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About this Guide:

There is a lot to be said for the pleasures of winter in Vermont, but for many of us summer is primetime in the Green Mountain State. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day is a truly special time in Vermont for residents and visitors alike. That is why summer has become Vermont’s biggest tourist season.

The Addison County region has the best that summer has to offer, from Lake Champlain and Lake Dunmore to beautiful hiking in the vast Green Mountain National Forest, from the Revolutionary War sites at Mount Independence in the south to the historic Rokeby Museum — an important stop on the Underground Railroad — in the north.

The region has lots to do in its population centers of Middlebury, Vergennes, Bristol and Brandon, but there are plenty of wonderful sights to see and things to do in the smaller towns and villages, as well. And the presence of Middlebury College brings a certain energy to the area — even in the summer.

There is a wealth of good restaurants, museums and shopping in the region, in addition to myriad outdoor activities.

Let this publication be your starting point to the many attractions and events in the area. But don’t be afraid to investigate the area more by asking locals what they recommend seeing and doing. There is something for everyone.

Whatever you do, relax and enjoy — it’s summer!

On the cover:

Independent photographer Steve James captured this image of an intrepid youth rambling up the climbing wall at the Middlebury town pool this past August while a peer apparently holds her breath. As anticipated, the boy reached the top and fell back into the water.

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For the love of Addison County.
MIDDLEBURY — Almost every summer since 1947, the people of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church on the Green in downtown Middlebury have staged huge yard that covers a large part of the lawn and gazebo and, except for during the pandemic, reached into the church basement and meeting rooms.

It’s called the Peasant Market, and indeed it is a gift to the Addison County community.

Peasant Market is the church’s signature event and its largest outreach project. It is held on the Saturday after the Fourth of July. For the last few decades it has come a day before the start of the popular Festival on the Green, and tent that goes up for the Saturday market stays up for the week to cover the stage for Festival musicians.

The market, which this year will operate on July 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., has become a well-known tradition and an outdoor community event for the whole family. The big tent alongside the church offers fabulous deals on jewelry, household goods, linens, antiques, rugs, lamps, knickknacks and collectibles. Smaller, ancillary tents sell toys, sporting goods, garden accessories, and furniture. You can often find racks of clothing in the church basement and book upstairs in a conference room. Organizers have specifically called out for donations of treasures and treats await at St. Stephen’s market

WHILE SHOPPERS ARE sometimes very intent when looking for a bargain, the spirit of Peasant Market is always joyful. The huge yard sale on the Middlebury town green and at St. Stephen’s Church is on July 6 this year.

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furniture one person can carry, handmade items and art. They don’t sell military toys like guns and swords, plastic containers and computers.
All of it use, clean and sold at great prices. Plus there is always a contingent of plant sellers on or near the gazebo.
Sometimes there are games for the kids. Look for food being sold off to the side, particularly fresh-squeezed lemonade, homemade baked goods and wonderful fruit pies that the New York Times lauded for their consistently tender crusts.
Many at St. Stephen’s affectionately call the event “The Miracle On The Green.”
Profits from the event fund the Peasant Market Grants program. Each year St. Stephen’s calls for grant applications from organizations in Addison County.

For this year’s grants, they are targeting grant proposals to fund programs addressing the needs of children and youth or food insecurity. Proceeds from the 2023 market funded $15,000 in grants that were awarded to the Addison County Relocalization Network Farmacy Program, Addison Allies Network, Addison County Restorative Justice Service, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, Counseling Service of Addison County Youth Cooking Program, Middlebury Community Music Center Summer Camp Program, Rokeby Museum, Turning Point Center of Addison County, Vergennes Community Food Shelf, Vergennes Opera House All Access Project and the women’s food collaborative Viva El Sabor.
The spirit of Peasant Market, among both church workers and customers, is always joyful even if skies are sometimes dark. Throughout the day, people feel the good spirit of serving the needs and desires of our local community.
Free, family-friendly music series
on the Village Green in Middlebury, VT

Sunday, July 7
7:00  Twisted Pine
A full evening of jazzy bluegrass with the sass of zero-gravity pop; the grooves of 2 a.m. funk jams; shoobedoos of 70s radio

Monday, July 8
12:00 Magician Tom Verner
7:00 Samirah Evans & Her Handsome Devils
Samirah Evans’ sultry, silken, smoking hot vocals & vibrant stage presence made her the toast of pre-Katrina New Orleans
8:30 Eureka Shoes
Delicious three-part harmonies, other-worldly twin fiddling, & lyrics “that will break your heart and put it back together…”

Tuesday, July 9
12:00 Jon Gailmor
7:00 Bread & Bones
Harmony-driven acoustics trio with a strong traditional roots foundation
8:30 Le Winston Band
Blending French-Canadian roots with Zydeco & Cajun music

Wednesday, July 10
12:00 No Strings Marionette Company
7:00 Bon Débarras
Two sets of Québécois-inspired music, dance, & poetry— with fun & inventive energy, a fusion of global influences

Thursday, July 11
12:00 Stephen Gratto
7:00 Matt LaRocca & Friends
Styles that bridge jazz, folk, classical, & improvisation with musical surprises
8:30 Myra Flynn Band
Original repertoire of lyrical indie/soul songs

Friday, July 12
12:00 Tjovi Tjovi Ginen
Rooted in Haitian music & the sounds of Africa, songs of struggle & triumph, pain & power
8:30 Krishna Guthrie Band
Roots, blues, & rock woven with influences of his lineage— Arlo and Woody Guthrie

Saturday, July 13
7:00 Vermont Jazz Ensemble Street Dance: We shut down Main Street for you to boogie and jive!

The Festival is supported by community donations & volunteers. Join us! Visit our website to learn how to support the Festival.

festivalonthegreen.org
Check our website prior to shows for schedule changes.
Addison County
Delightfully Vermont!

By LAURIE D. MORRISSEY

“Here come real stars to fill the upper
skies,
And here on earth come emulating flies,
That though they never equal stars in size,
(And they were never really stars at heart)
Achieve at times a very star-like start...
—Robert Frost, “Fireflies in the Garden”

It happens on a warm June evening: in
the darkening field near my house, I notice
a brief flicker of light. Then another. And
another. It’s the opening act of firefly
season — a nightly light show, courtesy
of a family of half-inch-long insects. As
fleeting as it is spectacular, firefly season
lasts only a few weeks, during which the
newly emerged adults mate and lay eggs.

The sight of fireflies (also known
as lightning bugs) invokes
memories of childhood
summers when
I chased the
flashes with
my brother,
occasionally
catching a few in a jar for closer inspection.
These luminescent insects are easy to like.
They brighten our summer evenings —
and they don’t bite, sting, crawl up our
legs, or nibble our lettuce.

Despite their common name, fireflies
are not flies. They’re winged beetles in the
Lampyrida family. There are roughly 2,000
firefly species worldwide, and about 170 in
North America, including some 20 species
that live in northern New England. Another
surprise is that not all fireflies flash through
the night; some species are active in the
daytime and only glow in their larval stage,
out of our sight.

Sara Lewis, a Tufts University
evolutionary ecologist and self-professed
firefly junkie, says fireflies are a beautiful
example of the creative improvisation of
evolution. “Beneath their gentle façade,
fireflies’ lives are surprisingly dramatic,”
Lewis writes. “They’re full of spurned
advances, expensive nuptial gifts, chemical
weapons, elaborate subterfuge, and death
by exsanguination!” (That’s a fancy word
for blood loss; some females prey on males
of a different genus, ingesting their blood
to steal some of their defensive steroids.)

Lewis has published hundreds of
research papers about fireflies and is the
author of “Silent Sparks: The Wondrous
World of Fireflies.” Her TED talk, “The
Loves and Lives of Fireflies,” has more
than a million views.

Fireflies spend their larval stage,
which can last from one to three years,
underground feasting on earthworms,
snails, and soft-bodied insects. They then
pupate — also underground — for about
two weeks, and emerge in early summer as
adult beetles. An adult firefly lives only a
few weeks, during which it carries out what
Lewis calls a “courtship conversation” of
precisely controlled flashes.

A firefly has two pairs of wings: one
for flying, and another shell-like set to
protect its flight wings and soft body. Its
head is covered by a flattened shield. It
keeps its chemistry set — the source of the
seemingly magical production of light —
on the underside of its abdomen.

When a firefly flashes, it transforms
chemical energy into light. This
bioluminescence likely evolved to
signal toxicity to potential predators.
Over millions of years, these lights have
developed into a communication tool
powered by a chemical reaction between

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Fireflies

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Luciferase (an enzyme) and luciferins (molecules that produce light). Each firefly species has its own flash pattern.

When a female waiting in the grass sees an appealing flash from a male, she aims her lantern in that direction and responds with her own flashes. During mating, the pair spends all night together, Lewis explains, and the male delivers sperm as well as a nutrient-filled package — called a “nuptial gift” — that is essential to provisioning the eggs. Lewis and her colleagues think that longer flashes are associated with larger nuptial gifts, and thus superior nutrition for eggs. Females select their mates accordingly. Two to three weeks after mating, the female lays her fertilized eggs in moist soil. In late summer, larvae emerge and will overwinter in the soil.

It’s hard to say exactly how many firefly species live in the Northeast. The University of New Hampshire’s insect collection contains 18, and Vermont has 13 confirmed species. Determining ranges for specific species can be difficult, partly because these change in response to human pressures such as alterations of the landscape. Relatively few scientists study fireflies, and there is only a short period when field work can occur.

Sadly, firefly watching is becoming increasingly rare. Populations are declining due to habitat loss, light pollution, and the use of chemical pesticides. To increase the chances of spotting these flashing insects, biologists recommend turning off outdoor lights, leaving unmown areas, and avoiding pesticides and chemical fertilizers.


