Arts access

A Vergennes artist looks at what the differently abled face in artistic pursuits. Arts & Leisure.

Lax champs

A Maust Abv-Vergennes boys’ youth lacrosse team enjoyed a successful spring. See Page 1B.

Impact

People who know volunteer Justice Elijah say she’s made her mark in Middlebury. See Page 3A.

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Pointing to a variety of financial undertakings, arts and recreation, School Board members on Tuesday unanimously approved a major hike — 15 cents, or around 16% — in the municipal portion of the city’s tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024, which begins July 1.

The final tax rate for Vergennes property owners won’t be set until the school tax can be calculated, but it’s expected to go up, too.

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Middlebury celebrates Pride

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

MIDDLEBURY — On June 23, 2023, the 40th anniversary of the state of Vermont’s first Pride march, Middlebury hosted its second annual Pride festival on the Middlebury Town Green. With upwards of 200 people at the parade, organizers called Sunday’s festivities a success.

“It’s a collaborative effort and it has been so wonderful to have such a great response to our community,” said Elio Farley, Middle Pride coordinator.

The festival featured a variety of images showing the main stage, and they were treated to a variety of images showing the 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition will look once it is completed. The addition will be built onto the southwest end of the main stage, and they were treated to a variety of images showing the 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition will look once it is completed. The addition will be built onto the southwest end of the main stage.

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MIDDLEBURY — Town Hall Theater officials on Tuesday issued the council an ambitious expansion of the historic building at 68 South Pleasant St., a $7.5 million project that will boost THT facilities and transform it into a regional performing arts center.

Tuesday’s informational meeting drew around 80 people to THT’s main stage, and they were treated to a variety of images showing how the 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition will look once it is completed. The addition will be built onto the southwest end of the main stage.

THT, extending onto an adjacent parcel currently occupied by the former Dinner restaurant. The THT board accepted The Dinner parcel in 2018, with the idea that THT would eventually expand to satisfy the public’s growing appetite for local visual and performing arts offerings.

Lisa Mitchell and Doug Anderson, executive director and artistic director of THT, respectively, noted the building currently hosts 160 events per year but sadly due to space limitations, cannot reject 80% of the requests it (See THT expansion, Page 12A).

Air quality concerns threaten kids’ camps

By SOFIA AFSAR-KEMINSKI

MIDDLEBURY — The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is warning people to avoid doing outdoor physical activities in the area due to unhealthy levels of pollution.

The recent increase in pollution levels in the area has led to the agency issuing a health advisory for people, especially children, to avoid doing outdoor physical activities.

“Children are particularly vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution. It’s important to take steps to protect their health,” said DEC Commissioner Robert Kasten.

The advisory covers areas surrounding Middlebury, including the town of Bristol.

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County ready for Fourth of July

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison County Fair and Rodeo in Middlebury is gearing up for a big Fourth of July celebration.

The fair, which runs from July 3 to July 5, will feature a variety of events, including a parade, carnival, and rodeo.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. on July 4 and feature floats, bands, and other attractions.

The carnival will include rides, games, and food vendors.

The rodeo will feature events such as bull riding, calf roping, and team roping.

For more information on the Addison County Fair and Rodeo, visit www.addisoncountyfairandrodeo.com.
Gov. Scott requests aid after May frost

In MARDIN HOWELL
VERMONT — Gov. Phil Scott last week asked that the U.S. Department of Agriculture issue a disaster designation for the state of Vermont in response to a mid-May frost that devastated crops throughout the Northeast. The declaration would increase the availability of financial aid for growers affected by the frost.

During the early hours of May 13 temperatures throughout Vermont, including in Addison County, dropped below freezing. The late spring frost was a significant damage to apples, grapes and other fruit crops across the state. Local producers have since been assessing the impact of the damage and exploring ways to mitigate the financial impacts of the crop loss.

**EXTENSIVE DAMAGE**

In his letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Scott referenced a preliminary survey and assessment conducted by the University of Vermont on selected farms throughout the Northeast.

“In its survey, UVM received reports from at least nine counties recounting widespread damage to fruit crops, including apples, grapes, cherries, blueberries, stone fruit, and blueberries. Farmers reported debilitating damage with most orchards reporting at least 95 percent crop losses.” — Gov. Scott

In Shermantown, Champlain Orchards experienced a 35% reduction in its apple crop due to the May frost, according to founder and owner Bob Balsley. Northwood Hill Orchard also suffered crop loss due to the frost and anticipates having a shorter pick-your-own season this fall as a result.

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“In total, farmers reported approximately $12 million in projected orchard losses. The UVM Fruit Program estimates more than $10 million in retail losses when including orchards that did not participate in this survey. Vermont vineyards were also affected, particularly those located in Shuford Vineyard, which owns and operates Logsdon Vineyard in New Haven, was looking at an over 50% loss in its grape crops after evaluating initial damage. Belmont Vineyard grows grape varieties on around 22 acres across its locations. In New Haven, some grape varieties have suffered upwards of 95% reduction.

Other grape producers throughout the state reported an average 50% reduction, totaling around $927,000 in damages. UVM estimates the hail losses might be as high as $1.2 million when factoring in vineyards not included in the report.

“The damage is extensive and personal and we anticipate small pick-your-own farmers may be particularly impacted,” Scott wrote in his letter.

Unfortunately, most of Vermont’s orchards and vineyards do not have insurance that covers the late frost spring. Collectively, we sit at a critical crossroads with our growers. Right now, growers are assessing their ability to stay in our industry. Unfortunately, many orchards, farms, vineyards and wineries are either uninsured or under insured and insurance claims are unlikely to cover the crop losses from this frost and anticipate having a shorter pick-your-own season this fall as a result.

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“The grant funds have to be distributed by Sept. 30th. Our hope is… still to start this project in the fall.” — Danielle Wallace

**TPC-St. Mary’s plan is scuttled**

By JOHN FLOWERS
MONTEBELLO — The Turning Point Center of Addison County (TPC) won’t proceed with plans to relocate its substance-use disorder programming from 54A Creek Road to more spacious quarters at the former St. Mary’s School in New Haven. Local producers. The Secretarial Disaster Designation requested by Scott last week would have afforded the nonprofit long-term, dime-years worth of aid to repair and recover from crop loss described in its letter.

The Secretarial Disaster Designation requested by Scott would further ensure eligibility for Federal financial support for Vermont growers affected by USDA. Farm Service Agency emergency loans for eligible producers. The Vermont Agriculture and Food Markets Secretariat encourages individuals who did not participate in the mid-May frost to report the damages to their local USDA Farm Service Agency office with USDA. For Addison County producers, that office is located in Middlebury.

While TPC has pulled the plug on its plans for St. Mary’s, it has now pivoted to a “plan B” to renovate and expand its current Creek Road headquarters. With that in mind, Turning Point officials are working with U.S. Sen. Peter Welch, D-Vt., to redirect to that purpose a $959,430 federal earmark that had been secured for TPC’s original plan to fix and occupy the former St. Mary’s School.

“This latest turn of events comes just days after the Middlebury Development Review Board approved TPC’s proposed relocation to the 11,000-square-foot former Catholic school, which would have alleviated the nonprofit’s cramped space for its confidential counseling, support groups, and peer-to-peer sessions for people battling addiction. The TPC owns 12 of the property’s 18 recovery centers in Vermont — which would have had enough square footage to also accommodate a new inpatient, 6-bed, residential treatment program, as TPC is currently overwhelmed by 3,300 square feet at 54A Creek Road.

“TPC officials are now working with Vermont Integrated Architecture to renovate 54A Creek Road and to use the new building as a temporary building until a renovation/expansion plan could be put in place. The project would be included in the total value of the building and evident in a federal revolving loan fund program.” — Danielle Wallace

Former school won't host recovery center

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**If Turning Point’s space and services are still expanded via the federal grant, then our prayer to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, will have been answered.**

“Will there have been an answer in a way not anticipated.”

— Father Austin
Justice Elijah leaves her mark

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

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Elijah started an affinity space for BIPOC students during her time here. But she worries that there is no one left to run the space now as there enough funds to keep it going.

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Childcare (H.305)

This year the legislature took major steps towards fixing the state's childcare crisis, an issue that has been long overdue. The new law expanded eligibility criteria for the program, including children in need of special education services. The new law also includes technical changes, but also included adjustments to the licensing requirements for childcare providers.

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I've written about the importance of the legislative process to successfully change the rules for elections, regardless of their citizenship status. This change is a part of the Scott Administration's handling of the crisis. Roughly 2,000 unincorporated Vermonters will continue to be sheltered until additional adjustments can be found.

While I am glad that this adjustment has passed and many folks will remain sheltered, this still leaves approximately 800 Vermonters who have already been excluded from motels in the past month. The new eligibility criteria for the program includes families with children, elderly individuals, and those relying on social Security Disability Insurance. Anyone who does not fall into one of these categories is turned away. In folks who may not be receiving Social Security Disability Insurance — will not be able to rely on this new law to help them. I understand that this new law also does not address newly unhoused individuals, such as those happening regularly as rent and housing become more unaffordable.

Brattleboro Charter Change (H.226)

This past March, the votes of Burlington approved a charter change to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in local elections as well as run for local offices (this would not change the rules for elections, regional or statewide or federal elections). These changes will be in effect for the next local election.

Law Enforcement Information Policies (S.46)

This bill would have provided law enforcement from lying to, or using deceptive practices on, Vermonters under the age of 22 during interrogations. After some concerns were raised by legal experts, the bill was removed from the Senate Judiciary Committee for further discussion next year.

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Boys and Girls Club

Guest Editorials
Laws in Vermont accomplished a large number of vetoes

By Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman

Last week, the legislature reconvened for a special veto session that was called to review the bills that the governor vetoed and to vote on whether those vetoes should be overridden. At the end of the session, there were seven bills passed by the legislature that saw the governor’s veto pen, five of which were overridden. An additional bill was passed that significantly adjusted the handling of Vermont’s unincorporated population.

Read on for a summary of all the bill seen during the veto session last week.

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The art of persuading 

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Sally Hackett, 89, of Shelburne

Shirley Ann (Murray) Tiratto, 84, formerly of Vergennes

Shirley was employed at Vermont Health Foundation, and was a member of the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont (MCHV) facilities New Board of Governors, MCHV Associates and the 11-22 State Standing Review Committee. Sally was a member of the MCHV Board of Trustees and served as the Chair of the planning committee. She was appointed by the Governor of Vermont in 1991, 1992 and 1995 as a public member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice.

