



Stage debut

At MACo's New Play Festival audiences get to be the 1st to see three emerging shows. See Arts + Leisure.



Champs third

Vergennes took 21 races at the CVSL meet, while the Marlins were sixth. See Sports, Page 1B.



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Addison County close to making cut for flood aid

By JOHN FLOWERS

EAST MIDDLEBURY — State officials on Monday confirmed Addison County is approaching the federal disaster-related threshold at which residents can qualify for financial aid to repair private property damage sustained in last month's flooding. Officials urged affected residents to report their losses — no matter how minor — as soon as possible by calling 211 or going online to vermont211.org.

"We haven't seen the spike in reporting to Vermont 211 that we had anticipated, but of any county that (See FEMA aid, Page 8A)

Growers coping with floods and frost

Deluge hits harvest, hurts soil fertility, erodes fields

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — It's been a tough year for Vermont farmers.

Just two months after a mid-May frost devastated apple, grape and other fruit crops throughout the state, July brought abnormally heavy rainfall that wreaked havoc on Vermont farms during peak growing

season. Though Addison County was spared the worst of the flooding, local growers have still faced challenges due to the heavy rains.

"This is only our second year owning (Lower Notch Berry Farm), so (the flooding) has definitely been a lot," said Olivia Glascoe, whose Bristol berry (See Rain, Page 11A)

May cold snap still straining farmers

By MARIN HOWELL

ADDISON COUNTY — Growers in Addison County are still wrestling with the damage caused by a May 18 frost that devastated apple, grape and other fruit crops throughout the state.

A federal disaster designation issued in July has opened up assistance for Vermont farmers looking to cover their losses, but local growers are still (See Cold snap, Page 3A)

A MAY FROST that killed 80% of the apples at Woodman Hill Orchard left the majority of remaining fruit with damage like the frost ring shown here.



Expenses driving up hospital spending

Travelers, inflation impact FY'24 budget

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Porter Medical Center (PMC) officials are seeking state approval of a fiscal year 2024 budget that projects \$140 million in expenses, reflecting a \$23 million increase compared to the \$117 million originally budgeted for FY'23.

Porter Chief Financial Officer Scott Comeau said PMC's budget proposal — which will soon be reviewed by the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) — doesn't call for any new healthcare programs for patients. PMC includes the county hospital, Helen Porter Rehabilitation & Nursing and approximately a dozen affiliated medical practices.

"We've filled out our physician complement a bit with recruitment, but overall, our budget is very conservative and in line with the (patient) volumes we're seeing today," Comeau said during a Monday interview.

The GMCB will review a Porter budget that proposes:

- A 6.86% bump in commercial insurance rates. Hospitals have an opportunity to negotiate commercial rates with insurers — and that's where healthcare cost-shift can play out, Comeau noted. (See Porter, Page 11A)



Family synchronicity

CARRIE ADE BRER of Middlebury and her 8-year-old son, Brer Basson, tune up their skateboarding skills together on a newly opened feature at the developing skate park near Middlebury town pool on Monday. Looking at her form it is not a surprise that the mother has been a surfer in Hawaii, Australia and South Africa. Son Brer tells us he skates, skis and snowboards.

Independent photo/Steve James

Group eyes more housing in county

Planners ask for help with survey

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) this summer is taking a three-pronged approach to help create more dwelling opportunities in what is currently a super-tight housing market in our area.

The commission's strategy includes a soon-to-be-launched, countywide housing survey; the recent release of a special guide advising residents on how to create accessory apartments; and coordination of state grant money that's helping three Addison County communities consider smaller lot sizes in their village centers.

Katie Raycroft-Meyer, an ACRPC community planner, was a major player in drafting the housing section for the county's latest (See Housing, Page 8A)

Middlebury College feels pressure of large enrollment

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

MIDDLEBURY — With about a month before students return to Middlebury College campus for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, college officials are offering some of them a big incentive to

stay away.

On Monday, Middlebury College sent an email to rising juniors and seniors offering a \$10,000 stipend to the first 30 students who opt to take a voluntary leave of absence in the

Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 terms.

Students got only a few days to contemplate a drastic change in plans for the next six months.

Smita Ruzicka, vice president for student affairs, on Tuesday described the response as "strong

and enthusiastic."

"We have received enough applications to reach our intended outcome and are in the process of reviewing them to ensure eligibility," she said.

This offer is the latest in a

series of efforts to mitigate the over-enrollment problem that the school is experiencing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It seems that not only are more youngsters applying to (See College, Page 12A)



THE MUIR FAMILY — from left, Amy, Alison, Hunter and James — are pictured here in what soon will be the kitchen in their new home. They were excited to learn in May they had qualified to buy a Habitat for Humanity home in the Booth Woods neighborhood of Vergennes after years of living in transitional housing, even though they are a two-income family. The home, built with donated money and labor, should be ready in early 2024.

Independent photo/Andy Kirkaldy

Habitat to the rescue of city family of four

After years of trying, Muirs find a home

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Amy and James Muir both have jobs, his fulltime in HR with the Transportation Security Administration in Burlington, and hers parttime with the Comfort Hill Kennel in Vergennes.

Yet for the past six years, they've been unsuccessful in finding permanent housing while living with their two children, Hunter, 10, and Alison, 7, in a transitional apartment in Vergennes provided by the John Graham Shelter.

Amy Muir said despite their best efforts and combined incomes, they've been frustrated by the region's notoriously difficult real

estate and rental markets.

But in late May, their fortunes took a decided change for the better.

"James and I don't really have experience building anything, let alone a house, but the volunteers have all, honestly, been so great."

— Amy Muir

Habitat will sell the home to the Muirs — whose income fell within (See Home, Page 14A)



By the way

To bring flood relief to more Vermonters, it's critical that residents of Addison County report flood damage to Vermont 211. Even if you don't need support yourself, reporting (See By the way, Page 10A)

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JOE MCVEIGH, LEADER of an ad hoc committee that's coordinating plans to renovate and expand Middlebury's Ilsley Public Library, shows conceptual drawings of how such a project could be accomplished at 75 Main St. These images are on display at the library and will be the subject of an Aug. 9 public presentation at the Town Hall Theater.

Ilsley expansion options on display

Conceptual renovation drawings to be showcased Aug. 9

MIDDLEBURY — Ilsley Public Library officials continue to build information for an upcoming, Aug. 9 showcase of conceptual drawings that will help people imagine expansion and renovation opportunities for the library at 75 Main St., Middlebury.

The *Independent* last week published an article explaining the Ilsley's difficulties in containing its programming in the 99-year-old library building. After much study and public input, Ilsley leaders have decided that library should be expanded and renovated at its current location. Ilsley offered \$5,000 stipends to architectural teams submitting conceptual images on what a makeover could look like at 75 Main St.

Three architectural teams participated: Montpelier's gbA Architecture and Planning, Vermont Integrated Architecture (VIA) of Middlebury, and a collaboration of Wiemann-Lamphere Architects of Colchester and ReArch Company of South Burlington.

The *Independent* last week published three potential Ilsley makeover images from each firm. Ilsley leaders stressed that the final library project design could look *nothing* like any of the images that people will see at the Aug. 9 showcase, which starts at 6:30 p.m. in Middlebury's Town Hall Theater. But the images presented at the meeting will guide library leaders in choosing one of the architectural teams to do the final design work on an Ilsley renovation/expansion project.

All the images are currently on display at the Ilsley. Joe McVeigh, an Ilsley trustee and leader of an ad hoc committee that's coordinating planning for the project, has already received some public feedback on the images.

"The general feeling is one of excitement and anticipation," he said through an email exchange. "There is no particular preference

for one design over another at this point, however people have commented on the aspects of the designs that excite them. Among those design elements are: accessibility for everyone, improved community gathering places, an expanded children's area, modern and bright meeting spaces with natural light, solar panels, getting the children's space out of the basement, outdoor gathering spaces."

Ilsley leaders on Aug. 9 will ask people how they use the library, what they find interesting and exciting about the design ideas, and what they don't care for, McVeigh said. They'll also be asked if there are additional features that should be added or changed to help the library better meet the needs of the community.

Plans call for Ilsley officials to meet with the selectboard later this month to recommend one of the three design teams to carry the project to final design.

"We'll keep working with the selected design firm with more rounds of public input until we reach a design that is going to best meet the needs of the community."

The library has produced more information about the submitted Ilsley images since last week's *Independent*. Among the new information was a brief summary outlining some of the differences between the three design teams' visions for an Ilsley makeover. That summary follows:

• A team led by **gbA Architects and Planning** offers the most compact footprint, carefully remaining within the library's current property footprint, proposing to reveal most of the historic stone exterior of the original 1924 library building, and building a new addition to the northeast, closer to the Marquis Theater.

The team calls this four-story structure a "flexible container" for the variety of new and expanded programs. gbA emphasized this flexibility, with the interior programming as just one potential version of a program to be determined by their process of community design through public and user-group meetings.

The new building is tucked into the northeast corner of the property, connected by a series of interior bridges to the historic library, with an elevator and stair serving all levels of both structures, all the way up to modest roof gardens on the third and fourth floor. The addition is accessible at the sidewalk level from both Main

Street, and from existing parking with no need to ascend steps. All of the current parking behind the library is maintained. gbA proposes re-using most of the older building as reading and study rooms.

• A team led by **Vermont Integrated Architecture (VIA)** offers a slightly expanded footprint, in which a few parking spaces in the rear give way to a landscaped entry garden. The garden fronts a three-story stone addition containing a community meeting room that is easily accessible after-hours at the sidewalk level. This is connected to the historic building by a three-story addition that wraps around the north and east sides of the historic building. Images of the connector show a slate façade, but the design team says materials remain flexible.

The fine Main Street elevation of the 1924 building is restored to its original look, with a new glass façade set back on the left side. While the exterior is respectfully restored, the interior of the 1924 building is dramatically re-imagined: the floor behind the current circulation desk would be dropped down so it would be level with the entry from the rear parking lot.

A skylight in the roof would create a full-height atrium over a new circulation desk that would face the parking lot entry. The existing lobby and reading room is envisioned as community living space, overlooking the skylit central hub, which is surrounded by balconies on the upper floors.

• A team led by **Wiemann-Lamphere Architects and ReArch Company** proposes an expanded footprint, moving out into the existing rear parking lot and creating a multi-purpose plaza. With the larger footprint, the team keeps the entire new addition on only two floors, including a large rooftop garden terrace for outdoor programming.

Operationally, the new structure can be managed from a circulation desk on each floor, while areas of the historic structure get a straightforward renovation and restoration. This strategy allows the children's area — the most actively visited part of the library — to be prominent and immediately off the parking side entry, without requiring stairs or elevators.

The team also proposes extending the mass-timber structure of the addition all the way to Main Street, with a new sidewalk level entry aligned with neighboring downtown buildings.

Outdoor middle school takes shape

By MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — This past September, the Willowell Foundation began offering an outdoor, experiential program for seventh- to ninth-graders in and around Addison County. Now, the Pond Brook Project team is preparing for another school year out in the woods, this time as a full-time, state-approved independent middle school.

Pond Brook Project Director Eric Warren said he's looking forward to the opportunities that expanding the program will offer staff and students.

"I'm really excited about being able to implement more curriculum. We were limited in what we could do this past year," he said. "Our teachers are really working hard on their curriculum in the vein of finding ways to help students connect to the land, to the subjects that we'll be teaching, and to exploring their own strengths and interests."

Like the Willowell Foundation's other programs, Pond Brook offers a nature-based learning experience, engaging pupils in interdisciplinary courses through hands-on activities and outdoor classes held at the foundation's Monkton property. During Pond Brook's inaugural year, students would meet twice a week on the Willowell land. Each day was structured around two classes and filled with other activities like cooking, exploring in nature and community building.

PLACE-BASED LEARNING

Pond Brook will continue to meet at the Willowell property during the upcoming school year, though Warren said students will also spend more time out in Addison County and beyond. Those field trips and other learning experiences will center around a different theme each semester.

"The three-year curriculum is really based on a slightly different theme for each year, and then within that, some related themes for each semester," Warren explained. "Each semester will be thought of as an independent program so that students can enter at any semester."

This upcoming fall semester will focus on the theme of taking students "Into the Wild," exploring the geologic history of Vermont, the state's earliest inhabitants and learning about other elements of the surrounding landscape.

"We'll spend most of our time out and about, starting out on the shores of Lake Champlain looking at the limestone bedrock that's five hundred million years old and moving up to other parts of the basin, up to the top of the mountain and going up through the most recent glaciation," Warren said. "With that, we're looking at ideas around wilderness, around community, and really rooting what we're going to do in future semesters in this idea of geologic time."

Warren said he hopes to also include community service opportunities in Pond Brook students' outings. He noted that spending time in various parts of the community has a lot to offer students aside from hands-on learning experiences.

"The fact that we're going to be a mobile program and that students will be creating their own classroom

in the places we go to helps give them responsibility as well as agency," Warren said. "Being out and about really helps students connect with their communities and be part of what's going (on) outside of the school walls, seeing themselves as members of the larger community around them."

A small school bus will transport Pond Brook's 14 students to their daily adventures, with a trailer helping cart around necessary school supplies. Long-term plans are to construct a mobile classroom that would double as a form of transportation and a learning space for when Pond Brook classes take place on the road.

NO ONE TURNED AWAY

Pond Brook will be able to accommodate 14 students, and Warren said spots remain available for the upcoming fall semester.

Last month the State Board (See Willowell, Page 3A)



POND BROOK MIDDLE School Director Eric Warren leads students through one of the program's outdoor, interdisciplinary classes. Pond Brook will begin operating as a full-time program for local middle schoolers this fall.

Photo courtesy of Eric Warren



FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED in the Willowell Foundation's Pond Brook Middle School, learning takes place through outdoor, hands-on classes. This fall, the enrichment program will begin operating as a full-time, independent middle school.

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Agri-Mark seeks federal funding Cold snap

New equipment would improve wastewater treatment

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury's largest wastewater generator is seeking federal funding for new equipment that would allow it to more effectively pre-treat its fluid discharge before it finds its way into the town's wastewater treatment plant and, ultimately, the Otter Creek.

Agri-Mark/Cabot is a nationally-renowned cheese manufacturer that employs 150 at its Middlebury plant at 869 Exchange St. This is the largest of Agri-Mark's cheese facilities, producing more than 70 million pounds of cheese annually while receiving more than 700 million pounds of milk from the region's dairy farms each year. In addition to cheese, the plant processes its own whey and that generated by Agri-Mark's Cabot, Vt., and Chateaugay, N.Y., cheese plants.

Given the massive volume of dairy products it processes, Agri-Mark is by far Middlebury's largest industrial wastewater treatment plant user, discharging an average of 386,000 gallons per day — or 44% of the facility's average flow. At the same time, Agri-Mark accounts for 62% of the organic load and 84% of the municipal treatment plant's phosphorus load.

The town of Middlebury's water treatment plant — which is 23 years old and is being sized up for a major upgrade — discharges into the Otter Creek, a tributary of Lake Champlain. Middlebury assigns certain standards for total suspended solid, phosphorus and other substances in wastewater that require its treatment plant to work harder. Industrial customers generating wastewater that exceeds permit limits must pay a premium.

Agri-Mark currently uses a dissolved air floatation (DAF) unit to get its wastewater within the company's permit limits before it makes its way to the Middlebury treatment plant. But that 19-year-old DAF system is now too small to

treat the full wastewater volume the plant generates on an average day, according to Aaron Page, an Agri-Mark environmental engineer.

In basic terms, a DAF system uses air to remove suspended matter from the surface of treated water. It's a process that creates tiny, dissolved air bubbles that adhere to suspended matter within the water, causing it to surface and then be skimmed away.

"This (process) works very well in dairy because you have a lot of lighter solids," Page noted. "There are lot of fat and oil greases that tend to float, anyway. (DAF) is very common in the dairy and beverage industry."

Still, Agri-Mark's Middlebury plant "has grown significantly" since the current DAF unit was installed back in 2004, Page conceded.

"It's doing the job most of the time, but there are definitely times when we wish we had a bigger DAF unit," he said. "The facility periodically experiences production upsets that result in loads that exceed the removal capabilities of the DAF unit and travel downstream to the (treatment plant)."

The result: The aging Middlebury treatment plant needs to work harder to try and keep impurities out of the Otter Creek, and Agri-Mark ends up paying a bigger wastewater bill. It's a bad situation for all.

The proposed solution, according to Page, is to replace the current DAF unit with another one that has roughly twice the capacity. Page said the new equipment would be able to pre-treat more than 400 gallons of the plant's wastewater per minute, adequate to match the facility's peak flows and handle 100% of the daily volume, if necessary.

Page acknowledged the larger DAF unit would generate larger volumes of sludge and thus require more storage space. As a result, Agri-Mark is also proposing to install a new, 10,000-gallon tank sized to store a day's worth of sludge at a time.

Agri-Mark officials said the new

DAF unit would dovetail nicely with the new Purpose Energy anaerobic digester that's being installed nearby at 177 Industrial Ave. Once up and running, the digester will convert locally generated organic waste — including feedstock from Agri-Mark — into more than 1 megawatt of electric power each year and eliminate an estimated 278 tanker truck trips each month.

Page estimates the cost of the plant's proposed wastewater upgrade at \$716,100. Agri-Mark is applying for the entire amount through the American Rescue Plan Act 2023 Pretreatment Grant Program. The town of Middlebury has agreed to administer the grant, should Agri-Mark receive it.

It's an investment the dairy cooperative's farmers would be hard-pressed to afford on their own, according to the company's grant application. And the bigger DAF unit could pay significant dividends down the road, officials believe.

"This upgrade will also allow flexibility for Agri-Mark to process more milk (increase plant capacity) in the future without occupying additional capacity" at the Middlebury treatment plant, the application reads.

Middlebury wastewater treatment plant Superintendent Robert Wells supports Agri-Mark's effort to upgrade its DAF equipment.

"If they can knock out some of those loads to us, they're going to save some money, and in the long run it's going to help us biologically, on the impacts it would have to us," he said.

He praised the cheese manufacturer for being a good community citizen.

"Cabot is a really good player in town," he said. "They've been very responsive on anything that happens. If I see something (amiss), I give them a call and they look for stuff."

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(Continued from Page 1A) exploring ways to mitigate the financial damage caused by the frost and to prepare for future growing seasons.

"We were expecting a bumper crop prior to the freeze, but we are estimating that over 80% of the fruitlets froze and fell in May, and over half of the remaining crop sustained damage that makes it unfit for retail sale," said Rob Rogers, who co-owns Woodman Hill Orchard in Ferrisburgh. "We hope to sell/use some of the damaged fruit for cider, but we can only expect a small fraction of the price from cider apples, as compared with retail quality fruit."

Woodman Hill grows nine varieties of apples on three acres. Rogers said the orchard will be open for pick-your-own for a shorter window this fall due to the smaller crop. He expects financial losses to include lower sales of cider, doughnuts and other fall products the orchard markets.

"Because we are a small operation, we have second occupations that provide a portion of our yearly income. We definitely feel for large growers this year who rely on their farms for 100% of their income," he said.

Woodman Hill is one of many orchards throughout the state that were hit hard by the late spring frost. In a preliminary survey

and assessment conducted by the University of Vermont on selected farms following the freeze, farmers reported roughly \$5.8 million in projected orchard losses. The UVM Fruit Program estimates that total losses might be upwards of \$10 million when factoring in orchards that did not participate in the survey.

In light of the damage to orchards and other farms throughout the state, Gov. Phil Scott in June requested that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack issue a secretarial disaster designation in response to the May frost. That request was approved last month, opening up financial support for Vermont growers, including low-interest USDA Farm Service Agency emergency loans for eligible farmers and orchardists. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for those loans.

Rogers said his orchard is still exploring whether the disaster designation and other programs could help cover revenue losses at Woodman Hill Orchard.

"We've heard that FSA emergency loans may be made available, although I don't think we would take advantage of that option. Hopefully these will help our neighbors who are in the most immediate financial need. Perhaps additional programs will be made available to farmers

this year, but we have not heard any specifics," he said.

Vineyards throughout the state were also affected by the mid-May frost. In Addison County, Shelburne Vineyards, which owns and operates Lincoln Peak Vineyard in New Haven, experienced a 50% loss in its grape crops after the freeze.

Shelburne Vineyard grows 14 grape varieties on around 22 acres across its locations. In New Haven, some grape varieties suffered a 95% reduction. The vineyard has been looking for ways to mitigate the financial impacts of the frost.

Shelburne Vineyards Tasting Room Manager Kate Cartwright said the vineyard hasn't been able to take advantage of available federal assistance thus far and has come up short in looking for other programs with interest-free loans.

The vineyard plans to purchase out-of-state fruit to make up for its depleted harvest.

"Those plans are moving forward," Cartwright said. "Some of the contracts are in place to purchase around 22 tons (of fruit) to make up for the loss."

The late spring frost and other severe and damaging weather this year have gotten growers thinking about how to protect their crops during future growing seasons. The *Independent* will explore those efforts in a future story.

Willowell

(Continued from Page 2A) of Education granted initial independent school approval to Pond Brook Middle School, which will allow the program to use public funding. Operating as an approved independent school also means Pond Brook is able to receive tuition from districts that offer full school choice for middle school students, such as the Lincoln School District.

Warren said Pond Brook is hoping to collaborate with other school districts in the area to make

the program available to more public school students.

"Part of it is organizing our program so that it's easy for students to come to us for a semester, or a full year, or for three years," he said. "We're hoping that opens up avenues to students who are looking for an experience out of the classroom for a semester, and that maybe it will be more appealing for public schools to work with us."

The Willowell Foundation last month received a \$10,000 grant

from the United Way of Addison County, which Warren said will help the program offer scholarships to students. Tuition for a semester at Pond Brook is \$7,500 for fall 2023.

The foundation is also continuing to organize fundraising efforts that will further allow Pond Brook to provide financial aid.

"Nobody will be turned away for lack of ability to pay tuition, and we have a scholarship process," Warren said. "A lot of our students will be scholarship in."

Local students excel at Community College of Vermont

MONTPELIER — The Community College of Vermont has released its honors lists for the spring 2023 semester. A number of local students have been named to the dean's list, the president's list, and the honors list.

President's list students have achieved a 4.0 grade point average studying full-time. They include: Heather Gorton of Bristol; Ava Young of Starksboro; and Opal Sutton of Vergennes.

Dean's list students, also full-time, have maintained a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99, and include: Jeffrey Perez

Kelsey Lafaso of Brandon was named to the dean's list at Coastal Carolina University for the spring 2023 semester.

Kai Companion of Bristol was named to the Champlain College dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. Students on the list have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Companion is currently pursuing the Graphic Design and Visual Communication major.

Pedraza of Addison; Rachel Gracie and Stephanie Havy of Bristol; Cierra Hoyt of Ferrisburgh; and Cassidy Quinlan of Panton.

Part-time students with a 4.0 grade point average are named to the honors list. They include: Katha Bolduc and Brad Russett

of Addison; Tracey Orvis of Bristol; Rose Caron and Bryan-Michael Parks of Middlebury;

Bethany Scott of New Haven; Liana Szczecinski of Starksboro; Vivian Boateng and Erica Glesmann of Vergennes; and Priscilla Barry of Weybridge.



AGRI-MARK IS SEEKING a \$716,000 federal grant to more effectively pre-treat wastewater it discharges from its Exchange Street cheese plant before waste makes its way to Middlebury's aging treatment plant. Independent photo/John Flowers

CORRECTION: Our July 27 story about Phase 2 of Maple Broadband's internet service contained two inaccuracies. The correct amount of ARPA funding earmarked in 2022 by the Vermont Community Broadband Board to the county nonprofit internet provider

was roughly \$10.8 million, and funding for broadband expansion through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program is expected to come online in 2024.

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Editorials

A trio for Trump, as the nation teeters on unlikely precipice

On Tuesday, ex-president Donald Trump made history again. He is the first former president to be indicted on three separate criminal charges. He's also the first and second former president to be charged in a criminal case. To Trump and his followers, he has been thrice honored; though for most Americans being a criminal is no honor. And such treasonous behavior has always been the highest dishonor.

The next presidential election will determine if that remains true, or if the nation's values have changed to mirror Trump's.

Tuesday's third indictment charges Trump for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021 assault on the nation's capitol and other efforts to overturn the November 2020 election. He was charged with three counts of conspiracy and one count of obstructing an official proceeding.

Most Americans are familiar with the charges, but for those who want to understand the laws that were violated, the specific charges are: conspiracy to defraud the United States under Title 18, Section 371; obstruction of and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, under Section 1512; and conspiracy "to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person... in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States" as found under Section 241.

While the case will be tried in front of a jury on the merits of the law, the larger question was framed well by *Washington Post* White House Correspondent Peter Baker, who wrote in Wednesday's Post:

"At the core of the *United States of America v. Donald J. Trump* is no less than the viability of the system constructed during that summer in Philadelphia (when the Founding Fathers penned the Constitution). Can a sitting president spread lies about an election and try to employ the authority of the government to overturn the will of the voters without consequence? The question would have been unimaginable just a few years ago, but the Trump case raises the kind of specter more familiar in countries with histories of coups and juntas and dictators.

"In effect, Jack Smith, the special counsel who brought the case, charged Mr. Trump with one of the most sensational frauds in the history of the United States, one 'fueled by lies' and animated by the basest of motives, the thirst for power. In a 45-page, four-count indictment, Mr. Smith dispensed with the notion that Mr. Trump believed his claims of election fraud. 'The defendant knew that they were false,' it said, and made them anyway to 'create an intense national atmosphere of mistrust and anger and erode public faith in the administration of the election.'

To readers and viewers of objective news outlets, the charges mesh well with the actions taken by the ex-president. Americans saw Trump refuse to concede the election on multiple fronts. They saw him object to election counts in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona and Nevada and lose each time — not by shenanigans but through the painstaking process of election officials validating and counting election results.

Not able to win honestly, Trump conned the Republican Party into believing a different narrative: that the election was stolen from him.

It's "the big lie" — and Trump's determination to continue espousing it despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary — that is the bigger fraud. And that's partly what this trial, and coming election, is about.

Can a former president by hook or crook use the levers of power to negate the public's will, and when he loses, still perpetrate a fraud on the American people without legal consequence?

Again, Peter Baker: "For all of the many, many allegations made against (Trump) on all sorts of subjects during his time on the public stage, everything else feels small by comparison. Unlike the indictment by New York State for allegedly covering up a payment to a porn actress and Mr. Smith's previous indictment for allegedly jeopardizing national secrets after leaving the White House, the new charges are the first to deal with actions taken by a president while in office.

"While he failed to keep his grip on power, Mr. Trump has undermined the credibility of elections in the United States by persuading three in 10 Americans that the 2020 election was somehow stolen from him, even though it was not and many of his own advisers and family members know it was not.

"The most essential facts of the case, after all, are not in dispute, nor did he deny any of the assertions made in the indictment on Tuesday. Mr. Trump was astonishingly open at the time in declaring that he wanted to overturn the election. Since leaving office, he has even called for 'the termination' of the Constitution to reinstall him in the White House immediately."

While Trump's shenanigans fit his history of denial of any wrongdoing, and little belief in facts or truth, what's equally appalling is how the majority of the Republican Party has rallied behind those same lies. But, unless some change in their attitudes happen quickly and they nominate someone other than Trump for president, it appears the GOP will become, as Post columnist Jennifer Rubin recently wrote, "the party of insurrection and deceit. The GOP will be stained for a very long time by sticking by Trump's side."

The other accomplice is conservative media — Fox News in particular because of its far reach — that continues to market those lies as legitimate, stuck as they are with the dictatorial mobster they created.

At the end of the day, it's remarkable the country — this formidable bastion of democracy — is on this unlikely precipice as we head into the 2024 election, balanced as we are by the hope that sanity prevails over insanity, that reason defies the proliferation of lies.

To that end, the other contest the public will decide is whether facts and truths can be rightly determined in a political landscape flooded with deliberate falsehoods and strategic misinformation. The country's democracy and future hangs in the balance.

Angelo Lynn



Contemplative

A WHITE AND BLACK cow in a green field outside a red barn under a gray silo with a silver top enjoys some "me time" as she watches the world slowly drift by on a dairy farm off Route 22A in Shoreham last month.