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Orwell now a farmers market option

By JOHN FLOWERS

ORWELL — Orwell’s scenic town green will host three farmers markets this summer that’ll showcase local growers while offering residents and visitors a bounty of fresh food — right at their doorstep.

It’s being called the “Orwell Food Fest,” made possible by an $8,000 grant through the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, and the generosity of the Manton Foundation. Orwell Free Library Director Kate Hunter said the Food Fest markets are slated for noon to 4 p.m. on July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8. In addition to local produce, the events will feature live music, kids’ crafts and market, a food making contest and an apple pressing demonstration.

The Orwell Food Fest is a project of the Orwell Free Library and Farmers Haven. Led by MaKayla Davis, Farmers Haven each year runs a series of weekly indoor markets on Sundays at 318 Route 22A in Orwell. This summer’s Food Fest will include Farmers Haven participants to make for an even bigger draw, according to Hunter.

In addition to providing three fun community gatherings, Hunter noted the markets are intended to boost food system resiliency and celebrate Addison and Rutland County growers, producers and makers.

“The real heart of this project is connecting our community with the growers and makers right next door,” Hunter said through a press release. “The range of what is available is much wider than we realize. I hope the connections made will extend beyond these markets and assist in building a more resilient food system and economy.”

Hunter told the Independent that she’d like to see 12-15 vendors at each of the three summer markets. Because the events are grant-funded, vendors won’t be assessed a participation fee.

Organizers hope the Orwell markets can become an annual offering on a town green. Hunter is hoping for a big turnout this summer.

“Vendors from all over Addison and Rutland counties are welcome to join us,” she said. “We look forward to showcasing the exceptional and diverse products of our region, including tomatoes, mushrooms, flowers, beef, pork, dairy and CBD products.”

To learn more about becoming a vendor, visit orwellfreelibrary.org or contact Kate Hunter at orwellfreelibrary@gmail.com.
Market schedule

Get locally grown food that is extremely fresh at one of the many farmers markets in the area. Fresher food is often tastier food! And by shopping at a farmers’ market you are also supporting a local business. Plus visiting a farmers market is fun!

Here is a list of where to find our local outdoor markets this summer:

**Mondays**
- Bristol Farmers Market
  - June through Sept., 3-7 p.m.
  - On the Town Green

**Wednesdays**
- Midd Summer Market
  - June 1-Aug. 31, 4-8 p.m.
  - Fountain Park,
  - Downtown Middlebury

**Thursdays**
- Vergennes Farmers’ Market
  - June 13-Oct. 10, 3-6:30 p.m.
  - On the City Green

**Fridays**
- Brandon Farmers’ Market
  - June-early Oct.,

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Central Park off Route 7

**Saturdays**
- Middlebury Farmers’ Market
  - May 4-Oct. 26,
  - 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
  - VFW Parking Lot,
  - 530 Exchange St.

- Midd Summer Market
  - June 1-Aug. 31,
  - 9 a.m.-12 noon
  - Fountain Park,
  - Downtown Middlebury

**Sundays**
- Orwell Food & Farm Fest
  - July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 18;
  - noon-4 p.m.
  - Orwell Town Green

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Image: Garrett MacLean (American, b. 1977), Bread and Puppet Theater perform a scene from their Apocalypse Defiance Circus in Tempe, AZ, 2022.

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**must-visit museums in Addison County**

FERRISBURGH — Say you already know the broad strokes of Vermont history but want to dig a little deeper this summer. Addison County has many historic markers where you stop and learn a tidbit here and a tidbit there. And if you are in the Vergennes area, there are two excellent museums where you can spend a little more time and walk away with a more nuanced picture of Vermont’s past.

The Rokeby Museum is a historic farm property and museum at 4334 Route 7 a couple miles north of the Little City, and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is a few miles west of Vergennes on the shores of America’s sixth Great Lake. Both offer incisive and deep dives into important aspects of this area’s history.

The 90-acre Rokeby property includes a 1780s farmstead, and eight agricultural outbuildings with permanent exhibits. Hiking trails cover more than half of the grounds. Open through mid-October, the property was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1997 for its association with Rowland T. Robinson, a Quaker and ardent abolitionist who openly sheltered escaped slaves at Rokeby as part of the Underground Railroad. Robinson’s extensive correspondence is an essential archive giving insight into the practices of abolitionists and the operations of the railroad.

The Rokeby Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided tours of the historic house are available at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.

Two new exhibitions open this year at Rokeby. The first is called “Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of an Abolitionist Family.” It immerses visitors in the history of the Underground Railroad and the struggle for freedom. You will explore the history and ongoing legacy of enslavement in the U.S. and the complicated story of the Robinson family as they went from enslavers in earlier generations to abolitionists in the 19th century.

The second new exhibition is “Artifacts & Anecdotes: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Rokeby Museum,” which highlights volunteers and staff who work year-round to research and preserve the Robinson family collection. Their work gives them unique access to the family’s collection, and in this exhibition, they share a few of their favorite objects and stories.

In addition to exhibitions, the museum has a series of programs this summer, including:

- Seeking Freedom Gallery Talks – July 25 and Aug. 15 (Free with admission or $5).
- Sheep & Wool Day – June 15 (half-price admission with a non-perishable item for the Vergennes Food Bank).
- Juneenth, June 19 (Free Museum Day).
- Reading of a famous Frederick Douglass oration – July 5 (Free Event).
- Pie & Ice Cream Social – Aug. 11.
- Storywalk — all summer.

Sheep & Wool Day celebrates Vermont’s wooly heritage. This family-friendly event has sheep petting from Hands & Heart Farm, kids’ crafts, historic spinning and weaving, printing press demonstrations from A Revolutionary Press, an Instrument Petting Zoo from the Vermont Folk Life Center, farm hours, and more. Food vendors, including Fairy Tale Farm’s sheep milk gelato and James Beard Award semifinalist A Tate of Abyssinia, will be on-site.

This year, for Sheep & Wool Day, the museum is partnering with the Vergennes Food Shelf. Visitors who donate a non-perishable food item can receive half off their admission (one item per person).

MARITIME MUSEUM

Meanwhile, across town, the Maritime Museum at 4472 Basin Harbor Road is open daily with free admission through Oct. 16. Located in a small harbor on Lake Champlain, this museum is an educational hub and seasonal museum that offers exhibits and hands-on programs for visitors of all ages. Exhibits and grounds are open for the public to explore and learn about history, shipwrecks, ecology, boats, and more. Throughout the year, the museum also offers experiential and educational programs including rowing clubs, shipwreck tours, boat building for local students, pay-what-you-can summer camps and overnight expeditions, sailing classes, and more.

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“We have seen that when people have the opportunity to connect with Lake Champlain and their past, they make connections to the present, and are inspired to build a more sustainable future for the lake and our communities,” said Chris Sabick, the museum’s executive director. “By offering free admission to all, we ensure that everyone can have this experience. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, and members, whose support ensures our doors can open for free again in 2024.”

Highlights of the 2024 season at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum include:

• Free admission: Exhibits and grounds are free for all visitors, seven days a week from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Exhibits include “Key to Liberty: The American Revolution in the Champlain Valley,” “Steam to Gasoline,” “A Noble Failure: Prohibition in the Champlain Valley,” the Hazelett Small Watercraft building, and more.

• Shipwreck tours: On Thursdays from July-September, guests can take scenic boat ride to the site of a shipwreck in Lake Champlain and learn about the vessel’s dramatic story while watching real-time video from an underwater remotely-operated vehicle equipped with a robotic camera. Tickets are $25 for youth and $40 for adults, available at www.lcmm.org.

• The Museum After Hours Summer Party: On Friday, July 12, the museum will throw its much-loved summer party, which has sold out each year. The evening includes live music, local food and ice cream, a raffle and silent auction, open exhibits, and drinks. Tickets are $50 and include all food.

• Free public events: The museum will host many free public events in 2024 including Collections Corners, a free monthly event to witness rarely-seen artifacts up close with historians; and Abenaki Heritage Weekend on June 29-30 presented by the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association and the Abenaki Arts and Education Center. Check the calendar for the latest events at lcmm.org/calendar.

• Open-water rowing: Each spring through fall, adults of all ages are invited to come try open-water rowing on the lake in the museum’s fleet of 4-oared and 6-oared rowing gigs. Join a weekly rowing club, which range from beginner to experienced, or sign up for one of the rowing events this season including the Hope for Tomorrow on June 22 or the Lake Champlain Challenge Race on Sept. 14. Sign up for a rowing club at lcmm.org/Adult-Rowing.
BRISTOL — After a few years of pandemic hiatus, the Pocock Rocks Music Festival and Street Festival returned to Bristol last summer. The event, which closes off Main Street and sets up stages for bands, stalls for food vendors and tents for dining and fun with friends, was originally scheduled for June 17 in 2023. But a bad weather forecast delayed the event until August.

But, the later-in-the-summer date was such a success that Bristol CORE, which organizes events that spur the local economy, set the date for mid-August.

“We’re back on the Main Street Aug. 17, 2024, with live music, shopping, games, delicious food and beverages,” the event’s Facebook site announces. “This family friendly event will start rocking at 3 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m.!

The festival is named in recognition of Bristol’s original name, given when the town was chartered as Pocock in 1762. The name was changed to Bristol 25 years later.

Organizers are still finalizing details for this year’s 12th Pocock Rocks, but it is expected to be similar to past festivals, when stages will bookend the street, with performances alternating at either end. A total of six bands performed last year. Look in the Addison Independent for more details as Aug. 17 draws closer.

WENDY GIRON SERVES up Guatemalan food at the La Chapina food stand at last year’s Pocock Rocks Music Festival and Street Fair. The fun event returns to Bristol’s Main Street this coming Aug. 17.