Sally was an accomplished flower arranger and taught tulips, which she mastered during her time in Japan. She was a talented quilter and was an avid reader of history and mystery books. She loved to play tennis and golf and tinkle the grand piano. Her greatest source of joy, besides being a parent to her beloved family, was finding new recipes, especially her family's favorite guacamole. Sally leaves a son, daughter and their families: Luther Stephen and his wife Bethanne Clark Hackett of Williston, Vt., and their children, Sarah A. and her husband Scott Hackett-Dugal of Bennington, Vt., and Stephanie C. Hackett of Charlotte; and her husband Col. John J. Raffone, of Vergennes, Vt., and Elizabeth H. Robinson of Wolfberry, Vt., and James B. Robinson of Wydowville, Vt., and their daughter, Kate Robinson of Jackson, Wyo., Hadley Robinson of New York, N.Y. and Emily B. Robinson of Wydowville, Vt.

She leaves a sister, Nancy Tracy of South Barre, Vt., a brother, Donald Smith of Vergennes, Vt., and a sister and her husband, Cadie Curran of Grand Island, N.Y. She also leaves a brother-in-law, Thomas Hackett and his wife Colleen Kelly of Southwold, Vt., and a sister-in-law and her husband, Mark Harris of Middletown, Vt. She also leaves many nieces and nephews in Vermont and other states.

The family would like to convey their deepest gratitude to Dr. Eugene Moore and the excellent staff at Wake Robin who cared for Sally, and Fred, over the past years.

Funeral arrangements will be held at two o'clock, July 1, the Shelburne United Methodist Church at 30 Church Street in Shelburne, Vt., with the Reverend Gregory A. Smith, pastor, officiating. At the request of the family there will be no viewing hours. A gathering of friends and family will be held in the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, gifts or memory may be sent to the Fred Hackett Scholarship Fund at the University of Vermont for the benefit of undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to community service and are enrolled in the School of Business Administration, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

PORTLAND, Conn. — Daniel C. Robitzer, 54, of Portland, Conn. died unexpectedly at Hartford Hospital on June 6, 2023, following a motorcycle accident. Daniel was an only child born in Waterbury, Conn. on May 6, 1969, in Burlington, Vt., the son of the late Eliza Marie and Leonard Daniel C. and Marie Robitzer.

Growing up in a small town, he was a shy, but energetic boy, who loved being outside with his friends and cousins at the farm, playing baseball, climbing in the loch laddie, riding bikes, and rock climbing and playing guitar. At a young age, he was a member of the Boy Scout troop and his proudest moment was the presentation of the Arrow of Light award.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a navigation technician for five years. He then went to Fox College in New York, after which he began his career in the insurance industry. Daniel has worked with insurers in the insurance industry for over 20 years and employed as a laser field service representative.

He married Kathy Aymonin Robitzer, in 1993 and fathered two sons, Ian and Avery Robitzer.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Marilyn Robitzer of Benton, Vt.; his wife Kathy, of New Britain, Conn.; his father, Michael, of Ferrisburgh, Vt.; his mother, Marilyn, of Hartford, Vt.; and his sister, Tracie Robitzer, of Hilliard, Ohio.

He is also survived by two granddaughters, Hadley and Hope Robitzer, of Hilliard, Ohio.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Shalom for “the most beautiful place,” and for being Lyn’s home away from home.

Lyn was a natural chef, and a great cook, who always had a smile and a friendly face. She was naturally charismatic, easily befriended anyone and everyone and always offered the best advice. Lyn leaves a gaping hole in the fabric everyday life took a toll on Lyn’s once healthy heart. She wished for her ashes to be scattered in the woods where her mother and all the members of the Flaming Flamingo’s group have been there. The family is asking that donations be made to The Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) or the VA Scenic Highway Fund (vastcom.org).

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Freedom of expression is bedrock of our democracy

The Addison Independent (June 22, 2023) provided cover of the Vermont Senate, held in Vergennes on June 20. A last call for hour of testimony came after hours of testimony. I, Senator Christopher Bray of the Addison-Northwest District, was one of countless senators inside the school building and others outside who attended the presentation. The Governor, who is pro-bear and coyote hunting, was present. There has been no justice for Senator Bray of the Vermont Senate, who attended the presentation. I, Senator Christopher Bray of the Addison-Northwest District, was one of countless senators inside the school building and others outside who attended the presentation. The Governor, who is pro-bear and coyote hunting, was present. There has been no justice for Senator Bray of the Vermont Senate, who attended the presentation. The Governor, who is pro-bear and coyote hunting, was present. There has been no justice for Senator Bray of the Vermont Senate, who attended the presentation. The Governor, who is pro-bear and coyote hunting, was present. There has been no justice for Senator Bray of the Vermont Senate, who attended the presentation. The Governor, who is pro-bear and coyote hunting, was present.
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This way down Main Street.

During the parade.

Event, uses a rainbow fan to cool down from the hot, muggy weather.

UPON ARRIVING AT the town green, folks cross under the rainbow arch to join in the parade.

PEOPLE OF ALL stripes joined in Sunday’s parade down Middlebury’s Main Street from College Park to the town green to kick off Middlebury’s Pride Festival. MiddPride celebrates Vermonters in the LGBTQ+ community, aiming to show respect for and give visibility to the community.

CHRIS ALLEN HAPPILY brandishes a small pride flag as he makes his way down Main Street.

A MARCHER WEARS a sash advertising the LGBTQ+ support organization PFLAG as other marchers follow behind.

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The Middlebury Lions Club is seeking donations of two or gently used items for its annual auction on July 15. No used clothing, appliances or electronics, please. Anyone from the club will be happy to pick up your donation.

Come for an info and orientation session on Saturday, July 8th 8:30-10:00 am, at GatherOnTheGreen.org
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Committee hopes to continue the performances during the parade. Participants will be asked to make themselves identifiable during the procession by holding a poster visible to parade spectators, displaying the group's name and meet number.

Smith said the 4th of July Committee hopes to continue the new event at July Fourth celebrations. “A committee member came up with the idea at a recent meeting and we quickly got to work on advertising and encouraging bands to join, with July 4th and 5th now being open for touring.”

We hope to continue and grow the tradition in the coming years,” he said.
Jentink

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ADDISON COUNTY

School News Briefs

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With grade point averages of at least 3.5, the following local students were named to the university’s dean’s list:

Brandon: Emma Falquiore, Cole Letenneur, Andrew McEneny and Alexandra Williams.

Bridgeport: Mikayla Robinson.

Brattleboro: Masha Orce.

Leicester: Jonny Bissette.

Ludlow: Brandon Reynolds.

Middlebury: Rosalie Nay.

New Haven: Clayton Lyons.

North Ferrisburg: Lindsey Annell and Cameron Frankeloff.

Orwell: Carson Babitz, Allison Luskand, and Dylan McKee.

Salisbury: Mahalia Gosselin, Chloe Hamilton and Alanna Troiani.

Shoreham: Kadyln Lasko.

Vergennes: Courtney Sorensen and Peyton Garthaffer.

Whiting: Jocyria Noble, Grant Thurstor and Morgan White.

At the Plymouth State University Commencement Ceremony on

May 12, in Plymouth, N.H., three local students received their
degrees. Madeline Fuller of Brandon

graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. Jalen Cook

of Bristol graduated University Honors, Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. Ian Fairfield of Bristol graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Adventure Education.

New dorm

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THT expansion

(Continued from Page A) receives for use of the facility. In short: There is a lot of demand for limited space. “We lack certain things that every theater has. We lack specifically citing a rehearsal room, a set-building space and an art-education spot. Since THT currently doesn’t have designated areas for those three activities, we may have to be creative and perhaps use the building’s performance area. And that requires TH, to be shown for the first time in nearly 13 years, Anderson lamented. He explained that spaces used for some construction, rehearsal and educational programming aren’t only utilitarian, they’re much-needed revenue generators for a nonprofit arts organization. “You can imagine that when any business that has to be closed can help you, you can help you. You can help you.”

The first floor of the annex will focus on exhibition and performance, with an art gallery and the recently enlarged presentation space. The new annex will host educational programming, while the top floor will be rehearsal space. The old restaurant building to be converted to an annex festooned with many contractor Bread Loaf Corp. show a three-story annex that will add 7,000-square-foot, three-story addition and will create a new “Maloney Plaza.” Project organizers are excited about what will go inside the annex, and they’ve just as enthused about what will be created outside the new addition: A new “Maloney Plaza,” named for longtime THT booster Barbara and Dennis Maloney. It’s an elliptical outdoor space located at the doorstep of the new THT campus. It will feature overhead lighting, moveable furnishings and a segmented, circular stage for outdoor performances.

Michelle said the expanded THT and its Maloney Plaza will add to an emerging downtown arts and culture corridor that includes Merchants Row, Edgewater Gallery and the recently enlarged Triangle Park, which is hosting a series of weekly outdoor markets through the summer and early fall. More activity at an enlarged THT will help fuel the local economy, as many patrons typically combine a show with a restaurant meal, overnight lodging and visits to local stores, Mitchell noted. And a newly fortified THT could double as the local convention center that Addison County economic development officials have been lobbying for THT leaders said. Another beneficiary of the THT project — from an aesthetic standpoint — will be the Grace Episcopal Church at 52 Merchants Row. Removal of the former Diner building will suddenly expose a façade of the neighboring church that’s been hidden for many decades. Anderson said THT will help refurbish that façade as a new-good-in-kind gesture: “The church is going to be standing tall, in a new way,” he said.

Plans also call for celebrating Steve and Beth Dow, who for many years owned and operated Steve’s Diner at the annex’s site. Anderson and his colleagues are hoping construction can begin this October, with building work expected to last a year. In the meantime, Bread Loaf will receive project design and THT boosters will continue to raise funds. Thanks to grants and some very generous donors, THT has raised $4.8 million toward its $7.5 million goal. That leaves $2.74 million more to raise. THT officials said they’re trying to keep the project costs down. For example, some boosters had suggested a clock to crown the annex roof. But this would have required two separate stairwells and an expanded elevator shaft, among other things. “It was an incredible cost,” Anderson said. But added he believes patrons will be content with the balconies that will ador the second and third floors of the annex.