Independent photo/Steve James

Letters to the Editor

Act as a tribe to reject bad laws

A recent study shows that fear of being put out of the tribe is worse than facing possible death.

That explains the behavior of Republican legislators and the MAGA mob, but what about the rest? Why don't Floridians speak up and against abortion laws and book bans that are purely and deeply wrong? Why aren't people speaking up and taking action against abortion bans in states where it is clearly shown that the majority are against such restrictions? Why are teachers going along with rules that demand they teach an insanely false portrayal of history?

What fear is ruling them and the rest of us?

There is incredible power in numbers and there definitely is more of us than them. Gather. Discuss. Make a reasonable plan and most important — act! Act together. Act as a tribe because it is greater than theirs.

Brenda Scott Whiting

Please collect forgotten tools

I wish the person who left a small tool battery and charger on top of my new heat pump would come and get it. The heat pump people say it doesn't belong to any of their people.

Peter Grant Bristol

Rogers Road now a cut-thru

Middlebury has had too many tragedies between cars and bikes/pedestrians over the past several years.

When I moved to Rogers Road, we went out with several friends and their kids to see the Christmas lights in Buttolph Acres. As we approached the Monroe Street crossing (no crosswalk, no nothing) a car screamed around the corner. Thankfully, a friend on the fire department had the reflexes to leap into the road and wave his hands wildly to get the attention of the driver. Thankfully, nothing tragic happened.

Since then, I and three other people that I'm aware of have been yelled at by the nice lady who lives at the intersection for walking there. She calls out of her window that it's not safe.

Every morning and afternoon a stream of kids walk, bike and rollerblade by my house on their way to and from all three schools. I worry about them.

My cat was killed this spring by a car. I get that a sidewalk wouldn't have helped. And I get the irony that it actually became the most useful moment so far in teaching my kids about the deadly potential of automobiles. But I believe there are better ways to solve this problem.

I spent a year trying to communicate this need to the town.

Now my neighbor Wendy has taken up the work. As she tries to help her disabled father into and out of his car, she is confronted by angry drivers swerving around her. Men have stopped to scream at her that they have every right to drive as fast as they do. There are now skid marks in front of her house from a car stopping to yell.

I hope that something meaningful can be done to solve the issue of a neighborhood street, built in the '60s as a dead end, that has become an informal cut-through for cars.

If you live on Rogers Road or are willing to help communicate the need to make it safe, please fill out the town survey about Bike/Pedestrian Connectivity at survey.monkey.com/r/middleburybikedep.

Daniel Houghton Middlebury

No dispute on climate policy

As the primary author of the Climate Economy Action Center's Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Addison County, 2017 and 2020, and one of the authors of CEAC's Climate Action Plan, I am writing to react to Mr. Chris Olson's letter (*See Hopkins letter, Page 5A*)

Peace Garden is a local treasure

At the southwest corner of the Bristol Green, facing West Street and adjacent to the playground, you'll find the Bristol Peace Garden. If you haven't been there yet, it's worth a visit. While I sweep its brick paths every two weeks, children tumble down the slide and spill into the garden. Six-year-old Amaryllis may search its beds for the ceramic goose, then hide it beside the milkweed for the next child to find. Meanwhile, her grandmother Jackie enjoys a butterfly flitting among the blossoming echinacea.

Bristol's Peace Garden has been growing there for 32 years. It was designed by the children of Bristol Elementary School in the shape of a pie cut into seven identical slices, each slice a raised flower bed named after one of the seven continents. The students who conceived the Peace Garden imagined a lovely place where people would visit to enjoy the flowers and chat peacefully across continents.

Bristol parents and community members built the seven wood-framed continents and brick walkways between them. Ted Lylis oversaw the carpentry aspect. As he recalls, "We got it pretty much done in about one Saturday...It was a fun project and nice to see it maintained for future enjoyment."

Louise Brynn, mother of former students Callie and Devon, created a centerpiece for the crisscrossing paths. She arranged Lake Champlain and New Haven River stones around a flat rectangular plaque that reads, "Dedicated to World Peace by the children of Bristol, Vermont, 1991."

Chantal Hutchinson, a sixth-grader at that time, composed a poem for Mr. McGurn's English class. In

it, she reflected on the upcoming sixth grade promotion theme of world peace, which overlapped with the Peace Garden's focus. She opened with a global perspective.

*The earth is our garden in which we walk,
She provides shelter that is never locked.*

After several couplets, she concluded with a local image.

*Rivers run swiftly through the woods,
Through the valleys into neighborhoods.*

Mr. McGurn asked Chantal to read her poem at the opening ceremony for the Peace Garden. "I was extremely nervous," she recalls. "I did not feel comfortable speaking in front of people... but I felt so honored... and it was the first time I felt *really proud* of something I did!" A crowd of parents, children and community members attended the event. Chantal stood bravely beside her teacher and read into a microphone, then received a round of hearty applause. Her mom cheered the loudest.

As the years unfolded, the garden called out for attention. Its raised bed frames weathered, the paths warped, plantings withered and weeds grew tall. Ted Lylis returned to patch the frames. Louise Brynn repaired the stonework. A group of gardeners stepped up to take the lead. I came, too.

Community volunteers, students from Bristol Elementary School and local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops now collaborate on caring for the garden. Each year, new perennials and annuals, trees or shrubs are added, while others must be removed. Weeding and

(*See Ways of Seeing, Page 5A*)

Ways of Seeing

By Alice Leeds



Vila: Mzungu on Kigali streets

3rd in a series

My favorite times to wander the streets of Kigali, Rwanda are during the fleeting early morning serenity when the air is light and the sun is yet not fully upon us, less buses and trucks spew diesel clouds, and Rwandans are heading for work at a lively pace; and Sundays, late afternoon, when Catholic churches let out and colorfully dressed, radiant Rwandan families walk the streets in large groups, the men with catechisms in hand engaged in serious conversations, and women in their secret worlds stroll behind, their children by their sides.

In these street encounters I am, you see, a *mzungu* (pronounced [m'zungu]), a Bantu word that means "wanderer," and pertains to spirits—literally translated *mzungu* meant "someone who roams around."

Since the 18th Century, *mzungu*, in predominantly Swahili speaking nations, refers to foreign people. Me. And in Rwanda, associated with wealth. But a lighter skinned Rwandan, I was taught, who travels to a village far from Kigali will also be called a *mzungu* because this person is considered wealthier than the villagers, different. So, depending on where one is, *mzungu* can take on different meanings and associations.

The Rwandan population largely consists of three ethnic groups:

- The Hutus, who comprise the majority of the population (85%), are farmers of Bantu origin.
- The Tutsis (14% before the Genocide, probably less than 10% now) are a pastoral people who arrived in the area in the 15th century. Until 1959, they formed the dominant caste under a feudal system based on cattle holding.
- The Twa (pygmies) (1%) is thought to be the remnants of the earliest settlers of the region.



HECTOR VILA
Education in Exile: Afghans

In other words, in Kigali, a white male easily spotted in his Middlebury College cap and t-shirt on the streets where no other white people can be seen for miles is a *mzungu*, a foreigner and likely wealthy—at least wealthier than the local Rwandan.

Being a *mzungu* is a very interesting condition, in the parlance of academia, a very interesting space to occupy. As I approach people—a single person or a couple early morning, a family on Sundays—it's a delicious dance, a pantomime of trust and acceptance.

It begins with eye contact. The first person I come to looks into my eyes (some that pass me in the same direction I'm walking turn and look at me, too, their curiosity gripping). We seize each other, eyes locked. It's quite wonderful, especially having lived in impersonal New York City for so many years (*See Hector Vila, Page 5A*)

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Letters to the Editor

Charter House thanks retiring Middlebury police chief

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Middlebury Police Chief Tom Hanley and copied to the Independent.

We wish you good health, cheer and enrichment in your impending retirement. You have been nothing short of a community treasure.

We at the Charter House (the homeless shelter and community meals program in downtown Middlebury) are so grateful for how you (meaning you and your whole team at the police department) have served us so well over the years.

We know we presented unique challenges for you. You often had to bring desperate and directionless people to our door.

From time to time, we called on you to help with a situation in our congregate living home.

But in every case, you and your officers approached the human beings with compassion, empathy and respect. And when a firm hand was required, it was done with expert professionalism. After every incident, when you departed, we were left shaking our heads, "How did they do that? Did you see that? It was amazing!"

You and your department are exemplars for how policing ought to be carried out in every community. We know that your excellence is no accident — it is intentional and the product of dedication and hard, creative

training. So we are confident that the systems and culture you created will be sustained.

We cannot thank you enough for how you played such a role in helping us carry out our mission to serve the homeless and hungry neighbors among us — you have been a genuine partner in that mission.

Don't be a stranger; lunch is served from 11:45-12:15 every day and there is always a place at the table for you.

**President Walter Stugis,
on behalf of
the staff, board, volunteers,
guests and friends of
the Charter House Coalition
Middlebury**

Hector Vila

(Continued from Page 4A) curiosity gripping). We seize each other, eyes locked. It's quite wonderful, especially having lived in impersonal New York City for so many years where eye contact is *verboten*. Sometimes, the initial contact with a Rwandan is followed by a smile, and a wave, "Good morning," or "Hi." But the most interesting connections are when the gaze pans to my feet—and becomes fixed. Yes, my feet. This happens frequently; it dominates our encounter.

"It's because they're not used to seeing a *mzungu* with sliders (flip flops). They are used to seeing shoes or sneakers," a Rwandan told me. "The way foreigners dress."

Before venturing onto Kigali streets, I noticed that most Rwandans wear flip flops or sliders, even when working. So, I slip into my Middlebury College flip flops and go forth. This is unusual, which turns the *mzungu* narrative sideways (I can't say upside down, but it is a challenge, *something* different, unexpected—I love to do that, whether in "the world," or in a classroom, turn expectations, narratives, around, and defy the status quo, *the new normal*, a curse for me, producing what T.S. Eliot describes as "a patient etherized upon a table" in *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*. What has changed since Eliot

penned *Prufrock* in 1911? I ask myself this question all the time.) Fixed on my feet, shoeless, it all seems too much to bear so the Rwandan will take a second look into my eyes—I smile and deliver a greeting, "Mwaramutse," good morning in Kinyarwanda, a Bantu language and the national language of Rwanda. Or I'll say, "Miriweh," good evening if it's late afternoon or evening. And when I leave a place, such as a grocery store, still in my flip flops, I'll say, "Muramuche," good-bye, and "Murakoze," thank you ("Murakoze cyane" is thank you very much, pronounced *moruaqueze chan*; pronunciations differ by region, country, and education level).

From the eye contact to staring at my feet to the eventual verbal greeting, if this comes from me—Mwaramutse—the immediate reaction is a wide smile, a nod of the head, an acknowledgement, and some even reach for a high five and a quick handshake. I find it easier, simpler and definitely more humbling to meet someone where they're at, rather than where I imagine they should be. Teaching and learning, and being an immigrant have definitely taught me this.

Rwandans are gracious people. Colonialism and Genocide, and the weight of Christianity evident everywhere, even on

truck banners—*In Service of God; Blessed by the Holy Spirit* (43.7% of Rwanda's population is Roman Catholic, 37.7% is Protestant, 11.8% is Seventh-day Adventist, 2.0% is Muslim (mainly Sunni), 2.5% claims no religious affiliation, and 0.7% is Jehovah's Witness, according to a 2012 census)—conflate and have perhaps produced approachable, affable people. Trust, following the Genocide, is still an issue; nevertheless, at the personal level the effort to engage and commune with a *mzungu* is palpable.

The myths created by colonial powers—the Germans, the Belgians, and the French—and the imposition of a single, foreign and powerful story defined a racial-cultural divide between the Tutsi and the Hutu that burst into the brutal carnage of the Genocide leaving behind what the Rwandese call the *Bapfuye Buhagazi*, "the walking dead." Yet, after nearly 30 years, Rwanda is growing economically; health and education are of primary concern the government is energetically supporting. Change and the sense of moving patiently beyond deeply held animosities are discernable.

The *Bapfuye Buhagazi* have been pushed aside by an arresting vibrancy. It's comforting, an unexpected delight, to be embraced by the dynamism of hope on the bustling streets of Kigali.

Hopkins

(Continued from Page 4A) to the editor published July 27. Mostly, I am in violent agreement with him.

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory, accessible at ceacac.org/ghg-emissions-data, is organized into three general categories: Transportation, Building Heat and Agriculture. Because Addison County is such a strong farming county, agriculture was the leading source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2020, accounting for just over 250,000 metric tons of CO₂-equivalents per year. Transportation accounted for 150,000 tons, and building heat and electricity for about 235,000 tons.

We did not attempt to carry out a thorough Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry analysis for our county, though we did

estimate increases in soil carbon attributable to selected farming practices. Thus we reported no values for greenhouse gas releases attributable to forests, or for forest sequestration of same. We did explore possible greenhouse gas effects of burning wood for building heat. Even in the worst case scenario, this source of GHG is quite small compared to vehicles, agriculture or burning fossil fuels for heat.

In the Climate Action Plan, accessible at ceacac.org/climate-action-plan-resources, we grouped our recommended actions under three headings: Buildings and Energy, Transportation and Equipment, and Agriculture and Forestry.

Our recommended strategies related to Forestry are:

Strategy AF 6: Increase

county-wide carbon sequestration on urban, forest and agriculture lands by 10% by 2030 compared to 2017.

Strategy AF 7: Maintain county-wide carbon stocks in natural landscapes by maintaining mature land types (i.e., keep forests as forests, wetlands as wetlands, etc.) to minimize the loss of valuable carbon stores already existing in Addison County.

Strategy AF 8: Decrease the "micro heat island" effect in urban areas by increasing tree canopy cover, incentivizing green roofs, increasing rooftop reflectivity, decreasing pavement surface area.

I think we are actually in pretty good alignment with where Mr. Olson would like to see us.

**Richard S. Hopkins
Middlebury**

Epicurus & 'the gift to be simple'

14th in a series

To begin with, Epicurus, the philosopher, (340–270 BCE) was not a vulgar Epicure, which is to say he did not live his life in pursuit of sensual delights, eating and drinking and carousing. In fact, he lived a very chaste and modest life delighting in simple and innocent pleasures. Nevertheless, he was a hedonist. He equated the Good with Pleasure. He advised that we seek only simple pleasures which came at no great cost to himself or others, that did no harm, and were pursued in an attitude of friendliness towards all living things, the universe, and everything. It reminds me of the great Shaker hymn:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'tis the gift to come down

where you ought to be And when we find ourselves in the place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

But, to get down to basics, Epicurus was an Athenian who spent most of his early life on the Greek islands of Samos and Lesbos. Although he claims to have been self-taught, at age 18, he was in Athens as a student, after which he returned to Lesbos. In 307 BCE he returned to Athens with the intention of forming a philosophical community, and remained there until his death. The community included women as well as men, and if they brought slaves and indentured servants with them, they were admitted also, and treated as equals. Free love was freely practiced, and although this was thought by

some to be scandalous, it should be recalled that Plato allowed the practice of free love in his ideal state.

Epicurus took no interest in the philosophies of Socrates, Plato or Aristotle. Like the so-called Pre-Socratics, he was a philosophical naturalist wondering what sort of stuff the universe is made of. He settled on the atomism of Democritus (See essay 6 in this series). He supposed that the universe was a multiverse consisting of infinite worlds, of limited duration, which were formed by the eternal dance of atoms in unlimited space choreographed by chance and necessity.

But although he was a complete materialist, Epicurus was not an atheist. He believed that there were gods, that they dwelt in a portion of the multiverse that was free of circumstances that cause degeneration and decay. Hence, they were immortal. He claimed that there was evidence for their existence. We see them in our dreams.

Epicurus supposed that all bodies are, as it were, constantly unclenching themselves of corporeal self-images or facsimiles, which float around in space and may be present even when the body that shed them is far distant. They enter as a cast of characters in our dreams.

Epicurus was sure that the gods took no interest in human affairs. And, because they lived the best of lives, they had no desire to be served or worshipped by mortals. For this reason, he concluded that all religion is superstition, and that religious fantasies are the cause of

mental illness.

Epicurus's moral theory follows from his philosophical naturalism. Human beings are animals, and like all animals they desire to preserve themselves in life; they retreat from harm, avoid pain, and choose only what is pleasant. Thus he equated pleasure with the Good. But unlike Plato, he did not regard pleasure as a transcending ideal. He didn't transform the pursuit of pleasure into an ideology. Seeking pleasure is a way of life common to all animals. "It is enough to have sensation and be a creature of flesh, and pleasure will be seen to be a good."

He regarded the motivation to be just as pleasure driven; whoever acts unjustly is beset by the fear of retribution. "Injustice is not in itself an evil, but only its consequence, which is the fear of punishment." Epicurus had no other interest in political philosophy, and contributed nothing to it. It was the same with his moral philosophy. His moral counsels are better characterized as psychotherapy than moral admonition. Thus he gives the following advice concerning the fear of death: "Accustom yourself to believe that death is nothing to us, for good and evil involve consciousness, and death is the cessation of consciousness ... Death is nothing to us, for when we are, death is not, and when death comes, we are not. Therefore, death is nothing to the living or the dead." This is sage advice, and it follows naturally from Epicurus's view of the nature of things. However, what Epicurus failed to consider is that when someone very dear to you dies, then death comes but you remain.

Postscript: The best account of Epicurean philosophy was provided by the Roman poet Lucretius, in "De Rerum Natura." Also, there is a good collection in "The Epicurus Reader," ed. Lloyd Gerson. Visit your local bookshop.



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

Ways of Seeing

(Continued from Page 4A) are added, while others must be removed. Weeding and watering, pruning and separating continue throughout the gardening season. Paths are swept and structures maintained.

If you visit regularly, you'll see spring and summer unfold in living color.

Spring offers flowering shrubs — intoxicating lilacs blossom in May as buds swell on peonies, ants feasting on them until they burst into full glory. By June, the Peace Garden is awash in color. Summer unfolds. Showy azaleas, intricate baptisia, tall phlox, spiky bee balm and cheerful daisies each take their turn at center stage.

Bees and a profusion of other pollinators dance among them, feasting on their nectar.

As summer fades into fall, a rainbow of zinnias shares the spotlight with black-eyed Susans. Eventually, all that's left are the earthy shades of chrysanthemums and golden maple leaves blanketing the paths. Then it's time for us to put the garden to bed for the winter.

The garden has indeed become a refuge where locals and visitors alike enjoy relaxing, visiting and watching children play — exactly what Bristol students envisioned over 30 years ago. Many of those

founding students, now parents themselves, bring their own children to the garden.

At the Bristol Harvest Festival this Sept. 23, we will celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Bristol Peace Garden. Images of its early days — including Chantal's poem and a photo of the opening ceremony — will be on display along with photos of current volunteers young and old and portraits of the blossoms that embellish Bristol's town green for half the year. You might even get to meet Chantal in person — now all

grown up, with a husband and three young adult sons.

I'm going out to sweep the garden. You come, too.

Alice Leeds has been a teacher in Vermont, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New York, Maine, New Jersey, California and Norwich, England. Now she putters around in the garden and finds plenty of other fun things to do. Donations to keep the Bristol Peace Garden growing and tended are appreciated. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Phoebe Barash at barash.phoebe@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Claire (Denis) Crocker, 99, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Claire (Denis) Crocker, 99, of Middlebury, Vt., died peacefully on Monday, July 31, 2023. She was born Feb. 5, 1924, in Fournier, Ontario, Canada, to Philias and Gertrude (Galipeau) Denis. In 1930, the family moved to a dairy farm in Weybridge, Vt., where she grew up with her eight brothers and sisters. Moving was hard on the children having to attend school not speaking or understanding English. Life was not kind to Claire as her mother died when she was only eight.



CLAIRE (DENIS) CROCKER

She attended the local two-room school and then graduated from Middlebury High School with honors in 1943. During her senior year she joined the Ground Observer Corps as a vigilant observer and sat alone in an orchard, for hours at a time, scanning the skies for enemy planes. She was equipped with charts bearing the profile of enemy planes and a phone with a number on the wall.

That fall, she entered nurses training at the Bishop de Goesbriand School of Nursing in Burlington, Vt. After a year of nursing, she entered the Sisters of Providence, Montreal, Canada and was a member for 35 years. Claire was a dedicated member and held positions from staff nurse to assistant administrator, was a nursing home administrator for 12 years, and president of the Western Health Care Division. She completed her nurses training at Seattle University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned membership in the Sigma Theta Tau and Pi Gamma Mu Honorary Societies.

She then went on to Catholic University of America and earned an M.S.N. and also earned a Fellowship in the American College of Nursing Home Administrators, the Who's Who of California and Who's Who in American Nursing. Claire taught nursing at Seattle University for several years. She loved teaching and her students. In her career, she was called upon to

deliver papers on various aspects of nursing throughout the Northwest, California and Alaska. Several of her papers were published.

From 1956 to 1976, Claire was involved in assignments in a variety of capacities. At times she was sent on a consultant basis to resolve some on-going problem. It was always a challenge and a learning experience for her. Claire loved nursing and was a dedicated and compassionate nurse for 52 years in the many hospitals and nursing homes throughout Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska. She retired in 1995 at the age of 72. She loved to recall the years she spent in Alaska where she learned to cross country ski and was there for the great earthquake of 1964 in Anchorage.

On a bright sunny winter day in California, Claire and Lew Crocker were married and she learned to golf so that she could spend her weekends golfing with Lew. Shortly, Lew and Claire went to work for a company that sent them to Saudi Arabia to assist in opening two hospitals for their government. What an experience, as Lew got to meet the King.

After their return to the States, they moved several times and made many wonderful memories; especially in Oregon, where they retired. Claire loved to walk on the beach with her two little dogs.

Her favorite beach was Bandon by the Sea, where she spent many hours. How she loved that beach! When she lived in Winston, Ore., she volunteered for eight years for SMART, a reading program teaching first- and second graders to read.

Claire was loyal and compassionate without fanfare and maintained contact with her cherished family and friends throughout the years despite the many miles that separated them. She was given her share of life's troubles, but she chose neither to regret the past nor worry about the future. She had an amazing ability to be truly happy in the present. She loved life, as all should, and she celebrated the best of it, having a long and fulfilling life filled with many experiences, and was always ready for a new one, such as snowmobiling in Vermont, picking blueberries on a mountain, fishing for King Salmon in Alaska, going for a camel ride in Saudi Arabia or flying home from Paris on the Concorde.

Her hobbies included sewing, knitting and walking, and she was an avid reader and music lover. She was happiest when gardening because she said it always made her feel closer to God.

Claire's faith was very important to her. She had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and whatever parish she found herself, she loved to serve as a lector and or a eucharistic minister, which meant a great deal to her.

In 2010, after Lew's death, Claire moved from Oregon to Connecticut to be near her younger sister Rollande, who, not wanting Claire to make that long drive alone, flew to Seattle and the two of them and a little dog, Aimee, made a safe trip to Connecticut, much to the surprise of family and friends. It was a great time for the two sisters, getting reacquainted after being apart for over 60 years. Claire lived in downtown Thomaston, and started to walk to daily Mass. She did this until she was 91.

In 2018, after Rollande's death, she returned to live in Middlebury, Vt., to be near her remaining family. Claire was very fortunate to have moved back to Vermont, as her niece, Rita Glidden, helped her in any way she needed throughout the rest of her life.

Claire was the last survivor of her family. She was predeceased by her parents; her beloved husband, Lew; her four sisters, Laurette LaBrake, Annette Rheau, Yvette Quenneville and Rollande Cote; and her four brothers, Alexis, Paul, Louis and Jules Denis. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary (Jules) Denis of Rutland, Vt.; her husband's children, Lewis, Karyn and Bradford Crocker; and many dear friends, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 73 Weybridge Street, Middlebury, VT 05753 or your favorite charity.

Memorial services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Middlebury, Vt., on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., with interment immediately following, in St. Mary's cemetery.

Funeral arrangements by Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home

David Hurdman Flight, 67, former Keewaydin staffer

SHAFTSBURY — David Hurdman Flight died peacefully and unexpectedly at his home in Shaftsbury, Vt., on June 21, 2023, at the age of 67. He was born Dec. 30, 1955, in Greenwich, Connecticut, to his parents David S. and Elvira "Vera" Flight.

His childhood years took him first to St. Louis, then Chicago and finally Amherst, Massachusetts, where he graduated from high school with the class of 1974. He earned his bachelor's degree from Castleton State College as it was called then, before starting 20-plus years of teaching middle school science. He finished up his teaching career at Mount Anthony Middle School in Bennington, Vermont.

Throughout his life David's work was centered around helping people. After his teaching career he spent several years working for FEMA after Tropical Storm Irene helping people in southern Vermont with their recovery. He then went on to run the Job Club at Sunrise Family Resource Center in Bennington helping those seeking employment skills to successfully find work. It became the most successful program of its kind in Vermont under his leadership. During Covid, when Sunrise had to close, he stayed on to do upgrades to the buildings and maintain the outdoor area.

After his father died in 2016, he devoted considerable time and effort into making sure his mother was able to take regular, and eventually weekly, trips from her home in Middlebury to the beloved family homestead "The Farm" in Hubbardton.

The greatest joy and pleasure



DAVID HURDMAN FLIGHT

of his life was spending time with his son, David R. Flight, with whom he spent many happy and busy hours in the woods both around their home in Shaftsbury and at The Farm in Hubbardton starting when David R. was a small child. Both enjoyed cutting, splitting and bringing in the wood for the wood stove in time for winter, creating trails, building walls and campsites and most especially creating first a frisbee golf course and then more recently establishing a disc golf course on the same property. David H. spent more than 40 years creating the two courses in Hubbardton and invited friends to play throughout those years. He and his son loved to play "a round or two" when they were together. His love of disc golf led him to spend considerable time and energy in his brief retirement years at the Willow Park Disc Golf Course in Bennington and caddying for his son when he played in tournaments.

In the summer of 1956 his

parents brought him to Keewaydin Camps on Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, Vermont, where he began a lifetime connection to the place and its people. After four summers as a "staff brat" he was a camper, staffman and finally a devoted alumni. In the "off season" he regularly took walks on the property and enjoyed watching the seasonal changes and those that occurred over his lifetime. While on staff he was known for his performances in "The Friday Frolics" and for singing and performing songs with his fellow staff. He is fondly remembered for being one of The Blues Brothers in numerous skits and a song he wrote about "Glick" the favorite luncheon beverage served at camp.

He is survived by his mother, Vera Flight of Middlebury; his sisters, Ellen Flight also of Middlebury and Susan Larrabee (Whit); his son, David R. Flight of Shaftsbury; his nephew and niece, Zak and Emma Larrabee; his former wife, Diane Zappone and innumerable friends and cousins from both sides of his family.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 9, 2023, starting at 1 p.m. at Keewaydin followed by a gathering at the Waybury Inn. Reach out to Ellen or Susan for more details closer to that date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Keewaydin Scholarship Fund, Keewaydin Foundation, 500 Rustic Lane, Salisbury, VT 05769. And, take a friend or loved one for a walk in the woods sometime this fall and revel in your time outdoors in honor of our son, brother, father, uncle and friend.

Peter Kelly, 82, of Moorestown, N.J.

MIDDLEBURY — Peter Kelly, of Moorestown, N.J., passed away on July 23, 2023 in Middlebury, Vermont, due to complications from a stroke. He and his wife, Louise Marshall Kelly, were spending the summer on Lake Dunmore, where Louise has spent summers since 1946. Peter was born in Loudonville, N.Y., and grew up in nearby Kinderhook. He was the oldest of James Raymond Kelly and Ann Patricia (Lansing) Kelly's nine children.

He attended Martin Van Buren School, Vincentian Institute and Georgetown University. His father owned several businesses in Albany, N.Y., where Peter worked as a boy, including Dippers Food Corporation and AB Husted Company. After college, Peter worked for his father managing Stittig's Confectionary. Later, he worked as a manager for the Marriott Corporation.

In 1968, he moved to California where he married Cynthia Ann Barton, and started working for Acacia Mutual Insurance Company. Several years later, he started his own financial planning firm, Financial Directions. His firm included a CPA, an estate planning attorney, a stockbroker, an insurance agent, and a real estate broker.