Independent file photo/Steve James
Keep a gardening journal this summer

By DEBORAH J. BENOIT
UVM Extension Master Gardener

You love getting your hands in the soil and every year you notice the changes in your garden but a month after harvest you’ve forgotten all of the milestones in your gardening journey. Maybe this is the summer you start to keep a gardening journal, so you can look back on your season and relive the experience.

Whether you choose a ready-made book, a calendar with plenty of room for notes or a three-ring binder to keep it all together, there are some things you’ll find incredibly helpful to keep track of in your garden journal from year to year.

The first bit of information to add is your U.S. Department of Agriculture Hardiness Zone. It’s easy to find at planthardiness.ars.usda.gov using your zip code and will guide you when purchasing perennials such as flowers for your garden and fruit trees.

Hardiness Zones in Vermont range from Zone 3 in the northern part of the state to Zone 5 in the southern part. Generally, a higher zone number means a warmer climate, so you could grow a plant that’s hardy to Zone 3 to Zone 5, but a plant hardy to Zone 5 may not survive the winter in Zone 3. That’s important information when plant shopping.

Most of Addison County is in Zone 5a with a few places in the mountains labeled the slightly cooler 4b.

The Average Last Frost Date is the date in the spring when generally you can safely put annual plants in the garden. While there are years where temperatures are higher before that date, early planting runs the risk of losing annuals to a sudden return to seasonal temperatures.

The Average First Frost Date is the date in the fall after which a frost is likely, signaling the anticipated end of the growing season. Using row covers or lightweight fabric (not plastic) such as an old sheet to cover plants can help protect them from frost.

For information on average first and last frost dates for your area check garden.org/apps/frost-dates. By keeping annual records of when your gardens experience first and last frosts, over time you will be able to predict these dates for your unique location.

The Length of the Growing Season is the average number of days you can count on to grow plants in your garden. This is the number of days between the last frost date in spring and first frost date in the fall. This is important for annual crops such as tomatoes, corn, eggplant and others.

Seed packets will give an anticipated number of days to harvest. If a plant is expected to take 180 days to harvest, but your growing season is only 150 days, consider selecting another variety. As an alternative, employing season-extending techniques such as row covers can add days or weeks at the beginning or end of the growing season.

If you’ve never had your soil tested, fall is a good time to do so. Soil Test Results will provide information on your soil’s pH, available nutrients, organic matter and more. The report also will provide recommendations for amendments to the soil, all invaluable information to keep in your garden journal. For more information on obtaining a soil test, see go.uvm.edu/soiltest.

Recording Seed Starting, Cultivars Planted, Planting and Harvest Dates will come in handy year after year. While seed packets and plant tags give anticipated dates for germination and harvest, they can vary depending on your growing conditions.

 Keeping a Diagram of Garden Beds can be helpful in many ways. Knowing the square feet the bed occupies makes ordering bulk mulch or other materials to be applied to the bed easy. In addition, if you make note on the diagram of perennial plantings, you’ll know exactly what you’re growing, even when the garden is under two feet of snow or all the plant tags have gone astray.

In addition to the above essentials, consider including information such as notes about weather conditions and soil amendments. If you’ve encountered pests, disease or other problems, write down the details, treatments and results. You won’t remember all the specifics next year, but your garden journal will.
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BRISTOL TOWN GREEN
By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

BRISTOL — A summer tradition continues in Bristol this summer as it has for many summers. Many, many summers.

We’re talking about Bristol Town Band concerts on the green in the center of the village. The concerts will take place every Wednesday evening, 7-8:30 p.m., at the bandstand all summer, from June 12 to Aug. 28. If it’s raining, the concert will be given in Holley Hall, across the street.

The music will be paired with some other events via the Bristol Rec Department. In conjunction with the June 19 concert there will also be a Fourth of July barbecue. June 26 will see the Masons barbecue prior to the concert. July 17 will be a game night, and Aug. 14 will see the St. Ambrose barbeque.

The band is comprised primarily of woodwinds and brass instruments, with a few pieces of percussion.

“It’s a good old-fashion band,” said Carol Weston, who currently manages the band, and plays baritone sax in it, as well. She’s not the first manager of the town band.

Hardly.

The Bristol Band is said to be the second-oldest town band in Vermont. It was started in 1870 by Smith Hatch. It became the Bristol Coronet Band in 1884. A few years later, some of the instrumentalists split off and became the Citizens Band. Then the two remerged in 1895 as the Bristol Military Band, according to the Bristol Historical Society.

Along the way, a bandstand was erected in the town park. Then a new bandstand was built in 1895. The gazebo got a “roof” in 1937, but since “roofed buildings” were not allowed on the park, the topper was technically a “sounding board” for the band that played there. After Roy J. Clark became band director in 1955, band membership grew. When Clark resigned for health reasons in 1983, Mount Abe band director Bill Bowers took over as conductor of the Bristol Town Band and long-time member Ken Weston became manager.

Carol Weston relates that her father — yes, the same Ken Weston — and her mother, Vivian, moved to Bristol in 1960 and started playing in the Bristol Town Band in 1961. They brought up their six children performing with the group each summer.

“My mother was probably up there on the bandstand playing in a concert while pregnant with me in her belly,” Carol Weston said.

There are currently 40 or so members, depending on the night. That’s a pretty good number, but “We could always use more brass,” Weston noted.

The band is comprised primarily of woodwinds and brass instruments, with a few pieces of percussion. It plays tunes in a variety of styles, Weston said: jazz, contemporary, pop, and a lot of medleys.

“It’s a good old-fashion band,” she said. The group has over 300 pieces in its repertoire, but it would be no surprise if much of what is played by sight-reading. The band practices a few times before the season starts, but once mid-June rolls around, band members show up at the time of the performances and they play what is set before them.

Bill Bower, the band leader, picks out which dozen or so tunes the band performs each week.

Weston’s favorite pieces include “Port Au Prince,” which was popularized by Nelson Riddle in the 1950s; Citizen Cope’s “Caribbean Skies”; and a medley called “Instant Concert.” She explains that all the band members audibly grunt at one point in this final number.

“I always remember liking that as a kid,” Weston said.

The players today range in age from 10 years old to 92. The senior player is Ken Weston, who lured his family and many other musicians into the Bristol Town Band. With his vision not perfect anymore, and thus difficulty reading the music, Ken now plays a little percussion and acts as an announcer for the Bristol band, his daughter said.

This summer she and Bowers would like to coax a few more new musicians into the town band. It’s an open invitation, but she’s particularly looking for younger members. How young?

“We would like to get more high school and even elementary school players,” Weston said. “Even if you only play one note for an hour, we want you. Even if you are from out of town.”

The songs that people will play this summer are pretty familiar, she added, so lack of familiarity with the repertoire should not hold any musicians back.

If you are interested in joining the Bristol Town Band, then call Carol Weston at 802-281-2315 and she’ll get you started.

If you just want to enjoy a relaxing evening or two listening to music created by your neighbors, head to the Bristol town park one Wednesday night this summer.

Bring a blanket or a folding chair, spread out on the lawn around the bandstand, sit back and enjoy the music.

**Bill Bowers, left, and Ken Weston, right, (pictured in 2019) have been keeping the Bristol Town Band alive for the better part of four decades. This 154-year-old institution is a key part of the Bristol community and will play concerts every Wednesday evening this summer.**

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**From Homespun to Couture: Fashion in Historic Middlebury, May 11, 2024 – January 4, 2025.** Due to popular demand, this exhibit continues in an expanded format. From Homespun to Couture offers a window into the survivalist tastes of local women and the growing Middlebury tailoring scene from the 1800s to the early 20th century. Local fashion reflected the dynamic changes in society, culture, and technology of the era, while also addressing women’s practical needs, available resources, and societal norms. Clothes were mended and reused to extend their life. Historic photographs, fashion publications, business advertisements and merchants’ ledgers, dresses, bonnets, shoes, and fashion accessories from the Museum’s archival and object collections on display reveal what Middlebury women made, wore, and purchased in the town’s early days.

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Visit the Museum’s website for program and event details.

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Enter your bids for beautiful hooked rugs made by Suzanne Douglas! Over 25 hooked rugs will be on view at the Museum from June 21 through August 31 for this fundraiser. Suzanne Douglas was a dedicated staff member of the Henry Sheldon Museum, working in the research center and most recently she provided our visitors with a warm welcome at the admissions desk. Suzanne was an extremely talented fiber artist, and her family and friends have generously donated her handmade hooked rugs for this special silent auction fundraiser in Suzanne’s memory.

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**SIGNATURE PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

**The Museum After Hours Summer Party on Friday, July 12** is a special evening at the Museum! Enjoy after-hours access to exhibits with live music, great food and drink, raffle prizes, and good company. Donations from this party support the Museum’s free admission and pay-what-you-can summer camps for kids. Tickets and details at www.lcmm.org/SummerParty.

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Collections Corner are a free monthly program offering the public a chance to see rare artifacts from the Museum’s collection. Each month has a different theme from canal boats and shipwrecks to historic postcards and the Revolutionary War. Check the calendar for the next Collections Corner at www.lcmm.org/calendar.

**ABOUT THE MUSEUM**

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum connects all people to Lake Champlain, inspiring them to learn from the past, build together in the present, and create a sustainable future. We believe in the power of history and connection and we seek to inspire and empower people through exhibits and hands-on learning on our 3-acre campus, digital engagement, boat building, summer camps and overnight expeditions, underwater archaeology research, and more.

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In 1803, Ripton’s foundations began with a toll road connecting Middlebury to Woodstock, completed in 1820. Daniel Chipman, a Dartmouth College graduate and prominent lawyer, played a vital role. He managed the Center Turnpike, overseeing its revival despite challenges. In 1828, he and his wife, Eleutheria Hedge Chipman, moved to Ripton, becoming community pillars.