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Air quality

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Protection: Agency’s color-coded chart of air quality. Green on the EPA chart represents satisfactory air quality and measures between 0 and 50 on the index. Yellow, orange and red represent increasingly bad air quality. Purple is 201-300 on the index and it describes the air as very unhealthy.

Like every program that deals with kids and adults, Willowell had to make a call on what activities it could do on Monday. This episode was again caused by Canadian wildfires, which were also the cause of bad air quality indexes at the beginning of June. It has been a historically bad year for Canadian wildfires, explained David Grass, senior environmental health program manager at the Vermont Department of Health. “It’s still relatively early in the fire season, re-according to the Canadian Intergovernmental Forest Fire Center, it is already the worst season in history for Canada in terms of acres burned,” he said.

Bennet Leon, planning section chief in the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Air Quality Division, described this month’s air quality conditions as “unprecedented.”

Grass explained a big picture cause of air quality problems. “At a higher level, climate change has increased the risk of wildfires in Canadian boreal forests, which increases health risks for areas in Canada and the U.S. that are downwind.”

Willowell’s Ball said the following air quality improved the earlier bad spell, she was unaware of the deteriorating air quality until Monday morning. “It was kind of a shock when I woke up this morning and started texting with people coming up with a contingency plan,” she said.

The air quality index was high enough in Bristol and Monkton, the sites of the camps, Wren’s Nest Explorers and the Ball Training Sessions, to justify delaying camp programs. “We scrambled and decided to open camp with a three-hour delay,” Ball said.

In addition to delaying camps, Ball said active play was toned down. “We keep them (the kids) kind mellow and sedentary on those days,” she said.

Grass said the answer to staying safe in these poor air quality conditions is complicated. “These wildfire smoke events have hit parts of Vermont, but not all of it,” he said. “Our air quality will be terrible in the morning and fine by the afternoon, or vice versa. So it’s important for folks to stay informed, by checking the air quality forecast.”

The Willowell Foundation subscribes to a nature-based learning approach, so campers who attend their summer camps, and students who attend Wren’s Nest Forest Preschool during the academic-year, typically spend many hours outdoors. “Willowell camps aim to foster some of pride and respect for nature in youth of all ages,” the Willowell website says. “Camps will bring children outdoors for safe programming that gets children playing, getting dirty, and learning from meadows, wetlands and forests.”

It is unclear how the rise of air quality issues in Vermont will affect programing long term, Ball said. “I think we just need to take it day by day, if we’re surprised anything with a pandemic is that we’re adaptable, and we’ll pivot and make things work. And, keep kids’ health, first and foremost,” she said. “And I don’t necessarily know what the long-term is.”

But, like any organization that deals with the health of kids and others, Willowell will have to start taking a broader look at air quality. “That’s definitely something that we’ll bring to our board of directors and our staff and maybe come together and start coming up with more long-term kind of plans and responses.”

In terms of addressing the issue this week and this summer, Ball said, “I think we’re just gonna take it day by day, work by work and follow what the science and the guidance says.”

While camp was in session by Monday afternoon, the Foundation may be forced to make a similar decision later in the week. Air quality had improved by the afternoon, but by Monday Leon said it’s possible Vermont will experience poor conditions again on Wednesday and Thursday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Willowell camps were able to begin at 9 a.m. as scheduled. “Just adjusting timetables now,” Ball quipped.

Ball remains aware of the possibility of poor air quality on Thursday and said she will cancel if the air quality index is greater than 300.

Ball said the situation is heartbreaking. “It feels like it’s not one thing, it’s another, and this is where kids are really thriving in this outdoor environment, but if that’s off limits, what do we have left,” she said.
FORT TICONDEROGA WILL celebrate Independence Day with a week of special events and programs commemorating the events of 1777.

BRANDON — The second annual Davenport Electric Fest is set to take place on July 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon. This electrifying event will celebrate the remarkable legacy of Thomas Davenport, the inventor of the first practical electric motor, while promoting the widespread adoption of electric motor technology for a sustainable future.

Thomas Davenport, who lived, worked, and was laid to rest in Brandon, was a visionary inventor whose groundbreaking work transformed the world of electrical engineering. In 1837, he secured the first patent for an electric motor, a revolutionary invention that paved the way for advancements in harmonizing electric energy. Davenport's innovative motor played a pivotal role in shaping the industrial revolution of the 19th century. His accomplish- ments continue to be the foundation of numerous professional endeavors enjoyed today.

The Brandon Museum will be debuting their new Davenport exhibit at the event as well, an exhibit that includes newly-discovered information and efforts to capitalize on his innovations.

The Davenport Electric Fest serves as a cornerstone of Davenport's legacy and the enduring impact of electric motor technology. The festival aims to educate and inspire attendees about the crucial role electric motors play in creating a sustainable and resilient future.

Electric transportation offers significant benefits, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions, decreased dependence on fossil fuels and lower maintenance costs. It accelerates the adoption of electric motor technology, which can pave the way for a greater and cleaner transportation system.

The festival will feature engaging exhibits, interactive displays, and a movie to show what life was like for Thomas and his wife Emily. Renowned Vermont companies, including Berta Technologies, the electric aircraft company, will be present, demonstrating cutting-edge innovations in electric transportation.

Mountain Power, a leader in the electric utility space providing carbon-free electricity to their customers, will highlight what sustainability is all about and how to make your own electricity at your home or lifestyle. Electric buses will be on display as well as EV charging stations installed to answer your questions.

Davenport Electric Fest is a family-friendly event, offering a variety of activities for all ages to immerse themselves in the world of electric motors and learn what support is out there to help you make your next car an electric one. In addition to exploring exhibits, attendees can enjoy four paint and savor a variety of culinary delights from food vendors.

At 4:45 pm there will be a special delivery of electric motor parts to lay a bouquet on Thomas Davenport's grave and thank him for his contribution to society. For more information about Davenport Electric Fest, visit us at daventporeticfest.com.

FORT TICONDEROGA celebrates July 4

Davenport fest celebrates inventor’s legacy

A summer squash

• Cucumber

• Carrot

• Beet

• Beans

• Cabbage

• Cauliflower

• Spinach

• Broccoli

• Kale

• Lettuce

• Onions

• Green beans

• Peas

• Potatoes

• Radishes

• Tomatoes

• Winter Squash

• Zucchini
WALTMTH — The following arms-length real estate sales were recorded in Walrath between January and April 2023:

- Feb. 23, 2023: Daniel Megan, of New Milford, CT, purchased a two-bedroom, 1,500 square foot single-family home for $230,000 at 525 Greenleaf St. 18000.
- Feb. 23, 2023: Walter K. Smith, of Warner Family Trust, purchased a 10,000 square foot home at 102-104 Route 3, $1,200,000.
- Jul. 27, 2022: Florian and Mary Quinlivan to Green & Gold Solutions LLC, 24.5 acres on South Smithfield Rd., $495,000.
- Aug. 19, 2022: Mary Bingham to Charla and Alice Burnham, home on 1.65 acres at 335 Crosby Heights, $180,000.
- Aug. 23, 2022: Judith Frank to Gregory and Alexander Cry, home on 3.05 acres at 2117 Maple St., $634,000.
- Sept. 12, 2022: Anthony Quinlivan to Annalise and Mathiere Pasouan, home on 11.03 acres at 207 Church St., Stowe, VT, $637,450.
- Nov. 30, 2022: Joanne Mullin to Michael and Jennine Smith, home on 38 acres at 101 Route 17 East, Stowe, VT, $539,000.
- Feb. 25, 2023: Cynthia Hanes to Darrick St. George, home on 15 acres at 7808 Route 22, $445,000.
- May 13, 2022: G. Donald Johnston, Trustee, to 2592 Lake Street LLC, warehouse/plotting office home on 15 acres at 43 Lake St., $800,000.
- Aug. 8, 2022: June Squire to Jennifer and David Kachajian, home on 1.3 acres at 251 Cedar Hill Rd., $505,000.
- Aug. 26, 2022: David Berger and Wendy Tang to Weylman Solutions LLC, home on 1.1 acres at 208 Maple St., $505,000.
- Sept. 1, 2022: Debra Hutchins to Robert Hunt, home on 10.01 acres at 6100 Goodrich Corner Rd., $500,000.
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Film festival

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But MNFF has proved to be no slouch.

A whopping 510 film submissions came in for MNFF9, set for Aug. 23-27.

The film entries — a mixture of features and shorts — trickled slowly at first but then gained momentum into April and up until the May 30 deadline. Thirty-six of the 141 feature submissions (including narratives and documentaries) will make the cut for a coveted MNFF9 slot. Meanwhile, approximately 1% of the 360 short-film submissions will be screened.

“Many filmmakers reached out to me last in the submission window asking, ‘Is there still time?’” Komesar said.

It’s more recent films for MNFF Artistic Director Jay Craven and his team to evaluate and triage, but it’s an also an indicator of the festival’s growing reputation among organizers.

“I think we are not a secret,” Komesar said. “Our niche has been working now for years. It takes time for the filmmaking community to realize we should be a priority if you’re a first- and second-time filmmaker.”

MNFF’s growing prestige undoubtedly influenced Oscar-winning film director and writer Alexander Payne to accept a festival invite as presenter and honoree. Benjamin with the release of “Citizen Koch” in 1994, Payne has made eight feature films, including “Citizen,” “About Schmidt,” “Sideways,” “The Descendents” and “Nebraska.”

His movies have been nominated for 10 Oscars, excluding three times each for Best Picture and Best Director. Payne has won twice for Best Adapted Screenplay.

“His is a substantial filmmaker, with a great sense of humor,” Komesar said of Payne. “He’s the great ‘got ya’ for us.”

MNFF will include a screening of 2013’s “Nebraska,” directed by Payne and starring Bruce Dern, with a Q&A to follow, moderated by Craven. Komesar and Craven — a nation’s renowned filmmaker in his own right — are very pleased with the quality of films MNFF will be able to offer. During a recent interview, they singled out the following:

“Q” from Jade Chiquit, which offers a telling look into the first generations of (Middle Eastern) women whose lives were forever impacted by a war.

“Tom Now,” by Jared Hartman, which centers two brothers’ real-life quest to find their mother who had suddenly disappeared 25 years ago.