Peter was active in many professional associations including serving as President of



PETER KELLY

the Estate Planning Council, the San Francisco Financial Planners Association, the International Association of Financial Planner's Northern California Council of Chapter Presidents, and several others.

Eventually his firm had offices in Oakland and San Francisco. Both locations were severely damaged by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, yet he continued to run his business until 1999 when he moved back to the Kinderhook, N.Y., area, partially retired, and did occasional business consulting.

Peter started beagling at the age of 14, and was a "whipper-in" for the Old Chatham Hunt Club in Old Chatham, N.Y., for many years and maintained a lifelong

relationship with the club. He believed in giving back to the community, including efforts to support marginalized and disadvantaged people. Among his philanthropic endeavors, Peter was President of the Board of Catholic Charities Columbia-Greene serving and advocating for persons in need. He was an annual contributor to many national and international charitable organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Marshall Kelly. He is also survived by his daughter, Elaine Connolly, her husband, Patrick Connolly, and their sons, Colm, and Cahal; his son, Sean Kelly; six brothers and sisters: Thomas, Brian, Mary Ann, Margaret, James, and Mark; stepchildren Pete Marshall and Jenna Korff; step-grandchildren Zoe Korff, Eliza Korff and Lucas Marshall; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. His parents as well as his brothers Joseph and Lawrence predeceased him.

His memorial service will be held at Unitarian Universalist Church, 401 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, N.J., on Sept. 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284 or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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A celebration of life mass for Doris M. Aube will be held at St. Mary's in Middlebury on Friday, August 11th at 11am.

Any donations may be made to St. Mary's Church of Middlebury.

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Glenn M. Palmore, 75, Burlington

BURLINGTON — Glenn M Palmore, 75, of Burlington died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022, at University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington.

He was born Dec. 11, 1946, in Burlington, the son of James and Jenny Palmore.

He graduated from Bristol High School in 1964.

Glenn is survived by his brother Donald, sister-in-law Karen Wheeler, nephews Ben Begins and J.T. Begins, and several cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol. Contributions may be made to Bristol Rescue Squad, PO Box 227, Bristol, VT 05443. Send online condolences to his family at www.brownmcclyfuneralhomes.com.

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Ruby-throated wonder

A male hummingbird visited some bee balm in a local garden this past weekend.

Photo by Dottie Nelson

Letters to the Editor

This brave state of Vermont and its residents

After the Storm

Gratitude to all of you for checking-in. Calling me in the middle of the night, to see if I'm not trying to get some sleep,

sleeping on my roof. The water's that high in some places in my brave state of Vermont. Where the rivulets rise

into rivers, after so much rain. And the lake is our version of a Great Lake. It could take a week for the Green Mountain

Boys to row themselves across again. The cows to settle down, drier now in their stanchions. In places like Addison,

they could be up to their haunches in mud. If it weren't for the sun rising again. Like, Frost might have said, to dry

the beards of giants and elves. To make the fields ponds not to canoe around. Even if it's true sometimes more rain

is good. Say next fall, when the snow geese are looking for wet spots to go with dry rows, to eat leftover corn stalks,

drink a night's worth of spill. And, for fun, can make boats of their bodies. Until they have

to rise in the morning. Head south. Avoid any promise of flooding. Which, I'm afraid, isn't the case now.

In mysterious places like Buel's Gore and towns named for presidents. Even dramatically in Weston.

Renowned for its Playhouse. Where citizens, actors and directors, are standing in a bucket brigade.

Passing mud and water—a kind of Vermont cement—from one neighbor to another. To let the theater open tonight.

Even if the theatergoers—flatlanders and Vermonters alike—have to wear their barn boots, crocs and slippers.

Anything to keep their feet dry. To hold them, if by chance, they have to watch the orchestra rising from its pit.

Applaud from their reserved seats on the roof. Which some nights wouldn't be such a bad place to imagine

sitting, closer to the stars and clouds. If it weren't for the thunder and lightning, the flooding brook below.

If you didn't have to check-in. For which I am grateful. You, my company of friends

and family and strangers. The doe, carrying her fawn, across the washed-out road.

Gary Margolis
Cornwall

ADDISON COUNTY

Obituaries

Julie Ann Brown, 65, of Bristol

BRISTOL — Julie Ann Brown of Bristol, Vt., passed away peacefully on July 21, 2023, at Porter Medical in Middlebury, Vt., with family at her side. Julie was born at Porter Hospital on Jan. 18, 1958, the daughter of Francis E. and Janet (Smith) Brown.



JULIE ANN BROWN

Julie was raised in Brandon and graduated from Otter Valley in 1976. She worked at several businesses in the Brandon area, including Dave's Takeout, Brown's Pharmacy and Grand Union. Julie also worked at Dunmore as a lifeguard.

In later years Julie worked with the love of her life, Don Watters, doing construction. They lived in many of the homes they built. Julie was also remembered in Goshen for having worked in logging with her father, "Bud" Brown.

Julie and her partner had a life full of adventures. They traveled across the country on a motorcycle, camped, fished,

hiked and spent many days in Maine, which was a favorite of theirs. When home, Julie loved to bake. She made her first bread at four in her Great Grams bread bowl, which she continued to use her whole life.

Julie is survived by her sister, Mamie Rasmussen; by her

nephews and nieces, Edward (Sue) Brutkoski, Tim and Michelle Brutkoski, Karen (Matt) Flanders, Danielle (Brian) Denis and Jennifer (Jamie) Buzzell. Julie is also survived by a large number of extended family and close friends. She also leaves behind a special kitty named Junior.

Julie was predeceased by her love of 43 years, Don Watters; her parents; her brother, Dan Brown; and three infant siblings, Colleen, Diane and Edward.

Per Julie's wishes there will be no services. Burial will be held at a later date in the old Goshen Cemetery.

Contributions in Julie's name may be made to: Homeward Bound, 236 Boardman St., Middlebury, VT 05753; Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Box 754, Middlebury VT 05753; or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under direction of Sanderson Funeral Home in Middlebury.◇

Ice cream social to be held in Shoreham

SHOREHAM — The Shoreham Congregational Church will host an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 13, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall on 28 School Road in Shoreham. Come get your take-out ice cream and celebrate the Shoreham Community in conjunction with

the Car Show on the Town Green. This is a reschedule of the rained-out event in July.

Enjoy a dish of vanilla and/or chocolate ice cream for only \$4, or make it a Sundae for only \$7. Toppings include chocolate, caramel, maple, strawberries, and homemade whipped cream,

adorned with nuts and sprinkles.

Tickets for the quilt raffle to be held later this fall will also be on sale. Ticket prices are \$3 for one ticket, \$5 for two tickets, or \$10 for five tickets. The drawing for the quilt will be held during Apple Fest in September.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Riley Ochs, a University of Vermont student from Orwell, was selected as a Farm Credit East Intern this summer. The internship program is offered to college juniors each summer. During the experience, students have a look into Farm Credit East

and shadow employees in various roles to learn about different career opportunities. Each intern also completes a major project that contributes valuable information for association initiatives and future planning.

Ochs was one of 12 students

to be selected for the program, which chose from a pool of those with career aspirations in production agriculture, agribusiness, accounting, finance, communications or related fields.

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Housing

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regional plan. That exercise, among other things, involved collecting a great deal of community input while establishing housing goals and related actions for the plan.

“One of the things I learned, and that our group learned ... is that you really need to have a good sense of what the housing needs are,” she said. “Each town’s needs are going to be different.”

For example, she explained smaller towns don’t necessarily need — and might not have the infrastructure to support — a 20-unit subdivision. Instead, these towns might be better served seeing if their existing housing stock could be upgraded or repurposed to meet demand, rather than pinning their hopes on big, multi-home projects, Raycroft-Meyer noted.

The ACRPC’s “Regional Housing Survey” was developed to give the commission better info on Addison County residents’ current housing status, whether that status is likely to change in the near future, and how locals perceive housing needs in their own communities.

“Your responses will help us better understand the scope and scale of current housing issues in our region’s municipalities, such as availability, affordability (cost) and choice,” reads a preamble to the 14-question online survey, which is available at tinyurl.com/3fpjav9h and takes just a few minutes to complete. “With this information, we can better identify appropriate resources and programs to support your community and work toward solutions that best address your, and your communities, specific housing issues.”

Respondents, among other things, are asked their age range, the town in which they reside, and if they live in the center of that town. Other questions deal with homeownership, size of household, percentage of income needed to cover mortgage/rent expenses, length of work commute, and if they’re currently looking for a new abode.

Those who take the survey are also queried on whether their home needs small/large repairs, and if they’d consider creating an accessory dwelling on their property. This might involve segregating a portion of the home as a mini-apartment — with living space, restroom and kitchen — for a family member, friend or someone in need.

Addison County has its share of large farmhouses that might require repairs and that are simply too much home for the elderly person or couple who currently reside there. The planning commission wants to know if there are any residents looking to downsize and perhaps make larger homes available for conversion to multi-unit abodes, or for purchase/rent to families looking to settle here.

Raycroft-Meyer is hoping for a good return rate for the survey — at least 20% in all the towns. She noted the ACRPC plans to publicize the survey through social media, the *Addison Independent*, posters, postcards, word of mouth, and email blasts to town officials.

The survey can also be found on the ACRPC website, acrpc.org.

Plans call for the survey to be available for at least a month before it is closed and the results tabulated.

“We’d love to hear from lots of people from different ages and backgrounds,” Raycroft-Meyer said, including “young people who are looking for housing, and older people (who are considering) downsizing.”

The results will give the ACRPC another tool to use when working with town officials on solutions to the housing crisis.

“It’ll be data that can back up housing policy in the towns,” she said.

But the data is only one arrow in the ACRPC’s housing guidance quiver.

IN THREE TOWNS

The commission is now working with three local communities — (See Towns, Page 11A)



Women indeed care

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE of Addison County gathered at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on Tuesday, July 18. The organization is a charitable giving circle that gathers quarterly to choose three nonprofits to receive its collective donations. Every quarter, each member contributes \$100 to go toward local organizations — 158 members gave this quarter, which meant there were \$15,800 in funds to distribute.

The three finalists for this quarter were The Teen Center, Homeward Bound and The Watershed Center. Pictured are Executive Director Jessica Danyow of Homeward Bound, Director Lindsey Fuentes-George of the Teen Center, and Sarah Stroup and Patrick Lawrence of the Watershed Center.

Photo courtesy of Kristin Pitts

FEMA aid

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(hasn’t qualified under the disaster declaration), it’s clear to us that Addison County has the best chance of being the next one approved,” said Jason Maulucci, Gov. Phil Scott’s spokesperson. “The trouble is, it has to happen pretty soon.”

He noted Scott made his initial “major disaster” declaration request hoping that residents of all 14 Vermont counties would be extended federal assistance for flood damage to private property. Addison County is already one of 11 counties to qualify for FEMA’s Public Assistance Grant Program, which helps municipalities pay the cost of repairing public infrastructure, including flood-damaged water and wastewater facilities. It also helps towns with hazard-mitigation projects to protect against future disasters.

While towns like Middlebury, Ripton, Bristol and Salisbury are pleased to have qualified for the Public Assistance Grant Program, they’re hoping their residents can also land FEMA assistance for flood damage to basements, homes, washed-out driveways and eroded

lawns. Thus far, only households in Caledonia, Chittenden, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor counties qualify for FEMA aid for private property damage. This assistance helps pay for disaster-caused expenses not covered by insurance or other sources.

“We know there was significant damage in Addison County,” Maulucci said. “FEMA has already responded to nine counties, and we anticipate within the next week or so that FEMA will write to us with denials for any counties that haven’t been approved. The state has an opportunity to appeal if it thinks it’s worthwhile, but the more time that passes, the harder it gets to prove.”

The *Independent* has reached out to FEMA for clarification on its threshold for qualifying for individual assistance, but received no reply as the paper went to press on Wednesday.

Maulucci said even state officials are finding the FEMA threshold a tough nut to crack.

“We don’t have great insight into the FEMA formula. It’s apparently a very complicated formula that factors in a lot of data points. And a lot of it has to do with actual on-the-ground assessments by FEMA personnel,” he said.

But the bottom line, he said, is that people should report their losses to Vermont 211 — if not for themselves, for the sake of others.

“The governor knows that people are sometimes hesitant to report damage if they are able to take care of it,” he said, alluding to tasks like drying out a flooded basement. But Maulucci urged such folks to report their damage estimates anyway, as it will add to Addison County’s total and possibly push it past the threshold to qualify for individual assistance.

“Reporting your damage to 211 isn’t the same as requesting individual assistance from FEMA,” he said. “So the message we’re sending is, ‘Even if it’s something like your driveway got washed out... reporting it still could help someone who does need the FEMA support. You’re helping your neighbor.’”

Cherington, Middlebury’s director of public works planning, said she’s spoken with roughly 20 East Middlebury residents who suffered private property damage due to Middlebury

River flooding. Many of them are East Main Street residents whose losses ranged from driveway scouring to compromised home foundations. Some watched helplessly as the raging river ripped away large chunks of their backyards.

Several of those affected residents recounted their flood experiences to the Middlebury selectboard on July 18.

Among those weighing in were Douglas and Debbie Anderson, who built their East Main Street home in 1984. Doug Anderson recalled reviewing the home site with then-Town Planner Fred Dunington.

“He said, ‘You’re fine, you’re in the 500-year floodplain,’” Anderson said with a chuckle. “Things have changed a great deal in our climate.”

The Anderson property — which sits higher than others along the river — saw a significant amount of scouring, according to Anderson, who warned of the potential for greater peril.

“I think we’re three storms away from tragedy,” he said.

Resident Karin Gottshall, who resides just east of the Waybury Inn, is looking at a some potentially costly repairs. She said her home sustained foundation damage, in addition to water damage. Her basement flooded several times in July.

Gottshall and her neighbors asked the selectboard questions about flood insurance coverage, FEMA aid, possible grants, and permission they might need prior to starting repairs.

Affected neighbors praised Middlebury Public Works crews for the estimated \$120,000 in flood repairs they’ve made so far. Those repairs have included using boulders within the riverbed to shore up riverbanks shorn away by floodwaters.

Cherington spent roughly two weeks post-flood walking along the Middlebury River, talking to residents, taking notes on property damage and getting a sense of what additional flood-mitigation steps the town could take to prevent a potential catastrophe during the next flood event.

“It was helpful to see the areas of impact, what flood resiliency (features) worked and what didn’t work,” she said.

This latest flooding came on the heels of the town’s \$2

million “Middlebury River Flood Mitigation Project,” which among other things removed large sediment deposits from chute entrances and the top of large bars, armored select sections of the Ossie Road Berm and upstream berms, and repaired the existing floodwall while extending it 150 feet downstream.

While the project at least forestalled a much bigger disaster during last month’s flood, it sustained damage that’ll have to be repaired, Cherington noted. Newly created water chutes are now blocked, and metal sheets that had been driven into the floodwall were damaged.

Wednesday saw Cherington check behind Newton Electric at 400 East Main St., a location just below the latest floodwall construction.

“We lost a lot of the armoring stone along the floodwall,” she noted, adding, “we need to get back in and establish chutes and open the channels back up.”

FUTURE MITIGATION

The Army Corps of Engineers installed a huge berm in the Middlebury River just after the 1927 flood. Where the berm is still apparent, “it has held up amazingly well,” Cherington said. She’d like to extend a portion of that berm (near Lower Plains Bridge) upstream, to provide more flood mitigation for East Main Street residents.

She also spoke of needed repairs to a riverside slope just downstream from the floodwall extension that needs to be repaired.

Additionally, Cherington stressed North Branch Road figures prominently on her repairs list.

THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE

Regular users of the downtown Middlebury pedestrian footbridge linking the Marble Works with Frog Hollow might find that span reopened. Town officials closed it roughly two weeks ago, fearing its piers might have been compromised by rushing Otter Creek waters and the large trees and rocks the waterway has ferried downstream. Engineers were slated to check on the piers on Wednesday as the *Independent* went to press. A clean bill of health could result in the footbridge reopening before the end of this week, Cherington said.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.

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DUI cases keeping police on their toes

ADDISON COUNTY — Wednesday last week — July 26 — was kind of a busy day for Vermont State Police dealing with people allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol and other intoxicants.

At 5:20 p.m. that day, troopers answered a report of a single vehicle off the road. Upon arrival at the scene on Bristol Road in Monkton a little ways north of the Bristol town line, police identified the driver as Sarah Luke, 34, of Bristol. After noting multiple indicators of impairment, police screened Luke, took her into custody on suspicion of driving under the influence and transported her to the New Haven barracks, where Luke refused an evidentiary test. Troopers cited Luke for DUI, second offense—test refusal.

Ten minutes later in another part of the county, state police stopped a vehicle in Leicester after observing a motor vehicle violation. While speaking with driver Kim Schroeder, 62, of Salisbury troopers observed indicators of impairment. They cited Schroeder for driving under the influence, fourth offense.

Then at 8:15 p.m. a trooper saw another violation and stopped the vehicle on Route 7 near Pomainville Road in Salisbury. Driver Dean Newton, 56, of Leicester did something to prompt the trooper to screen him for DUI. Police took Newton to the Vergennes Police Department for an evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert and processing. State police cited Newton for driving under the influence of drugs.

Last week's DUIs didn't stop on Wednesday. The week saw troopers dole out two more such citations.

On Friday, July 28, at a couple minutes after midnight, a state police officers conducted a traffic stop after an observed motor vehicle violation on New Haven Road near the intersection of Route 7 in Vergennes. The trooper took driver Zachary JS. Lapoint, 33, of West Rutland to the Vergennes PD for an evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert and cited Lapoint for driving under the influence of drugs.

Late the next day, at 11:38 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, state police again saw motor vehicle violation and stopped a vehicle — this time on Route 7 near Monkton Road in Ferrisburgh. Upon suspicion of drunken driving, police screened Scott Collins, 29, of Middlebury, took him into custody without incident and cited him for DUI.

In other recent activity, troopers:

Vt. State Police Log

- On July 16 at approximately 1:35 a.m. logged a vandalism complaint in the vicinity of Little Chicago Road in Ferrisburgh. Police said they discovered that Eric Huestis, 48, of Ferrisburgh had destroyed property that was not his following a road rage incident. On July 25, troopers reported that they had cited Huestis for unlawful mischief and released him with a promise to answer the charge in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division, in August.

- On July 24 at a little after 11:30 p.m. responded to a single-vehicle crash on Hardscrabble Road in Bristol. Police said that a 16-year-old driver from Charlotte was piloting a southbound 2003 Dodge Ram pickup when he missed a left-hand turn in the road near the intersection with Upper Hardscrabble Road, continued straight through the Y intersection, ran over a stop sign and hit a tree. The driver and two passengers denied medical transport, while two other passengers were taken to Porter Medical Center for precautionary evaluations. None of the five occupants were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The truck was considered a total loss.

- On July 30 at about 10 minutes before 2 p.m. responded to Route 22A north of Brown Lane in Orwell for a reported car versus motorcycle crash.

Police said their investigation showed that Boris Leszczynski, 53, of Glens Falls, N.Y., was driving a 2022 Harley Davidson MC northbound on Route 22A behind a 2023 Jeep Wrangler driven by Olivia Sherwood, 27, of Rock Hill, N.Y. Police said Leszczynski failed to slow down when traffic ahead of him did so, and ultimately he hit the back of Sherwood's Jeep.

Witnesses told police that northbound traffic had slowed when an unidentified white box truck going southbound entered the northbound lane to pass a truck towing a boat.

Middlebury Regional EMS took Leszczynski to Porter Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries. Sherwood was unhurt. Troopers were assisted on scene by Orwell Fire Department.

Traffic on the highway was stopped for awhile. Anyone who witnessed this

Climate matters Perspectives on Change



What can I do about climate change?

By **RICHARD HOPKINS**

I hear this question a lot. If you Google "What can I do about climate change," you will get millions of hits, with plentiful lists and sets of recommendations. The focus most often is on individual rather than collective action.

The top hit when I Googled the question just now was from the United Nations Environment Program, at www.un.org/actnow. They list 10 actions you can take right now. My focus today is on "speak up," the last of the 10 actions.

For completeness, the 10 actions are: save energy at home; walk, bike or take public transport; eat more vegetables; consider your travel; throw away less food; reduce, reuse, repair and recycle; change your home's source of energy; switch to an electric vehicle; make your money count; and speak up.

SPEAK UP! Speak up to oppose climate change, and stay engaged.

There are good organizations devoted to speaking up for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions at the global, national and state levels. Again, not my topic here. In Vermont, at the grass roots level, change often happens as much because of one-on-one conversations among people who know each other as because of formal advocacy or lobbying.

If you think about the daily life of your community, people in responsible positions are making decisions all the time with substantial climate change implications — beyond an individual household or business. They need to hear from you and me about how important the greenhouse gas implications of their decisions are to us. They also need for us to be engaged and supportive, and to be willing to work through hard decisions with them.

Here are some of the decisions I mean:

when and how to replace a building's fuel oil or propane burner with cold-climate heat pumps. When and how to invest in measures to make a building tighter and more fuel-efficient. When and how to replace gas- or diesel-powered vehicles or equipment with electric alternatives. When and how to buy a smart thermostat. When and how to switch a kitchen to electric induction cooktops instead of natural gas or propane. When and how to upgrade a wastewater treatment plant or a manufacturing facility to one that emits less greenhouse gas and/or uses less fossil fuel to operate.

Here are some of the people in responsible positions I mean: Selectboard members for your town, and town administrators. School board members and school administrators. Other elected officials like sheriffs and judges. Members of the governing body of your religious organization. Members of the governing board of the hospital. Members of the boards of voluntary associations that provide social and health services of many different kinds. Members of boards of organizations that organize athletic activities for kids and adults. Members of condominium and neighborhood association boards.

At the scale of Addison County, you probably know some of these people personally, even if you aren't a member of the group whose board they sit on. Maybe you see yourself in this list. They need to hear from you that you want them to give great weight to the climate consequences of decisions they make. If you are making contributions to their organization's budget, either through taxes or through fees or donations, they need to hear from you that it is OK if they spend a little more money if that will get them to the low-carbon solution they would like to implement. Right now, and for at least the next couple

of years, there is a plethora of financial incentives available to individuals and organizations, as well as expert advice about how to proceed (for example from Efficiency Vermont). You don't need to be an expert in those programs, but it is reasonable for you to expect that people making decisions about new equipment or vehicles will do their due diligence in exploring what options are available to them. And they need your constructive engagement and participation.

People making decisions like these with greenhouse gas implications can play an important part in solving the climate crisis. Increasingly they will be getting questions from their constituents and interested citizens about whether they are prioritizing the reduction of greenhouse gases as they make decisions.

The best overall strategy to get us close to zero greenhouse gas emissions is: Electrify everything, decarbonize the electricity, and reduce fossil fuel use when you really can't electrify. In Vermont, our electricity is relatively low in carbon content, though it could be even better. We can make progress on both electrification and decarbonization. Going forward, we need to make sure that as decisions get made, the option that best reduces greenhouse gas releases comes to be seen as the most sensible and cost-effective one.

Dr. Richard Hopkins is a retired public health official who has devoted himself to volunteer activities to try to reduce climate change. He is a member of the board of the Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County, and of the town of Middlebury Energy Committee.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Todd Garthaffner of Addison and **Peter Wolosinski** of Middlebury were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University in Hamden Conn. for the spring 2023 semester.

Two local students, **Lindsey Armell** of North Ferrisburgh and **Alanna Trudeau** of Salisbury have been awarded scholarships from the local chapter of The Forty and Eight, a national veterans'

organization. The scholarships went to six outstanding students in nursing programs in colleges in Vermont.

Both Armell and Trudeau are studying at Castleton University.

2023 Middlebury Lions Club Auction

Thank you to these local merchants for generously providing goods, services, and gift certificates for our 2023 Lions Club Auction. The continued support of both the merchants and the auction bidders allow our club to give over \$70,000 a year back to our communities. The Middlebury Lions Club is proud to be celebrating 71 years of service to our community.

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By the way

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July flood or landslide damages could help FEMA bring financial assistance to individuals in Addison County. This includes damage to homes, properties, cars, belongings and more. Reporting online is best at vermont211.org. If you don't have the ability, you can dial 2-1-1. Even if you've already taken care of your damage, you could still qualify for reimbursement: Please report it and help your neighbors.

Are you looking for a home? Do you know someone who is? Do you have room on your land to place an accessory dwelling unit? Patricia Hannaford Career Center Tech students have built a nice tiny home that's 30 feet by 8.5 feet, with a wood exterior and interior, full kitchen and bath, and a sleeping loft. It meets or exceeds Vermont energy efficiency standards and is ready to be trailered to a permanent site and connected to water, sewer and power services. HomesFirstVT is looking for someone to purchase this unit as a home or a permanent rental for one of our working neighbors who earns less than \$26 per hour. HomesFirstVT is asking \$90,000 for this finished home, including appliances, counter-top and cabinetry. All proceeds will be used for the next home or homes built by the career center this year. Go to homesfirstvt.org for pictures of this home and more information.

If your drinking water comes from a private well or spring that was affected by recent flooding, you can get a free test kit to make sure your water is safe to drink. You can have one mailed to you by calling the Vermont Department of Health

Lab at 802-338-4724. Or you can pick one up at the Health Department office at 156 S. Village Green in Middlebury. Log on to HealthVermont.gov/WaterTesting to watch a video on how to take your water samples. You'll also get a tutorial on understanding your test results, what steps to take next, and where to get safe water.

Do you know someone who served in Iraq, Afghanistan or Vietnam, or at Camp Lejeune? Middlebury American Legion Post 27, Vergennes Post 14 and Bristol Post 19 will co-host an informational booth in the Paquette Building at Addison County Fair & Field Days on Aug. 8-12. Someone will be there to help complete forms for the Burn Pit registry and PACT Act benefits. Come learn if you're eligible under the new PACT Act for compensation for toxic exposure, whether you have symptoms or not. Sign up by Aug. 9.

Do you have an hour a week to share with an elementary school child in your community? Do you love children and books? "Everybody Wins! Vermont" would love to hear from you. By creating mentoring relationships that foster a love of reading and language, Everybody Wins! increases children's prospects for success and engages a diverse range of volunteers in their community schools. Since debuting in October 2000, Everybody Wins! has grown to become Vermont's largest mentoring organization. Mentors attend reading sessions one day a week during the lunch/recess hour throughout the school year. No special skills are needed — just a willingness to spend an hour reading and playing games

with a child. Everybody Wins! is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Apply online at tinyurl.com/4weevrf2. Once your application is approved the Everybody Wins! site coordinator will interview you one-on-one to get to know you and make a great match for you with a child. If you have questions, please email Middlebury@everybodywinsvermont.org.

Having a great day is as easy as pie at Rokeby Museums annual Pie & Ice Cream Social. Come hungry and plan to enjoy music and games on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 1-4 p.m. The event will include yards and yards of homemade pies, Ben & Jerrys ice cream, live music from Bob Recupero and Young Tradition Vermont, raffle baskets, and croquet and badminton on the lawns. Learn more on Page 3 of today's Arts + Leisure section.

The results of last week's E. coli testing at the boat launch on Fern Lake and at Point Counter Point on Lake Dunmore have come in. The Lake Dunmore test showed 1 e-coli per 100 ml and the Fern Lake test showed 197 e-coli per 100 ml. The states "suitable for swimming" standard is 235 e-coli per 100 ml. So according to these tests, both lakes are safe for swimming.

Average gasoline prices in Vermont have risen 11.1 cents per gallon during the past week to \$3.71, according to GasBuddy's survey of 626 Vermont stations. Prices here are 13.3 cents higher than a month ago and 76.6 cents less than a year ago. The cheapest station was \$3.47; the most expensive, \$3.93. The national average rose 16.5 cents to \$3.72.



SPARROW ART SUPPLY owner Beth Bluestein stands beside her Middlebury store's postcard craft station and a carefully curated selection of the creative cards that have been donated. Independent photo/Sophia Afsar-Keshmiri

Businesses band together for flood relief

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

MIDDLEBURY / BRANDON — Within Sparrow Art Supply's perch above the Otter Creek in downtown Middlebury, a strand of homemade postcards is hung above a small table set up with their blank counterparts, colored pencils and pens for the store's flood relief fundraiser, Love From Your Neighbor.