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Eight places to visit on Vermont’s west coast

By MARY LANGWORTHY

ADDISON COUNTY — There are few things as satisfying as escaping to a body of cool water in the summer heat. Here on the west coast of Vermont, we have ample opportunities to do this. Having grown up in Ferrisburgh as a sailing enthusiast, I have compiled a list of eight great places to visit on the lake, by land or by sea.

There are great places to visit on both sides of the so-called sixth Great Lake, so you can use any number of spots in Addison County to use as a home base when going on a short sail or a longer excursion to explore Lake Champlain.

1. Chipman Point Marina: A quaint marina in Orwell, Chipman Point is both reminiscent of bygone times and up to date with modern amenities. Although it is off the beaten track for many recreational boaters, this is a popular overnight spot for boats entering or exiting the Champlain Canal, which connects Lake Champlain to the Hudson River. This is a good place for boaters looking to explore the southern end of the lake and experience the only marina on both of the small state-owned islands and protect the south. You can go ashore on both of the small state-owned islands and scour the shores for the button stones that give the bay its name, although generations of beachcombers before have removed many of them.

2. Barn Rock, N.Y.: While this beautiful stone house is best explored onshore, the view from the lake up Otter Creek is deep enough for deep draft keelboats, (although charts should be consulted carefully due to shoaling). Although not safe for swimming, Otter Creek is scenic, the shores boasting a large population of turtles, osprey and other wildlife. The city offers numerous dining options, a rare feature for anchorages along this section of Lake Champlain. The harbor is protected chokepoint of the lake.

3. Button Bay, Ferrisburgh: For boaters, anchoring in the lee of Button Point offers decent northerly protection, but poor protection to the south. You can go ashore on both of the small state-owned islands and scour the shores for the button stones that give the bay its name, although generations of beachcombers before have removed many of them.

4. Westport, N.Y.: Sailing to Westport was my favorite summertime outing as a child. Somehow, anchoring in New York state felt like an adventure in a foreign land, far from my native Ferrisburgh. In reality, it is an easy sail or drive. The marina, ample anchoring space, a small sandy beach, restaurants, and ice cream make it an ideal anchoring space, a small sandy beach, restaurants, and ice cream make it an ideal destination for an outing on the water. Beware of easterly winds when anchored.

5. Burn Rock, N.Y.: While this beautiful little harbor on the New York shore is unfortunately only accessible to boaters, it is worthy of mention. Tucked into the side of Split Rock Mountain right across from Basin Harbor in Ferrisburgh, this cove would be hard to notice if not for the prominent sheer rock face extending 80 feet from the water’s surface at the entrance to the harbor. Some intrepid visitors climb to the top and jump in, while more passive onlookers, such as myself, look on in awe and horror. (Fortunately, the water is plenty deep.)

6. Vergennes: It is easy to forget that the Little City is accessible by boat via Otter Creek, nevertheless it is a hospitable and surprisingly accessible destination for paddlers, motor boaters and sailors alike. Docking, water and electricity are available and there is space to anchor in the basin below the falls. The seven-mile passage from the lake up Otter Creek is deep enough for deep draft keelboats, (although charts should be consulted carefully due to shoaling). Although not safe for swimming, Otter Creek is scenic, the shores boasting a large population of turtles, osprey and other wildlife. The city offers numerous dining options, a rare feature for anchorages along this section of Lake Champlain.

7. Kingsland Bay, Ferrisburgh: By land, you can visit Kingsland Bay State Park and enjoy a swim or picnic under the locust trees surrounding the property’s historic stone house. For boaters, Kingsland Bay offers excellent protection and a broad, although deep anchorages. On a hot August afternoon, the bay fills up with sailboats, kayakers and swimmers, making it a relaxing, though very social place to cool off.

8. Shelburne Bay, Shelburne: This bay boasts protected anchorages, the Shelburne Shipyard, and the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. Tucked between the hustle and bustle of Burlington and the rolling, pastoral hills of Shelburne Farms, Shelburne Bay offers the best of both worlds. You can watch the yacht club’s weekly race in the harbor, snorkel over a shipwreck, or enjoy the sunrise from the top of Allen Hill.

Although this list just grazes the surface, it illustrates a spectrum of the exciting options on the shores of the lake. It’s time to dig out the kayaks from the depths of the garage, hoist the sails, or throw a bathing suit, and enjoy the fleeting perfection of a summer day on Lake Champlain.

Editor’s note: We published a version of this story in 2014.
Carillon concerts are set at the college

By AMELIA SEEPERSAUD

During the school year, every day without fail, at 12:30 p.m., 89-year-old George Matthew Jr. ascends the 75-step staircase of the Middlebury College Chapel to play music that rings out for the entire campus to hear. He doesn’t tote his instrument along with him, like most other musicians would. His instrument is the carillon.

A carillon is a musical instrument played with a keyboard and is composed of at least 23 bronze bells. To make music, the carillonneur strikes the keys, and the wires connecting them triggers the corresponding keys to ring.

Matthew, a full-time carillonneur, has been playing the Middlebury carillon since 1985. He’s been mesmerized by the carillon since the age of 4 when his grandfather took him to the 1939 World’s Fair in New York City, where he “saw this very, very old man, almost as old as I am now, all dressed in white,” Matthew recalled. “And he was pounding away on this wonderful instrument full of bells. I thought that was the most glorious racket.”

Matthew, who is an accomplished musician known to play a wide array of instruments from the organ to the veena (a stringed Indian instrument) to the tuba to the carillon and more, didn’t start his career in music. Rather he graduated from Columbia University with a degree in chemistry and began his career as a chemist. He didn’t become a full-time carillonneur until years later once he knew he could make a living playing music. Always a musician, however, he had learned to play the carillon at age 26, having been taught by Dionisio Lind, whom he described as the first Black carillonneur.

In 1984, while living in Stamford, Conn., Matthew got a call from Emory Fanning, chairman of Middlebury College’s music department, asking for a demonstration of the carillon. He met Fanning and Allan Dragone, the chairman of the colleges’ Carillon concerts are set at the college

CARILLONNEUR GEORGE MATTHEW JR. animatedly plays the carillon atop the Middlebury College Chapel this past summer. Matthew has played the instrument, made up of 48 bells, since 1985 and has played a key role in expanding the carillon’s presence at Middlebury.

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board of trustees, at the Greenwich, Conn., church where Matthew rang the carillon bells. Upon meeting Fanning and Dragone, Matthew played the carillon for them and answered all the questions Dragone peppered him with about the inner workings of the complex instrument.

Prior to the meeting, Fanning had realized the college needed to improve the bells in the chapel at Middlebury College as student musicians would often get hand injuries due to the pressure it took to push the levers to ring the bells. So, Fanning reached out to then Middlebury College President Olin Robison asking if anything could be done to have the chime stand moved higher to make it easier and safer to play.

At the same time, Dragone expressed interest in investing in the upkeep of the bells or new ones. After hearing about a set of 23-bells that Matthew was helping a church sell in Connecticut, it occurred to Dragone he could invest in an installation of a traditional carillon in Middlebury Chapel. The 48-bell carillon that now hangs at the top of the Chapel is a result of Dragone’s generosity.

Matthew, then in his early 50s, was soon hired and started playing the Middlebury carillon in 1985 and the full carillon, with the additional bells that Dragone had wanted installed, in 1986.

Since that installation, there has been a diverse selection of music rung through the Middlebury campus each day. “I make good use of our outstanding library, adopting music from China, Korea, Scandinavia, Mexico and all over Europe, you name it, to the carillon,” Matthew said.

He is intrigued by the universal nature of the carillon and emphasized that a school like Middlebury College truly encourages the diversity of music he tries to foster within the walls of the Chapel.

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Over the course of the almost four decades in which Matthew has been playing the Middlebury carillon, he has built a community of carillonneurs at the college. Each year he teaches a few students how to play the carillon to continue spreading his love for the instrument.

This past year he taught four.

Also, in the same year the full carillon was installed, Matthew established the summer carillon performance series. Every summer, carillonneurs from near and far come through Middlebury College’s instrument. On some Fridays over the summer a noted carillonneur will sit before the carillon high above the Middlebury Chapel sanctuary, usually at 6 p.m., and perform for anyone lucky enough to be on campus that evening.

So far, this summer’s carillon concert series will include the following musicians:

• Aug. 9, 6-7 p.m., Sergej Gratchev, assistant carillonneur at Riverside Church in New York City.
• Aug. 16, 3-4 p.m., George Matthew Jr., Carillonneur in Middlebury.
• Aug. 23, 6-7 p.m., George Matthew Jr., Carillonneur in Middlebury.
• Aug. 30, Amy Heebner ’93, city carillonneur of Albany, N.Y.
• Sept. 7, George Matthew Jr., Carillonneur in Middlebury.

Matthew emphasized the ways in which every carillonneur has their own unique touch when playing. He spoke of a carillonneur at the University of Michigan named Tiffany Eng, who has managed to write “beautiful pieces based on Native American music,” a type of music that has been particularly challenging to integrate into his own compositions. He expressed a sense of awe at the way different carillonneurs are able to bring something new and unique.

The summer series is an opportunity for Middlebury to showcase the richness in diversity the carillon offers. Matthew also believes the carillon truly adds to the Middlebury campus experience.

“I think it helps set an academic atmosphere,” he said. “There are 785 carillons in the world. There’s 178 in the United States; 71 of those are in colleges. Outside of the USA I only know of three college carillons. It’s becoming an American College instrument.”