“Debt & Stories,” the story of a lost life in Athens, Greece who aspires to become a U.S. citizen music performer but her song has been exposed, through much of their life, in that cycle of music ever since Voice of America Radio. The film tracks the two men as they make their way to a country music festival held each year in Texas featuring performances from other nations. Prior to the festival, the duo were able to create a couple of songs in Nashville.

“They are openly weeping, they’re overcome by what’s happened to them,” Craven said.

A poetic documentary called “Anaj,” which focuses on a group of Middle Eastern women who’ve experienced domestic violence. “It’s quite compelling,” Craven said. “It expresses their humanity in every visual way.”

“A Revolution on Canvas,” about an exiled Iranian painter and how he gets to find, and reclaim, some of the artwork that he left behind in Persia. “If I were to give a theme… I think of being gay as having a veil,” Craven said. “This is continuing this year.”

But there are times when a common thread seems to permeate many of the submissions.

“The Last,” a mix of personal documentary filmmaking involving siblings, offspring, parents, where filmmakers decided to take up a camera and document whatever was happening in their family — whether he in the present or going back in time,” Komesar said.

This year’s festival will, as usual, also feature several curated films by established filmmakers. Among them will be:

“I Am a Noise,” a documentary about music legend Joan Baez as she takes “an honest look back and a deep look forward as she tries to make sense of her large, historic-making life, and the personal struggles she’s kept private,” according to imdb.com.

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**DUSTY & STONES:** “a film about two men living in rural Africa who aspire to become U.S. country music performers, will be screened at the 9th annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival. Nearly 200 films will be shown on six screens at five different local venues around Middlebury on Aug. 23-27.

**LLOYD KOMESAR AND JAY CRAVEN**
Marlin swimmers open with home win

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

**MIDDLEBURY**

The Middlebury Marlins opened their Champlain Valley Swim League season on Sunday with a 10-2 victory over visiting Burlington Country Club at the Middlebury town pool.

The Marlins won by 12 contested relays, while individually Middlebury won 15 races. Aidan Chance and Jorgen Pirrung led the Middlebury won 15 races. Aidan Chance and Jorgen Pirrung led the

Middlebury is off until hosting Essex on July 6. The Vergennes Champs swim team will debut this Thursday, July 27, at Winooski and Essex on July 6. The Vergennes Champs swim team will debut this Thursday, July 27, at Winooski and Essex on July 6. The Vergennes Champs swim team will debut this Thursday, July 27, at Winooski and

The members of the team are

• U-18 boys: 1. Aidan Chance, 28.28.
• U-18 girls: 2. N. Rockwell.


• U-14 girls: 2. S. Chance; 3. A. McGrath, Lincoln Painter, Mazin Otto Siegfried, Sam Gallivan, Blake Davidson, Truman Halby, William Halby that was applauded throughout the season by opponents

Middlebury College field, where the defending state champion, Tim Whitney, Cole Warren and Tucker Morter from Middlebury Union High School, and Cole Cudney, one of two players from

The rainouts include all of a

The team’s pitching includes

Tough opponents and weather slow Legion nine in early going

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

**MIDDLEBURY.** The Addison County Legion baseball team has gotten off to a

On July 15 Essex host Essex Post 91, the defending state champions, defeated AC, 12-2 in five innings.

AC managed just one hit, a Tim Whitney single, through four innings, before breaking through for both its runs in the top of the fifth.

Renee Paquette reached on an error, and Whitney singled. Both came around to score when Seth

In the first inning, Sperry and Carter Paquette both singled, and both scored on a double. Morter singled to put runners on second and third with two out, but AC stranded them on a fielder’s choice.

Colchester then platoed two unearned runs on a line drive to the right side of the inning and added two more in the second. The game was still 2-0 entering the fourth, when Colchester used three hits, three walks, a hit batter and two errors to plate eight runs and take the game out of reach.

Duffy then doubled home another run, and Danforth capped the rally with an RBI at the plate. But despite the outbreak and six more hits, AC could not push the winning run across. Colchester pushed across at Cudney, the starter, and led by 3-5 when he left the mound after five innings, and then roughed up Warren in relief.

Danforth finished with three hits apiece, AC, and Whitney. Duffy and Cudney doubled two hits apiece.
Later on a Wednesday afternoon, four huge Atlantic salmon finned in at the net at the end of a long deep pool on a small Maine river. We took the fish over the mountains and down the river miles from the ocean to trap and release them to the Sandy River where they would spend two years as parr to smolt and then swim down to the shore to release them at their historic home. The dream never came to reality. Although some of those fish returned to the same river each year, it was never more than a dream. Most of those same lower river runs had been covered for over 100 years, and most of those runs had been covered for over 100 years.

According to fisheries reports, there are more than 1004 dams on the Connecticut River watershed, including the Cogswell Dam.

Seven of those dams form the upper part of the Connecticut River in the state of Vermont. At those seven northerly dams, those eight upper river runs were considered for impoundment. Those seven upper river runs can form the ocean to the US-Mexico border. Those eight upper river runs can form the Atlantic Ocean to the US-Mexico border.

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The situation on Maine’s Kennebec River is more hopeful. In 1993, the Edwards Dam on the Kennebec was designated as 1 of 132 major dams through which salmon (or the earlier remove of the seawater) via the Kennebec to the Gulf of Maine. Unfortunately, the anadromous salmon need different spawning habitat with faster, cooler streams.

Four more dams on the Kennebec are block removing Atlantic salmon from reaching that historic habitat at the headwaters of Sandy River (a tributary of the Kennebec). In 2010, a salmon restoration project led by biologist Paul Christman of the Department of Marine Resources started a project to remove the Edwards Dam on the Kennebec, the dream that never came to reality. The results were dramatic. The number rose to 29. Then 39 the year after. Just eight years later, they had set a new record for returning fish, surpassing 80 returning adults — more than four times the count of 30 years ago. The program had only a few days, and the results were still likely to be seen. The results were still likely to be seen.

Unfortunately, the land-based carry approach — while a good start and a proof of viability of the salmon restoration project — is not going to restore the river to the numbers it really needs for a healthy and sustainable return of Atlantic salmon to the Gulf of Maine. Not unlike the current fish restoration project on California’s Klamath River (to restore migrating Pacific salmon) on the earlier removal of the Edwards Dam on the Kennebec, the dream that never came to reality. The results were dramatic. The number rose to 29. Then 39 the year after. Just eight years later, they had set a new record for returning fish, surpassing 80 returning adults — more than four times the count of 30 years ago. The program had only a few days, and the results were still likely to be seen. The results were still likely to be seen.

The First Place Net winners were Patricia and Frank Cochee, followed by Brett and Russell Lewis and Sue Miner and Dave and Cindy Wemette earning third. In the Friday Evening Mixer, the trio of Bryon and Linda Marsee finishing second and Ralph Myhre also hosted a WVGA Women’s State Day on June 20. In the third flight, Eva Mastalos shot the third-place net score, followed by Robert Cameron and Sue Miner and Dave and Cindy Wemette earning third.

Myhre hosts member tourney

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Middlebury, VT — The teams of Shane Lawton and Brent Beazley and Jack and Kevin LaFountain finished first this past weekend at Devil’s Bowl Speedway. Rain washed out all but five feature races that were held on Saturday, Aug. 5. In the third flight, Eva Mastalos shot the third-place net score, followed by Robert Cameron and Sue Miner and Dave and Cindy Wemette earning third.
Middlebury police file multiple charges after domestic incident

Middlebury police cited Christopher Gallant, 19, of Middlebury for domestic assault, disorderly conduct and interference with access to emergency services, following their investigation of a reported domestic disturbance at a Dustin Lane business.

Police added that they cited Troy Forbes, 44, of Middlebury for disorderly conduct after investigating this incident.

In the last week, Middlebury police...

• Checked on the welfare of a School House Hill Road resident, at the request of a member of the family, on June 19.

• Were informed of a car-door collision on Case Street on June 19.

• Investigated the alleged violation of a temporary restraining order in the Lindale Circle area on June 19.

• Checked on a man who was having an anxiety attack off Court Street on June 19. Police said Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) took him to Porter Hospital.

• Responded to a report on June 20 of a verbal fight between some people off Route 125 in East Middlebury.

• Received a report about a landlord-tenant dispute in the Memorial Court area on June 20.

• Investigated a temporary restraining order on a person in June 20 at the request of a Buxley Lane business.

• Called on the welfare of a person who had been threatening self-harm in the downtown area on June 20. Police said MREMS took the person to the Porter Hospital.

• Arrested Cyrus Bedard, 33, of Middlebury for unlawful trespass for a second time in less than 12 hours, after he was again found on a College Street property during the early morning of June 20. Police said Bedard was taken to the Middlebury Police Department for processing and later released on a citation to appear in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division, at a later date.

• Responded to a report of an僮ontemporary restraining order on a person in front of the 13 Main St area on June 21.

• Responded to a report of a man yelling and being aggressive in the Blue Inn area on June 21.

• Investigated a report of a possible domestic incident at a Butterfield Ridge Drive residence on June 21.

• Responded to a report of a woman lying on the ground on Main North Road on June 21.

• Heard from a person on June 21 who alleged his vehicle had been keyed in the downtown area back in the summer of 2022.

• On June 6 responded to the West Street area for a report of a black vehicle driving without its lights on. Police located the vehicle and it did not observe any traffic violations.

• On June 7 received a report of a theft on Main Street.

• On June 9 cited a juvenile on Airport Drive for possession of marijuana.

• On June 9 assisted Monkton School with a truancy concern.

• On June 9 responded to an alleged act of cruelty to animals on a Pleasant Street area.

• On June 10 assisted with traffic control on South Street while a disabled vehicle was removed from the road.

• On June 10 investigated a vehicle that was reported to be operating recklessly on West Street. Police could not locate the vehicle.

• On June 13 issued a civil citation to a minor on Airport Drive who was in possession of marijuana.

• On June 13 helped an unaccompanied minor student to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

• On June 15 spoke with residents at Mount Abe about motor vehicle concerns.

• On June 15 helped the U.S. Border Patrol locate a person on Route 136 South.

• On June 15 investigated a parking issue at Mount Abe.

• Assisted a local resident who on June 21 alleged having been threatened by a man in the North Pleasant Street area.