It's part fundraising and part art, according to owner Beth Bluestein.

As she witnessed the creek's gentle flow turn to raucous rapids, she concocted a plan to harness the creativity of her customers and their desire to help fellow Vermonters experiencing the worst flood damage from the state's historic deluge.

Bluestein, 31, spearheaded the postcard initiative and proposed a joint effort with Hey June's Stationery Shop and Letterpress Studio in Richmond.

Their shared Love From Your Neighbor campaign, which went public on Tuesday, July 25, is both meant to raise money for the Vermont Mainstreet Flood Recovery Fund and provide a way for Vermonters to extend a helping hand to their neighbors.

The two shops will continue collecting through Sunday, Aug. 13.

Both stores have set up a craft station in their establishments

with supplies so participants can decorate postcards on the spot or create their designs at home. They are also accepting mail-in submissions, but ask that postcards be made on a 4x6 piece of watercolor paper, bristol board, or mixed media paper, and that they be sent in an envelope to either store.

"We will have a table to collect donations and decorate cards at the Midd Summer Market on Aug. 10 and at Foodaroo on Aug. 13," Bluestein said.

"I'm trying to get in touch with the Bristol Farmer's Market as well," she added.

"This idea came out of being creative, creating some sort of gesture of encouragement for people and then, obviously trying to collect a monetary donation, but obviously, trying to not make it exclusive," Bluestein said.

To achieve this dual desire, the stores ask that participants donate one dollar when they make a card. "It's only a dollar, though people have been super generous and have given more."

Above the Sparrow Art Supply table, Bluestein has displayed a selection of the cards her store has received, with subject matter ranging from a worm enjoying the sweet treat of a strawberry to pink, yellow and orange flowers to cute cows to a kind-looking bear.

"People are so creative. And it's just really heartfelt," she enthused.

Submissions have yielded roughly \$200 and 25 cards.

"I just hope that whenever we get them in the hands of other Vermonters that they're going to feel the love from us and that they know that we're thinking of them," Bluestein said.

She noted the initiative is also meant to provide people with a tangible way to help.

"I think there's a lot of power in art. And there's something about a human gesture of encouragement, and I think our customers really appreciate that."

Bluestein added, "I think this is a nice outlet for young artists. I'm sure they're hearing all about what's going on in Vermont, and not sure of what exactly is happening and what they can do to help."

Last Saturday, the Vermont Bookshop in Middlebury and the Bookstore in Brandon also seized the opportunity to participate in flood relief efforts.

To reduce the financial burden of flooding damages to Bear Pond Books in Montpelier and Next Chapter Bookstore in Barre, the New England Independent Booksellers Association coordinated 15 independent bookstores statewide to raise funds for both stores.

The 20% contribution that participating stores were asked to contribute to the effort yielded over \$1,200 from The Vermont Bookshop, and almost \$600 from The Bookstore.

"I would say that our business on Saturday was at least 30% more than we would see on a normal Saturday," Vermont Bookshop owner Becky Dayton reported.

"People clearly wanted to help and were deliberate about shopping with the stores on Saturday," she added.

The Bookstore also experienced a busier-than-usual store, per bookseller Cecil Reniche-Smith. "We also lucked out in that there was a wedding in town, where many of the wedding guests were book geeks, and so they're like, let's go to the independent bookstore. Then when they found out what we were doing, they all bought more than they had originally planned on, specifically so the money would go to these other bookstores that they weren't even in," she said.

Reniche-Smith said the store decided to participate "because I know if we were in the same position, they would do that for us."

For Dayton, the fundraiser was a quintessential Vermont experience.

"To me, this is Vermont, in a nutshell, this is how we operate in our lovely, beautiful supportive state ... it's nice that we all know one another and we really care about one another and each other's communities. And it's very heartening to see this kind of thing happen so quickly."

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Porter

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He noted Porter is pitching the lowest increase in that category of the three hospital budgets the Green Mountain Care Board will be reviewing as a group next month. The other two will be UVM Medical Center (proposing a 13.45% hike in commercial insurance rates) and the Central Vermont Medical Center (10.95%).

“This commercial rate lift of 6.86% may seem hard, but you need to look at all we’re attempting to do with that, as far as taking care of patients and our staff,” Comeau said. “That’s where it will all play out with the GMBC.”

He explained there are two ways to look at cost increases that drive the need for hospitals to negotiate higher commercial insurance rates: Due to higher patient volumes, or because of inflation and other factors beyond a hospital’s control.

“For Porter, our patient volumes are largely flat from year to year,” he said. “So the vast majority of our cost increase is due to inflation. So that puts it into the category of, ‘We need to get better rates for what we do.’”

- A forecast of average reimbursement rate increases of 2.2% for Porter’s Medicaid patients and 3.5% for its Medicare patients. That’s not much help, when one considers the forecasted FY’24 inflation rate of 3.2%, according to UVM Health Network documents.

- A positive operating margin of around \$3 million, or 2.1%. The “margin” is the hospital’s operating income as a percentage of its revenue. That \$3 million margin forecast is on par with this year, according to Comeau.

He noted PMC’s operating income could arguably be placed at 7.8% for next fiscal year. But the difference between that 7.8% and the 2.1% is PMC’s cost of subsidizing the county’s nursing home.

Indeed, Comeau said PMC is proposing to earmark \$20 million of its total \$140 million FY’24 budget request to underwrite Helen



PORTER MEDICAL CENTER Chief Financial Officer Scott Comeau is the main architect of a Fiscal Year 2024 Porter budget that reflects a \$23 million increase in expenses compared to this year. The Green Mountain Care Board will soon review the budget.

Independent photo John Flowers

Porter, which operates at a loss.

“(Helen Porter) I think will always need some level of assistance, and it needs it because it’s a vital part of the healthcare continuum here,” Comeau said, adding Helen Porter is consistently at more than 90% capacity.

- A 5% increase in fees, with specifics to come later.

Like other affiliates in the UVM Health Network, Porter’s budget has been greatly affected by such factors as inflation, increases in the costs of medications and other supplies, and workforce shortages. Porter is trying to fill more than 100 jobs, and — like hospitals nationwide — must fill some shifts with travelling nurses, who command a salary premium. Comeau estimates Porter currently has 70 traveling nurses in its work rotation. Porter’s FY’24 budget proposal reflects an effort to whittle down that traveling RN complement to 50, he noted.

“The reason we aren’t hitting our bottom-line margin (for FY’23) right now is we are over-budget on travelers by more than \$10 million,” Comeau said.

But the news is getting better

on the travelers front, according to UVM Health Network officials.

The network recently switched to standardized contracts for travelers that have allowed the healthcare organization to leverage decreased rates. The network’s traveler numbers have declined by 100 full-time positions since last October. The rate the network pays for travelers has declined 35% since FY’22, from an average of \$201 per hour to \$130 per hour, according to an FY’24 budget summary it submitted to the state health care regulator.

Comeau suggested an additional variable in the travelers equation.

“The national market is cooling off,” he said. “Traveler agencies now recognize that to place all their people, they can’t quite command the rates they used to. So there’s been a little bit of a market correction in the rate.”

Looking ahead, PMC is optimistic about its chances of hiring more staff RNs. The institution two years ago teamed up with the Patricia Hannaford Career Center on a new program offering aspiring Licensed Nursing Assistants not only free tuition, but also a paycheck while

they’re studying and a guaranteed job at Porter after they graduate. Porter is working with another, as-yet undisclosed Vermont school to further enhance the labor pipeline for future nurses, according to Comeau.

“It’s paying dividends,” he said of the career center collaboration.

It should also be noted that PMC nurses will likely get pay raises soon. The nurses’ union and PMC management are negotiating a new labor pact to succeed the three-year deal that expires on Sept. 30.

While there are challenges ahead for the healthcare industry, Comeau believes Porter has crafted a sound financial plan for FY’24.

“I feel good about it,” he said. “It’s a defensible budget and a conservative budget that allows for necessary investment in our people to help make a dent in this workforce issue. The biggest risk (of the budget) is that it’s predicated on us getting off travelers. We need to make some progress, and that means hiring some full-time RNs, LPNs and LNAs.”

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Rain

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the construction of a new water diversion system. Glascoe said she and Bryan are hopeful community members will come out to support the farm during the remainder of its pick-your-own season. Updates on the berry farm’s hours of operation can be found on the Lower Notch Berry Farm Facebook page and on Instagram @lowernotchfarm.

“We had a unique situation going on, which is that we live on the valley side of the mountain so the waterways on the top of the mountain were overflowing, the beaver dams were giving out and redirecting miles of water down the mountain to our farm,” Glascoe explained.

Glascoe and co-owner Matt Bryan grow blueberries on two acres off Lower Notch Road. While their berry bushes held up with minimal damage, the flooding destroyed an acre of brand new annual flower fields.

“Our farm was under two to three feet of water for five days or so, and it completely wiped out our flower beds and changed the soil composition on our farm,” Glascoe said. “(The flowers) were going to be a big part of our business this year.”

Flood damage also closed Lower Notch Road for several days, forcing the berry farm to shut down during the height of its growing season.

“During peak season you’re making all of your money that you make for the year each day. We lost that business during peak season and then we had a significant investment in flowers that are lost for now,” Glascoe explained.

The flooding badly damaged driveways and a water diversion system at the farm. Lower Notch Berry Farm was able to reopen to the public on July 22 after emergency excavation work and

to support repair efforts through the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont’s Farmer Emergency Fund, which supports farmers who have been affected by natural and unnatural disasters.

Glascoe noted that the farm will still suffer significant revenue losses this year, due to being open fewer days and needing to make tens

of thousands of dollars’ worth of repairs.

“One of the major costs was excavation for our driveway which gets us down to the farm, it had a river running down it for two days. Unfortunately, FEMA is not in Addison County yet, so to fix that was a private fee,” she said.

Glascoe added that the berry farm will also have to purchase new topsoil, which was washed away during the flooding.

“That’s something I think a lot of people don’t know, it takes a really long time to build up soil in Vermont,” she said.

OTHER FLOOD IMPACTS

Abigail Augarten, agronomy specialist for the UVM Extension’s Middlebury office, said the UVM team has been hearing from other local growers hurt by last month’s excessive rainfall.

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“We lost that business during peak season (when the road was closed) and then we had a significant investment in flowers that are lost.”

— Olivia Glascoe, Lower Notch Berry Farm

Towns

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Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham — that are considering more liberal lot-size allowances within their town centers. The ACRPC helped each town secure a Bylaw Modernization Grant of around \$10,000 “for land use, development, and zoning bylaw updates in support of a pedestrian-oriented development pattern that increases housing choice, affordability, and opportunity.”

Officials in Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham have been reviewing their current zoning rules with an eye toward potentially authorizing minimum lot sizes of a quarter-acre in their village centers, where residents have ready access to sidewalks, schools, stores and municipal services.

Right now, some communities — such as Lincoln — have minimum lot sizes of an acre in their village areas, Raycroft-Meyer explained. She noted several parcels in Lincoln village currently fall under that one-acre mandate, so establishing quarter-acre zoning would have the added effect of bringing those properties into compliance.

Shoreham’s ongoing zoning bylaw review has an added wrinkle, because its village center is connected to municipal water and wastewater service. Gov. Phil Scott on June 6 signed into law the “Housing Opportunities for Everyone Act.” That new law, among other things, requires building and lot standards that “allow five or more units per acre” in residential districts served by sewer and water.

Shoreham currently has half-acre zoning in its village center.

Beyond the survey and zoning bylaw guidance, the ACRPC is offering county residents a “how-to” guide for creating accessory dwelling units (ADU) on their property.

An ADU is a separate, private living unit contained either within a larger single-family home, attached to it, or in a separate building on the same lot. It has separate living and sleeping quarters, including a kitchen and a bathroom. It can be upstairs, in an attic, in a basement, over a garage, in a barn or other detached structure — or part of a new addition.

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The original home and accessory dwelling unit may share an entrance, yard and parking area with spaces for both units. Generally, Vermont state law and most local zoning ordinances anticipate each property only having a single ADU.

You can access the guide online at tinyurl.com/ye9k6eur.

“An ADU has to be 30% or less of (the size of) your primary home or 900 square feet, whichever is

larger,” Raycroft-Meyer explained.

She added ADUs are allowed in virtually all zoning districts in all Vermont towns, provided they meet setback standards, wastewater handling and other basic requirements.

The ACRPC guide breaks down the process of evaluating your property for an ADU, from designing the structure to finding a tenant.

Raycroft-Meyer credited St.

Stephen’s Episcopal Church with providing a grant to make the ADU guide possible.

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College

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Middlebury, but also more of those offered admission have been taking the college up on it.

In a typical year the college enrolls 2,500–2,600 students. But, for this coming fall the college projects the range to be 2,825–2,845 students continuing the upward trend of the last two years (fall of 2021 saw 2,858 enrolled and 2022 saw 2,773).

College administrators have taken a variety of measures to mitigate the over-enrollment problem. Earlier this year they developed a new program in which each year 30 incoming first-year students will start their Middlebury experience abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Earlier this summer, the college also broke ground on the construction of a new first-year dorm, to replace Battell Hall, which currently houses 40% of the incoming class. The new dorm should add 48 new beds to Middlebury housing when it is ready for occupancy in 2025.

Other steps administrators took to alleviate overcrowding before this summer included:

- Housing Juniors in the 2021-2022 academic year at the Breadloaf campus in Ripton 20 minutes away from the college's main campus.

- Purchasing the Middlebury Inn on the Green to house juniors off-campus.

- Turning student lounges in first year dorm Hepburn Hall into triple rooms to host three students.

The previous measures had mixed success. 2023 Middlebury graduate Glenn Kontor was assigned to live at Breadloaf during his junior year. Though he officially lived at Breadloaf, he explained that he was never really there.

"I mostly stayed on campus with friends," he said.

He said that the only downside was that he often stayed in other



MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE VICE President for Student Affairs Smita Ruzicka, shown in June at the groundbreaking for a new dorm, said the student response has been enthusiastic to an offer of \$10,000 to delay their return to campus.

Independent file photo/Steve James

rooms on Middlebury campus where his friends were.

Khasai Makhulo '23, another recent graduate who was the Community Assistant for Breadloaf in the 2021-2022 academic year, described living on the Ripton campus as "an escape" from her normal academic and social routine.

"I had a huge bed, the food was good, and the place was quiet," she said, "so although I was not socializing as much, I felt that I had all I needed to be healthy."

Though living at Breadloaf was a break from the usual routine that students were used to at the college, they were still able to make the most of their circumstances and the school managed to throw in a few perks

to make the experience more worthwhile for the students most affected by the housing changes.

Students who had to live at Breadloaf or the Inn on the Green, got priority in the housing draw the following school year. The students who take the school's \$10,000 deal this month will also get a similar perk when they return in Spring 2024.

A rising senior who filled out the form who wishes to not be named, said of the deal, "It's a useful amount of money for me and all I have to do is not go to school. It's a win-win."

In the email, Middlebury College Deans AJ Place and Derek Doucet explained in a joint statement that the unusually high

"Our intention is to reduce this number beginning in the Spring 2024 semester, when we hope to have fewer than 100 students living off campus."

— Smita Ruzicka

Farmers

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"Many farms in the county are experiencing some degree of crop damage from the severe storms. This magnitude of precipitation on clay soils has left the soils saturated, which has stunted the corn crop and made it challenging to harvest hay at the proper time. This will result in losses in crop yield and quality," she told the *Independent*.

The UVM Extension team supports farmers suffering with crop loss through scouting fields and evaluating the extent of crop reduction, providing technical assistance and guiding farmers to resources for financial help.

Augarten said heavy precipitation can have other negative impacts on county farms.

"In addition to crop loss, severe storms and flooding can cause soil erosion, declines in soil fertility and biology, contamination, damage to stored forage, debris deposition, and equipment loss or damage," she said.

Excessive rainfall has also led to a heightened risk of fungal diseases in county crops. In some cases, these fungal diseases have threatened crops at farms already struggling with yields heavily reduced by mid-May frost.

Shelburne Vineyard, which owns and operates Lincoln Peak Vineyard in New Haven, experienced a 50% reduction in its grape crops earlier this year, when the late spring freeze devastated plants at Shelburne Vineyard's locations and other farms throughout the state.

The vineyard was spared from significant flooding last month but has had to monitor chance for more diseases caused by the heavy rains.

"The rain is not helpful for grape growing, it means more disease pressure, more fungal diseases; fungal diseases like a wet humid environment that is further decreasing the yields," said Kate Cartwright, tasting room manager for Shelburne Vineyard.

Rob Rogers co-owns Ferrisburgh's Woodman Hill Orchard, another county farm hit hard by the mid-May frost. He said the orchard has also been keeping an eye on fungal diseases in its crops.

"Other farmers have been hit harder than us by the flooding, but extreme weather of any kind tends to impact all of us to an extent," Rogers told the *Independent*. "For us, years with excess of rain increase the likelihood of fungal diseases, which must be managed to avoid further crop loss and cumulative year over year problems. This has required an investment in time and

money similar to a normal crop year, but obviously with a much smaller return in the end."

RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

In the aftermath of last month's heavy rains, Cartwright said the Shelburne Vineyard team likely won't need to hire the seasonal farmworkers it usually needs to help with its harvest. The vineyard is now looking to support such farm workers, who will likely experience a loss of work at other farms throughout the state.

Shelburne Vineyard will host a "Cider Terra" event on Aug. 27 at Lincoln Peak Vineyard, featuring products from 10 Vermont cider makers. Admission to the event is free, though community members can purchase a \$20 ticket to sample cider from participating vendors. A portion of the proceeds from the event will be donated to New Farms for New Americans, a community-based gardening and agriculture program that supports refugees and immigrants working in Vermont.

Gov. Phil Scott on July 14 requested that the USDA issue a disaster designation for the state of Vermont in response to the July flooding, which would further increase availability of financial support for Vermont growers, including low-interest USDA Farm Service Agency emergency loans for eligible growers.

Scott and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development announced last month that the upcoming Business Emergency Grant Assistance Program will offer additional aid for agricultural businesses that sustained physical damage during the July flooding.

Once the \$20 million program opens, businesses will be eligible for a grant of 20% of the net documented uncovered damage to their physical property, up to a maximum of \$20,000. \$1 million of the funding from the program will be administered by the Agency of Agriculture and dedicated specifically to agricultural businesses.

The Agency of Agriculture is also requesting that farms and organizations hurt by the severe weather last month complete a survey, available at forms.office.com/g/VXXfb1jGTc4.

The survey is intended to gather information on the type and scale of damage experienced by the state's agricultural producers. Collected data will be used to inform response efforts, as well as allocate resources and advocate for future relief and recovery programs. The survey will remain open until Aug. 28.

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Abortion access continues to decline in the U.S.

College professor details the numbers

By SOPHIA AFSAR-KESHMIRI

MIDDLEBURY — The U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of the Roe v. Wade precedent, which guaranteed the right to an abortion in the United States, and the subsequent curtailing of abortion access in many states has definitely affected the lives of many Americans.

Middlebury College Economics Professor Caitlin Knowles Meyers is using her skills in crunching economic data to show that.

"Whatever you think about the ethics of abortion, it does impact people's lives," Meyers told an audience at Middlebury's Henry Sheldon Museum last week in a presentation titled "Forecasts For A Post-Roe America."

Meyers told the Sheldon audience that she is applying economic statistical modeling techniques to data on abortion access in order to calculate how the number of people who want to get an abortion, but who can't, has changed since the ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the court case that overturned Roe last year.

"I'm not calculating how many people who want one can't get one," she said, but how the number of people who do want one and are able to access one has changed.

She's disproving the very argument that overturned the 50-year precedent that Roe set: the idea that having federally protected abortion access "will never and has never impacted" who receives the procedure.

According to Meyers, abortion access hasn't changed this much since it first became federally protected with the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade.

Through studies on abortion access immediately following Roe, she's found that federal protection can increase abortion access by massive margins. Additionally, she's observed that taking that away has produced similar statistics, but in the opposite way. Meyers predicts that access will



DURING A JULY 19 presentation at the Henry Sheldon Museum, Middlebury College Economics Professor Caitlin Knowles Meyers explains the statistical methods that she is employing to understand the impact of U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Photo by Eva Garcelon-Hart

continue to decrease, and that in states where abortion remains legal per state laws, clinics, organizations and institutions that provide the procedure will become even more overwhelmed than they already are.

She said that this could also limit the ability of individuals in states where abortion remains legal to have the procedure.

Vermont should be shielded from this phenomenon due to its geographic isolation from states that have banned abortion.

However, according to Meyers, abortion access has decreased in Vermont for reasons outside of the scope of her research; within the last year the state has lost four Vermont Planned Parenthood clinics (including in Middlebury), and appointment availability at those remaining has decreased.

Meyers did not pitch her talk as a lesson on the ethics and morals of being pro-choice or pro-life.

She said she's "not here to solve ethical issues," and "it is not my role as an economist to convince people of one side."

Although Meyers considers

herself pro-life, she added, "I have deep respect for people on both sides (of the issue)."

"What an economist can offer is scientific evidence on the effects on people's lives."

Additionally, Meyers noted that she is operating in an environment fraught with tension between scientific inquiry and advocacy.

A self-proclaimed "stats person," she said she approaches the polarizing subject matter in her studies using the scientific method as a means to understand the impact of the abortion legislation on individuals.

But Meyers was also sure to note her involvement in abortion access advocacy initiatives.

Before discussing her findings, Meyers took the time to explain the primary statistical and mathematical concepts she employs in her studies, in a way palatable for non-economists.

Audience members, most of whom appeared to be over the age of 60, had witnessed all three major legal changes in abortion access: life pre-Roe, post-Roe and now

without-Roe.

Meyers' July 19 presentation was part of the Sheldon Museum's "Artists in the Archives: Unseen Neighbors" exhibition that the *Independent* reported on in June. In the past two months the museum has hosted talks titled "A Fly in The Buttermilk: African American Presence in Historic Middlebury;" "May Their Memory Be a Blessing: The Lazarus Family and Jewish Life in Addison County;" and "Making Sense of Representation: Rural Queer Life In and Beyond the Archive."

Next month there will be two more talks: "Bridging the Pacific: Early Chinese Immigrants to The United States" and "Such Treatises May Be Found Elsewhere: Uncovering Middlebury's Legacy for The Recognition of Native American Voices and Lands."

Sheldon Archivist Eva Garcelon-Hart introduced Meyers and explained that the subject matter Meyers studies fit the exhibition theme of educating on the challenges of race, difference, sexuality and gender that oftentimes go unnoticed and unrecognized.

"Women's reproductive rights are being curtailed on so many levels," Garcelon-Hart said.

Black photo exhibit on display August 8-18

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury College School of French is staging a show of photographs of Black models by 2018 French School graduate Mikael Owunna. The exhibit, titled "Infinite Essence," will be on view at the Davis Family Library on the Middlebury campus from Aug. 8 to 18. The public is invited to opening reception on Aug. 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the library's atrium.

The inception of "Infinite Essence" traces back to Owunna's deep exploration of indigenous African knowledge systems. His goal was to craft a unique visual style that encapsulates the majestic cosmos, intricate symbolism and the portrayal of Blackness as the divine, cosmic origin from which all existence blooms.

Owunna, leveraging his engineering background, developed a camera flash transmitting solely ultraviolet light for this project. Black models, their bodies meticulously adorned with fluorescent paints that glow under ultraviolet light, were photographed in complete darkness. The fleeting moment the shutter captured brought about a magical transformation, showing bodies illuminated as the celestial universe itself, with scenes inspired by the repertoire of African diasporic mythology springing forth.

Exhibition got generous support from the Middlebury Museum of Art, the Middlebury Language Schools, and the Betty Ashbury Jones MA '86 School of French.

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Home

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 of the allowable Habitat range — for around \$175,000. That's less than half its market value, according to Habitat board member Ashley Cadwell.

Amy remembers exactly when she and James found out they'd get the home after those six years of housing frustration. Habitat called them on the same day on which Amy's grandfather had died. She described a rollercoaster of feelings.

"It was really emotional,"



A CRANE LOWERS part of the frame of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Vergennes during a recent work day on the Booth Woods site. The volunteer-built home should be ready for occupancy by the Muir family of four early next year.

Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Addison County

she said. "It was really kind of entwined with it, them (Habitat officials) wanting to come over, and then coming over. The timing was really crazy," Amy recalled. "They showed up with flowers and sparkling cider, and they just said the sweetest things. And it was just a really a great moment I won't ever forget, for sure. I think I felt all the emotions that day."

BOOTH WOODS BOON

The Muirs' volunteer-built home will be the third of three in Habitat's successful foray into Booth Woods, all on the right side of the neighborhood's entry road off Green Street. Habitat closed on the second home recently, for a three-generation family of three, and on the first home two years ago.

Cadwell said the local Habitat branch will now turn its attention to finding families for four future homes on Gorham Lane in Middlebury, on land donated by Middlebury College.

Cadwell said until recently, Habitat has had difficulty finding candidates for its homes. Habitat is restricted by its funding — including grants from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board as well as donations — to working with applicants whose incomes range between 50% and 80% of the area median income.

For example, for a family of three to qualify, their income must range from \$42,156 to \$67,450, or for a family of five, between \$50,563



MUCH OF THE framing is in place for the Habitat for Humanity home in the Booth Woods neighborhood in Vergennes, which is projected to be ready for a family of four in early 2024.

Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Addison County

and \$80,900. Successful applicants must also have good references and join other volunteers in building their new homes, contributing at least 200 hours.

Cadwell said the task has become easier now because affordable housing is scarcer and more people are learning about what Habitat can offer.

"We have become much more proactive. We have a much better website. It's just a more concerted

effort to get the word out," he said. "We're not going to have any problem with the Gorham Lane houses."

PROCESS

But those circumstances also meant a more competitive process for the Muirs.

Before 2021, Amy said, they had thought they wouldn't qualify. But that year, they listened Amy's cousin Dora, owner of a Middlebury Habitat home, and

then her grandmother.

"(Dora) had encouraged us to apply," Amy said. "But we assumed we wouldn't qualify, because our income has very much fallen in that very large middle crack Vermont seems to have between being able to afford to live here and being able to apply for financial assistance ...

"But then my grandmother saw a news article a couple years back that they were looking for Habitat families, and that qualifications are

higher than people think."

The Muirs applied in 2022 for the second Booth Woods home, but were turned down. This year, she got valuable help from their John Graham service coordinator and Habitat officials in filling out what is a long and detailed application, and it was accepted.

"It took a lot of patient waiting, which we've got a lot of practice at," Amy said.

She and James then started helping to build their home, designed by student architects at Middlebury College taught by architect John McLeod. Work is done two days a week, usually by six or eight volunteers out of a roster of 20, and is overseen and planned by Ripton contractor Alex Carver.

"We do everything that the other volunteers do. James and I don't really have experience building anything, let alone a house, but the volunteers have all, honestly, been so great," Amy said.

"Personally, one of my fears or trepidations was that starting the work as a woman that they wouldn't have me do much, or it would be hard for me to learn things. But that's been the opposite of what my experience has been. Everyone has been really great about making sure I am involved, teaching me new skills."

— Amy Muir

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"That's the least of our worries. In 2017, we were literally homeless for two months. Since then, we have lived in shelter housing," Amy said. "With the pandemic and the housing crisis and just the rising costs in Vermont in general, we were almost certain we were going to have to move out of state. Which kills me, because I'm from here."

Now, she said, their children are excited to choose paint colors for their rooms and have a bathroom with a bathtub, she said.

Meanwhile, she and James are still almost in disbelief, she said. It feels like they just won the lottery.

"It honestly feels surreal. I don't think it will feel real until, like, we're packing the boxes to bring there. I feel like we've been looking for housing for so long. I feel like the application process itself was such a rollercoaster of 'Are we getting it? Are we not?'" she said. "There was such a lot, a lot, getting to this moment. And I don't think it will finally sink in until get into the house."

And they are grateful.

"We fully acknowledge this is a rare opportunity. And we just appreciate and are grateful for what it does for our family."

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MIDDLEBURY'S SADIE CHANCE comes up for air during a breaststroke event this past weekend at the CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.

Photo by Josh Romond



CHAMP SWIMMER VIVI Romond looks like she's about to take flight during a butterfly race during this past weekend's CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.

