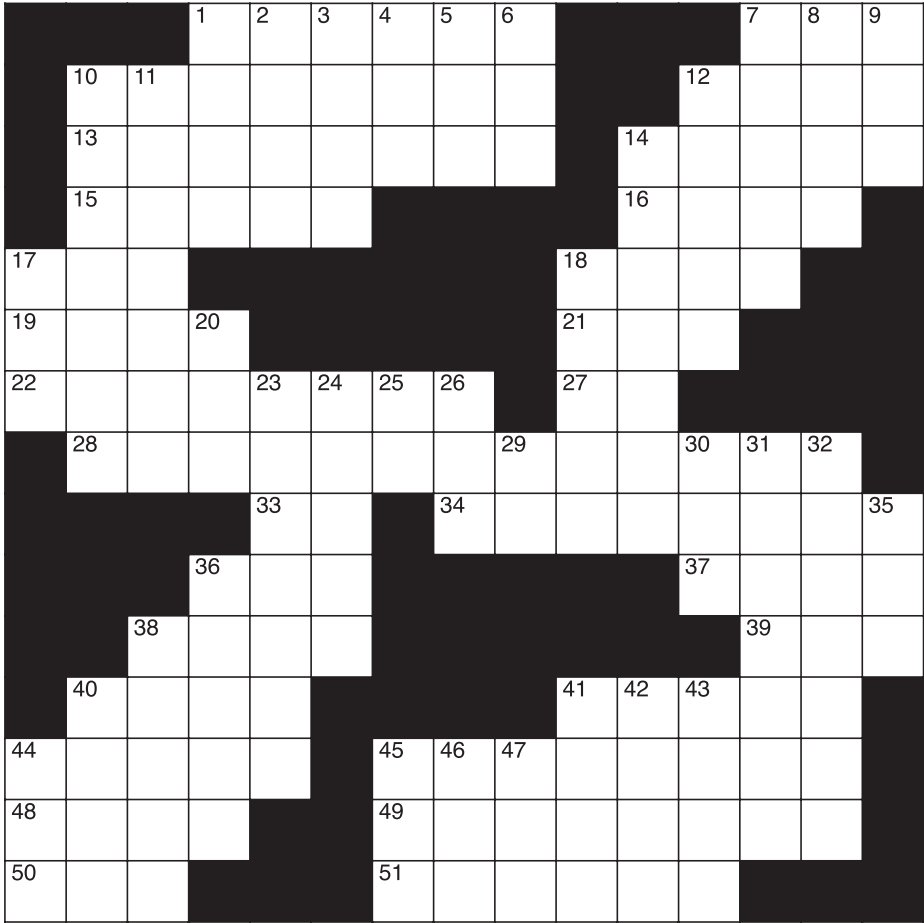
48. Griffith, Rooney

49. Lawmakers
50. Government lawyers

51. The arch of the foot

DOWN

1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
2. Britpop rockers
3. National capital
4. Consumed
5. The habitat of wild animals
6. Sun up in New York
7. Cygnus star
8. Male parents
9. Talk to you (abbr.)
10. A place to clean oneself



Sudoku

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Level: Medium

11. Southwestern US state

12. South Korean idol singer

14. Pirate

17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)

18. Mistake

20. Promotions

23. Prepares

24. Partner to flowed

25. State lawyer

26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Pound

30. Electronic data processing

31. Sports player

32. Treats with contempt

35. Apprehend

36. Excessively talkative

38. Highways

40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. College organization for males

42. Any customary observance or practice

43. Employee stock ownership plan

44. Male parent

45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet

46. Female bird

47. Autonomic nervous system

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

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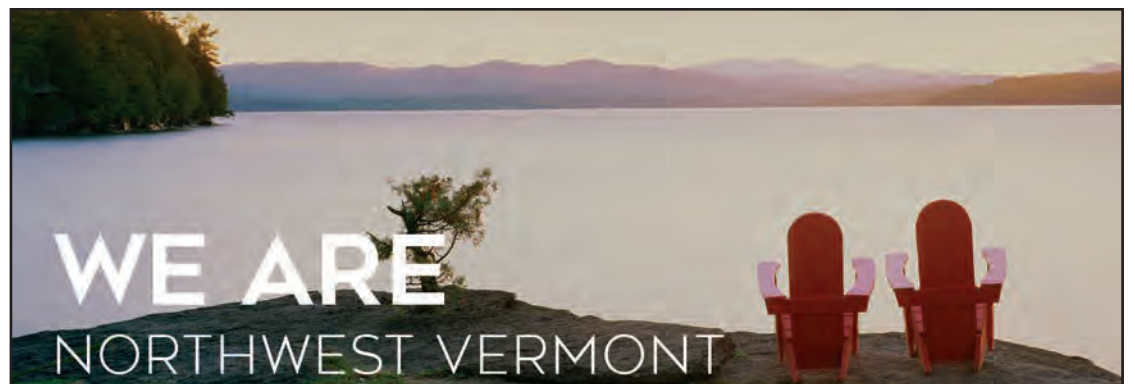


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Concert series commences in Cornwall on Sunday, 5/28

The West Cornwall Backyard Concert Series will launch its fourth season on May, 28 with a performance by Blues Without Borders.