• Called Michael Winters, 44, of Middlebury for driving, under the influence, following a traffic stop on Court Street at a few minutes before 10 p.m. on June 22. Police said his blood alcohol content level was 0.242, which is more than three times the legal limit for driving.

• Took into temporary custody a man who had been "acting aggressively" at an outdoor market in downtown Middlebury on June 22. Police determined the man had been experiencing a mental health episode and ultimately took him to Porter Hospital for evaluation.

• Were informed of an alleged theft from a downtown residence on June 23.

• Responded to a report of an argument between some people in the Mount Abe area on June 23.

• Were informed on June 23 of the theft of six mailboxes from Mapleport Lane.

• Assisted Vermont State Police with a service call in the Fern Lake Road area of Leicester on June 24.

• Called Heather Maline, 40, of Salisbury for driving with a criminally suspended license on Washington Street on June 24.

• Responded to reports of suspicious vehicles in the Water Street area on June 24.

• Investigated a domestic dispute at a Mungar Street residence on June 23.

• Continued their investigation of a "suspicious vehicle" parked in the Water Street area on June 24.

• Heard from a driver who said the head of his vehicle had been damaged while he was in a Washington Street store on June 23.

• Investigated a family argument at a Court Street parking lot on June 25.

Bristol police respond to complaints about dogs

BRISTOL — Bristol police have dealt with a couple of animal problems in recent weeks.

On June 5, police responded to a report of a "suspicious vehicle" parked in the area of Pleasant Street. Police also processed 10 fingerprint requests.

In other recent activity, Bristol police...

• On June 4 received a complaint of a chicken eating on the side of a handicap parking spot on Main Street, at the request of a citizen, before police arrived.

• On June 4 checking a traffic stop, cited Jake O’Brien, 34, of Burlington for failing to appear in court.

• On June 4 assisted Mount Abe with traffic control on Route 116 South.

• On June 5 assisted a minor student with a traffic stop on Court Street that resulted in no injuries.

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Middlebury — The annual Mayhem AAU Basketball Camp, sponsored by the Middlebury Mayhem AAU Basketball Program and the Middlebury Recreation Department, will be held in the Middlebury Recreation Center off Creek Road, between July 24 and 28.

Morning sessions for participants entering grades 7 through 9 will run from 9 a.m. until noon daily and will cost $110 for Middlebury residents and $120 for non-residents.

Afternoon sessions for participants entering grades 3 through 6 will run from 1 to 4 p.m. daily and cost $135 for Middlebury residents and $150 for out-of-towners.

Players will receive instruction from Mayhem Coach Randy Stockwell with assistance from local players and coaches, including Middlebury College Men’s Basketball Coach Jeff Brown, Middlebury College Women Basketball Coach KJ Krancos, Castleton University Men’s Basketball Assistant Coach Alphonso Howlett, and Blue Print AAU Basketball Co-Head Coaches Daniel Robertson.

According to the recreation department flyer, the camp will focus on fundamentals and giving players who are ready to succeed in local basketball programs. Activities will include specialized drills, fun games and scrimmages every day. Campers will receive a T-shirt on the last day of camp.

To learn more or register, contact Berlin Hunt 802-458-4014 or dhunt@townofmiddlebury.org.
Notes of appreciation

Teachers thankful for end of year support

On behalf of Mary Hogan Grade five students and staff, we would like to thank the organizations that helped make our end of the year special — the Town of Middlebury Recreation Department and MESA (Middlebury Elementary School Association). Middlebury’s Rec Department donated an afternoon by the pool, enabling our students to have a fun filled day of swimming and play with friends.” Special thanks to Dustin Hunt, Scott Bourne, and our awesome staff. Our appreciation also goes to MESA, which generously provided funds for our pool party.

Additionally, MESA allocated grant funding for breakfast foods for our closing day’s Breakfast of Honor in our wonderful, rising sixth graders. Again, our sincere appreciation to both of these organizations for all they do on behalf of Middlebury’s young people.

Deb Levesque
Natalie Krizo
Jan Collins
Grade Five Team
at Mary Hogan.

A pivotal battle

THE BATTLE of Hubbardton marked a turning point in the American Revolution. Learn and see how at the Hubbardton Battlefield Revolutionary War weekend at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site on July 8 and 9. Reenactors, historic interpreters, vendors, and education programs will offer a wide range of historical experiences and events that make the weekend more than a useful break from daily life.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days, the entire historic site will come to life with Revolutionary War encampments, demonstrations, and events. The main event will be the pivotal battle reenacted at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 9.

In addition to the battle, visitors can explore the site’s many other features, including the historic village, the 1796 meetinghouse, the early 1800s store, and the restored 18th-century farmhouse. There will also be a special exhibit on the life of the town’s founder, Samuel Hubbard, on display.

On Saturday, July 8, the site will feature a variety of educational programs, including a history of the town hall and the nearby Rokeby Museum, which was the home of the Revolutionary Family. Union Meeting Hall will be open for tours.

Reed King of Hubbardton is the Director of Creation and Education at the Burlington Museum. He is the author of numerous books on the history of the Vermont Revolution and co-founder of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

For more information, including a full schedule of events, visit the website at http://hubbardton.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

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The study is being conducted by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and is approved by the University of Vermont Institutional Review Board.

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Saturday, July 1, 2023, 7-9 a.m.

Bid on unique and rare items that are auctioned off to benefit Vermont’s non-profits.

The benefit auction will feature a wide variety of items, including works of art, jewelry, and collectibles.

The proceeds from the benefit auction will be donated to the Vermont Non-Profit Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Vermont’s non-profits.

The benefit auction will be held on July 1, 2023, from 7-9 a.m. at the Stowe Community Center.

Please consider making a donation to support Vermont’s non-profits.

Thank you for your support.

The Vermont Non-Profit Foundation

Sunday, July 9, 2023, 7:30-9 p.m.

Celebrate the 4th of July with a special event featuring the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum’s annual Shipwreck Tour.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a reception and silent auction at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Burlington.

At 8 p.m., the tour boat will depart from the museum to visit the site of the Champlain II shipwreck.

Along the way, guests will have the opportunity to take a “dive” using a robotic camera equipped with a camera and a television monitor.

The tour will conclude with a firework display over Lake Champlain.

For more information, visit LakeChamplainMaritime.org.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Lake Champlain and promoting the region’s maritime heritage.

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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MIDDLEBURY — The Addison Independent is seeking talented writers for the school section. The Independent has been covering the schools for the past 20 years, and we are looking for interested and motivated candidates. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about education and the community. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume and a cover letter to adnews@addisonindependent.com.
Opportunities

Help Wanted

At AL-ANON OFFERS help and hope to anyone who has been affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. at CVUUS (2 Duane Court, Middlebury, VT 05753). AL-ANON near you is the key to a life of happiness and serenity. For more information visit aal-anon.org or call 1-800-262-6666.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their common experience with alcoholism in order to help each other and others recover from alcoholism. For more information visit aa.org or call 1-800-348-3143.

The TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is a community agency working to increase access to mental health services in Central Vermont. For more information visit tpccvt.org or call 1-877-730-2200.

The VERMONT SUPPORT SYSTEM and CAREgiver Collaborative are struggling with a challenging situation. Are you? Do you have feelings of métierlessness, futility, and/or despair? You don’t have to experience these feelings alone. If you are a caring person who understands what it is like to go through history by calling or stopping by, or participating in the rightheart program, we can help you. Contact Nichole at nrichol@vermontsupport.com or call 802-475-8778.

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The Town Treasurer position is responsible for the management of all the Town’s financial activities including:

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Pam Coulson, Town Clerk
Town of Ferrisburgh
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The Middlebury Community Music Center is seeking a volunteer handyperson. Put your skills to good use and join us! You’ll play an essential role in maintaining a safe and functional environment for our programs at our historic 6 Main Street home base. You’re responsible for tackling a variety of projects from leaky faucets, to electrical issues, to light carpentry projects. Your efforts will make a huge difference in our community!

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Selectboard will hold a public hearing at the July 10, 2023 Selectboard Meeting, per 24 VSA §§ 1972 the board will be voting on a No-
Conditional application # 2023-DRB-08-CU submitted by Dylan Case, 388 Ethan Allen Highway, per New Haven
Law. Our readers are hereby
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the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, located at 14
Copeland Drive in Middlebury. The Office is open Monday through
Transportation Sections.  (3) is compatible with approved plans of other municipalities in the region; Vermont. This hearing is held pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4441. This notice is issued
Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Community Planner

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in
the Town of Goshen, in the County of Addison, and State of Vermont are
amended, dated October 1, 2018 and recorded in Volume 83, Page 287 of the
Records in Book 27 page 292.

Delinquent Tax Collector

Dated at Goshen, Vermont this 1st day of June, 2023.

kshamis@msvltlaw.com

Monaghan Safar PLLC

Kristen E. Shamis, Esq.

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the City of Vergennes are hereby notified that such liens are
open, either in whole or in part, upon the following described lands, viz: -

Property Owner: Abby Barratt Ard

Property Address: 223 South Street, Bristol, Vermont 05443

Applicant USDA NRCS/James Eikenberry, (Parcel ID #0502017), located on
2. Application 2023-07

3. Application 2023-09

TOWN OF BRISTOL REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Post date: 06/07/2023, 01:10 PM - Bristol, Vermont

Lincoln Road Riverbank Repair

Bristol, Vermont

The Town of Bristol is seeking qualified bidders to tear out the failed sections of road embankment armoring along the New River. Segment C is 230 long and Segment D is 57 long. Segment C begins immediately below the bridge on the north side of the New River and segment D begins at the crest of the embankment and runs east and west of the failed sections and extends east of the river, segment D.

Project construction is anticipated between August 1 and October 1, 2023. The Project is being funded by a VTrans Structures Grant. Companies that are women-owned, minority-owned, Section 3 and small local businesses are encouraged to participate. Bidders can view the project plan set on the Town’s website at www.cityofvergennes.com or in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Vergennes.

This will be on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Addison Town Clerk’s Office. Plans are free on additonal work meeting in July sometime when convenient.

Vermont State Police have a “Community Planner” from A.C.R.P.C. visiting our meeting to implement Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan.