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**Calendar**

**THURSDAY**

- **June 6**
  - Book sale donation drop-off in Vergennes. Thursday, June 6, 6-3.60 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Drop off book donations for the Bixby sale in the back parking lot. Please make sure your donations are published after 2012 and are in good condition. If in doubt bring it in.
  - Dinner and Music Adventure in Leicester. Thursday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint. 1361 Hooker Rd. Details in June 3 listing.
  - Donizetti’s “La Fille du Régiment” in Middlebury. Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Witness Marie’s spirited journey in Opera Compay of Middlebury’s production. Raised by soldiers, Marie falls for a rebel, facing war, family tensions and revelations about her nobility. A charming operatic tale of love and loyalty in the Tyrolean Alps. Tickets $94/$77/$61, available at townhalltheater.org.
  - Twist o’ Wool Guild meeting in Vergennes. Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. to join the meeting.

**FRIDAY**

- **June 7**
  - “Art of the Pig” preview in Brandon. Friday, June 6, 6-8 p.m., Café Provence event room, Center St. Brandon Artists Guild is commemorating its most exciting fundraiser year, 2003’s “The Really Really Pig Show.” 80+ wooden Piglet Boards lovingly painted/ decorated by Guild members, community artists/members, artists from surrounding towns, and friends from near and far will be on view. The board will be auctioned off on Aug. 18.
  - Museum open house for Middlebury College Alumni in Middlebury. Friday, June 7, 7 p.m., Café Provence auction by local artists Carrie Ade & Peter Langrock. All proceeds for the Salisbury Public Library.
  - “Art & Chocolate in Salisbury. Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Salisbury Public Library, 918 Maple St. For sale: Art and crafts, used books, homemade goodies and chocolate treats. Also, a silent auction by local artists Carrie Ade & Peter Langrock. All proceeds for the Salisbury Public Library.
  - Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill, and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

**SATURDAY**

- **June 8**
  - Green Mountain Club trail work in Ripton. Saturday, June 8. Group outing focusing on Long Trail trail and drainage projects or areas needing clearing. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, 908-595-2926. More at gmcroadioad.org.
  - Monthly Wildlife Walk in Middlebury. Saturday, June 8, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. Please take common sense COVID-19 precautions. Stay home if you are feeling ill, and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated. For more information, call 802-388-6019.
  - Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Used book sale sponsored by the Friends of Bixby Library downstairs in the Otter Creek Room. Enter from the back parking lot. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children’s books, some of them freshly donated by our winter reading friends.
  - Book Sale in Shoreham. Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Hundreds of hardcovers and paperbacks. Books for all ages. DVDs and audiobooks, too. Take what you like, pay what you think is fair.
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  - Artphibian Experience in the woods and around Lake Dunmore. Free. Takeout-only chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes. Saturday, June 8, 5-6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main Street, (across from the Vergennes Opera House). Chicken and gravy over biscuits, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Adults $12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at 802-877-3150.
  - “The Art of the Pig” preview in Vergennes. Saturday, June 8, 6-8 p.m., Café Provence event room, Center St. Picnic in the park to live music. The duo will play Beethoven’s Sonata in F Major Op. 5, No. 1, a Debussy Sonata, and a Chopin Sonata. Admission by donation. No tickets required. More info at www.rcmtv.org or call 802-767-9224.

**SUNDAY**

- **June 9**
  - Breakfast in Bristol. Sunday, June 9, 7:30-10 a.m., Libanus Lodge, 4 Elm St. The Masons Lodge will serve their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast. All profits are donated to a person or group in need within the Five Town Area. Menu includes sausage gravy with homemade biscuits, scrambled eggs (or over easy if you ask us to flip them).
  - Ultra Pump Track in the woods this past June. New Music On The Point faculty and participants for their ecologically inspired contemporary music performance. Enjoy a navigational sonic and multimedia Arthphibian Experience in the woods and around Lake Dunmore. Free.
  - Photography opening reception in Middlebury. Friday, June 7, 4 p.m., PhotoPlace Galleria 3 Park St. Opening for “Sense of Place,” which highlights images that communicate the essence of a place — what’s it’s like to be there. More info at photoplacegallery.com.
  - “La Scala di Setta” (The Silken Ladder) in Middlebury. Friday, June 7, 7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for this fully staged opera, by its talented group of Spring 2024 Young Artists. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

**NEW MUSIC ON THE POINT**

- **June 9**
  - Presents: An Evening of Queer Drag and Burlesque performers will grace the stage to bring you laughs, sighs and make your temperature rise. Hosted by comedian Meredith Gordon, who brings her infamous character Thelma Forbanks to life. Partial proceeds of this event will go to the PRIDE Center of Vermont.
  - Peter Stumpf and John Blacklow in Rochester. Friday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, North Main St. The duo will play Beethoven’s Sonata in F Major Op. 5, No. 1, a Debussy Sonata, and a Chopin Sonata. Admission by donation. No tickets required. More info at www.rcmtv.org or call 802-767-9224.

**HARPER MACKEY BUILD S**

- **June 9**
  - A little of the character trait grit as she pushes her bike to the top of a hill on the Middlebury pump track this past June.

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Calendar

MONDAY

June 10

Dinner and Music Adventure in Leicester. Monday, June 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Point Counterpoint, 1361 Hooker Rd. Have a gourmet dinner with a group of world-class contemporary music creators. Chat with friendly students and faculty and learn about what moves people to make music and pursue it as a profession. Tickets $50, available at tinyurl.com/dinner-and-music. Only four tickets available. Repeats Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Vergennes City Band rehearsal in Vergennes. Monday, June 10, 7-9 p.m., Vergennes Opera House. All instrumentalists welcome. For more information contact Sue O’Daniel at 802-349-5906.

Tuesday

June 11

Mushroom walk with Meg Madden in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 11. Join ACORN on a mushroom curiosity walk to learn more about the lives of these fascinating organisms. This is a fundraising event for ACORN and the ACORN Food Hub. Tickets $50. Learn more and sign up at tinyurl.com/Madden-

BICYCLISTS CAME FROM all over the northeastern part of the United States and eastern Canada to take part in last June’s Vermont Gran Fondo. This is a great place to get out on two wheels, whether you are pumping through this event’s 112-mile route over the Appalachian, Lincoln, Middlebury and Brandon gaps, or just toddling around the Champlain Valley.
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“Youth Sports in Society” by Alex Wolff and Erin Quinn in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 11, 5-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. The third installment of “Up for Discussion,” a free series created by Vermont Book Shop and Town Hall Theater designed to spark community conversation and featuring local experts in their fields sharing timely topics that span literature, art, film and contemporary issues. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by a roundtable discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. Free, but registration required at townhalltheater.org.

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Wednesday

Erin Cassels-Brown and Albany Sound in Bristol. Wednesday, June 12, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Tillerman will sell food and drinks from its outdoor kitchen. Cassels Brown 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Albany Sound (Michael Chorney, Lowell Thompson, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Frederick) 7-9 p.m.

Town Band on the Green in Bristol. Wednesday, June 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and enjoy this 150-year tradition.

Green Mountain Club hike in Mendon. Thursday, June 13, Bald Mountain. Moderate 3.3-mile loop hike with 850 feet of elevation gain. There are multiple viewpoints highlighted by great views of the Coolidge Range: including Killington, Mendon, and Shrewsbury Peaks. Another vista looks to the southwest toward the Taconic Range. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

“Seeking Freedom” gallery talk – developing the new exhibition in Ferrisburgh. Thursday, June 13, 12:30-1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Join Rokeby Executive Director Lindsay Houp-Verner, co-curator of “Seeking Freedom,” for a talk on updating the main Underground Railroad Exhibition. Part of a series of monthly gallery talks with the exhibition’s curators this summer. Each talk will explore a different aspect of the new exhibition. Meet at the entrance of the exhibition in the Visitor Center. Tickets $5 non-Members or free with admission to the Museum. Free for members.

Flood Legal assistance program in East Middlebury. Thursday, June 13, 2-5:45 p.m., Community Room, Sarah Partridge Library, 431 E. Main St. Volunteers will be available to provide information and answer questions, help file for FEMA/DUA/SBA appeals and late applications, help with recertifying Continued Temporary Housing assistance, and assist with other paperwork.

Middlebury Science Café in Middlebury. Thursday, June 13, 5-30 p.m., Ilsley Public Library, 75 Main St. Come chat about how science intersects with our daily lives in Vermont. Doors open at 5 p.m. for coffee or tea from Royal Oak. See ilsleypubliclibrary.org for current month’s topic.

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Friday

Brett Hughes in New Haven. Friday, June 14, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Plaza, 142 River Rd. Bring a picnic and listen to free music by the Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Bring a picnic and listen to free music by the Peak Vineyard. Bring non-perishable donations for the Vergennes Community Food Shelf and receive 50% off admission. Food vendors include James Beard Award semifinalist A Taste of Abyssinia and Fairy Tale Farm’s sheep milk gelato.

Arthphian Music and Movement in Salisbury. Saturday, June 15, 3-5 p.m., Branbury State Park, 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd. Join New Music On The Point faculty and participants for their ecologically inspired contemporary music performance.

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“Lights! Camera! Auction!” in Middlebury. Saturday, June 15, 6 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. It’s a party with great food, drink, entertainment and enticing items in the live and silent auctions. There’s something for everyone and every pocketbook. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**SUNDAY**

Sunday Session with Bruce Costello in Middlebury. Sunday, June 16, 4-7 p.m., Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 317 Golf Course Rd. Unwind and groove to the sounds of local talent at Tavern on the Tee Patio. Music is free. Davidson performs 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Bluegrass Extravaganza 7-9 p.m. Blues night in Middlebury. Wednesday, June 19, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Davidson performs 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Bluegrass Extravaganza 7-9 p.m.