Photo by Josh Romond



MARLIN SWIMMER FIONA Mackey is momentarily alone in her lane during a freestyle race at this past weekend's CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.

Photo by Josh Romond

Champs take third at league meet

Vergennes swims to 21 wins; Marlins sixth, voted 'most improved' team

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ST. ALBANS — The Vergennes Champs settled for third place at this past weekend's Champlain Valley Swim League's championship meet, while the Middlebury Marlins were sixth in the seven-team field.

Champ swimmers won 16 individual races and five relays, but fell just short of matching their second-place regular season result they had earned with a 6-1 record this summer.

Will Clark led the Champs with three wins and also swam on two victorious relay teams, while Connor Husk and Riker Cooley each won twice.

Joining Clark on the two U-14 boys' winning medley and freestyle relay teams were Noah Smits, Cohen Howell and Clark Crary. That medley team is believed to have broken the CVSL record.

The U-14 Vergennes girls' medley and freestyle team of Ella Romond, Ella Bearor, Sophia James and Adrienne Smits also won both those relay races.

The Marlins, who were 3-3 in the regular season, didn't duplicate that success in the league meet, but the league's coaches recognized their overall performance this summer by voting Middlebury the CVSL's most improved team.

Winning races for Middlebury this past weekend were Aidan Chance, Constantin Bellman and Felix Poduschnick.

Burlington Tennis Club, the defending champion and favorite going in after an undefeated league regular season, prevailed with 2,498.50 points. The St. Albans Sharks, swimming in their home pool, bested the Champs for second, 1,897.5-1,643.5.

Essex (834), Winooski (681.5), Middlebury (632) and Burlington Country Club (572) rounded out the field.



MARLIN SWIMMER AND assistant coach Aidan Chance bursts off the starting block in one of his races at this past weekend's CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.

Photo by Josh Romond

Bee Eckels, a 2023 Vergennes Union High School graduate and former Champs swimmer, won two races competing for BTC.

This weekend, the teams will head to the Upper Valley Aquatic Center in White River Junction to compete in the Vermont Summer Swim Championships. Vergennes is likely to land in the A Division because of its larger squad size, and Middlebury in one of the smaller divisions, where the Marlins have been competitive in recent years.

RESULTS
Champs and Marlins scoring points for their teams were:

- BUTTERFLY**
- U-8 girls 25-yard: 3. Savannah Wallace, V; 12. Margaret Smits, V.
 - U-8 boys 25: 6. Rhett Cooke, V.
 - U-10 girls 25: 5. Cassandra Bellman, M.
 - U-10 boys 25: 1. Felix

- Poduschnick, M, 18.54; 2. Tobin Howell, V; 5. Brantley Cooke, V; 7. Porter Mackey, M.
- U-12 girls 50: 2. Annika Smits, V; 3. Mitzi Poduschnick, M.
- U-12 boys 50: 1. Connor Husk, V, 33.41; 2. Constantin Bellman, M; 3. Flint Crary, V.
- U-14 girls 50: 2. Ella Bearor, V; 3. Sophia James, V; 10. Navah Glikman, M.
- U-14 boys 50: 2. Noah Smits, V; 3. Clark Crary, V; 4. Khanlen Ouimette, V; 7. Jorgen Pirrung, M.
- U-18 girls 50: 4. Acadia Clark, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 5. Calder Rakowski, V.

- V; 10. Lincoln Hunt, M.
- U-10 girls 25: 4. Juliette Angier, V.
- U-10 boys 25: 2. B. Cooke, V; 4. P. Mackey, M; 9. Welly Hescok, M.
- U-12 girls 50: 2. Lauren Husk, V; 5. Reese Muzzy, V; 11. Camry Miner, M.
- U-12 boys 50: 5. Ralph Adrien, V; 11. Beowulf Yarbrough, V.
- U-14 girls 50: 3. Ella Romond, V; 4. Ellie Brooks, V; 12. Lauren Hill, V.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. Will Clark, V, 27.55; 2. Cohen Howell, V; 3. K. Ouimette, V; 8. Daniel Power, M; 10. Rowan Neffinger, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 2. A. Chance, M; 6. C. Rakowski, V.
- U-18 girls 100: 2. E. Romond, V; 5. E. Brooks, V; 6. Fiona Mackey, M.
- U-18 boys 100: 2. A. Chance, M; 8. Ben Phinney, M.

- BREASTSTROKE**
- U-8 girls 25: 6. K. Matton, V.
 - U-8 boys 25: 7. E. Angier, V.
- (See Swim, Page 3B)

Esports making inroads in Vt. high schools, but not here

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — While the newest varsity athletic activity officially sanctioned by the Vermont Principals' Association — esports — appears to be gaining at least some traction around the state, interest so far in Addison County seems limited.

When asked, athletic and activities directors at Middlebury, Mount Abraham, Vergennes and Otter Valley union high schools all said there is nothing on the horizon for esports at their schools.

Esports, or electronic sports, is an organized competition using video games — often in a multiplayer video game. Proponents say esports, like full-contact, real-world sports, require preparation (sometimes physical training), planning, timing and skill.

Only Mount Abe AD Devin Wendel said there at least rumblings at the Bristol school.

"There has been some interest, but nothing major," Wendel said. "It could happen, but the kids need to want it to happen just like any other sport."

Sean Farrell at MUHS and OV's Steve Keith both responded to emails that there's nothing happening at their schools. Peter Maneen at VUHS said he didn't foresee it becoming a varsity activity.

"If we were to start esports, it would be more of a Fusion (afterschool/club type thing)," he wrote.

Yet there is interest elsewhere. According to *Burlington Free Press* writer Jacob Rousseau Milton, Champlain Valley and South

Burlington high schools have teams, and he "wouldn't be shocked if BFA-St. Albans and MMU have programs at some point during the 2023-24 school year," adding he heard Essex might join that list.

And in June the VPA signed a three-year contract with PlayVS, a widely used esports platform, to bring team-based video game competitions to Vermont high schools.

PlayVS is a five-year-old company based in Los Angeles that also works with the National Federation of State

High School Associations to bring esports to its members.

VPA Assistant Executive Director Lauren Thomas told the *Independent* that elsewhere in the U.S. esports are becoming popular. For example, she wrote in an email that according to the Georgia sports association's executive director esports are "the second largest offering in the state."

Thomas couldn't quickly pin down how many schools now offer esports, but in June she told the *Burlington Free Press* that in Vermont "about nine or 10 schools"

had already participated in esports under the VPA's former contract with a Massachusetts company.

Thomas said she expected more schools would be signing on as time passes.

"I would say that schools will be determining the needs of their students and their interest when starting the school year ... I think our students will appreciate the opportunity if presented," she said. "It will be an interesting trajectory, and it will be determined by our students and their interests."

MUHS harrier travels to Italian Alps to compete in world championship event of mountain-running



JOHN KERRIGAN, ASSISTANT U.S. Youth Skyrunning coach, left, and the team's head coach, Ryan Kerrigan (John's son) confer with an official at a skyrunning event in Italy a few years ago.

Photo credit: Ian Corlis, International Skyrunning Federation

RIPTON, Vt. / FONTE CERRETO, Italy — Baxter Harrington has left the Green Mountain running trails in his hometown of Ripton, Vt., to travel to the rugged Apennine Mountains in central Italy, where this weekend he will compete in the 2023 Youth Skyrunning World Championships.

Early this week Harrington joined 13 other runners from across the United States to compete on Friday and Sunday in the World Championships that will take place in Fonte Cerreto, L'Aquila, Abruzzo, Italy, which is 135 east of Rome.

"I've always loved the challenge of running up the mountain in my backyard," Harrington said in a press release. "While the high

peaks of Italy are a bit daunting in comparison to the green hills of Vermont, I'm super excited to be a part of this team and push myself as an athlete."

A rising senior at Middlebury Union High School and a member of the Tiger cross country team, Harrington will compete in the Youth B category for boys ages 17 and 18.

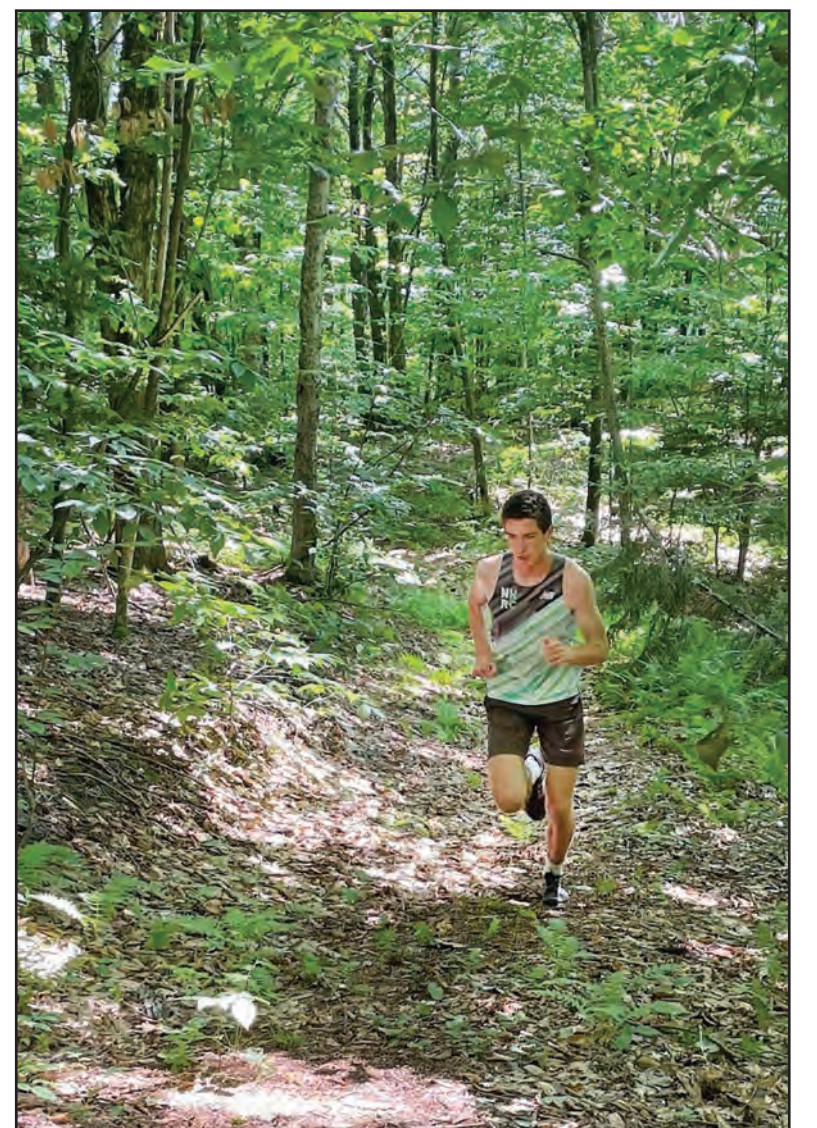
Baxter will be joined by two other Vermont Runners: Heidi Haraldsen of Harwood Union High School and James Underwood of Woodstock High School.

The U.S. Youth Skyrunning Team is coached by fellow Ripton resident Ryan Kerrigan, who in the winter coaches the Frost Mountain Nordic ski team at the

Rikert Nordic Center. He has led the U.S. skyrunning team since 2018, when his roster included Sam Hodges of Cornwall.

The runners in Italy will start on Friday, Aug. 4, with the 3.8K "Vertical" race over the rugged mountains with a vertical climb of 1,033 meters. Then, after two days off, on Sunday, Aug. 6, they will engage in a second competition, the 13K "Sky" race, which features 1,300 meters of vertical climb. The highest elevation in the Vertical race is 2,136 meters, or over 7,000 feet.

The Vertical race will have individuals start every 20 seconds, like in a cross country ski race. The Sky race will feature a mass start like in a cross country running race.



RIPTON'S BAXTER HARRINGTON, a rising senior at Middlebury Union High School and a member of the Tiger cross country team, trains in anticipation of an international mountain-running competition that will take place this coming weekend.

Five locals prep for Saturday's Shrine kickoff

CASTLETON — The 70th Annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl will kick off at 11:30 p.m. this on Saturday at Castleton University.

Among the senior all-stars from Vermont selected from among 200 nominated by their coaches for the team, five seniors from local high school football teams were selected for Vermont's final 38-person roster. Three of those five played for the

Division I runner-up Middlebury team: tight end/defensive end Penn Riney, running back/linebacker Cole Schnoor, and fullback/nose tackle Cameron Stone.

Joining them are two-way lineman Caleb Russell from the Mount Abraham/Vergennes cooperative team and Otter Valley running back/linebacker Keelon Parks. Russell and Parks helped their teams make

the Division III postseason this past fall.

Players and coaches, including Vermont Head Coach Greg Balch of Windsor, the 2022 D-III champion, reported to the Castleton campus on Sunday to spend the week preparing for the game, which has been highly competitive in recent years.

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl is played for the benefit of the

Shriners children's medical facilities. According to a Shriners' press release, in its first 69 years the Vermont-New Hampshire game has raised millions of dollars.

The local game is one of 30 such games played every year across the nation. This twin-state game is sponsored by the two Shrine Centers of Vermont, Cairo (Rutland) and Mt. Sinai (Montpelier).

Nuf Ced, Tessie, Honey Fitz and the Royal Rooters

Havya been now, mates, to Fenway Park after a Red Sox victory and celebrated with other fans in the park after the game — and havya taken note of the songs they play with the fans singin' right along?

The first is "Dirty Water" by the Standells, the second is "Tessie" by the Dropkick Murphys, and the third is "Joy to the World" by 3 Dog Night, all eminently singable, especially after a couple pints.

And do ya know the tale of Tessie and how that tune became a Red Sox anthem? It's a good story and goes way back to the early days of baseball and the powerful presence of the Irish in Boston.

(I'll stop now attempting to write in an Irish brogue.)

And why am thinking about the Irish in Boston? Because as I write this, I am in Ireland in the small town of Kildare in County Kildare: I am the trailing spouse of my scholar-wife who is representing at a poetry festival nearby.

I am spending my mornings reading (or writing, this piece for example) at the River Cafe and my afternoons after 3 o'clock doing likewise right next door at O'Connell's Bar, nursing a Jameson's Black Barrel, before joining her nibs at night at the festival.

No doubt you know or have heard about the devastation that befell Ireland in the mid 19th century, the potato famine, resulting in the emigration to the U.S. of over 2 million Irish citizens. Many of those immigrants disembarked in Boston, and stayed. Metropolitan Boston today still has the highest population of Irish Americans of any American city.

The timing was right, and ripe, for those first-generation Irish boys to be swept up by the baseball fever that had overtaken America

after the Civil War — and indeed the Irish dominated the early game. According to David Fleitz, author of "The Irish in Baseball: An Early History," as many as 40% of the major league players from 1876 (when the National League was formed) and 1900 were Irish Americans.

Pitchers Jim "Pud" Galvin (1875-92) and Tim Keefe (1880-93) were the first 300 game winners and Hugh Duffy of the Boston team (then sometimes called the Beaneaters, later the Braves) batted .440 in 1894, still the highest batting average in the history of the game.

The original Baltimore Orioles, the greatest team of the 19th century (not today's Orioles that came into being in 1953), were loaded with Hibernians: manager Ned Hanlon, star players Hughie Jennings, John McGraw, Willie Keeler. The Orioles won the National League pennant in 1894, '95, and '96.

The feisty McGraw, called "Muggsy" (though never to his face) went on to become one of the game's greatest managers, leading the New York Giants to six National League pennants and three World Series Championships from 1904-'22.

The first baseball superstar was Mike "King" Kelly, the "King of all Ballplayers," a dynamic and flamboyant player for Chicago and Cincinnati, who was sold to Boston in 1887 for the enormous sum of \$10,000.

Boston fans bought Kelly a house and often carried him to the ballpark on their shoulders. Because of his daring baserunning, he was the subject of a rousing popular song "Slide Kelly Slide." In the off-season, he was a vaudevillian. Alas, his flame was extinguished quickly as he died from pneumonia at 36 in 1894.

Fans in the early days of

baseball were called "cranks" (German for "sick"; British for "feeble-minded") and no city had a larger and more boisterous group of fans than Boston. Cranks in Boston were led by Michael "Nuf Ced" McGreevey, a saloon keeper whose bar was called "3rd Base," as it was the last stop before home.

McGreevey's tavern was located near the Huntington Avenue grounds where the Boston professional teams played (Fenway was built in 1912). The American League was formed in 1901 and the Boston club, to be known later as the Red Sox, was a charter member.

McGreevey's bar, festooned as it was with baseball artifacts and memorabilia, was the favorite landing spot for Boston's diehard baseball fans who called themselves the Royal Rooters. When the debates about baseball became too intense, or ran their course, McGreevey would pound the bar and bellow "Nuf Ced."

One of the most loyal of the Royal Rooters, the chairman, was colorful Boston pol John J. Fitzgerald, known as "Honey

Fitz," a Congressman and then Mayor of Boston during the Rooters' heyday (and the maternal grandfather of 35th President John Fitzgerald Kennedy).

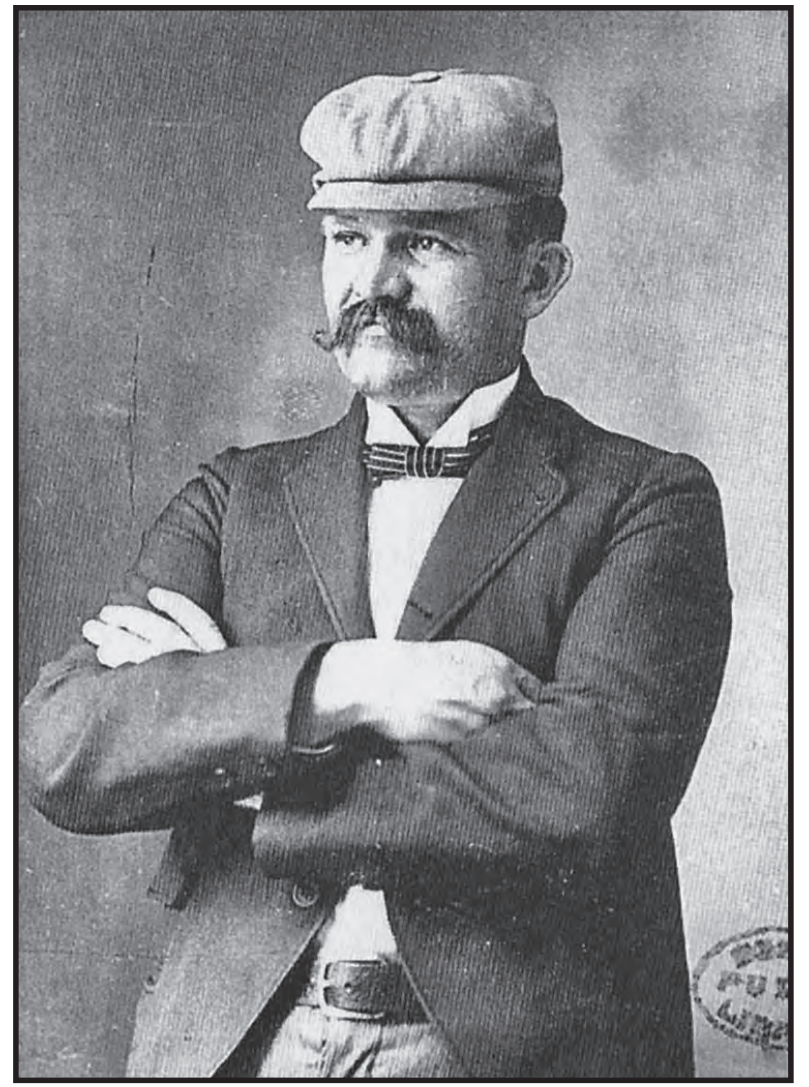
The Royal Rooters were overwhelmingly from the Irish enclaves around Boston. Their numbers were swelled by the glorious success of the Boston American League team in its first two decades, winning the AL pennant six times and the World Series five (1903, '12, '15, '16, '18), including the very first World Series played against Pittsburgh in 1903.

The Royal Rooters often traveled to away games, with a big drum and a makeshift band, and were raucous in their partisanship. They adopted the song "Tessie" from the 1903 Broadway musical "The Silver Slipper" as their anthem and they sang it robustly, both to encourage their boys and to distract Boston's opponents.

A century later, after the Red Sox miraculous World Series win in 2004, ending an 86-year championship drought, Dr. Charles Steinberg, Red Sox vice-president (and impresario), engaged a hard-rock band of Irish Americans, the Drop Kick Murphys, to revive Tessie in a modern version: it caught on — and is sung after every victory today!

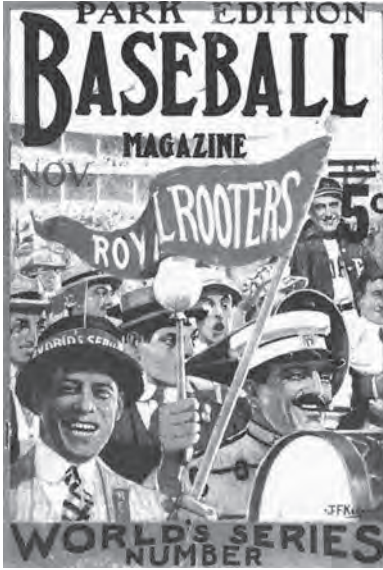
Prohibition pretty much ended Nuf Ced's prominence, and the sale of Babe Ruth introduced a curse of enduring mediocrity and sapped the Royal Rooters exuberance, but the Red Sox still have an impressive band of loyal followers, who travel well.

It wasn't long after the turn of the century that the Germans intruded on the hegemony of the Irish in baseball (Ruth, Comiskey, Wagner), then later the



Michael "Nuf Ced" McGreevey ran the "3rd Base" saloon early in the last century, which was the favorite landing spot for Boston's diehard baseball fans who called themselves the Royal Rooters.

Courtesy of the Boston Public Library



The Royal Rooters were featured on the cover of this 1915 World Series Edition of the popular Baseball Magazine.

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Italians (Lavagetto, Gionfriddo, DiMaggio). Baseball's demographics for a long time reflected immigration patterns in the U.S.

All along, of course, the game was deeply popular with and skillfully played by African Americans, though on their own teams in their own leagues as baseball at the professional level was segregated for 60 years (1887 to 1947).

But in the MLB, the Irish (along with the English: Chadwick, Spalding, the Wright Brothers), were first.

In my time here in the Emerald Isle, I have found no evidence, alas, of the O'Lindholm clan.

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Addison County drivers enjoy big night on Devil's Bowl Speedway's dirt track

WEST HAVEN — Addison County drivers won five races in Sunday evening action on the dirt track at Devil's Bowl Speedway, including a victory by Bristol's Josh Masterson in one of two 30-lap features in the track's headline Sportsman Modified series.

Fair Haven's Justin Comes won the second race in the Sportsman Modified class, which has now seen 13 different winners in 13 races at Devil's Bowl this summer.

Masterson's win came in the opening race in the Sportsman Modified division, in the makeup race for an event rained out on June 25. The Bristol veteran ran to a career-first win on dirt after an entertaining duel with Leicester's Adam Piper, who settled for second. Masterson ran second to Piper for much of the race before taking over late in the going and running away. Brandon's Vince Quenneville took fifth.

On the former asphalt half-mile surface at Devil's Bowl, Masterson had won three championships and 25 features, but had only ever taken a non-

winner shootout on dirt in 2021.

In the regularly scheduled Sportsman Modified race, Justin Comes, a Middlebury native now living in Fair Haven, drove from his 14th starting place through traffic for first win of the season, passing Orwell's LaDuc in the final few laps. LaDuc settled for second, and fellow veteran Jimmy Ryan of Shoreham was third.

The Novice Sportsman class was all about Salisbury. Salisbury's Derrick Counter, a Mini Stock graduate, scored his first win in the series by leading wire-to-wire in the 20-lap race. Fellow Salisbury residents Nick Austin-Neil and Mike Clark took second and third, respectively.

The Limited Sportsman division saw Quechee's Jason Quenneville prevail in a 25-lap race after taking the lead in the late going. Area racers fared well: Salisbury's Gary English was fourth, Salisbury's Freddie Little took fifth, and New Haven's Steve Miller finished sixth.

Former champion Ray Hanson

of Orwell scored his second win of the season in the 15-lap 500cc Mini Sprint feature. The Orwell resident got past runner-up Gage Provencher of Bridport. Brandon's Kevin Smith and Whiting's Logan Denis ran 4-5.

Leicester's Levi Cram ran to a victory in a six-lap Mini Stock B-Feature in which only five racers competed.

Cornwall's Jake Barrows ended a two-year dry spell in the Mini Stock class by winning that division's 15-lap feature. Fellow Cornwall resident Brian Blake finished fifth.

The Enduro Series closed the evening with a 50-lap race that saw Castleton's George Wanner collect his first win. The race was stopped twice for big rollovers, but no injuries were reported. Bristol's Kevin Pearsall finished third, and Orwell's LaDuc finished sixth.

Devil's Bowl will offer racing both this Saturday and Sunday nights. The DIRTcar Xtreme Dirt Midget Association makes its Devil's Bowl debut on Saturday night, and Sunday's main event is a 67-lap, \$5,000-to-win Sportsman Modified race.