The only acceptable forms of bid payment at the day of tax sale are:  bank

TOWN OF SALTISBURY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board will have a public hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Application 2023-09

An application from Property Owner Goodchild Farms/Edward Goodchild, Applicant USDA NRCS/James Eikenberry, (Parcel ID #0502017), located on Rockdale Road and Blaise’s trailer park in Salisbury, for a new crossing for a tributary that enters the Salmon River at the intersection of Rockydale Road and Blaise’s trailer park in Salisbury. The application is pursuant to §4.4.6, §4.4.3, and §3.1 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations.

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TOWN OF GOSHEN

Robert Cavallari, Office of the Attorney General

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the City of Vergennes are hereby notified that such liens are open, either in whole or in part, upon the following described lands, viz: -

Amount of delinquent taxes, interest, cost and penalties: $9,184.04

Deed of the Janet O. Funk 2002 Trust, u/d/t dated November 6, 2002, as
rected to the following address:

inside,

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Attorney General

It is advisable to review these descriptions for a more particular

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DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE

the City of Vergennes is hereby notified that such liens are open, either in whole or in part, upon the following described lands, viz: -

Property Address: 34 First Street

Property Owner: Martin Martell and Kathaleen Martell


We value our faithful customers. To order, call us at 802-224-3961.

Questions, please call either

Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Community Planner


NOTE OF PUBLIC HEARING CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION CORNWALL TOWN PLAN UPDATE

The Cornwall Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Cornwall Town Hall, 84 Goodrich Street, Cornwall Center, VT.

Public Hearing Notice

The Cornwall Planning Commission shall review Cornwall’s Town Plan to determine whether

CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION

4. Application 2023-10

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Report and Discussion

These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those

ATTN: Fritz Langrock, Esq.

Langrock Sperry & Wool, LLP

Fritz Langrock, Esq.

Delinquent Tax Collector

Dated at Vergennes, Vermont, this 26th day of June, 2023.

To be set up for silent auction bidding and eBay Buy It Now format so you can

In the Brandon Town Hall to Brandon Fire Department

PUBLIC MARKET REPORT ADDISON COUNTY COMMISSION SALES

10:15 - 12:07

Sales at 3 pm - Mon. & Thurs.

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Market Report

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accessibility to public spaces and everyday items and activities is a privilege many able-bodied people take for granted. For people who live with disabilities, everyday life is made harder not only due to their disability but the lack of inclusion and accessibility for them.

For an artist, not having the same physical abilities as most others can be rather limiting. Certain disabilities can place physical limitations on the time an artist can spend on their craft as well as on the methods they use to create their art.

More than that, people with disabilities sometimes find that they have difficulty getting into venues where art is made or presented.

Keilani Lime, an artist in Vergennes, knows all too well about physical hurdles to making and accessing art. Lime is an accomplished painter and also has long dealt with a case of Classical Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. EDS, as it is often known, is a connective tissue disorder characterized by skin hyperextensibility, abnormal wound healing, and joint hypermobility, according to the National Institutes of Health.

“The type of EDS I have is Classical EDS,” Lime said. “I can’t hold a brush for a very long time. There are certain movements that are really hard.”

As a consumer of visual and performing arts, she is also very aware of the way art can be less accessible to people with disabilities, despite the fact that laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, encourage public venues to make themselves as open as possible to people with physical limitations.

In March, Lime gave a talk at Middlebury’s Ilsley Public Library about ableism in the arts, discussing the ways in which the lack of accessibility in the art world has made it difficult for her to pursue her passions while...
Thunderstorms delay Foodaroo

8TH ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION OF VERMONT FOOD, BEVERAGES, BUSKERS, BAKERS AND MUSIC POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY, AUG. 13

Thunderstorms put a halt to Sunday’s eighth annual Foodaroo at Middlebury’s historic Marble Works. The good news? Foodaroo is rescheduled for Sunday, Aug. 13, from 4-8 p.m. — and most of its original attractions are still on track. The majority of food and beverage vendors will still attend, and new outreach to recruit others will fill open spaces.

DJ Serena Kim, street performers Alakazam and Snap Boogie, and Bruce Zeman from WVTK radio will be entertaining and emceeing. Unfortunately, the Grift had another booking — but Burlington’s Mark Daly and Friends will take their place. American Flatbread and the Marble Works remain key partners, according to Lisa Mitchel of Middlebury Underground (MUD), a lead organizer. Those who registered for the two King Arthur Flour Baking competitions for kids and adults remain registered — and new entrants are welcome to enter at middunderground.org/kingarthur.

While the reschedule is in motion, this change of plans could mean this is the final Foodaroo. Middlebury Underground is a non-profit. Any money made goes directly to operating costs, future free events, and donations to local causes. This year profits were to be donated to the The Giving Fridge, which provides food to those in need using food from local farms and restaurants. This postponement adds great expense and eliminates any profit. While Mitchell said MUD has thoroughly enjoyed producing this community event for the past eight years, without additional support it can no longer afford to put in hundreds of hours of work — and still risk a financial loss.

“But that just means we’re determined to make the Final Foodaroo one to remember,” Mitchell said in a press release. “We’re taking it up a notch for the final hurrah. Thank you to all the artists, vendors, performers, sponsors and especially everyone who’s ever attended — for helping us make Foodaroo a thing.”

Come out on Aug. 13 to celebrate and help send this crazy festival out in style.

To help Foodaroo recoup some of its costs and prepare for the new date, go to: foodaroo.org. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Lisa Mitchell at 703-819-7891 or email lisa@middunderground.org.

Point CounterPoint 2023 Summer Faculty Concert Series

Concert times are 7:30pm. Admission is free;
Each concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers.

Friday, June 30th — Salisbury Congregational Church, 833 Maple St, Salisbury
Friday, July 14th — Salisbury Congregational Church, 833 Maple St, Salisbury
Friday, July 28th — Middlebury Town Hall Theater, Constance Holden Memorial Concert
Friday, August 11th — Salisbury Congregational Church, 833 Maple St, Salisbury
Thursday, August 24th — Salisbury Congregational Church, 833 Maple St, Salisbury
Friday, September 1st — Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Crt. Middlebury
Friday, September 29th — PCP Alumni Celebration Concert - Salisbury Congregational Church

Point CounterPoint partnering with the Otter Creek Music Festival
Wheelchair Accessible
www.pointcp.com

Musical Arts Camp presents: ‘Alice in Wonderland’

CMC and Town Hall Theater partnered up for a musical arts camp collaboration and the students are ready to perform “Alice in Wonderland” on Friday, June 30, at 2 p.m., on the Town Hall Theater main stage.

Students, ages 7-12, spent time at both MCMC and the theater throughout the week-long camp as they worked together, both in small and large groups, to create a musical and theatrical performance unlike any other. After a week of exploring singing, acting, dancing, technical theater, ensemble building and clowning, the young performers will take the stage for a unique and fun show under the lights! Admission is free.
Keilani Lime, of Vergennes, advocates for making art and art spaces more accessible to people with physical disabilities.

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In an effort to make the building and its arts space more accessible, the FVOH, which also built with accessibility in mind.

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Two Ferrisburgh historic sites honor Frederick Douglass

On July 5, Rokeby Museum and the Friends of Union Meeting Hall are hosting two family-friendly events that honor the life and legacy of Frederick Douglass.

At 11 a.m., Union Meeting Hall will host a morning reflection about the legacy of Douglass and his historic visit to Ferrisburgh in 1843. Rokeby Museum staff will lead a history talk and community reflection activity on the site where Douglass spoke. The Friends of Union Meeting Hall will speak about the legacy of the two town buildings. Union Meeting Hall will be open for touring.

At 1 p.m., Rokeby Museum will hold its annual reading of Douglass’ 1852 speech “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July.” Rokeby Museum will provide sections of the speech, and community members are asked to join the reading.

Fredrick Douglass gave this speech at an Independence Day celebration in Rochester, N.Y. on July 5, 1852. The event commemorated the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but in his speech, Douglass reminded the crowd that not all people celebrated freedom on the Fourth of July. He says, “The blessing in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common.”

Both activities are free, and advance registration is not necessary. Admission to Rokeby Museum is free after 1 p.m. for this event.

For more information visit rokeby.org.

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Call 802-453-4032. email aom@gmavt.net or visit artonmainvt.com for more info.

“In the Garden.” The gallery’s annual non-juried community exhibit. Featuring work in 2D, fiber, ceramics, wood, jewelry, metal, and more. On view through July 5.

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.

EDGWARE ON THE GREEN
6 Merchants Row, Middlebury
Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

“Rhythms of the Landscape” is Larry Horowitz’s first solo exhibition at Edgewater Gallery. This American landscape painter is known for his vivid palette, the energetic, physical nature of his painting and bold brush strokes and texture in his interpretations of the landscape.

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. Viewing extended to June 30.

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

SEE EXHIBITS ON PAGE 14

ARTS+LEISURE
Thursday, June 29, 2023 — PAGE 5

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Aries, things may not progress the way you want them to unless you become a little more persistent. Figure out how to walk the line to achieve your goals.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, many things are going right with your life. But now it’s time to get a handle on your love life. You may have to put in some extra effort, especially this week.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, keep things on the lighter side when conversing with coworkers this week. Now is not the time to delve into controversial discussions in the workplace.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Cancer, as you try to become more organized, try not to get too overwhelmed by the scope of the task at hand. Tackle one thing at a time and keep making progress.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, situations may seem like they are a matter of life or death this week, but there’s a good chance you’re just being overly dramatic. Try to go with the flow.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Emotions are running wild and you’re worried about what others think of you. Virgo, embrace a point of view that relies more on the rational than the emotional.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, after a few stops and starts, you and your romantic partner are on quite a roll. Enjoy that you both are in tune and aspiring toward shared goals.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, it’s possible you feel blocked on all sides regarding your employment. While you can’t get ahead right now, there are some opportunities coming.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Be careful about speaking before thinking through your words. Sagittarius. Knee-jerk responses can have unexpected consequences. Take time to form your opinion.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. This week is bound to be pretty intense. Capricorn. But you’ll find a way to skirt through it relatively unscathed. Rely on a few friends as sounding boards.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, try not to cut off channels of communication with loved ones as you deal with a few difficult issues. Others are willing to step up and help as needed.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Pisces, others will not always see the world the way you do. Interactions this week can be a little stilted or even frustrating.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 29 — Anne-Sophie Mutter, violinist (60)
JUNE 30 — Lena Horne, actor, singer, dancer (d)
JULY 1 — Louise Penny, author (65)
JULY 2 — Alex Morgan, soccer player (34)
JULY 3 — Franz Kafka, writer (d)
JULY 4 — Edmonia Lewis, Sculptor (d)
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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

"HOME SEWING MACHINES 1900 TO PRESENT, A TECHNICIAN’S PERSPECTIVE" IN MIDDLEBURY.
Thursday, June 29, 1-2 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. David E. Atkinson will give this presentation focusing on the evolution of sewing machines, their common components and operation, construction, repair, and DIY tips for maintenance. This presentation draws on the current exhibitions, “Variety Sew: A Sampling of Textile Tools” and “Devices and Stellar Stitching: 19th Century Vermont Sampplers.” The presentation is free with museum admission.