**MONDAY**

Green Mountain Club bike ride in Ferrisburgh. Monday, June 17. Ride from the Ferrisburgh town beach for an easy 18 miles with three modest hills in a relatively low traffic area with a possible post-ride snack or lunch at Kingsland Bay State Park. Helmets are mandatory. Lights, brightly colored clothing, water and snacks are required. Wind or rain cancels. Contact Alan Finn at alanfinn453@gmail.com or 802-349-2162 to register and for details. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**TUESDAY**

Backyard Composting Workshop in Middlebury. Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m., Isley Public Library, 75 Main St. Twiddling thumbs that you want to be green? Learn how easy it is to turn your household food waste into rich compost for your yard and garden for free. Sign up at AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

**WEDNESDAY**

Juneteenth in Ferrisburgh. Wednesday, June 19, Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. In celebration of Juneteenth, Rokeby will be open free to the public. The historic house will be open for self-guided tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are no public guided tours on this day.

Teddy Bear Picnic in Bristol. Wednesday, June 19, noon-1 p.m., town green. Bring your favorite bear and join us at the gazebo for stories, songs and fun. Rain location Holley Hall. More info and registration at bristolvt.myrec.com/info.

Summer reading kick off pizza and chess party in Lincoln. Wednesday, June 19, 3-5 p.m., Lincoln Library, River Rd. Help kick off the beginning of Lincoln Library’s “Pop-In People” summer program.

Tom Davidson and Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol. Wednesday, June 19, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Davidson performs 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Bluegrass Extravaganza 7-9 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

“Let’s Go To The Moon” paint night in Middlebury. Thursday, June 20, 6 p.m., Isley Public Library, 75 Main St. A community paint night is filled with fun and laughter. We have the supplies and you bring the fun. Space limited. Register at ilsleypubliclibrary.org/paint-night-lets-go-to-the-moon. The skill level for this program is adult, if you under 18 please bring your favorite adult along with you.

The Life of the Bristol Airport in Bristol. Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m., Howden Hall, 19 West St. Bristol Historical Society’s Reg Dearborn will speak on Bristol’s airport, which operated from 1934 to 1966. From carrying passengers and freight to training private pilots and more importantly, pilots for WWII. Free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information, contact Bristol Historical Society at 802-453-3526 or dear4@gmavt.net.

“Love/Sick” on stage in Vergennes. Thursday, June 20, 7-30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. A hilarious, tragicomic look at life, love and... miscommunication. Directed by Kevin Commins, Kristen Ginsburg, and Kush Sharma. “Love/Sick” is a collection of nine slightly twisted and completely
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FRIDAY

Remembrance for Suzanne Douglas in Middlebury. Friday June 21, 4-30-6 p.m. Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Gather in the museum garden to honor and celebrate the life of Suzanne Douglas. On display in the museum will be a large collection of Suzanne’s beautiful hooked rugs, donated to the Sheldon by Suzanne’s family and friends, for a silent auction fundraiser that will run until Aug. 31. For more information visit www.henrysheldonmuseum.org or call 802-388-2117.

Kevin Karekas in New Haven. Friday June 21, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy free live music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase.

Satellite Science performance in Middlebury. Friday, June 21, 7-7 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Come see what local youngsters can do under the tutelage of Clint Bierman. The Grift and a variety of successful Vermont musicians when they showcase what they’ve learned under the THT lights.

“Love/Sick” on stage in Vergennes. Friday, June 21, 7-30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See June 20 listing.

SATURDAY

HOPE for Tomorrow in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, June 22, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. This annual rowathon is an all-inclusive rowing and community event committed to raising awareness about teen suicide and an opportunity for us to come together in memory, hope, and support and row in this fun 2-mile course. No prior rowing experience is needed. Entry fee $25. More info and registration at cmm.org/event/hope-for-tomorrow-2024.

Town-wide yard sale in Bristol. Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., locations around town. Join the Bristol Recreation Department for the 10th year of this exciting event.

Military Road guided hike in Hubbardton. Saturday, June 22, 1-4 p.m., meet at the Hubbardton Battlefield visitor center, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. Jim Rowe, historian for the Crown Point Road Association, leads a vigorous guided hike on the Hubbardton section of the 1776-1777 military road to Mount Independence. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

“Isaac’s Eye” staged reading in Middlebury. Saturday, June 22, 3-4 p.m., Byers Studio, Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Lucas Hnath reimagines the contentious, plague-ravaged world Newton inhabited in “Isaac’s Eye,” exploring the dreams and longings that drove the rural farm boy to become one of the greatest thinkers in modern science. A MACO production. Tickets $15, available at townhalltheater.org.

“Love/Sick” on stage in Vergennes. Saturday, June 22, 7-30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See June 20 listing.

SUNDAY

Green Mountain Bicycle Club Weybridge ride in Shelburne/Vergennes/Weybridge. Sunday, June 23, 8:45 a.m., meet at Shelburne Village Shopping Center. A 64-mile (M) rolling hills from Shelburne through Vergennes and on to Weybridge. There are a number of food options in Vergennes for either the outgoing or return trip or both. More info contact leader Allan Kunigis at 802-324-9958 or akunigis@gmail.com or co-leader Matt Kuijnen at 802-881-9045 or mattkuij@gmail.com.

“Love/Sick” on stage in Vergennes. Sunday, June 23, 2 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See June 20 listing.

WEDNESDAY

Origami with Gail Martin in Lincoln. Wednesday, June 26, 3-5 p.m., Lincoln Library, Rover Rd. Gail Martin will be on hand as part of the library’s “Pop-In People” summer program. Presentation with books and snacks for all around fun, literacy and activity.

ADDISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Calling all green thumbs!

Get ready to showcase your gardening prowess in this year’s Garden Game.

Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or a budding enthusiast, submit your prized produce for a chance to win big! From colossal pumpkins to luscious tomatoes, let your garden treasures shine and claim the title of the biggest and the best.

Here are this year’s categories:

- Asparagus (length x circumference)
- Beet (circumference)
- Broccoli (diameter)
- Cabbage (circumference)
- Cantaloupe (circumference)
- Carrot (length x circumference)
- Cauliflower (diameter)
- Corn (length x circumference)
- Cucumber (length x circumference)
- Edible Leafy Greens (length x width - leaf only)
- Eggplant (circumference x circumference)
- Fennel (length x circumference)
- Green Bean (length)
- Kohlrabi (circumference)
- Leek (length x circumference)
- Melon (circumference)
- Onion (circumference)
- Parsnip (circumference)
- Pepper (circumference x circumference)
- Potato (length x circumference)
- Pumpkin (circumference x circumference)
- Radish (circumference)
- Rhubarb (length)
- Rutabaga (circumference)
- Summer Squash (length x circumference)
- Sunflower (diameter)
- Tomato (circumference)
- Turnip (circumference)
- Winter Squash (length x circumference)
- Zucchini (length x circumference)

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Jim Shaw and Albany Sound in Bristol.
Wednesday, June 26, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Shaw 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Albany Sound (Michael Chorney, Lowell Thompson, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Frederick)(7-9 p.m.

Town Band on the Green in Bristol.
Wednesday, June 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and enjoy this 150-year tradition.

Green Mountain Club hike in Middlebury.
Friday, June 28, Belden Falls Loop. Moderate 2.5-mile hike with minimal climb, partly along Otter Creek Gorge. Contact leader David Andrews at 802-388-4894 or vtridge@yaho.com for meeting time and other details. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Brett Hughes in New Haven.
Friday, June 28, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Enjoy free live music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase as well as food by Crooked Ladder Catering.

Point CounterPoint faculty concert in Salisbury.
Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Each faculty concert differs in repertoire, instrumentation, and faculty performers. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

Abenaki Heritage Weekend in Ferrisburgh.
Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Join Vermont’s Native American community for Abenaki Heritage Weekend and Arts Marketplace on June 29-30 at LCMMA to explore Abenaki perspectives on life in the Champlain Valley. Storytelling, craft demonstrations, drumming, singing, and more. Bring a picnic basket for your lunch.

Brown bag lunch history talk in Orwell.
Saturday, June 29, 12-1 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, Me. Independence Rd. Discussions about the Revolutionary War and Mount Independence. Different topics each month, call 802-948-2000 for details. Bring your picnic lunch and perhaps a lawn chair to Mount Independence on these Saturdays, hear from knowledgeable Coalition members and invited experts, and join in on the discussion. Outside if the weather permits. Cost included with admission: Adults $12/children 6-14 $4/children under 6 free/family pass $30.

Green Mountain Club hike in Starksboro.
Sunday, June 30, Mt. Ellen. Hike the Jerusalem Trail

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River Watch Volunteers collect water samples in the upper New Haven River this past August to monitor E. coli concentrations, as well as phosphorus and nitrogen.
TUESDAY, AUG. 6

Morning
8:30 English 4-H and Open Youth Jr. & Sr. Horse Show (hurdle area)
9:00 Dairy Show - Holsteins, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns (animal show area)
9:30 Ox Pulling (Butterfield Arena)
10-12:00 Children’s Activities (children’s barnyard area) – FREE
10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
11:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

Afternoon
12:00-6:00 Cas No Northern Clovers (Front of the FFA Food Booth)
12:00 Midway Opens (approximately) – all-day ride bracelets
12:00 Pinata Man (show tent)
12:30 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
1:00 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
1:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
4:00 Sheep Herding Demo (field in Horse Area)
5:30 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
6:00 The Silver Circus Show (Entertainment Show Area)
6:00 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
7:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

Morning
8:30 English 4-H and Open Youth Jr. & Sr. Horse Show (hurdle area)
9:00 Dairy Show - Holsteins, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns (animal show area)
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7:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

Morning
8:30 English 4-H and Open Youth Jr. & Sr. Horse Show (hurdle area)
9:00 Dairy Show - Holsteins, Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns (animal show area)
9:30 Ox Pulling (Butterfield Arena)
10-12:00 Children’s Activities (children’s barnyard area) – FREE
10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
11:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