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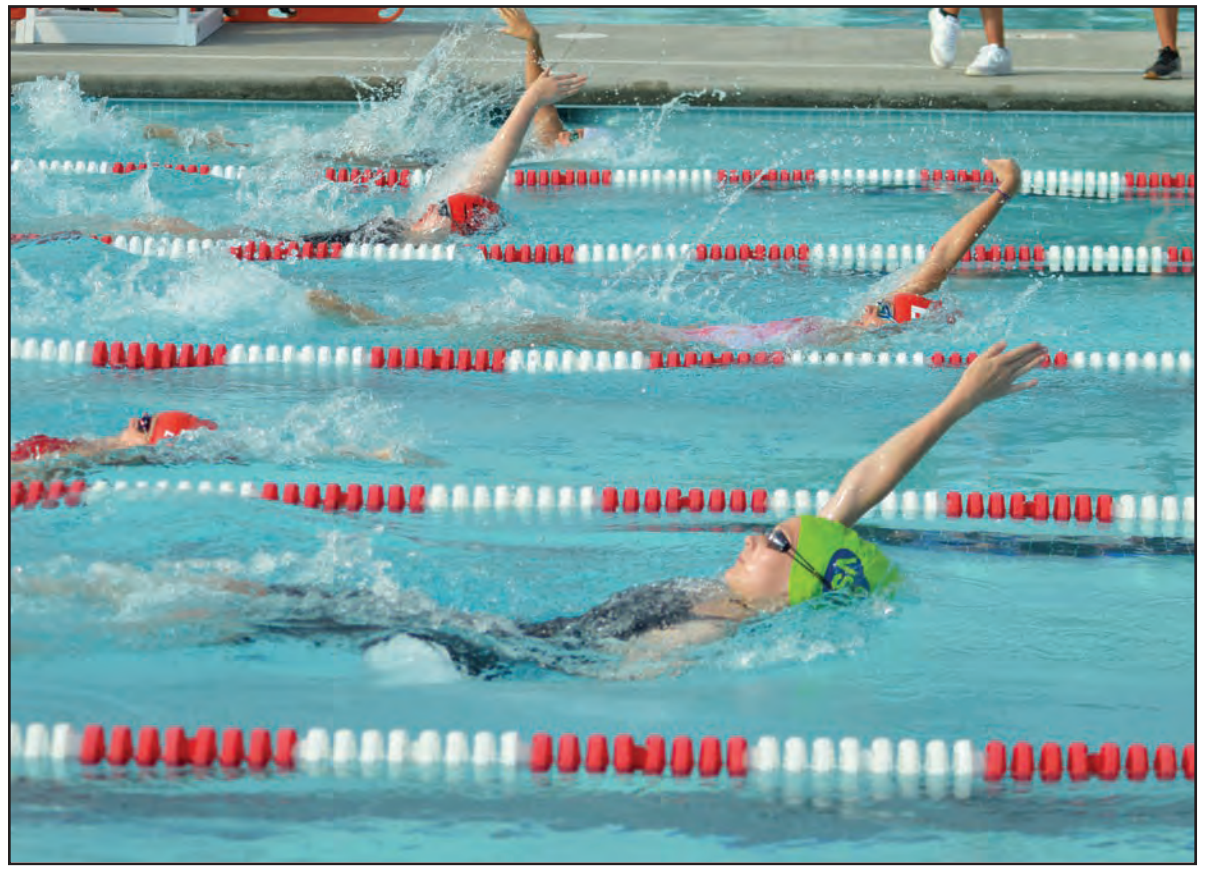
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- U-10 boys 25: 3. F. Poduschnick, M; 4. Enli Parrillo, V; 7. Martin Gee, V.
- U-12 girls 50: 2. Jordan Hutchins, V; 3. M. Poduschnick, M; 4. Cecilia Neffinger, V; 6. R. Muzzy, V.
- U-12 boys 50: 1. Constantin Bellman, M, 41.7; 5. Flint Cray, V; 8. B. Phinney, M; 9. George Martin, M.
- U-14 girls 50: 3. So. James, V; 6. Ellie Eckels, V; 10. L. Hill, V.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. Noah Smits, V, 31.52; 2. C. Cray, V; 9. Daniel Power, M.
- U-18 girls 100: 3. S. Chance, M.; U-18 boys 100: 3. N. Smits, V; 4. C. Cray, V; 5. Connor McNamara, M.
- U-18 girls 50: 11. Quinn Mackey, M.
- U-18 boys 50: 5. Alex Henley, V.
- FREESTYLE**
- U-8 girls 25: 1. Savannah Wallace, V, 18.25; 11. Mary McGuire, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 4. R. Cooke, V; 6. E. Angier, V; 11. Patrick Martin, M.
- U-8 girls 25: 5. M. Fidalgo, V.
- U-8 boys 25: 1. Riker Cooley, V, 42.79; 8. P. Martin, M.
- U-10 girls 25: 8. J. Angier, V; 11. Lydia Bearor, V.
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- U-12 girls 100: 2. L. Husk, V; 5. Casey Clark, V.
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- U-12 girls 50: 3. J. Hutchins, V; 5. M. Poduschnick, M; 8. An. Smits, V; 10. C. Clark, V.
- U-12 boys 50: 1. F. Cray, V, 29.19; 6. Henry Cadoret, M; 7. A. Ralph, V.
- U-12 girls 200: 1. C. Clark, V, 2:41.63.
- U-12 boys: 3. H. Cadoret, M.
- U-14 girls 50: 2. S. Chance, M; 3. Ad. Smits, V; 4. E. Bearor, V; 6. E. Romond, V; 7. E. Brooks, V; 9. Louisa Orten, M; 10. N. Glikman, M.
- U-14 boys 50: 1. Will Clark, V, 23.05; 2. C. Howell, V; 5. J. Pirrung, M; 8. R. Neffinger, V; 12. D. Power, M.
- U-14 girls 200: 1. Adrienne Smits,

- V, 2:25.17; 2. L. Orten, M; 3. F. Mackey, M.
- U-14 boys 200: 1. Cohen Howell, V, 2:16.97; 2. J. Pirrung, M.
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- U-14 boys 100: 1. Will Clark, V, 51.63; 6. J. Pirrung, M; 10. R. Neffinger, V.
- U-18 girls 100: 5. Q. Mackey, M.
- U-18 boys 100: 3. C. McNamara, M.
- U-18 girls 50: 4. A. Clark, V.
- U-18 boys 50: 1. Aidan Chance, M, 23.4; 11. A. Henley, V;
- INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
- U-8 girls: 4. S. Wallace, V; 5. M. Fidalgo, V.
- U-10 girls: 7. Ca. Bellman, M; 9. L. Bearor, V; 10. Mikhan Ouimette, V.
- U-12 girls: 1. Lauren Husk, V, 1:18.67; 2. J. Hutchins, V; 3. A. Smits, V; 12. C. Neffinger, V.
- U-12 boys: 1. Connor Husk, V, 1:22.15; 2. Co. Bellman, M.
- U-14 girls: 2. So. James, V; 6. Ellie Eckels, V.
- U-18 boys: 3. A. Chance, M; 5. C. McNamara, M.
- RELAYS**
- U-8 100 girls medley: 3. V (M. Smits, S. Wallace, M. Fidalgo, Z.

- Kress).
- U-8 100 boys medley: 4. V (R. Cooke, E. Angier, R. Cooley, P. Yarbrough).
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- U-8 100 girls free: 3. V (M. McGuire, S. Wallace, M. Fidalgo, Z. Kress);
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- U-12 200 girls medley: 2. V (J. Hutchins, An. Smits, R. Muzzy, L. Husk); 5. M (C. Miner, N. Power, E. Almstrand, M. Poduschnick).
- U-12 200 boys medley: 2. V (Sk. James, F. Cray, C. Husk, A. Ralph); 4. M (B. Phinney, G. Martin, Co. Bellman, H. Cadoret).
- U-12 200 girls free: 5. V (C. Casey, 2. C. Neffinger, G. Hill, E. Maneen).
- U-12 200 boys free: 1. V, 2:20.73 (E. Yarbrough, F. Cray, C. Husk, A. Ralph); 4. M (B. Phinney, G. Martin, Co. Bellman, H. Cadoret).
- U-14 200 girls medley: 1. V, 2:14.4 (E. Romond, So. James, E. Bearor, A. Smits); 2. M (F. Mackey, S. Chance, L. Orten, 4. N. Glikman.)
- U-14 200 boys medley: 1. V, 1:50.16 (W. Clark, C. Cray, N. Smits, C. Howell).
- U-14 200 girls free: 1. V, 1:40.76 (W. Clark, C. Cray, N. Smits, C. Howell).
- U-18 200 girls free: 5. V (E. Brooks, E. Eckels, A. Clark, N. Roberts).
- U-18 200 boys free: 4. V (C. Rakowski, A. Henley, K. Ouimette, R. Neffinger).



VERGENNES SWIMMER RIKER Cooley competes in a breaststroke event during this past weekend's CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.
Photo by Josh Romond



CHAMP SWIMMER ELLA Romond (green cap) is neck-and-neck for the lead in this backstroke race at this past weekend's CVSL championship meet in St. Albans.

Photo by Josh Romond

Ralph Myhre golfers find success

MIDDLEBURY — Ralph Myhre Golf Course members had another successful week between July 24 and 30.

Lucas Politano finished in a three-way tie for second place, one stroke off the winning total, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational Junior Tournament at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando, Fla.

Politano, the only Vermonter at the event, shot a three-day score of even par 216 between July 24 and 27.

This past weekend, Ralph Myhre members took on their counterparts at Brandon's Neshobe Golf Club in

the annual Forbes Cup Challenge and prevailed, 12-8, at Neshobe, thus defending their 2022 title.

On July 25, three Ralph Myhre members participated in VWWSGA state days. At Kwiniaska, Eva Mastalos finished in a first-place tie for the best net score in the second flight, and Giselle Lafleche fired the best gross score in the fourth flight. At Neshobe the same day, Nicole Laberge was sixth in net score in the second flight.

In regular Thursday Men's League play on July 27, the trio of Eric Bergland, David Zarowin and Mike Battaglia prevailed. The foursome of Chris Prickitt,

Gary Wright, Tom Maxwell and Jim Dunn was second, and Steve Maier, Robert Kirkpatrick and Jim Johnston were third. Kirkpatrick had the day's best low net score, and Bergland and Wright won closest to the pin contests.

In the Friday Evening Mixer the next day, the foursome of Craig and Susan Miner and Sharon and Harold Strassner earned the victory.

The team of Georgia and Jay Best, Matt Brady and Evelyn Howard took second, and Jim and Charlene Bryant, and Deb and Jim Hadeka were third.

City police get assault complaint

VERGENNES — Vergennes police are still looking into an allegation of sexual assault involving two students at Northlands Job Corps.

City police first learned of the allegation on July 28 when contacted by police from Lee, N.H., who Vergennes police said called on behalf of a former male Northlands student who said he was the victim of an assault by a female student.

Vergennes police said they consulted with Northlands administrators, who said they had looked into the allegation and concluded the relationship was consensual. According to police, Northlands officials also told them the male student had withdrawn from the program. City police said the case remains open.

In other activity between July 24 and 30, Vergennes police conducted 11 patrols in cruisers and nine traffic stops, fingerprinted a job applicant, dealt with four false alarms and one 911 hang-up call, and also:

- On July 24: Calmed a family argument involving a son, his girlfriend and his parents, all living under one roof.
- On behalf of the Department for Children and Families tried to check the welfare of a Main Street

resident and her daughter, but found no one home.

On July 25 responded to a report of a possibly rabid fox growling and hissing at children from the other side of a fence at the Evergreen Preschool. It was gone when police arrived, and they suggested the school contact a game warden about setting a trap for the animal.

On July 26: Dealt with a collision between a tanker truck and a pickup on Main Street; police said no one was hurt.

On July 29: Dealt with a two-car accident at the intersection of South Maple and School streets.

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community calendar

aug 3 THURSDAY

"Wag the Dog" on screen in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 continues with "Wag the Dog." Released in 1997, during the tumultuous second term of President Bill Clinton, the film centers on a spin doctor and a Hollywood producer who fabricate a war in Albania to distract voters from a presidential sex scandal. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info: midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

aug 4 FRIDAY

KeruBo in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. KeruBo is a singer/songwriter and Afro-Jazz artist, originally from Kenya who now lives in the Burlington area. Accompanied by a nine-piece band, she sings African folk music, Afro Pop and Afro jazz — from African laments to more modern arrangements. Free with registration. Rain location Town Hall Theater.

Amy Heebner carillonist, in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Heppburn Rd. City Carillonist, Albany, N.Y., Amy Heebner will 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 summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"Bugsy" on screen in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 continues with "Bugsy," Barry Levinson's epic biography of the life of American mobster Bugsy Siegel, his fraught relationship with wife and Hollywood starlet, Virginia Hill, and the birth of Las Vegas. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info: midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

aug 5 SATURDAY

Town-wide yard sale in Brandon. Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Locations around town, including Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Vendors will be upstairs in the Town Hall. Stop in for some great bargains, a cool drink and snack or just sit down and relax. Bathrooms available downstairs. 8 x 10 spaces and one 6' table are available for \$20 per space. To reserve a space contact Dennis Marden at denniswarden@gmail.com or 802-247-5420.

Vermont Breakfast on the Farm in Bridport. Saturday, Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunderland Farm, 3023 Crown Point Rd. Come to the Sunderland Farm and enjoy breakfast featuring yogurt, cheese, milk, sausage, granola and fresh fruit, plus doughnuts, maple syrup and other locally-sourced products. Following breakfast, visitors can take a self-guided walking tour of the farm. Learn more about how farmers care for their animals, protect the environment, and produce nutritious food. Free. Registration required. Tickets and more info at VermontBreakfastontheFarm.com. Rain or shine.

Bixby Library used book sales in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the library's basement Otter Creek Room. Gently used books: fiction, non-fiction, children's, young adult, gardening, sci-fi/fantasy, and Vermont-based books.

"Raise A Child in Haiti" walk-a-thon in Bristol. Saturday, Aug. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bristol Baptist Church, Park St. The children at L'Orphelinat Notre-Dame du Perpetuel Secours are lucky to get one meal a day, sometimes two. They go to school and church. They are loved by a small staff at the orphanage, and they need our support. Check in on the church lawn at 9:30 a.m. Choose from a 2-3 mile walk on downtown Bristol sidewalks or a 2-3 mile easy hike on the Bristol Trail Network. Prizes for the most money raised as well as door prizes and refreshments after the walk. More info and registration at raiseaorforhaiti@gmail.com.

Art on the Trail in Bristol. Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. 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 oddangellc@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

Friends of the Ilsley Library used book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Office Plaza, 77 Main St. Rain location, Community Room at Ilsley. Current members of the Friends organization can begin shopping at 9:45 a.m.

"Northern Vermont in the Revolutionary War" in Orwell. Saturday, Aug. 5, 1-2:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Historian, author, and educator Jason Barney will talk about the activities of the American Revolution in northern Vermont and shine the light on some lesser-known actions.

"The Natural" on screen in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 wraps up with "The Natural," based on the 1952 novel of the same name by Bernard Malamud. The film recounts the experiences of the mythical Roy Hobbs, an individual with great "natural" baseball talent. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info: midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

aug 6 SUNDAY

Hike into History in Orwell. Sunday, Aug. 6, noon-3 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Stephen Zeoli guides this walk while recounting events that led up to Revolution. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.



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THIS YOUNGSTER AT A PREVIOUS BREAKFAST ON THE FARM EVENT ENJOYS SOME CHOCOLATE MILK BEFORE A VISIT TO COWS IN THE BARN. BREAKFAST ON THE FARM RETURNS THIS SATURDAY, AUG. 5, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. AT THE SUNDERLAND FARM IN BRIDPORT. ENJOY A FREE, DELICIOUS BREAKFAST FEATURING LOCALLY SOURCED PRODUCTS, THEN TAKE A SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF THE FARM.

aug 7 MONDAY

Very Merry Traveling Theater performance in Bristol. Monday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m., on the green. Very Merry is a theater company for children that performs one-of-a-kind plays all over Vermont. They will perform a yet-to-be-determined play. Rain location Holley Hall.

aug 8 TUESDAY

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Tuesday, Aug. 8, Field Days Rd. Addison County's agricultural celebration. Exhibits, rides, fair food, Demo Derby, tractor pulls, livestock competitions and more. Aug. 8-12, 2023!

Reasons To Be Cheerful discussion series "You Cannot Use Force To Change Minds" in Middlebury. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Using articles from Reasons To Be Cheerful's project, We Are Not Divided, folks discuss and celebrate these uplifting stories. Stop in to pick up a hard copy of this week's article or read it on the Reasons To Be Cheerful website.

Mikael Owunna photography exhibit opening reception at Middlebury College. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., Davis Family Library Atrium. The show "Infinite Essence," on view Aug. 8-18, shows Black models photographed in complete darkness with their bodies meticulously adorned with fluorescent paints that glow under ultraviolet light. The fleeting moment the shutter captured brought about a magical transformation — bodies illuminated as the celestial universe itself, with scenes inspired by the repertoire of African diasporic mythology springing forth.

aug 9 WEDNESDAY

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Wednesday, Aug. 9, Field Days Rd.

Sheldon Museum gallery talk on Chinese immigration to the U.S. in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 9, noon, One Park St. In a talk titled "Bridging the Pacific: Early Chinese Immigration to the United States," Middlebury College History Professor Joyce Mao will offer an overview of Chinese migration to the United States and community-building by the Chinese in America from the Gold Rush through the early 20th century. Mao is the author of "Asia First: China and the Making of Modern American Conservatism." Free with museum admission.

Magician education in Lincoln. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 3-5 p.m., Lincoln Library. Calling all magicians! Stop by the library for the next Pop-Up People activity session. Tom Verner will teach participants all about magic. Refreshments served.

"The Story of a 1957 Army Airplane Crash on Brandon Gap" in Salisbury. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. The Salisbury Historical Society presents the story of a 1957 Army airplane crash about 9 miles south of Lake Dunmore that claimed the lives of four Army officers. Bill Powers and Brian Lindner will give first-hand accounts from 1957 and the remarkable "unconventional" rediscovery of the crash site over 50 years later. Learn about a crash victim's family and the father they never knew.

aug 10 THURSDAY

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Thursday, Aug. 10, Field Days Rd.

Perceptions of Languages & Accents talk in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. In a reprise of an earlier presentation, Alexia Hernandez, who studies Hispanic accents and minoritized accents more generally, will speak about language's role in the social world, with a particular focus on discrimination, prejudice and stereotypes. She will share a selection of her research as a jumping off point to discuss how we as a community can support migrant workers in the area.

aug 11 FRIDAY

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 11, Field Days Rd.

Charles Semowich, carillonist in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 11 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Heppburn Rd. Semowich, carillonist, at the Riverside Church, in NYC, will 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 summer life on the Middlebury College campus. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"Cowgirl" on stage in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival opens with this play by Justin Aaron Halle. Post-show moderated discussion. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

aug 12 SATURDAY

Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 7-9 a.m., meet at Otter View Park parking area, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and Hurd Grassland. Beginning birders are welcome. Come for all or part of the walk. For information, including the latest COVID constraints, call 802-388-6019 or 802-388-1007.

Addison County Fair and Field Days in New Haven. Saturday, Aug. 12, Field Days Rd.

"Until the Day is Done" on stage in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Jared Michael Delaney. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

"Lessons" on stage in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" continues with this play by Matthew Chong. Post-show moderated discussion with actors, directors and playwrights. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series. Details in Arts + Leisure section.

aug 13 SUNDAY

Ice Cream Social in Shoreham. Sunday, Aug. 13, noon-3 p.m., Shoreham Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, 28 School Road. Come get your take-out ice cream and celebrate the Shoreham Community in conjunction with the Car Show on the town green. This is a reschedule of the rained out event in July. Dish of vanilla and/or chocolate ice cream \$4, or a sundae for \$7. Toppings include chocolate, caramel, maple, strawberries and homemade whipped cream, adorned with nuts and sprinkles. Tickets for the Quilt Raffle to be held later this fall will also be on sale for \$3 (one ticket), \$5 (two tickets) or \$10 (five tickets).

Caleb Elder and friends perform in Bristol. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-4 p.m., Bristol Trail Network Dump Trail. Take a walk and Bristol's new Music on the Trail summer series, where you can hear live music at an easily accessible spot on the Bristol Trail Network. Bring a chair or stool if you wish to sit and listen, or simply pause while hiking the trail. There will be signs for "MUSIC!" at entry points to the trail. Look for a small white tent.

Pie & Ice Cream Social in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-4 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Homemade pie, ice cream, live music raffle baskets, and a chance to explore the historic home, grounds, and exhibits at Rokeby. Bring your family and friends to this community favorite. A delicious way to support the Museum while reconnecting with the community.

Storyprov Time in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's "American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival" wraps up with this free all-ages Storyprov event. Andrew Ritter, veteran of the Chicago Comedy and Improv scene will welcome volunteers of all ages to choose a character, get up on stage, and perform in an improvised tale completely inspired by audience suggestions. There is no forced participation. Kids encouraged.

Foodaroo 8 in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 13, 4-8 p.m., Marble Works. Taste your way through a huge diversity of vendors while musicians, street performers, dancers and more showcase the best of Vermont's thriving maker movement. Rescheduled from June. \$5 cash cover charge. Kids 12 and under free.

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Ferrisburgh

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NEWS

FERRISBURGH — The “King Pede” card parties held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of Aug. 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and will begin with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is a game that involves “trick-taking” such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking!

The Ferrisburgh firefighters are holding their annual chicken barbeque on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Ferrisburgh Fire Station on Route 7. The chicken is ready for munching at 4:30 p.m. and the fun keeps going until the food runs out. Jerry’s barbeque sauce (the recipe is a well-guarded secret) is world famous and not to be missed! Please plan on getting this yummy take-out dinner for your family’s enjoyment — the funds raised support the firefighting capacity for our community, making this an important event.

Be sure to check out the new website “Visit Ferrisburgh” at visitferrisburghvt.com. This site has news and information about Ferrisburgh for residents and visitors. It contains announcements and updates on such topics as community events, recreational opportunities, and businesses. A key part of the site is the listing of local businesses, of which we have a wide variety in our town. If you own or operate a business in Ferrisburgh, such as snow plowing, construction, art gallery, hair salon, farm produce, etc., please list your business on “Visit Ferrisburgh.” Many thanks to Ashley LaFlam and Maxine Davis for creating this great resource for our community. For more information or to place information on the site, email to visitferrisburgh@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for this year’s Ferrisburgh Day on Saturday, Sept. 16, with events happening from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Celebration sites include the Union Meeting Hall, Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Ferrisburgh Fire Department and Cross Life Church. More details on events and activities will be released soon, so follow the latest on visitferrisburgh.com.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is open for the summer and fall season and offers free admission to all visitors. The museum has a variety of special events, youth camps and lake excursions, in addition to their ongoing exhibits. Visitors can enjoy a dozen exhibit spaces on campus including the updated Hazelett Small Watercraft Center, which documents the history and craft of small boats in the Champlain Valley; outboard motors collection on display in Steam to Gasoline; and new interactive panels about native and invasive species at the waterfront. Each spring through fall, adults of all ages are invited to experience open-water rowing on the lake in the museum’s fleet of rowing gigs. Interested participants can join a weekly rowing club, which ranges from beginner to experienced. To follow all of the action, visit www.lcmm.org.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, the LCMM invites visitors to experience being an archaeologist. Visitors will experience an archaeological excavation firsthand in a specially designed shipwreck simulator. Staff will teach the basics of archaeological documentation and demonstrate how artifacts now in the Collection were recovered. The public will learn about the importance of context in both archaeological investigation and museum interpretation through this program, as well as learning how to make their own observations.

The LCMM will hold a teen sailing class on Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. In this one-day introductory sailing course, teens will learn the basics of small boat sailing, how to right a capsized boat, and how to get out on the water and guide the vessel. The class will be held at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum’s North Harbor using the museum’s fleet of custom-built Split Rock Sailing Dinghies. The fee is \$125 or pay-what-you-can. Bring a packed lunch and plenty of water to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Registration link is on the LCMM website.

The Bixby Library will hold one of its many famous used book sales on Saturday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. in the library’s basement Otter Creek Room (accessible from the library’s back parking lot.) The gently used books will be of a wide variety: fiction, non-fiction, children’s, young adult, gardening, sci-fi/fantasy, and Vermont-based books. Come and buy lots of books for your reading pleasure and also to support our local library.

During the warm summer months, the Bixby Library serves as a cooling center within the five-town community. Visitors to the library can cool down in the Vermont Room on the first floor while also enjoying the Vermont and Large Print collections or in Bixby Hall on the second floor. Both rooms are equipped with air purifiers and have free WiFi access.

It’s movie time at the Bixby! This summer, there will be a showing of “Shazam!” on Friday, Aug. 18, at 8:30 p.m. (sundown.) This event will be held outside in the back parking lot, so please bring chairs and snacks. The Bixby is also continuing with the family matinees in Bixby Hall, with a showing of “Strange World” on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 12:30 p.m. Come join the crowd and enjoy some popcorn!

Rokeby Museum features a summer of many events, so please visit the museum’s website throughout the season for information on activities and exhibits: www.rokeby.org. Rokeby, along with Bixby Library, will hold their popular story times throughout the summer. The final event will be on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Families can grab a blanket and spread out under the locust trees at Rokeby Museum. Rain locations will be available. Storytime will consist of themed read-a-louds, sing-a-longs and an activity. Babies, toddlers, and young children welcome.

Rokeby’s famous Pie and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13, 1–4 p.m. Come and enjoy lots of homemade pie and Ben & Jerry’s ice cream. There will be live music from Bob Recupero and also Young Tradition Vermont. Adding to the fun will be raffle baskets, croquet and badminton on the back lawns, and a chance to explore the historic home, grounds, and exhibits at Rokeby.

Note: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column, so if you have events that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net. You are also able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.



Artful collaboration

KIDS AGES 7 to 12 took part in an “Adventure into the Arts Camp,” jointly sponsored late last month by the Middlebury Community Music Center (MCMC), Middlebury Studio School and Town Hall Theater. Campers had the opportunity to try out activities in music, theater and visual arts. The theme of camp this year was “The Music Man,” and participants learned scenes and songs from the musical, while also creating sets and costumes for a final performance at the end of the week. The kids got a charge during the final performance, shown here on July 21 at the MCMC.

Independent photo/Steve James

History on tap this weekend at Mt. Independence

ORWELL — The Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell is hosting two special history programs this weekend, Aug. 5 and 6. On Saturday at 1 p.m. author and educator Jason Barney will talk about the activities of the American Revolution in northern Vermont and shine the light on some lesser-known actions. Copies of

his 2022 book, “Northern Vermont in the Revolutionary War,” will be available for purchase.

On Sunday, starting at noon, enjoy a guided hike into history with leader Stephen Zeoli. The president of the Mount Independence Coalition friends group, Zeoli will share his wealth of knowledge about the Revolutionary War at

Mount Independence and what you can see on the grounds. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water if you like.

The events on both days are included in the price of site admission: \$8 for ages 15 and up, \$1 for children ages 6–14, and under 6 free. Call 802-948-2000 for more information.

The Mount Independence State Historic Site, one of the best-preserved Revolutionary War archeological sites, is at 497 Mount Independence Road, six miles west of the intersections of Routes 22A and 73 near Orwell village.

For more information go online to historicsites.vermont.gov.

Lincoln

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

NEWS

LINCOLN — Calling all magicians! Make sure to stop by the Lincoln Library on Wednesday, Aug. 9, between 3 and 5 p.m. for the next Pop-Up People activity session. Tom Verner will be teaching participants all about magic. Refreshments will be served.

The next senior meal will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17, at Burnham Hall. Music begins at 11:30 a.m. and a summer cookout/picnic will be served at noon. Meal cost is by donation.

The Lincoln Library presents a Nonsense Concert with local folksinger Ted Wesley on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. This concert features an Exploration of the Fantastical Verses of Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll

set to original music for voice and guitar by Wesley. Bring a blanket or a chair as this event will take place on the porch. In case of rain, this presentation will be held inside the library.

Do you like recording videos? Are you able to volunteer your time? The library is looking for someone to video record events from time to time. Please contact Wendy at lincolnlibraryvt@gmail.com if this sounds like something you may be interested in.

Until next time...A Positive Mindset Brings Positive Things. Someday Is Not A Day Of The Week. A Mind Is Like A Parachute, It Doesn’t Work If It Isn’t Open.

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2023 Garden Game

The Game is ON!



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We had four impressive entries this week! Kicking off the week were three gorgeous gourds from 13-year-old **Ella Bearor** and her assistant gardener, 9-year-old **Lydia Bearor**. The Bearors submitted an 8.5” L x 7” C cucumber, 11.5” L x 8” C zucchini, and 10” L x 10.5” C summer squash. Next up was a plump 13.5” C tomato grown by **Gary Miller**. Each entry takes the top spot, further proving Gary’s sentiment that “Gardens are so much fun”!!

Don’t forget to check out the Addison County Fair & Field Days Official Program in this week’s paper for even more fruit & veg fun!

Play the Garden Game!

Do you have veggies to share in our pages? We welcome entries from any of the below categories. Bring your entry into our office between 9am and 4pm Monday-Friday and we’ll measure it and snap a photo. Each week we’ll publish new entries and update our frontrunners for each category in the contest. At the end of the season, each category winner* will be eligible to receive a gift certificate from our Garden Game sponsor, Middlebury Agway.

*Please note: Each individual is eligible to win one gift certificate, even if they win multiple categories.

CATEGORIES & FRONT-RUNNERS:

- Asparagus (length x circumference) - Matt Vogel & Raissa Venables, 45” x 2”
- Beet (circumference)
- Broccoli (diameter) - Ted Foster, 11.5”
- Cabbage (circumference)
- Cantaloupe (circumference)
- Carrot (length x circumference)
- Cauliflower (diameter)
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference) - Ella & Lydia Bearor, 8.5” x 7”
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only) - Gary Miller, 21” x 7.25”
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference)
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length)
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference)
- Onion (circumference)
- Parsnip (circumference)
- Potato (length x circumference)
- Pepper (circumference x circumference) - Gary Miller, 11.75” x 13.75”
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference)
- Radish (circumference)
- Rhubarb (length) - Barbara Pelton, 27.75”
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference) - Ella & Lydia Bearor, 10” x 10.5”
- Sunflower (diameter)
- Tomato (circumference) - Gary Miller, 13.5”
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference) - Ella & Lydia Bearor, 11.5” x 8”

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TOWN OF WALTHAM NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION PERMIT

Application: 23-006 Final Plat submitted by Cornerstone Solutions for two (2)-lot subdivision located at 949 Maple Street, property id 01/20/07.10.
The Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on this application on August 21st, 2023 at the Waltham Town Hall, 2053 Maple Street. The meeting opens at 5:30pm, and the hearing is scheduled on the docket at 6:45pm.
A copy of the application is available at: Waltham Town Offices during regular business hours of 9am to 3pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.
Dated at Waltham, Vermont this 25th day of July, 2023

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TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Addison Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:30 PM.