“PADDLING THE NORTHERN FOREST CANOE TRAIL” PRESENTATION IN VERGENNES.
Thursday, June 29, 6-7 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Peter Macfarlane, musician, teacher, canoeist and canoe-builder, will present his experience of paddling across New York and New England.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

“ALICE IN WONDERLAND” IN MIDDLEBURY.
Friday, June 30, 2 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. TH'T’s Musical Arts Camp presents this production by students ages 7-12, who put on a unique and fun show under the lights on the Town Hall Theater main stage after a week-long exploration of singing, acting, dancing, technical theater, ensemble building and clowning.

SARAH KING IN NEW HAVEN.
Friday, June 30, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. The first concert in THT and Lincoln Peak’s Women in Music series. Known for her powerhouse voice and “fiery, vulnerable songs,” Sarah King creates thought-provoking, versatile Americana music. Free, but registration required. More info at townhalltheatre.org. Thai Home will be on site with food for sale. Rain date June 30 at Town Hall Theater.

POINT COUNTERPOINT FACULTY CONCERT IN SALISBURY.
Friday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted. Each faculty concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

LAKE CHAMPLAIN HISTORIC POSTCARDS IN FERRISBURGH.
Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Want to get a taste of travels from times gone by? Come check out this collection of several hundred Lake Champlain historic postcards and see the occasionally mundane, occasionally dramatic, and always interesting notes written to loved ones in years past. Free.

MIDDLEBURY COMMUNITY PLAYERS ANNUAL PICNIC IN SALISBURY.
Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m.-noon, West Shelter, Branbury State Park. Bring your own picnic. MCP will supply (non-alcoholic) drinks and dessert and pay your fee at the gate. Elect 2023-24 board members, review last season, preview next season, and remember Mike Lynch, a Player we lost recently. Bring stories or pictures to share, or just share a Mike Lynch-sized hug. Questions, or to volunteer to serve on the board at info@middleburycommunityplayers.org or 802-388-7432.

ARTIST OPENING RECEPTION IN WESTPORT, N.Y.
Saturday, July 1, 4-8 p.m. Ledge Hill Studio, 6I80 Main St. Opening reception for Weybridge artist Ginger Lamber. “Steampunk Inspired Assemblages” follows a tradition of using found, discarded and repurposed objects in her work.

NATURE’S OWN FIREWORKS - FIREFLIES!
in Cornwall. Saturday, July 1, 8:30 p.m., 517 Snake Mountain Rd. A family outdoor event. Join entomologist Greg Pask, who will teach us how and why these insects put on such a show each summer and what we can do to help make sure they continue to do so. Open to all. Sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Commission. Bring a flashlight or headlamp - preferably with a red light option (fireflies can’t see red). In case of rain, event will be cancelled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

FREDERICK DOUGLASS’S LEGACY IN FERRISBURGH.
Wednesday, July 5, 11 a.m., Union Meeting Hall, Route 7. Union Meeting Hall will host a morning reflection about the legacy of Douglass and his historic visit to Ferrisburgh in 1843. Rokeby Museum staff will lead a history talk and community reflection activity on the site where Douglass spoke. The Friends of Union Meeting Hall will speak about the legacy of the hall and the nearby Rokeby Museum, which was the home of the Robinson Family. Union Meeting Hall will be open for touring. At 1 p.m., the Rokeby will host a reading of the Frederick Douglass speech, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July.” Free.

“NATIONAL TREASURE” ON SCREEN IN BRISTOL.
Thursday July 5, dusk, on the green. The first installment of this year’s Movies in the Park after Dark in Bristol. Free and open to the public. Bring a blanket and your bug spray. Rain location, Holley Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

BASIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL IN BRANDON.
Thursday, July 6, at the end of Basin Road. Tickets 3-day advance $85/$75 at the gate. Friday or Saturday day tickets $35/after 4 p.m. $20. Age 15 and under free. Thursday Evening spaghetti dinner $12. More info at basinbluegrassfestival.com.

SARAH KING AND PUZZLE IN GOSHEN.
Thursday, July 6, 5-7:30 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center. Goshen continued on next page

**DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING IN SHOREHAM.** Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. This film follows a fashion photographer who left the fashion world when he grew frustrated with having to work within the restrictive parameters of the industry’s standard of beauty. This film will challenge and change the way we see and experience beauty.

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**

**BASIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL IN BRANDON.** Friday, July 7, at the end of Basin Rd. See July 6 listing.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN FAYSTON.** Friday, July 7, Burnt Rock Mountain. Hike Burnt Rock Mt. from the Beane trail. Strenuous 12-mile round trip hike with 2,000-foot elevation gain. Gorgeous views from open ledges on the summit. Dog-friendly. Contact Jennifer Klevuer at 907-793-0622 or jennifer.klevuer@yahoo.com for more information.

**ARTIST’S RECEPTION IN VERGENNES.** Friday, July 7, 5-7 p.m., Northern Daughters Gallery, 221 Main St. A reception for Maria Flores Galindo and Peter Wallis, whose show “The Past is Fighting Itself Again / Las Cuentas De Mi Abuela” will be on display from June 21 to July 31. More info at northern daughters.com.

**SYNDY NGUYEN, CARILLONNEUR, IN MIDDLEBURY.** Friday, July 7, 6-8 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel. Sydney Nguyen, Assistant Carillonneur at Wellesley College opens the 2023 Middlebury College’s annual Summer Carillon series, where musicians from around the world perform in the Middlebury Chapel’s bell tower, soaring high above the College campus. The melodic sounds of the carillon bells are a staple of the College’s tower, soaring high above the College campus. More info at middlebury.edu/carillon.

**JADE RAVINS AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN.** Friday, July 7, 5-7 p.m., Blueberry Hill Outdoor Center, Goshen Rd. Community Pizza night features pizza, soft drinks and live music $37 per person/$27 for kids 11 and under/kids 5 and under free. Advanced reservations appreciated. Blueberryhillinn.com/pizza.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB WALK IN SHOREHAM.** Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m.-noon, Shoreham parking lot on Morgan Horse Farm Rd. Who owns the night? Bugs and insects do. Join MALT and the Northern Daughters Gallery for an evening of bug watching as we set up a black light and white sheet to lure in the insect residents of Otter Creek Gorge that fill the forest with life all night long. Bring a flashlight and a family bucket list for your bug hunt.

**FARM TO BALLET IN SHOREHAM.** Sunday, July 9, 5-7 p.m., Champlain Orchards, 3597 Route 74 W. Dancing vegetables, familiar animals and even the seasons themselves come to life through dance in a joyful and entertaining show. The ballet explores the relationship between farmers and land, natural food cycles, and the human role in ecosystems. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets sliding scale adults $35/$20 kids $10/free. More info at balletvermont.org/champlain-orchards.html.

**DURHAM COUNTY POETS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Sunday, July 9, 7 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel. NFL College quarterback and author Jim Kelly discusses his latest book, “The Waterman’s Guide to Life,” with John Cariani, composer and music director for the Vermont Repertory Company. Kelly is also the subject of the documentary film “Jim Kelly: The Ultimate Underdog.” Mixed in with his story is a conversation on the role of religion in the sports world.

**ART ON THE TRAIL IN BRISTOL.** Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. This session will focus on a technique called diagramming, which involves deep observation of complex natural object and breaking it down into component parts for drawing. Bring a sketchbook with pens and/or pencils to begin your journal. Free, but registration is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email oddangelic@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

**DISCOVER NIGHTTIME CREATURES: NOCTURNAL BUGS AND INSECTS IN MIDDLEBURY.** Saturday, July 8, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Otter Creek Gorge, enter at the northern parking lot on Morgan Horse Farm Rd. Who owns the night? Bugs and insects do. Join MALT and Professor Gregory Pask of Middlebury College as we set up a black light and white sheet to lure in the insect residents of Otter Creek Gorge that fill the forest with life all night long. Take an up-close-and-personal look at these nocturnal living things. Appropriate for families and people of all ages. A 200-yard walk on a mowed path. No bathrooms on site. Please plan accordingly. Bring a headlamp.
Sarah King kicks off free music series at Lincoln Peak Vineyard on Friday

This Friday, June 30, bring your blanket, and appetite for good food, wine and fabulous music, to Lincoln Peak Vineyard in New Haven. Sarah King, of Ripton, will kick off this free monthly outdoor music showcase — presented by Town Hall Theater and some generous sponsors — at 6 p.m.

This series will run June, July and August, featuring King, Myra Flynn and KeruBo. Although the concert is free, you must register for the events at townhalltheater.org.

King is known for her powerhouse voice and “fiery, vulnerable songs.” She creates thought-provoking, versatile Americana music. Her genuine stories about real-life emotions and situations also draw on classic folk-blues themes, balancing songs about the devil and booze with hard-won moments of reflection and acceptance. Her acclaimed 2021 EP “The Hour,” produced by Simone Felice and David Baron, earned her recognition as the New England Music Awards Songwriter of the Year and performances at the 2022 Folk Alliance International and Philadelphia Folk festivals, as well as supporting slots for acts including Blues Traveler and The Steel Woods.