Afternoon
12:00-6:00 Cas No Northern Clovers (Front of the FFA Food Booth)
12:00 Midway Opens (approximately) – all-day ride bracelets
12:00 Pinata Man (show tent)
12:30 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
1:00 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
1:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
1:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
4:00 Sheep Herding Demo (field in Horse Area)
5:30 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
6:00 The Silver Circus Show (Entertainment Show Area)
6:00 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
7:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

Morning
8:30 Exhibitors’ Breakfast (dining hall)
9:00 Open Dairy Show (sheep show tent)
9:30 Draft Horse Show (hurdle area)
10-12:00 Children’s Activities (children’s barnyard area) – FREE
10:30 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
11:00 Tom Joyce, The Magic Man (bandstand)

Afternoon
12:00-6:00 Cas No Northern Clovers (Front of the FFA Food Booth)
12:00 Pig Pulls (Youth activity area) – FREE
12:00 Midway Opens $25 all-day ride bracelets
12:00 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
12:30 Radio/Gary Showmanship (animal show area)
12:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
1:00 Tom Joyce, The MAGIC Man (bandstand)
1:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
2:00 Pinata Man (show tent)
2:00-5:00 Children’s Activities (children’s barnyard area) – FREE
2:00 Sheep Shearing/Handling Demonstration (sheep show tent)
2:30 Juggling Workshop w/Silver Circus (entertainment show area)
2:30 Tom Joyce, The MAGIC Man (bandstand)
3:00 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
3:00 Antique Equipment Demos (antique equipment area)
3:00 Pirate Man (show tent)
3:30 4-H Hands on Workshop (4-H exhibit building)
3:30 The Silver Circus Show (Entertainment Show Area)
4:30 Buffalo Barfield Unherd-Of-Entertainment (show tent)
5:00 Youth Beef Clipping & Grooming Demonstration (animal show area)
5:30 “Robinson’s Racing Pigs” (dairy area)
6:00 The Silver Circus Show (entertainment show area)
7:00 Karaoke Talent Night w/DJ Amanda Rock (sign up at 6:30) (show tent)
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7:30 Third Shift Band (bandstand)
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**Calendar**

**Monday, July 3**

**WEDNESDAY**

LEGO marble mazes in Shoreham. Wednesday, July 3, 2 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Use our collection of LEGO's to create a maze for a marble. For ages 5 and up.

Stars and Stripes: A craft for the parade in Lincoln. Wednesday, July 3, 3-5 p.m. Lincoln Library, River Rd. Create something stars-and-stripes for Bristol's Fourth of July Parade. Supported with books and snacks for all-around fun, literacy and activity.

Twangtown Paramours and Scarlett Annie in Bristol. Wednesday, July 3, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman's barn. Music is free. Twangtown Paramours perform from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Scarlett Annie 7-9 p.m.

The Local Talent in Brandon. Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m., Behind the Brandon Inn. This summer’s Music by the Riverbend commences with all country with a hint of rock’n’roll. Bring a chair or a blanket for listenin’ or nappin’ and your fingers and toes for snappin’ & tappin’.

Independence Eve party and fireworks in Bristol. Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m., Bristol Recreation fields, Airport Rd. Music by the 40th Army Band and DJ Jam Man. Food and craft vendors, games, raffle tickets winding up with fireworks at dusk.

Fireworks in Vergennes. Wednesday, July 3, around dusk. Vergennes Union High School grounds. The American Legion Post 14 and Fraternal Order of Eagles of Addison County invite you to see their public fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day. Don’t forget chairs, blankets and bug spray. Parking is available in the high school lot. Please be respectful to property and pedestrian traffic.

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**Monday, July 1**

**Green Mountain Club hike in Lincoln.** Monday, July 1, Mt. Abraham. Hike the Battell Trail up to the Long Trail and Mt. Abe. Moderate hike of 3.5 miles round trip with about 2,500 feet of elevation gain. Contact Morris Earle for details at 802-734-0984 or morrisearle@gmail.com. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Choose the Story Adventure writing club in Shoreham. Monday, July 1, 4-6 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Calling all writers ages 9 and up. Create a book to keep and to add to the Platt Library collection. No previous experience required. Write a little or a lot.

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**Monday, June 26**

**THE WINNING LAROSE Survey team members sense their impending victory as they approach the finish line in the championship heat of the July 4, 2023, Great Bristol Outhouse Race.**

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**Thursday, July 4**

Fourth of July celebration in Bristol. Thursday, July 4, begins at 7:45 a.m. Downtown Bristol. Bristol's yearly road race, outhouse races, parade and festival on the green always make for a fun 4th.

Green Mountain Bicycle Club holiday ride special in Salisbury. Thursday, July 4, 1 p.m., meet at 3-Mile Bridge Rd. More info contact leader John Bertelsen at 802-864-0101 or jo.bertel@gmail.com, or co-leader Karla Ferrelli at 802-864-0101 or karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

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**Sunday, June 30**

**FRIDAY**


Reading Frederick Douglass in Ferrisburgh. Friday, July 5, 1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Join the museum for its annual reading of “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” by Frederick Douglass. The public is invited to read the pre-divided sections of the speech. Free.

Kevin Karekas in New Haven. Friday, July 5, 3-5 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Celebrate the Fourth with Lincoln Peak. Kevin Karekas and food from Dino Bones BBQ.

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**Saturday, July 6**

**SUNDAY**

Green Mountain Club hike in Lincoln. Saturday, July 6, Cooleny at 802-864-0101 or jo.bertel@gmail.com.

Battle of Hubbardton Revolutionary War encampment in Hubbardton. Saturday, July 6, Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, 5696 Monument Hill Rd. A living history weekend encampment honors the 247th anniversary of the July 7, 1777, Revolutionary War battle fought here. Scires of reenactors portray the American, British, and German soldiers. Tactical military and other special demonstrations, camp life activities, guided tours, and talks. Opportunities for all ages. Entry fee $8 adults, $1 children ages 6-14, under 6 free. More info at 802-273-2282.

Peasant Market in Middlebury. Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on the green. Fabulous deals on jewelry, toys, sporting goods, garden accessories, plants, household goods, linens, antiques, etc.
and collectibles. Also fresh-squeezed lemonade, homemade baked goods and our wonderful fruit pies.

Ice Rescue in Shoreham. Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Dress to get wet! For all ages.

**TUESDAY**

**July 9**

**Jon Gailmor in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 9, 9 a.m.-noon, on the green. Gailmor’s music for humans prenatal through prehistoric, spanning the entire emotional spectrum. Humor and audience involvement are integral parts of every live performance. Free. A Festival on the Green performance. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**July 9**

**Pizza by the Pond fundraiser in Goshen.** Tuesday, July 9, 3-8 p.m., Goshen Road. Join Brandon Free Public Library around the pond for live music and wood-fired pizza. Open to the public, all ages. This includes all-you-can-eat wood-fired pizza buffet, lemonade and iced tea. Bring a picnic blanket/chairs. Limited seating available. Tickets must be purchased in advance. All proceeds will benefit the Library Renovation. More info and a full schedule at basinbluegrassfestival.com.

**Bread & Bones in Middlebury.** Tuesday, July 9, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. A harmony driven acoustic trio that plays original music with a strong traditional-roots foundation. A Festival on the Green performance. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**WEDNESDAY**

**July 10**

**No Strings Marionettes in Middlebury.** Wednesday, July 10, noon-1 p.m., on the green. Puppeteers Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson’s traveling stage transforms any space into an intimate theater, where the seamless blend of movement, music and masterful manipulation captivates young and old alike. Free. A Festival on the Green brown bag performance. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**Magic Paper Flashlight Pictures in Goshen.** Wednesday, July 10, noon-1 p.m., on the green. Create a picture that comes to life with Magic Paper flashlight pictures. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**Magic Paper Flashlight Pictures in Orwell.** Wednesday, July 10, noon-1 p.m., on the green. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**Thursday, July 11**

**Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon.** Thursday, July 11, Basin Rd. Four days of great music with bands like Canaan’s Land, Serene Green, Bloodroot Gap, The Seth Sawyer Band and Remington Ryde. More info and a full schedule at basinbluegrassfestival.com.

**Playtime at the Platt in Shoreham.** Thursday, July 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Join us for a low-key playtime at the Platt before our regular open hours. We’ll have books, toys, and fun. Ages 0-3 and their adults.

**Stephen Gratto in Middlebury.** Thursday, July 11, noon-1 p.m., on the green. A school superintendent by day, Stephen Gratto moonlights as a physical comedian and circus performer. His performances are fast-paced and include exciting displays of many classic vaudeville and circus skills including juggling, unicycling, rope walking, object balancing and many other feats of daring, bravery, and side-splitting foolishness. Free. A Festival on the Green brown bag performance. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

**Incredible Invertebrates in Orwell.** Thursday, July 11, 4 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Come learn about insect pollinators and pollination and let’s find them together on flowers.

**Jack Neary’s “First Night” in Vergennes.** Thursday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Danny Fleming’s video store gets its only New Year’s Eve customer a few minutes before closing. To his shock, he recognizes Meredith O’Connor, his high school crush. To his even bigger shock, he learns that she became a nun after high school. Only now, 20 years later, she’s left the order and is wondering if she can find the love and romance that she mistakenly gave up. More info at middleburycommunityplayers.org.

**Matt LaRocca & Friends in Middlebury.**
Thursday, July 11, 7-8:15 p.m., on the green. Matt LaFocca performs on both guitar and viola and currently is a member of Freeway Clyde, an 8-piece electric improvisation experience. Matt has worked as an arranger for Guster, Kat Wright, Francesca Blanchard, William Lee Ellis and many others. Free. A Festival on the Green performance. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.