All shows are weather permitting, on Sundays, 5-7 p.m., at 14 Audet Road in Cornwall. There is no entry fee, but freewill cash donations are graciously accepted. Award winning Shady J's BBQ will be on site. Grab a sam'mich, enjoy the show and stick around for a fantastic sunset.

WCBCS 2023 SEASON:

5/28 Blues Without Borders

6/18 The Silverbacks

6/25 Patrick Fitzsimmons

7/9 Newton & Frizzell

7/23 Scarlet Annie's Jazz Quartet

8/6 Sikora!

8/20 Local Songwriters' Round — Featuring Ethan Bruce Nelson, Noble Hierarch and Emily Nelson.

9/3 Blues Without Borders

Sunset Hill Condo



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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR



"Shared Breath" by Sarah Wesson.

Local artist exhibits piece in New Hampshire

Ripton artist Sarah Wesson is currently showing an oil painting titled "Shared Breath" at the AVA Gallery and Art Center in Lebanon, N.H., through June 17. The show, "An Assemblage of Breaths" is the third annual exhibition in support of mental health awareness.

The theme of the exhibition is as

follows: "When we are faced with stress, anxiety, sadness, or pain we are told to breathe-in deeply and exhale. The action of our own breath is comforting, as is community (or an assemblage) just knowing that we are not alone, is somehow calming. Exhibiting artwork will convey community, and peaceful, contemplative narratives."

Full Frontal Fairytales in Rochester

Bald Mountain Theater presents Full Frontal Fairytales on Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m., at Spice Studio in Rochester. This live performance features original, very short stories inspired by fairy tales, with the addition of art songs and percussion. Trees talk, statues come to life, animals take revenge, and children rise up. Just the kind of performance you would expect from Bald Mountain: irreverent, unexpected, intense, and fun.

"Our definition of 'full frontal' does not mean sexually explicit," said Artistic Director Ethan Bowen, "but rather open, revealing, and no-holds-barred."

Writers and performers include Brigid Breehan-Meese, Dana Yeaton, Erica Robinson, Vander Gak, Robert Melik Finkle, Amy Braun, Erica Furguele, Katie Reich, Killian White, Ethan Bowen, Wilder Bowen, and Dick Robson.

This evening of storytelling will run for an hour. Parents should be advised that content includes intense subject matter, people consumed by wolves, and some descriptions of blood and unhappiness.

Tickets are \$15, available at the door or at baldmountaintickets.ludus.com. Available for streaming. Visit baldmountaintheater.org for more information.

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OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS



Does Outdoor Improvement Bring Happiness?

Would you be happier if you had a new outdoor fireplace, swimming pool, or patio?

The 2023 Remodeling Impact Report: Outdoor Features, cosponsored by the National Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of Landscape Professionals, found that homeowners reported increased happiness with their new outdoor improvements – 9.7 out of a possible "Joy Score" of 10.

The survey examined 11 landscaping projects. Included were: fire feature (\$9,000), in-ground pool addition (\$90,000), irrigation system installation (\$6,000), landscape lighting (\$6,800), landscape maintenance (\$4,800), new patio (\$10,500), new wood deck (\$16,900), outdoor kitchen (\$15,000), overall landscape upgrade (\$9,000), tree care (\$2,875) and standard lawn care service (\$415).

Homeowner happiness was not tied to the highest cost recovery. The highest Joy Scores were for in-ground pool additions (10), landscape lighting (10), and new patios (9.9). Standard lawn care service, the least expensive of the 11 projects, had the highest cost recovery (217%), followed by landscape maintenance (104%), an overall landscape upgrade (100%) and an outdoor kitchen (100%).

Outdoor remodeling enhances curb appeal and resale value, which is as important to homebuyers, says NAR, as giving homeowners happiness.



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Vergennes calls for artists to use \$15K VAC grant

Imagine a mural; imagine a sculpture; imagine raising the bar of artistic attraction to the Little City's downtown. Vergennes Partnership was a recent recipient of a \$15,000 Vermont Arts Council (VAC) grant to fund and reimagine the Green Street bus shelter area. The hope is that the project is the first of many installations envisioned throughout Vergennes on both public and private properties.

In June last year, the Vergennes Partnership held a Public Art Forum at the Opera House to spark enthusiasm and imagination. The evening event, spawned from a Municipal Planning grant received in fall 2021, generated dozens of ideas for public and private art throughout the Little City.

Based on this input, the Partnership applied for an animating infrastructure grant through the VAC in January of this year — specifically

for the Tri-Valley Transit bus shelter area on Green Street.

As an artist or artist/design team, consider this opportunity to respond to the call, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). NOT an artist? Share this with someone you think may be a good fit.

Deadline for submissions: Tuesday, June 20. Guidelines and details are available VergennesDowntown.org.

EXHIBITS

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approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and up to 40 for the online gallery.

On view May 4 - June 2.

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.

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Texture highlights over 50 local artists that created art on surfaces that are rough, soft, scratchy, silky, furry, glossy, spikey and more. Spanning all mediums, some artists highlight the innate texture of their chosen materials, and others craft the illusion of texture through the manipulation of light, shadow, and pattern. On view through July 8, with an opening reception on Friday, May 26, from 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public.

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