Food for Friday’s performance will be served by Thai Home (bring cash for food and drink options). In the case of rain, the concert will move indoors to the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

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ACROSS
1. Sloping position
5. Descendant of a notable family
10. Following accepted norms
12. Root vegetable
14. Having a shape that reduces drag from air
16. Integrated circuit
18. Records electric currents of the heart
19. Used to anoint
20. Japanese city
22. After B
23. Muffles
25. Pass over
26. Vase
27. Soft touch
28. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
30. Patti Hearst’s captors
31. Israeli politician
33. Degradation
35. Type of wrap
37. Polyurethane fabric
38. Avoids capture
40. Vegetarians avoid it
41. Decay
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Vessel to bathe in
45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
48. Frosts
50. Controversial replay system in soccer
52. Comforts
53. Needed for yoga
56. Ands/__
57. South Dakota
58. Printing system
63. Dramatic works set to music
65. Highest points
66. Social division
67. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease

DOWN
1. Hill or rocky peak
2. Initial public offering
3. Type of light
4. Test
5. Flaky coverings
6. Former NFLer Newton
7. Part of the eye
8. Roman god of the underworld
9. Negative
10. Indiana pro basketball player
11. Replaces lost tissue
13. Denotes one from whom title is taken
15. Historic college hoops tournament
17. Hut by a swimming pool
18. Defunct European monetary unit
21. Feeds on insects
23. Adult male
24. Melancholic
27. Sheets of glass
29. Slang for famous person
32. Not good
34. “Ghetto Superstar” singer
35. The “World” is one
36. Used to make guacamole
39. Midway between south and southwest
40. Wet dirt
43. Ancient Egyptian name
44. Set of four
46. Strips
47. Wife
49. More dried-up
51. Socially inept person
54. Clusters on fern fronds
56. Very important person
60. Prefix indicating “away from”
61. Very important person
62. Fiddler crabs
64. Special therapy

Sudoku

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column, and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium, and difficult.

Level: Medium

This week’s puzzle solutions can be found on Page 13.

JOIN OUR NEW COLLECTIVE!

Are you an artist looking for a community to connect with? Look no further! Sparrow Artist Collective brings together artists from all backgrounds to inspire and encourage each other on their creative journeys. We welcome artists of all kinds and skill levels to join our growing collective!

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ATTN: ARTISTS!
Many home-grown fruits and vegetables require pollination to develop fruit and seeds. Approximately 75% of all food crops grown in the United States depend on bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. However, pollinator populations worldwide are decreasing due to habitat loss, disease and environmental contaminants.

We can all support pollinators by creating hospitable areas in our home gardens. Beyond choosing pollinator-friendly plants, add features to your garden that will encourage pollinators to visit and stay. A welcoming pollinator space benefits both the pollinators and your garden.

A diverse selection of native plants is the backbone of a hospitable pollinator garden. When choosing plants, look for a variety of colors and flower shapes. Group a few of each type together. This helps pollinators find what they are looking for and forage efficiently.

Ideally, you will have flowers blooming throughout the season. Consider this when making selections.

For help, check out the “Vermont Pollinator Habitat Plant Palette” on the Gardening Resources page of the University of Vermont Extension Community Horticulture website (go.uvm.edu/garden-resources). Click on “Pollinators.” This resource lists plants by flower color, bloom time and the pollinators that each attracts.

Pollinators also need a water source. This can be as simple as a shallow pan with water. Add stones or marbles for them to land on while drinking. Change the water every few days to avoid pests laying eggs.

At the end of the gardening season, leave some plant material on the ground for nesting sites. Leaf litter, piles of sticks and uncut grass are desirable overwintering locations. When cutting back dead plants, cut to a few inches above the ground. The hollow stalks provide winter shelter.

Some pollinators may enjoy a more formal nesting site. Bee boxes, bat boxes and bug hotels add visual interest to the garden and provide shelter and nesting space for pollinators. Many can be constructed easily from found materials and require little maintenance.

Instead of using pesticides and chemical fertilizers in your lawn and garden, try to manage pests naturally. This is more time-consuming, but pollinators and your soil will benefit greatly.

Prevention is the key here. Planning for crop rotation, companion planting, paying attention to insect life cycles and using barriers are all tools that can be used successfully to avoid the need for pesticides and chemical fertilizers. These strategies are known as Integrated Pest Management or IPM.

A garden with a variety of pollinator-friendly native plants will provide a good source of nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators.
Learn the risks of plants to your pets

Plants can be beautiful additions to a home and provide a natural way to filter interior air. Many homeowners prefer to enhance their spaces with greenery and various flowers. Though that’s a great way to design a home’s interior, pet owners must exercise caution with plants to safeguard their furry friends.

Adults understand that they may need to wash their hands after handling certain types of plants, and that it can be unsafe to consume them. Children are instructed by their parents to do the same. Even though many pets can be trained to steer clear of certain dangers, their natural propensity to gnaw on various items out of curiosity or even boredom may entice them to investigate plants.

Some plants are more dangerous than others. According to the Farmer’s Almanac, more than 700 indoor/outdoor plants contain toxic substances that are not safe for cats and dogs. Learning about common plants and their hazards can help keep pets safe. The following are some plants that are toxic to cats and dogs, courtesy of the ASPCA.

- **Adam and Eve (Arun, Starch Root):** This plant can cause oral irritation, pain and swelling of the mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, and difficulty swallowing.
- **Aloe vera:** While the gel is considered edible, the rest of the plant may cause lethargy, diarrhea and vomiting.
- **Amaryllis:** There are many different types of amaryllis, and most will cause vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, and tremors in cats and dogs.
- **Azalea:** These plants of the rhododendron family cause vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, and potential cardiac failure.
- **Begonia:** The most toxic part of this plant is underground. Still, it may cause vomiting and salivation in dogs and cats.
- **California Ivy:** The foliage is more toxic than the berries, and could contribute to vomiting, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, and diarrhea.
- **Clematis:** Salivation, vomiting and diarrhea are common if the plant is ingested.
- **Daisy (and other chrysanthemum species):** Dermatitis, vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, and incoordination may occur.
- **Elephant Ears:** This plant may cause oral irritation, pain and swelling of the mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, and difficulty swallowing.
- **Foxglove:** This may cause cardiac arrhythmia, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, and death.
- **Geranium:** Ingesting geranium may lead to depression, dermatitis and vomiting.

**SEE PET ON PAGE 14**

![Amaryllis](image)

**Pets in Need**

**Honey**

Honey is part of Homeward Bound’s 3rd Party Adoption listing for privately-owned Vermont animals. She is a spayed 2.5-year-old boxer/hound mix weighing 60 pounds. Honey is a high-energy dog with social anxiety. All toys and games are fun for Honey whether balls, Frisbees, or tug toys. She likes to fetch and chase and learn tricks for treats. She is super affectionate and just thrives on attention. Honey has done great with kids and other dogs and cats in the home but will bark constantly at people and animals when outside. She has not been socialized with other dogs outside of the ones she lives with, and has acted like she might get aggressive toward unknown dogs so her family hasn’t pushed their luck in that area.

**Lady**

Lady is an energetic, 7-month-old Redbone Coonhound mix. She is still learning basic puppy manners and is not yet housebroken. Lady is a people lover and enjoys the company of other dogs, but doesn’t want to be bothered during mealtime.

Lady is extremely treat-motivated and knows sit and shake! She needs an active home and people who can give her the time for training and exercising. Lady loves being outside and walks well on a leash. She is a bouncy companion with a bubbly personality who needs a family and a home.

**Abbey**

Abbey is a 4-year-old with a strong personality. She is almost always on the top of her cat tower like royalty ruling over her subjects.

Abbey is a people lover and enjoys the company of other dogs, but doesn’t want to be bothered during mealtime. She is very affectionate on her own terms and will give you an angry sounding meow when she has had enough love and attention. Abbey has previously lived with other cats but does not seem to like the dogs in the shelter.

**Emmy**

Emmy is a gentle, sweet 8-year-old who likes to perch on top of the cat tower with her senior cat friends and nap the day away. Emmy is very affectionate and enjoys playing with wand toys. She is friendly with cats and may be okay with a calm, cat-friendly dog.

**Scooter**

Scooter is a loving 4-year-old lap cat who will quickly steal your heart! He is friendly with cats, dogs, and people and would make a great addition to any family. Scooter is on a urinary diet which has easily maintained his health.

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This week’s property is managed by IPJ Real Estate.
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• Mother of millions: This succulent could cause vomiting, diarrhea, and, in rare instances, abnormal heart rhythm.

• Philodendron: Oral irritation, pain and swelling of the mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting, and difficulty swallowing could occur.

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• Snake plant: Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea could occur if pets ingest this plant.

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EXHIBITS

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“Maria Flores Galindo & Peter Wallis: The Past is Fighting Itself Again / Las Cuentas De Mi Abuela.” This duo exhibition features collage and paintings that bring the viewer into places and moments that push past the boundaries of what we take for granted. On view June 21-July 31, with an opening reception on Friday, July 7, from 5-7 p.m. An artist Q&A will be held during the opening reception at 5:30 p.m.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY
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“Quiet Landscape.” is a juried photo exhibit featuring different genres of landscape: natural, urban, industrial, and abstract. Photographers show us how they see the world, in a quiet mode. Juror Wendi Schneider selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and up to 40 for the online gallery. On view June 8-July 16.

SHELDON MUSEUM
1 Park Street, Middlebury
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“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.


“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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MONDAY, JULY 10TH
Join us at 7pm for the Faux Paws, an explosive roller coaster ride that brings the audience along with fiddle, mandolin, guitar and saxophone. Next up is Kyshona at 8:30pm, blending roots, rock, R&B, and folk with lyrical prowess.

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH
At 7pm, master kora player Yacouba Sissoko starts off the evening with traditional songs and stories of West African history and culture. Bombajazzendo presents the joyous bomba drumming and dancing of Puerto Rico, plus the soulfulness of jazz at 8:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH
The Garifuna Collective starts a double set at 7pm. They bring together the deep cultural roots of Garifuna music, mixed with modern grooves, arrangements, and instruments like the unique hand drums, turtle shells and jawbones, guitars and bass.

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH
The Ruta Beggars hit the stage at 7pm, infusing traditional bluegrass and early swing to create a timeless act filled with intricate vocal harmonies, fiery instrumentals, and plenty of fun. Multi-award winners Genticorum, a Québécois musical trio, follow at 8:30pm.

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH
Winner of New England Music Award’s 2021 Songwriter of the Year, Sarah King, starts us off at 7pm. The Krishna Guthrie Band starts at 8:30pm. While never leaving behind the roots of his family’s music, Krishna turns it up a notch, infusing rock, blues and modern influences.

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