- To approve the minutes for July 17, 2023.
- To transact any business found necessary before the board.
- To allow time for public comment interaction at the end of the meeting.
- Continue to work on updating & referencing some sections for implementing Subdivision & Zoning Regulations into the Town Plan for future public hearings.
- Continue working on items that are considered projects in progress at the August meeting.
- We will review and put together a list of the changes/revisions made to the "Zoning" & "Subdivision" Regulations. We have a rough draft to work from to review the Zoning & Subdivisions Regulations.
- Plan to work on definitions and put the rough draft of the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations and continue to work on the Town Plan as a project in process.
- Adjournment ----- stating time.

We are planning to have a work meeting after the regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Addison Town Clerk's Office. Plans are to have an added work meeting in August sometime when convenient.
Michael Collett, Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To consider site plan and conditional use review for application #2023-37 by Sienna Construction LLC for a change of use from a 9-unit multiple household dwelling to a 10-unit multiple household dwelling at (0) Armory Lane. Reviews will consider Article VII, Article VIII, and Section 1605.
Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the conference room at City Hall.
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You must participate in the public hearing either in person or in writing, in order to take any subsequent appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" appeal municipality with regard to appeals to Environmental Court from Development Review Board decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider testimony or information provided during public hearings on the application. Interested parties should therefore assure that their participation in the public hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their desired considerations.
A copy of the application is available for public review by contacting Peter Garon at pgaron@vergenes.org.

July 27, 2023
Peter Garon, Administrative Officer

WATER PLANT OPERATOR
Tri Town Water District provides and maintains the drinking water system for the towns of Addison, Bridport, and Shoreham.
We currently have a full time Plant Operator position available. Candidates for this position should have basic plumbing and electrical skills. You must also be proficient in high school math and have basic computer skills. This position also performs general maintenance of buildings and property. Employment does require sharing on-call duties and that you have a valid Drivers' License. VT state water operator license-class 4C needs to be obtained within 3 years. Competitive wages and benefits package including Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement, medical and paid time off; starting pay \$18-\$25 per hour depending on experience.
Send resume to: Darwin Pratt, Tri-Town Water District No. 1, P.O. Box 85, Bridport, VT 05734 or email to: tritownwater@gmavt.net.

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Production Team Members
Vermont Soap is looking for attentive, reliable and responsible people to work in our production department.
This position requires basic computer skills, attention to detail, the ability to sit or stand for long periods of time and the ability to lift up to 50lbs. Must be a team player and also able to work independently.
This is a full time position (Mon-Fri 7-3:30) with paid vacation time, paid holidays, 401k with employer match, and more!
Please send cover letter and resume to nichole@vermontsoap.com.

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TOWN OF STARKSBORO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE
Jennifer Austgen, Carrie Austgen, and Alexsys Thompson (Appellants) have submitted an appeal of the decision of the Zoning Administrator dated June 27, 2023, declining to issue a notice of violation in connection with a complaint about excessive lighting from the property owned by Kevin and Sandra Kelley located at 114 Meadow Brook Drive (parcel F4171W.4) in the Agricultural Scenic and Rural Residential district in the Town of Starksboro. The Appellants have appealed the Administrator's decision as it pertains to lighting 314.D. The appeal will be considered by the Starksboro Development Review Board at a public hearing pursuant to Section 421(d) of the Starksboro Land Use and Development Regulations.
The Development Review Board will hold the appeal hearing on August 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm, in person at the Starksboro Town Offices and online via Zoom with the following login information:
Zoom Meeting ID: 878 8416 6793 | Passcode: Stk@drb1
Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. A copy of the appeal and additional information may be obtained at the Starksboro Town Office.
Zoning Administrator
Town of Starksboro, Vermont

MEETING OF THE ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AUGUST 9, 2023 AT 12PM
A meeting of the Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) will be held on **August 9 at 12pm** (in person at the ACRPC office, 14 Seminary St. with Zoom option). Details can be found at <https://acrpc.org/acrpc-remc/>
Meetings are held quarterly, with future meetings scheduled for the:
• Second Wednesday of November
• Second Wednesday of February
• Second Wednesday of May
• Second Wednesday of August
The REMC conducts All-Hazards preparedness planning and coordinates with Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), and the new statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
The REMC is made up of **Local Emergency Management Directors and Emergency Services Representatives** from each municipality in the region. Representatives from fire departments, emergency medical services, law enforcement, media, transportation, hospitals, the department of health district office, organizations serving vulnerable populations, and any other interested public or private individual or organization, are welcome to attend and participate!
For more information, contact ACRPC Emergency Management Planner Andrew L'Roe at alroe@acrpc.org or 802-388-3141 x3.

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Middlebury Agway 338 Exchange St. - Middlebury, VT.

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 16TH, 2023
AGENDA

A public hearing before the Planning Commission of the Town of Ferrisburgh will be held at the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, beginning at 7pm to consider the following applications and other business:

- 1. Application 23-077 Final Plat review; US Route 7; applicant(s): Amine Zaghdoud; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) district; tax id no. 05/01/89.2 Continued
2. Application 23-078 Subdivision Amendment and waiver request under Article 10, Section 11; Lot 10, Atkins Farm Road; applicant(s): Scott Hardy; Ferrisburgh Town Center (FTC-1) district; tax id no. 20/20/15.10 Continued
3. Application 23-085 Boundary Adjustment; 1341 Little Chicago Road; applicant(s): Guy Miller & Brett Danyow; Rural Agricultural (RA-5) district; tax id nos. 09/01/22 & 09/01/34
4. Application 23-086; Final Plat review; 2100 Button Bay Road; applicant(s): Roy Shea; Rural Residential (RR-2) & Shoreland (SD-2) district; tax id no. 13/0155.12
5. Application 23-088; Final Plat review; 731 Shellhouse Mountain Road; applicant(s): Bradley & Stacy Jerger; Rural Agricultural (RA-5), Rural Residential (RR-2) & Conservation (CON-25) districts; tax id no. 10/01/34

- Other business:
1. Changes to Planning and Zoning Fees
2. Codification of "Look Back Period"

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

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
BARSTOW MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PREQUALIFICATION INFORMATION FOR
MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS
1 August 2023

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is seeking interested Mechanical Contractors to pre-qualify for a mechanical improvement project at Barstow Elementary School, 223 Chittenden Road, Chittenden, Vermont 05737. The scope of improvements for this contract includes Mechanical and Controls throughout the building. The school district will be executing a single contract with the contractor for all the work. The entire school is involved with the Mechanical scope of work: Approximate Total Area 50,000 GSF. The scope of improvements for this contract includes:

- Installation of new control valves. Replacement of existing rooftop air handling unit and exhaust fan. Repair of unit ventilators. Repair of damaged roof duct insulation. All cutting, patching, painting and repair of finishes affected by the new work as noted on the drawings or as specified herein. All electrical work required to install new controls as specified herein or as noted on the drawings. Removal and Replacement of all existing DDC control with the web based control system. Replace all pneumatic controls through the building with DDC controls. Remove all pneumatic controls. All cutting, patching, painting and repair of finishes affected by the new work as noted on the drawings or as specified herein. All electrical work required to install new controls as specified herein or as noted on the drawings.

Preliminary Schedule:
08/01/2023 Publicly Advertise RFQ for Mechanical Contractor qualifications -

8/22/23, 12:00 PM Due date for prequalification statements
08/25/23 Notify qualified bidders of their eligibility
08/25/23 Bid documents issued by Engineering Services of Vermont
09/26/23 Bids Due @ RNESU Board Meeting & Bid Opening immediately
10/02/23 Bids awarded
09/15/24 Work Completed

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR Pre-Qualification Criteria - is available online at: https://www.mesu.org/page/public-bids or by contacting the Mr. Dupras by email daniel.dupras@esvtlic.com. Completed prequalification statements shall be received by Mr. Dupras by email or delivery no later than August 22, 2023, 12:00 PM, Noon. Applicants for prequalification shall be notified of their eligibility to bid on or before August 25, 2023. The School District anticipates receiving and opening the bids for the subcontract on or around September 26, 2023, at a warned RNESU School Board Meeting, 5:30pm at 49 Court Drive, Brandon, VT 05733.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING
ROOM 116 - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN OFFICES - 77 MAIN STREET
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.

Also available via Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85915026518
By Phone: +1 646-558-8656 (not toll-free)
Webinar ID: 859 1502 6518

For those wishing to watch but not participate:
Selectboard meetings are livestreamed to MCTV's YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/user/MCTV_Vermont
and also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 1071

AGENDA

- 5:30 1. **Call to Order
2. *Approval of Agenda
3. *Approval of Consent Agenda
3a. Approval of Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Regular Selectboard Meeting
3b. Acceptance of Selectboard Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (if any)
3c. Applications for Liquor License, Outside Consumption Permits, and Entertainment Permits (if any)
3d. Consent Agenda Placeholder
3e. Consent Agenda Placeholder
3.f. Town Manager's Report
4. **Citizen Comments [Opportunity to raise or address issues not otherwise included on this agenda]
5. **Agenda Placeholder
5:40 6. *Request for Sole Source Purchases
6.a. Sampler for Wastewater Treatment Facility
6.b. Replacement of the Police Department's Radio Repeater, which was damaged in a storm during the week of July 17, 2023 (an insurance claim has been filed)
5:45 7. *Approval of Application for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Planning Advance Loan for Asset Management Study
5:50 8. *Approval of Application for Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) for Community Capacity Building Mini-Grant
6:00 9. *Approval of Grant Application for FY24 Transportation Planning Study Grant Program offered by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
6:05 10. *Approval of Change Order for Engineering Agreement for the Exchange Street Bike/Ped Project for Final/Contract Plans, the Construction Bid Package and the Bid Process (if available, pending negotiation)
11. **Agenda Placeholder
12. *Approval of Check Warrants
13. **Board Member Concerns
14. *Executive Session - Not Anticipated
15. **Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
6:15 16. *Adjourn
* Decision Item ** Possible Decision



To the rescue

THIS SICK FINCH was found at a Weybridge home on July 18. The photographer, Susan Humphrey, having just finished "The Humane Gardener: Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife" by Nancy Lawson, noticed the finch had a swollen eye - a sign of conjunctivitis. Conjunctivitis is an awful condition for birds because it blinds and kills them if left untreated. Finches are particularly susceptible. Humphrey quickly called Sophia Parker who, along with her mother Julianna, are wildlife rehabilitators. Humphrey put the finch in a box with holes and drove it to the Parker house in Addison, where Sophia, shown here with Susan, immediately started treating the finch. She expects the bird to make a full recovery.

Photos courtesy of Susan and Greg Humphrey



Police investigate possible assault at Porter

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police investigated an allegation that a patient had assaulted a member of the Porter Hospital staff during the afternoon of July 26. Police said the case has been referred to the Addison County State's Attorney's Office for possible prosecution.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Stood by at Porter Medical Center to assist Vermont State Police officials who were bringing in a combative patient from the scene of a motor vehicle crash on July 24.
• Began an investigation on July 24 into a local report of alleged spousal abuse (physical and

mental), as well as exposing shared children to harm.

• Served a trespass notice on July 24 on a man at the request of a Court Street Extension business.

• Went to a Shard Villa Road location on July 24 to investigate the death of Paul Audet, 69, of Cornwall.

Police determined that Audet had died of natural causes.

• Investigated a report of a possible attempted burglary into a Middlebury College building off College Street on July 24.

• Investigated a vandalism complaint in the Main Street area on July 24.

• Investigated a July 25 report of vehicles allegedly racing on College and Main streets but found no such activity.

• Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS with a man in need of help on Court Street on July 25.

• Received a July 25 report about an alleged domestic incident that had occurred in the Overbrook Drive area. Police have reported no citations in the case as of this writing.

• Checked on an alarm activation at the Champlain Apiaries on Washington Street Extension on July 25. Police said the bees were OK.

• Cited Erin Pfeiffer, 40, of Middlebury in connection with an alleged assault at Porter Hospital on

July 25.

• Responded to a report of sheep on Munger Street on July 25.

• Investigated a report of a woman sitting in the middle of Court Street, near the intersection with Monroe Street, at around 10:50 p.m. on July 26.

• Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS in responding to a call in the Dragon Brook Road area on July 26.

• Served a restraining order on a person in the Bakery Lane area on July 26.

• Received a report of a possible drunken driver traveling south on Court Street Extension on July 26. Police said they couldn't find the driver but passed the info along to the Vermont State Police.

• Investigated a three-vehicle crash, with no reported injuries, at the intersection of Court Street and Charles Avenue during the morning of July 26.

• Checked on the welfare of a person who had reportedly been crying and in need of help in the Court Street area on July 26. Police found the person, who said no help was needed.

• Were informed of the theft of some beer from a Washington Street store on July 26.

• Investigated a possible hit-and-run accident in Court Square on July 28.

• Investigation of a hit-and-run

accident on Route 7 South, near the intersection of East Main Street, on July 28.

• Responded to a report of a person having a mental health crisis on Court Street on July 28.

• Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS with a medical call in the Evergreen Lane neighborhood on July 28.

• Received a report of a loud party at Swift House Inn off Stewart Lane at around 11 p.m. on July 29.

• Called the local dog warden to help a Chipman Heights resident who had reported a bat stuck in his living room on July 29.

• Checked on the welfare of a South Pleasant Street resident who had allegedly threatened self-harm on July 29.

• Investigated a report of an assault in the Bakery Lane area on July 29. Police said the involved parties had left the scene of the alleged altercation when they arrived.

• Cited Kenneth Gilbert, 48, of Middlebury for retail theft following an incident at a Washington Street location on July 29.

• Responded to a report of a person in distress in downtown Middlebury on July 30. Police said the person didn't require assistance.

• Cited Kenneth Gilbert, 48, of Middlebury for violation of an abuse prevention order on July 30.

• Investigated July 30 report of a person having been with juveniles off Mary Hogan Drive in violation of probation order.

• Helped a local resident get access to emergency services on July 30.

• Gave a ride to a man who was experiencing a mental health crisis on July 30.

TOWN OF PANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Development Review Board will convene the following public hearing at the Town Hall, 3176 Jersey St., Panton, VT 05491 and by Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

To consider an application from David Clevestine 1502 Adams Ferry Road, Panton, VT 05491 (24-601) for a review of their proposal to operate a seasonal farm shed during the summer. This application is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Interested parties who wish to appeal or be heard at the hearing may do so by attending in person or by a Zoom session and may also be represented by an agent or an attorney. (Information for the Zoom session login can be found on the Town of Panton Web page or by contacting the Assistant Town Clerk at 475 2333 Option 2.) Communications relating to the application may be filed in writing with the Board either before or during the hearing.

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

David Martini
Zoning Administrator

HEARING NOTICE
TOWN OF ORWELL
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Orwell Development Review Board will meet in person on Thursday, August 24th, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT 05760. By Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87159590685 or phone 1-929-205-6099 use meeting ID: #871 5959 0685 to conduct the following business:

1. Permit #07-22-23: Town of Orwell for a Conditional Use Permit/Variance/Waiver to construct a 48' X 60' equipment storage building for miscellaneous Town highway equipment located on Route 73 Orwell, VT 05760.

Information pertaining to this matter may be viewed M, T, Th & Fr. 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office located at 436 Main Street, Orwell, VT 05760.

Joseph Andriano, Chair
Orwell Development Review Board

TOWN OF BRISTOL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bristol Development Review Board will hold the following hearings on August 22, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The hearings will be held in person at the Town Office, located at 1 South Street. The hearings will also be available via Zoom and login information is below.

Permit #23-302: A. Johnson Co., LLC of 106 Andrew Johnson Drive (Parcel #090107-1) is requesting Conditional use permit per Bristol Unified Development Regulations Article VIII, Section 807.

Permit #23-601: Alex Smith of 14 Pleasant Street (Parcel #225120) is requesting a Waiver for a woodshed per Bristol Unified Development Regulations Article III, Section 380.

Permit #23-500: Jacob Zubow of 34-36 Garfield Street (Parcel #235015) for a Site Plan Review for a Club per Bristol Unified Development Regulations Article III, Section 390.

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

Remote Access: Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/ Meeting ID: 857 8676 1083 Passcode: 805823
Phone In: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 857 8676 1083 Passcode: 805823

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786761083?pwd=RFIwSGFwamJlRG5KOEpCaINlTDczdD09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Consulting Services for a Trail & Travel Master Plan
for the Town of Ferrisburgh, Vermont
Proposals Due on August 25th, 2023 at 4pm

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Overview

The Ferrisburgh Trails Committee seeks vendors to develop a Trail & Travel Master Plan to guide future land use that is trail-centric and fosters a deeper sense of community.

The Ferrisburgh Trails Committee is composed of volunteer members of the public and was formed in 2022 to establish, maintain, and promote trail systems within the town, connect to surrounding networks, and enhance the well-being and safety of the general public while cultivating the spiritual fabric of Ferrisburgh.

This project will allow us to:

- Make participation simple for landowners
• Map and expand the Ferrisburgh trail network
• Host community meetings and outreach programs and seek input from landowners and residents

The final deliverable will be a Master Plan for trails in Ferrisburgh that directly aligns with our Town Plan.

Please contact Steven True at steven.true@ferrisburghvt.org for a copy of the full RFP.

July 31st, 2023

ARTS + LEISURE

August 3, 2023
The Addison Independent



Alexandria Chang and Mei Li Huang rehearse a scene from Matthew Chong's "Lessons." This is one of four performances that will take the stage under the tent at the Swift House Inn in Middlebury during Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival, Aug. 11-13.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

What does the American Dream mean today?

Have you ever been among the first diners at a new restaurant or the first customers of a hip new shop? It's pretty nice to be in on the ground floor. Next weekend, the Middlebury Acting Company (MACo) is offering local theater enthusiasts a chance to be among the first crowds to see a new play.

BY **AMELIA**

SEEPERSAUD

On Aug. 11-13, MACo will stage its second annual new play festival at the Swift House Inn tent in Middlebury. Just like last year, American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival, will put on performances of three different plays, and new

this year will be a fourth performance in which audience members can take part in a little improv if they like.

MACo board President Gina Stevenson said the festival will bring new voices to the region. "One (goal of the festival) is to bring more literacy and excitement about new plays and new play development to our region," she said.

The organization gives local theater makers the opportunity to work with a new play, "which is not an opportunity that happens too often in Vermont," Stevenson explained.

"The third goal is to amplify these plays and emerging playwrights, to give them the

opportunity to develop their plays in beautiful Vermont summer and help decide what they want to do next in developing their plays," she continued.

The play selection process began last fall when Stevenson put out a call to several submission boards to reach playwrights across the country. A panel of theater professionals reviewed 100 submissions of new plays. "A lot of the plays we were reading had never been read out loud before," Stevenson said. "We were looking for the voice of the writer, a theatrical piece, we were looking for a play that addressed the question: what does the American dream mean today?"

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They narrowed the field 15 finalists and ultimately landed on three: "Cowgirl" by Justin Aaron Halle, "Until

the Day is Done" by Jared Michael Delaney and "Lessons" by Matthew Chong. "They all have vibrancy to them, interesting characters, interesting theatricality," Stevenson said of the three plays.

Halle's "Cowgirl," which will be directed by Aly Perry, will kick off the festival at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11. The play centers around three friends Jess, Lila and Bree who left the comfort of their city to spend the weekend on a fracking ranch in Wyoming for Bree's wedding. Amidst the chaos of the wedding preparations, Lila unearths an old game called "Cowgirls." Through playing the game, the three start to reveal deeply buried truths about themselves and each other. This wild and absurdly humorous play touches on themes such as the question of identity, the lure of capitalistic endeavors, and succumbing to and overcoming societal pressure.

The next day, Saturday, Aug. 12, the festival will continue at 2 p.m. with the performance of Delaney's "Until the Day Is Done," directed by Zeina Salame. This play centers around two couples living in the Alaskan wilderness. We see the four characters grapple with the implications of a terminal diagnosis that one of the characters receives. This piece is a deeply moving one, that tugs at the heartstrings. It touches on the themes of freedom and choice and what it means to have authority over one's own fate.

Finally, Chong's "Lessons," directed by Melissa Lourie, will be performed at 7 p.m. that same day. This play is centered on a 16-year-old Korean-American girl, Yuri, who has devoted her entire life to learning and mastering the piano. She is selected to study music under a renowned composer and believes this will be her opportunity to get her foot in the door to the world of classical music. However, her teacher's unorthodox teaching methods cause her to with her sense of self. This play is driven by its conflict which centers around the pursuit of excellence and the implications of that in the context of the immigrant experience.

To wrap up the weekend's performances, the folks at MACo have added an unusual fourth performance to the playbill: Storyprov Time. On Sunday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m., professional actor and improviser Andrew Ritter will lead this family-friendly event that aims to get audience members of all ages involved in the storytelling process. Essentially, Storyprov will be an improv show in which audience members can participate, while Ritter narrates.



Matthew Chong's "Lessons," directed by Melissa Lourie, will be performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, during the Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival in the Swift House Inn's tent.

INDEPENDENT PHOTO / STEVE JAMES

"I believe some of the stuff that's already in the festival is geared towards adults," said Ritter, who taught improv, musical improv and sketch comedy at The Second City and created, directed, produced and performed in the critically acclaimed family friendly improv show "The Greatest Story Never Told."

"This is a way to bring families and children into the festival as well. This is to show the power of storytelling even if it's not been written before."

Audience volunteers of all ages will have the opportunity to choose a character, get up on stage, and perform in an improvised tale completely inspired by audience suggestions. Randal Pierce will provide live improvised musical accompaniment. The show will run 30-45 minutes. There is no forced participation.

Storyprov, which is free to attend, will be influenced by the tastes and suggestions of the audience themselves with the guidance of a professional improviser. Ritter emphasizes that this format blurs the lines between performer and audience and it is a way to get everyone involved in the storytelling process. It is meant to be a fun way to echo the festival's goal of

"THEY ALL HAVE VIBRANCY TO THEM, INTERESTING CHARACTERS, INTERESTING THEATRICALITY."

— Gina Stevenson
MACo Board President

getting the community involved in theater and the processes that make it happen.

Tickets for the readings are available at townhalltheater.org or at 802-382-9222, and it is also possible to purchase at the tent at the time of the performance. Tickets for each individual reading can be purchased at \$15 or attendees can purchase a Play Series Pass at \$40 to get access to all three readings. Storyprov Time can be attended by folks of all ages free of charge.

There will also be barbecue sold at the Swift House Inn before each of the shows. So, attendees are welcome to arrive up to an hour before each performance, grab some food, and settle in for the show.

After each reading, there will be an opportunity for the audience to engage directly with the playwrights in a talkback hosted by Stevenson. It is an opportunity for the community to be directly involved in the play development process and for the up-and-coming playwrights to see an audience react to their play for the first time and build off of that. The audience to offer their thoughts on the plays and ask any questions they might have. The playwrights will have the opportunity to respond directly to the audience and engage in an active, constructive dialogue about their work.

The team at MACo is hoping to build off of their momentum from last year to make this year's New Play Festival a success.

"At least two of (the plays) have never been performed in front of an audience," Stevenson said. "It's exciting for our audience to be there at the beginning of the play's journey. It's exciting that we get to be the first viewers of these new plays."

Rokeby Museum hosts annual Pie & Ice Cream Social, Sunday, Aug. 13



Having a great day is as easy as pie at Rokeby Museum's annual Pie & Ice Cream Social. Come hungry, and plan to enjoy music and games on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 1-4 p.m.

Yards and yards of homemade pies, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, live music from Bob Recupero and Young Tradition Vermont, raffle baskets, croquet and badminton on the lawns are part of this special day. The historic house and museum exhibitions will be open to the public to explore as part of the event.

Admission to Pie Day, music, games, and museum exhibitions is free. Pie and ice cream is \$8 per serving, \$2 for ice cream and \$1 for beverages. At the end of the event, if any pies are still available they will be sold for \$20 each.

Raffle tickets are 1 ticket for \$5, and 5 tickets for \$20. Raffle prizes include a Vermont Teddy Bear, baskets from King Arthur Baking Company, Olly, and Twincraft Skincare.

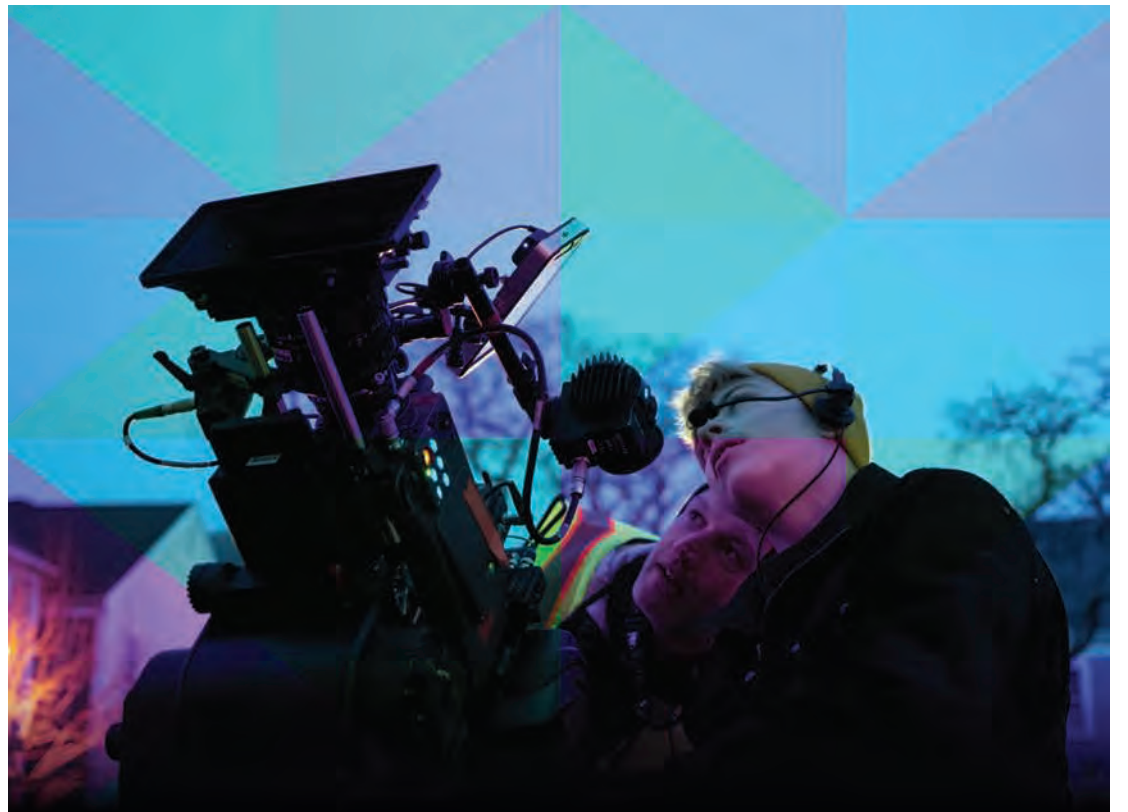
ABOUT ROKEBY MUSEUM

Rokeby Museum is a 90-acre historic site and National Historic Landmark designated for its exceptional Underground Railroad history. From 1793-1961 Rokeby was home to four generations of the Robinson family who were farmers, abolitionists, artists and writers. The Museum is located on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh. Open daily until Oct. 14. Guided tours are available Thursday through Mondays at 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., or by appointment. More info at rokeby.org.



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Foodaroo returns to the Marble Works, Aug. 13

8TH ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION OF VERMONT FOOD, BEVERAGES, BUSKERS, BAKERS AND MUSIC

Thunderstorms dampened plans for Foodaroo in June. But organizers have big plans for the festival's return on Sunday, Aug. 13, when the eighth annual Foodaroo festival comes to Middlebury's Historic Marble Works District overlooking the falls. Presented by Middlebury Underground (MUD), Foodaroo is a family-friendly festival that celebrates Vermont's culinary artisans and beverage makers, with an emphasis on Addison and Chittenden County vendors and farms. From food trucks to brick-and-mortar operations, this event is dedicated to showcasing creative, farm fresh cuisine. Attendees taste their way through the festival while enjoying leading local bands, street performers, kids' activities, baking competitions and much more. Cover \$5 (cash). Kids 12 and under free. Food and beverages available to purchase. Foodaroo is proud to donate a portion of proceeds to The Giving Fridge, a community organization dedicated to offering free and subsidized meals purchased from local restaurants and made with ingredients from local farms and producers.

TASTE VERMONT: Foodaroo 8 will feature all-time festival favorites, as well as newcomers,



The eighth-annual Foodaroo festival will take place in Middlebury's Marble Works on Sunday, Aug. 13.

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providing a delicious taste of the farm-to-table lifestyle that is a hallmark of our state. Food and beverage vendors include: American

Flatbread; Church Street Cheesesteaks; Crazy Cotton Candy Lady; Crooked Ladle Catering; Dona Alejandra Tacos; Evolution Kitchen; Glory Burgers; Mexico in Vermont; Rollin' Rooster; Thai at Home; Steven's Farmstead; Lulu Ice Cream; So-Full Sisters; Taste of Abyssinia (Ethiopian!); Shiretown's BBQ; The Giving Fridge; Maudette Poutine; Luiza's Homemade with Love (Pierogi!); Juice Amour; Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream; Shacksbury; Aqua ViTea Kombucha; Stone Leaf Tea House and more! Beer, wine, hard cider, and summer cocktails will be offered at two American Flatbread bars, plus sampling from other alcoholic and nonalcoholic vendors.

A FEAST FOR ALL SENSES: Foodaroo is about food and performance that exhilarates and engages all ages. This year's festival is proud to welcome TWO internationally celebrated street performer acts: Alakazam the Human Knot, a contortionist who Bruce Springsteen called: "The greatest street performer I've ever seen." And Snap Boogie, of America's Got Talent and NBA half-time performer fame, combining high-energy dance and crazy stunts. Live music kicks off with Hip-Hop DJ sensation Serena Kim (who DJ'd the

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ART ON EXHIBIT

Noon gallery talk at Sheldon bridges the Pacific

This summer, the Henry Sheldon Museum presents a series of lunchtime gallery talks, held every other Wednesday, between June 14 and Aug. 23, highlighting its current exhibition, "Artists in the Archives: Unseen Neighbors." Each presentation focuses on a particular artist's collage exploring themes such as race, difference, sexuality and gender.

In her talk, "Bridging the Pacific: Early Chinese Immigration to the United States," professor Joyce Mao will offer an overview of Chinese migration to the United States and community-building by the Chinese in America, from the Gold Rush through the early 20th century. She will examine the economic and political contexts that shaped both processes and will discuss the experience of Chinese immigration as simultaneously

exceptional and typical within American immigration history.

Mao was born and (mostly) raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has been a member of the Middlebury History Department since 2008 where she teaches courses on recent American history including the U.S. and the World since 1898, Pacific Rim relations, the Cold War, and Chinatowns. She is the author of "Asia First: China and the Making of Modern American Conservatism."

For more information, visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/events. All talks are free with museum admission and always free for museum members and students. The museum is located at On1e Park Street in downtown Middlebury. The museum is



"Unknown (China Hall)" by Young Shin

open Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; the Research Center is open Thur. and Fri. 1-4 p.m., by appointment.

ART ON EXHIBIT

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"Summer Wear" featuring colorful dyed, hand printed and woven natural fiber attire by Ellen Howard, Carol Crawford and Ellen Spring. On view July 11-Aug. 9.

DAVIS FAMILY LIBRARY

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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.

"Infinite Essence." Photography by Mikael Owunna shows Black models photographed in complete darkness with their bodies meticulously adorned with fluorescent paints that glow under ultraviolet light. Opening reception held Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., On view Aug. 8-18.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

Visit edgewatergallery.com, call 802-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com for more info.

"Rejoicing in Color." This solo exhibition of paintings by Philip Frey, continues his exploration of the landscape, coastal Maine and interior spaces that resemble the summer houses that Frey remembers from childhood. Frey has established himself as a leader amongst Maine landscape painters, known for his bold approach to color, dynamic and intentional brushwork and the interplay he creates between representation and the abstract. On view July 22-Sept. 5.

EDGEWATER 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. On view through Aug. 15.

LITTLE SEED COFFEE

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For more info visit littleseed.coffee

"Photography show" featuring photography work from the islands of Hydra and Poros, Greece, by local artists Steven and Kyle Querrey. Work will be on view through September.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. Things that have seemingly been holding you back should be reevaluated this week, Aries. You are looking elsewhere for solutions, when all you need to do is make a few tweaks.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, spend time reflecting on things this week, as you may have some difficult decisions to make in the near future. A close confidante can serve as a sounding board.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, now is the time to identify your priorities as they pertain to the job. Do you want a career and a company that you stick with? Or, are you satisfied with being a contract worker?

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Prepare for some stressful times ahead, Cancer. It is nothing you cannot survive, but it could throw a wrench in your plans for the time being. Reward yourself with some extra pampering.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, you may have planned on staying to yourself, in order to knock things off of your to-do list. That simply will not pan out right now. Expect to be surrounded by people.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Virgo, others do not seem receptive to your way of doing things this week. You cannot please everyone, so figure out who you can work with and appeal to those people to get things done.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, you may have to take off the rose-colored glasses for a little while. Although it's good to have a cheery outlook, a no-nonsense approach will serve you well in the days ahead.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Scorpio, you could be having doubts about your role in your workplace. Maybe the work isn't stimulating or the responsibilities too great. If change is happening, do it soon.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Sagittarius, something from your past will come back to the surface in the days to come. Maybe it is an error you made or it could be an opportunity that you thought was lost.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Think about adding more hobbies or recreational activities to your slate, Capricorn. All work and no play is not healthy for you right now. It's time to find a greater balance in life.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, the latest developments on the job have not been encouraging. You are tempted to cut back on your efforts, but you are worried about the implications of that.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. People who followed you in the past may now confront you with a difference of opinion, Pisces. No need to worry as a healthy dialogue could help the relationship grow.

Looks like knitting weather to us this week!



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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

AUG. 3 — Tom Brady, Football Player (45)
AUG. 4 — Meghan Markle, Duchess (42)
AUG. 5 — Patrick Ewing, Hoop Coach (61)
AUG. 6 — Michelle Yeoh, Actress (60)

AUG. 7 — Kyler Murray, Athlete (26)
AUG. 8 — Shawn Mendes, Singer (25)
AUG. 9 — Anna Kendrick, Actress (38)

CALENDAR

AUGUST 3-13
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THURSDAY, AUG. 3

UNRULY ALLIES AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Thursday, Aug. 3, 5-7:30 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.

"WAG THE DOG" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 continues with "Wag the Dog." The film centers on a spin doctor and a Hollywood producer who fabricate a war in Albania to distract voters from a presidential sex scandal. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info at townhalltheater.org or midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

MANOUCHE URBAIN IN BRANDON. Thursday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera House, 1386 Pearl St. Otter Creek Music Festival presents Boston-based Manouche Urbain, which will present an evening of classic gypsy jazz standards. More info at OtterCreekMusicFestival.com.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

JADED RAVINS AND PIZZA IN GOSHEN. Friday, Aug. 4, 5-7:30 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.

ARTIST RECEPTION IN VERGENNES. Friday, Aug. 4, 5-7 p.m. Northern Daughters Gallery, 221 Main St. Meet

Bonnie Biard and see her oil paintings, which possess a subtle drama, depth and detail that pay homage to her relationship with the land — one that has developed throughout her life as a dairy farmer.

KERUBO IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. KeruBo is a singer/songwriter and Afro-Jazz artist, originally from Kenya who now lives in the Burlington area. Part of THT and Lincoln Peak's Women in Music Series. Free with registration. Food from Rollin' Rooster available for purchase. Rain location Town Hall Theater.

AMY HEEBNER CARILLONNEUR, IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. City Carillonneur, Albany, N.Y., Amy Heebner will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"BUGSY" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 continues with "Bugsy," Barry Levinson's epic biography of the life of American mobster Bugsy Siegel, his fraught relationship with wife and Hollywood starlet, Virginia Hill, and the birth of Las Vegas. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info at townhalltheater.org or midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

ATLANTIC CROSSING IN SALISBURY. Friday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Otter Creek Music Festival continues with dear friends and longtime OCMF performers Atlantic Crossing, who will perform folk tunes from New England, Quebec, and abroad. More info at OtterCreekMusicFestival.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN WAITSFIELD. Saturday, Aug. 5, Mad River Glen. Hike 4 miles round trip to Stark's Nest. Steep walking up ski trails, 2,000-foot elevation gain. Beautiful views throughout. Contact Morris Earle at [morisearle@gmail.com](mailto:morrisearle@gmail.com) or 802-734-0984 with questions or to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

BIXBY LIBRARY USED BOOK SALES IN VERGENNES. Saturday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the library's basement Otter Creek Room. Gently used books: fiction, non-fiction, children's, young adult, gardening, sci-fi/fantasy, and Vermont-based books.

ART ON THE TRAIL IN BRISTOL. Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-noon, Bristol Trail Network. Explore the world of nature and art journaling with BTN Artist-in-Residence Charon Henning. 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 oddangellc@gmail.com to register and for workshop location.

FRIENDS OF THE ILSLEY LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Office Plaza, 77 Main St. Rain location, Community Room at Ilsley. Current members of the Friends organization can begin shopping at 9:45 a.m.

"NORTHERN VERMONT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR" IN ORWELL. Saturday, Aug. 5, 1-2:30 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Historian, author, and educator Jason Barney will talk about the activities of the

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<p>MCTV Channel 1071 Friday, Aug. 4 Through the Night: Public Affairs 4 a.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 5 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Congregational Church 10 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs Saturday, Aug. 5 Through the Night: Public Affairs 7:30 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 10 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 3 p.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 4 p.m. Memorial Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Eckankar 6 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Governor's Press Conference 8:30 p.m. Selectboard 10:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell & Public Affairs Sunday, Aug. 6 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 7 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 9 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Energy Week 11 a.m. Memorial Baptist Church 1 p.m. Governor's Press Conference 3 p.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 4 p.m. Congregational Church 5:30 p.m. Dr. John Campbell 6:30 p.m. Eckankar</p>	<p>7 p.m. Catholic Mass 7:30 p.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 8:30 p.m. Green Mountain Care Board Monday, Aug. 7 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. The Talk 7 a.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 8 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 10 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 8 p.m. Dr. John Campbell 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Governor's Press Conference Tuesday, Aug. 8 Through the Night: Public Affairs 6 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 8:30 a.m. Energy Week 9:30 a.m. Eckankar 10 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 4 p.m. Congregational Church 5:30 p.m. Public Affairs 7 p.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs Wednesday, Aug. 9 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Governor's Press Conference 6:30 a.m. Energy Week 7:30 a.m. Memorial Baptist Church 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass 10 a.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 5 p.m. Energy Week 7 p.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs Thursday, Aug. 10 Through the Night: Public Affairs 5 a.m. Dr. John Campbell 8 a.m. Congregational Church 11 a.m. Energy Week</p>	<p>12 p.m. Selectboard & Public Affairs 9:30 p.m. Eckankar 10 p.m. Addiction Recovery Channel 11 p.m. Green Mountain Care Board Channel 1091 Friday, Aug. 4 5 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 a.m. Vt. State Board of Education 12 p.m. Larry & Joe at the Chandler Center for the Arts 1:35 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 5 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 6 p.m. Author Talk - Jack Mayer - Life In a Jar 7:30 p.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 8 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 9:30 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings Saturday, Aug. 5 12 a.m. Vt. State Board of Education 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. Larry & Joe at the Chandler Center for the Arts 8:34 p.m. First Wednesday - Anne Moore- The Force of a Story Told in Parts 9:46 a.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 10:30 a.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 3 p.m. Calvin Coolidge - Portrayed by Tracy Messer - Some Speeches 3:30 p.m. Bookstock 4:30 p.m. 48 Hour Film Slam</p>	<p>5 p.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 5:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 7 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 10 p.m. 48 Hour Film Slam Sunday, Aug. 6 5 a.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 8 a.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 8:30 a.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 10 a.m. Festival On the Green 2023 12 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 12:45 p.m. Larry & Joe at the Chandler Center for the Arts 5 p.m. 24 hour Film Slam 6 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 9:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators Monday, Aug. 7 5 a.m. Make Music Day - Larry & Joe at the Chandler Center for the Arts 8 a.m. Vt. State Board of Education 11:30 a.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 12 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 12:45 p.m. Larry & Joe at the Chandler Center for the Arts 5 p.m. 24 hour Film Slam 6 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 9:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian</p>	<p>Writers and Translators Tuesday, Aug. 8 5 a.m. Vt. State Board of Education 6:35 a.m. Summer Concerts around Vt. 12 p.m. Author Talk - Jack Mayer - Life In a Jar 1:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 3 p.m. Festival On the Green 5 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 8 p.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 8:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 10 p.m. Festival On the Green Wednesday, Aug. 9 5:30 a.m. Story Matters: Francois Clemmons 6 a.m. All Things LGBTQ 7 a.m. Author Talks and Interviews 12 p.m. Summer Concerts around Vt. 5:30 p.m. Dartmouth's Visiting Ukrainian Writers and Translators 7 p.m. Bookstock 10 p.m. MidScience Cafe-Allison LaCroix Thursday, Aug. 10 7 a.m. Author Talks and Interviews 9 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Food & Cooking Programs 12 p.m. Bookstock 5 p.m. Yoga 6 p.m. Vt Young Playwrights Readings 9 p.m. All Things LGBTQ 10 p.m. Summer Concerts around Vt.</p>	

American Revolution in northern Vermont and shine the light on some lesser-known actions.

"THE NATURAL" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m., Swift House Inn, 25 Stewart Ln. MNFF Sunset Series 2023 wraps up with "The Natural." The film recounts the experiences of the mythical Roy Hobbs, an individual with great "natural" baseball talent. Series Pass \$60, Single film tickets in advance \$13, \$15 at the door. More info at townhalltheater.org or midfilmfest.org/sunset-series.

CLAIRE BLACK IN BRANDON. Saturday, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m., Barn Opera House, 1386 Pearl St. Pianist Claire Black dazzles with her program featuring works by John Field, Béla Bartók, and Clara Schumann. More info at OtterCreekMusicFestival.com.

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

HIKE INTO HISTORY IN ORWELL. Sunday, Aug. 6, noon-3 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Stephen Zeoli guides this walk while recounting events that led up to Revolution. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather.

NIGHTINGALE VOCAL ENSEMBLE IN SALISBURY.

Sunday, Aug. 6, 3 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Nightingale Vocal Ensemble celebrates the start of their fifth anniversary season with a program of music commissioned for them since their inception. More info at OtterCreekMusicFestival.com.

HELIAND IN ROCHESTER. Sunday, Aug. 6, 4 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, 15 No. Main St.

Rochester Chamber Music Society host the Helian trio: Katie Oprea, oboe; Rachael Elliott, bassoon; and Cynthia Huard, piano. They will perform works by Beethoven, Haydn, Corelli, Still, Price and Newsome.

CHAMPLAIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA IN NEW HAVEN. Sunday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Bring your picnic basket, blankets and chairs and enjoy a Champlain Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, featuring 40 orchestra members. Local wine available for purchase. Tickets free with registration, part of THT's all-access series.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

VERY MERRY TRAVELING THEATER PERFORMANCE IN BRISTOL. Monday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m., on the green. Very Merry is a theater company for children that performs one-of-a-kind plays all over Vermont. They will perform a yet-to-be-determined play. Rain location Holley Hall.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

MIKAEL OWUNNA PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., Davis Family Library Atrium. The show "Infinite Essence," on view Aug. 8-18, shows Black models photographed in complete darkness with their bodies meticulously adorned with fluorescent paints that glow under ultraviolet light. The fleeting moment the shutter captured brought about a magical transformation — bodies illuminated as the celestial universe itself, with scenes inspired by the repertoire of African diasporic mythology springing forth.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

SHELDON MUSEUM GALLERY TALK ON CHINESE IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 9, noon, 1 Park St. In a talk titled "Bridging the Pacific: Early Chinese Immigration to the United States," Middlebury College History Professor Joyce Mao will offer an overview of Chinese migration to the United States and community-building by the Chinese in America from the Gold Rush through the early 20th century. Free with museum admission.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENING IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 4-7 p.m., Photoplace Gallery, 3 Park St. Opening reception for "Portrait: Self, Others"

CHARLES SEMOWICH, CARILLONNEUR IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11 6 p.m., Middlebury College Chapel, 75 Hepburn Rd. Semowich, carillonneur, at the Riverside Church, in NYC, will perform in the Middlebury Chapel's bell tower. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! Free.

"COWGIRL" ON STAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Swift House Inn Tent, 25 Stewart Ln. Middlebury Acting Company's American Dreaming 2023: A New Play Festival opens with this play by Justin Aaron Halle. Tickets \$15 individual/\$40 full series, available at the THT Box Office, 802-382-9222 or townhalltheater.org. Walkups welcome.

POINT COUNTERPOINT FACULTY CONCERT IN SALISBURY. Friday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, donations are accepted.



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Middlebury Studio School, Middlebury Community Music Center, and Town Hall Theater collaborated this July on the second annual Adventure into the Arts Camp, a one week experience for 7-11 year olds, in which campers had the opportunity to try out activities in music, theater and visual arts. The theme of camp this year was "The Music Man," and participants learned scenes and songs from the musical, while also creating sets and costumes for a final performance at MCMC at the end of the week. A celebration of a small town coming together through art, "The Music Man" was a fitting theme for this artful collaboration in our own beloved hometown. MSS, THT and MCMC were excited to work together to bring a range of arts experiences to Middlebury's youth, and look forward to deeper partnership in the future.

UPCOMING MUSIC

MORE TUNES

LOCAL MUSICIAN PLAYS VERGENNES FARMERS' MARKET NEXT THURSDAY

Kevin Kareckas will be performing at the Vergennes Farmers' Market from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10. Kareckas is a multi instrumentalist singer songwriter from Vergennes. He plays "mostly string things with frets." Learn more about his music at kevinkareckas.com.

Rising nouveau-country musician plays in Ripton

Coming from the town of Wallingford, Vt., with a mere 2,000 residents, Jacob Rice was raised filling the wood stove, enjoying the great outdoors, and writing his songs by the river. Rice will perform his hybrid country sound at the Ripton Community Church on Monday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.

Now based out of middle Tennessee, Rice has immersed himself in the Nashville music scene, performing at legendary venues around town, and writing songs with exceptional rising stars in country music. He was recently honored with the designation "Rising Talent" by the prestigious Bluebird Cafe during their 40th Birthday Celebration. He was named the Middle Tennessee finalist of the 2022 Tennessee Songwriters Week competition, hosted by the Tennessee Department of Tourism, The Bluebird Cafe, Nashville Songwriters Association International, and



Jacob Rice will perform a free concert at the Ripton Community Church on Monday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.

Taylor Guitars. Rice was also chosen by The Bluebird Cafe and Taylor Guitars as their January 2021 Golden Pick winner.

Rice has been featured on Spotify's "New Music Nashville" and "Fresh Finds Country," Vermont Public Radio, and 101.5 WEXP Vermont Community Radio. He has also had the honor of being produced by Chad Cromwell (who also produced Anders Osborne, Joe Walsh and Neil Young) and Paul Worley (Lady A, The Chicks, Martina McBride). All of these accomplishments are a testament to his hard work and dedication to making great, lasting music.

Rice is ready to show the world who he is — one song at a time. Come see for yourself on Monday evening in Ripton. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Call 802-388-0338 for further information.

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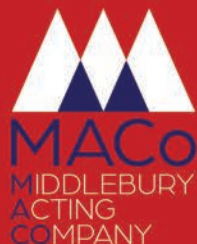


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COWGIRL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 7PM

BY JUSTIN AARON HALLE, DIRECTED BY ALY PERRY

Three city friends convene on a fracking ranch in Wyoming for a wild western wedding—but when Lila unearths "Cowgirls," a relic of a feminist board-game-without-a-board, all bets on a seamless wedding are off. The game's provocative questions threaten to unravel the tender secrets and dark desires that lurk just beneath the surface of these friendships.

UNTIL THE DAY IS DONE

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 2PM

BY JARED MICHAEL DELANEY, DIRECTED BY ZEINA SALAME

Anders & Margaret Mary have been married more than 25 years, living on the edge of civilization in Alaska. When Margaret Mary receives a diagnosis that changes the arc of her life, she, Anders and their friends must grapple with the new choices presented to them and who has the right to make them.

LESSONS

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 7PM

BY MATTHEW CHONG, DIRECTED BY MELISSA LOURIE

Yuri is a sixteen year old Korean-American girl with aspirations of becoming the premier concert pianist of her generation. It seems like that dream might be realized when she's chosen to study under a renowned composer and tastemaker in the classical music world. But his sadistic teaching methodology pushes her to the brink, exposing fault lines in the model minority myth, and the dangers of obsessive pursuit at the expense of a healthy life.

PUZZLES

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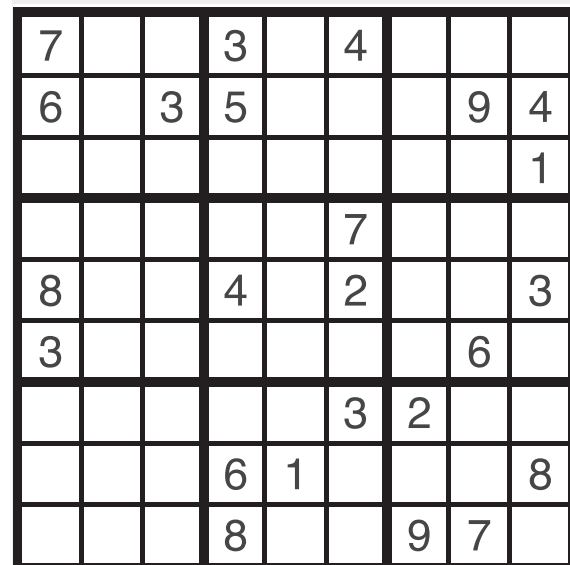
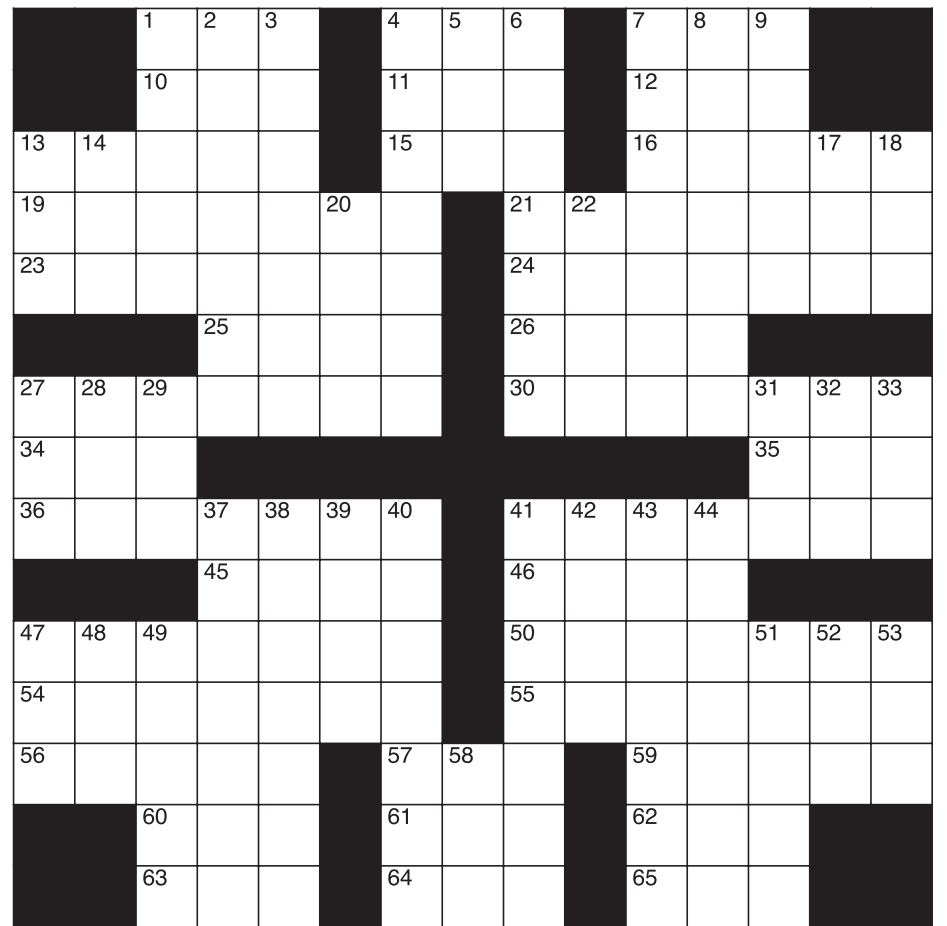
- 1. Indicates tire pressure
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling rummy

- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Left
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Makes unhappy
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb
- 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African

- antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Attempt

DOWN

- 1. Plant of the nettle family
- 2. Fit to be sold
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Patella
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Lists of course requirements



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

- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV network
- 14. They __
- 17. Cooking hardware
- 18. U.S. Army title
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- 27. Former French coin
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Woeful
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Tasks which should be done
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships
- 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Southwest Scotland town
- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

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Encounters with rabid wildlife like this are rare. What is not nearly so rare is encounters with the cats and kittens that dot our landscape and are known and often loved as barn cats. Many kittens are acquired as pets each year when they are given away by well-meaning farmers and the majority of them go on to live happy, well-loved lives. All of them, however, bring risk in that they or a member of their barn family may have been exposed to rabid wildlife and bitten in a tussle.

The rabies virus is transmitted via saliva from an animal who is actively contagious; the actively

contagious animal will die of the virus within 10 days of showing symptoms. Rabies is a lethal virus and has an incubation time of weeks to months, which is part of what makes it so scary — aside the from the part about being lethal. An animal who is bitten by a rabid animal may not show signs of rabies for months. What this can mean is that cute, scabby, unvaccinated, kitten you got from the farm down the road could turn into a rabid animal.

In 2021, Homeward Bound was called upon to help with a colony of feral cats when a kitten who had been given away to someone from out of state turned out to be rabid. It happens.

So what can you do? It's easy. And it's required by state law. All dogs and cats (even feral barn cats) are required to be vaccinated for rabies. But how is vaccinating a bunch of feral cats easy? Just contact your local humane society

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Gloria

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Mars

Mars is 1.5 years old and came to the shelter with her kitten. She loves attention and sometimes tiptoes on her back feet like a ballerina. Mars gets along with other cats, but she has a dominant personality. We are unsure how she is with dogs.

Moo

Moo is the most handsome 2-year-old who begs for affection. His stomach is the size of a cow's because he is not particular about what he eats. Anything is tasty enough for him! Moo gets along with other cats and dogs.

Snowball

Snowball is a beautiful 2-year-old who loves people. She is particularly fond of children! Snowball gets along well with other cats, but she is shy and would need a slow introduction. We are unsure if she gets along with dogs.

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MARK DALY

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RABIES

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and ask if they have a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program — also known as trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) — and not only will your barn cat population receive rabies vaccinations but they will

also be spayed and neutered.

TNR. It's the right thing to do, not only to reduce the number of unwanted kittens born each year but also to protect yourself from rabies and from any possible liability you may bear if a kitten or cat you give away ends up rabid, bites someone down the road, and it's traced back to you.

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"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.

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"Capturing the Light," is a juried photo exhibit featuring images whose success rests in the quality of the light — natural or artificial, harsh or diffuse, bright or dim — their subjects made extraordinary by the light that falls on them. Juror Ann M. Jastrab selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 35 more for the online gallery. On view July 14-Aug. 11.

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.

"Stellar Stitching: 19th Century Vermont Samplers." Features textiles as a learning tool through needlework samplers made exclusively by young girls in the 19th-century depicting alphabets, numerals and decorative elements. On view May 13-Jan. 13, 2024.

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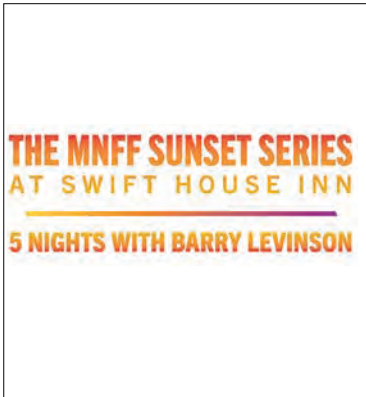
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