**FRIDAY**

Green Mountain Club hike in East Middlebury. Friday, July 12, Frost Mountain. Moderate hike of 5.4 miles round trip up National Forest Rd. 234, on the west side of Frost Mt. with nice views of the Adirondacks. Meet at the parking lot in East Middlebury on the uphill side of Sand Hill Bridge, on Route 125 over the gorge. There is an option to end our outing with popping into the Waybury Inn for a beverage and snack. Contact Anne Christie at 802-388-4347 (home) or 802-989-9771 (cell) for more information and to sign up. More at gmcbreafloaf.org.

**july 12**

**SITRUDAY**


Ride to fight suicide in New Haven. Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m., Addison County Home Health & Hospice, 254 Ethan Allen Hwy. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Kick stands up at 10 a.m. Start and end at Addison County Home Health & Hospice. All proceeds benefit the Rutland Area Out of Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide. $30 bike/$10 passenger. More info and registration at AFSPVT-RideToFight@gmail.com.

Jack Neary’s “First Night” in Vergennes. Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See July 11 listing.

Jack Neary’s “First Night” in Vergennes. Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. See July 11 listing.

Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Middlebury. Friday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Constance Holden Memorial Concert. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.


July 13, 1 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Join us for a classic PG-rated fantasy adventure movie at the library. Air conditioning and popcorn provided. “The History of Tenryumura” on screen in Middlebury. Saturday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Dana Auditorium, College St. A documentary on the World War II history of a small village in the mountains of Nagano Prefecture, Japan, and how one community reckons with a significant, tragic and painful segment of its past. Q&A and reception to follow with village leaders, the documentarians, and student translators. Free. Japanese with subtitles. Street Dance with Vermont Jazz Ensemble in Middlebury. Saturday, July 13, 7-9:45 p.m., Main St. Vermont’s premier big band, swingin’ for over 47 years! Bringing the swing music of Sinatra, Basie and more to the streets of Middlebury to dance, dance, dance! Free. The final Festival on the Green event for 2024. More info at festivalonthegreen.org.

Bach Bash in Granville. Saturday, July 13, 7 p.m., Granville Town Hall, 4157 Route 100. Rochester Chamber Music Society hosts its 26th Annual Bach festival. Professional and amateur musicians celebrate the music of Bach and others with an afternoon read through of music with a guest conductor, followed by informal concert at 7 p.m. Admission by donation. No tickets required. More info at rcmsvt.org or 802-767-9234.

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Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. Sunday, July 14, Basin Rd. See July 11 listing.

Food and Farm Fest in Orwell. Sunday, July 14, noon-4 p.m., on the green. A farmers’ market designed to boost food system resiliency and celebrate Addison and Rutland County growers, producers and makers. More info at orwellfreelibrary.org/foodandfarmfest.

Jack Neary’s “First Night” in Vergennes. Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See July 11 listing.

MONDAY


TUESDAY

Read to Doss in Orwell. Tuesday, July 16, 4 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Read to Doss the therapy dog. Great for early and reluctant readers — or those that are looking for a furry friend to pet.

Bridport Together meeting in Bridport. Tuesday July 16, 6:30-9 p.m., location TBD. Community members will join new volunteer task force teams and define next steps, develop concrete plans, and build a list of technical and financial resources to move their community-determined priorities forward. Childcare, pizza, dessert, and drinks will be provided. Find out more at bit.ly/BridportTogether.

WEDNESDAY

Fairy Houses with Lisa Palmer in Lincoln. Wednesday, July 17, 3-5 p.m., Lincoln Library, River Rd. A “Pop in People” offering.

Nate Gusakov (solo) and Remember Baker in Bristol. Wednesday, July 17, 5-9 p.m. The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Gusakov 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Remember Baker 7-9 p.m.

Evening movie in Shoreham. Wednesday, July 17, 6 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. An epic fantasy adventure movie at the library. Air conditioning and popcorn provided.

Blues Night in Middlebury. Wednesday, July 17, 6 p.m., Ralph Myhre Golf Course, 517 Gold Course Rd.

Bloodroot Gap in Brandon. Wednesday, July 17, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Locally sourced free range bluegrass. Part of Brandon’s Music On The Riverbend summer series.

Game night in the park in Bristol. Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Bristol will hold a game night during the Bristol Town Band performance. Lawn games for all ages begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by free brownie sundaes at 7:30 p.m.

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By LAURA HARDIE, New England Dairy

During the summer, there are hundreds of ice cream stands to visit and flavors to try throughout New England. For those of us from Vermont, the quest to find the perfect maple creemee is a lifelong mission, even an obsession. If you live in Vermont and don’t express your love of creemees, you may risk being publicly shamed. OK, maybe not, but Vermonters take creemees very seriously.

So what is the creemee craze all about? Here’s the scoop. What is the difference between ice cream and a creemee? Outside of Vermont, a creemee is synonymous with soft-serve ice cream. Soft-serve and the creemee, with its uniquely curious name, gets its consistency because it has more air forced into it when it’s frozen than regular ice cream does. It also has less milk-fat (3% to 6%) than ice cream (10% to 18%), and is produced and stored at a warmer temperature compared to ice cream (about 20 degrees warmer).

What’s in a creemee? To a purist, the perfect creemee is made with only a few fresh local ingredients, starting with local milk. More than half of the milk made in New England comes from Vermont, so creemees are considered a local food. More reason to indulge!

Where did the name creemee come from? This seems to be an ongoing debate. Some people think that it comes from its creamy texture. Another theory is that because Vermont is so close to Quebec, Vermonters borrowed the Québécois term for ice cream — crème glacée.

No matter what you call it or where you get it, don’t miss out on this delicious way to support a local dairy farmer. Below are just a few of the local creemee options.

Editor’s note: New England Dairy was formerly the New England Dairy & Food Council.
COWS GRAZE IN a landscape that is overflowing with the color green during the middle of summer 2023. 

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Calendar

daily teachings, workshops, circle of women’s and girl’s moon-time teachings from an Abenaki perspective, art and music activities for children. Camping and food available for purchase. Abundant volunteer opportunities. This is a drug and alcohol-free event. All are welcome. Come in-person or on zoom. More info and registration at sunray.org/eldersgathering.

Green Mountain Club hike in Keene, N.Y. Friday, July 26, Knob Lock Mtn. Knob Lock Mt. sits across the valley from Hurricane Mt. and is an excellent introduction to hiking on unmarked trails. This is a moderate hike of about 3 miles round trip and 1,500 feet of elevation gain. For more information contact Barry Francis at barryfrancis@gmavt.net. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

Brett Hughes in New Haven. Friday, July 26, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase, as well as food from So Full Sisters.

Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Salisbury. Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY

40th Annual Native American Elders and Youth Gathering in Lincoln. Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m., Clemmons Farm, 2213-2212 Greenbush Rd. Otter Creek Music Festival welcomes Boston-based Castle of our Skins for “At Home,” a program paying homage to the Clemmons Family Farm’s birth during the civil rights era, the people and land that have shaped it, and the family’s determination to preserve its legacy well into the future. More info and tickets at ottercreekmusicfestival.com.


L. C. Jazz Band in Brandon. Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. This 17-piece Big Swing Band returns for a night of great music, singing and dancing for a fund raiser for the L.C. Jazz Scholarship program, and the FOTH Restoration fund. More info at brandontownhall.com.

Castle of our Skins in Charlotte. Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m., Clemmons Family Farm, 2213-2212 Greenbush Rd. Otter Creek Music Festival welcomes Boston-based Castle of our Skins for “At Home,” a program paying homage to the Clemmons Family Farm’s birth during the civil rights era, the people and land that have shaped it, and the family’s determination to preserve its legacy well into the future. More info and tickets at ottercreekmusicfestival.com.

SUNDAY


Blast from the Past: Historic Clock and Watches Afternoon in Addison. Sunday, July 28, noon-4 p.m., Chimney Point State Historic Site, 31 Route 17. Green Mountain Timekeepers Society members are in residence on the Chimney Point porch to keep time and talk with you about the history of your clocks and watches and how they can be repaired. Bring your old clocks and watches or photographs and learn more about your timepieces. Clock repair demonstrations throughout the afternoon.

Michael Arnowitt in Middlebury. Sunday, July 28, 3 p.m., Middlebury Community Music Center, 6 Main St. Pianist Michael Arnowitt makes his OCMF debut in the perfectly intimate Middlebury Community Music Center performing works by Chopin, Ravel and Bartok. More info and tickets at ottercreekmusicfestival.com.

MONDAY

Family Escape Room in Shoreham. Monday, July 29, 5:30 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 27 Main St. Find the clues, solve the puzzles, unlock the locks to get into the box and escape the challenge set before you. Non-readers should bring an adult with them for this escape room challenge. For all ages. Read to Doss in Orwell. Tuesday, July 30, 4 p.m., Orwell Free Library, 473 Main St. Read to Doss the therapy dog. Great for early and reluctant readers — or those that are looking for a furry friend to pet.

WEDNESDAY

Spooky Story Adventure in Shoreham. Wednesday, July 31, 2 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Spooky stories, spooky craft! Get your ghost on. For all ages.

Jim Shaw and Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol. Wednesday, July 31, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. Shaw 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Bluegrass Extravaganza 7-9 p.m.

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**THURSDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**ADDISON COUNTY FAIR AND FIELD DAYS IN NEW HAVEN**

**Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m.**

**Field Days Rd.**

**Nate Gusakov Band in Bristol**

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“Love of the Land” on screen in Middlebury.

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m., Marquis Theater, 65 Main St. Come to a local screening of this short animated film based on the true and tragic story of Vermont farmer Romaine Tenney. It focuses on the last year of his life, in 1964 Vermont. After the eight-minute short film screens, the filmmaker will give a presentation on the behind-the-scenes process of making the film and answer audience questions. Tickets $7 in advance or $10 at the door. More info at loveofthelandfilm.com/middlebury.

**ADDISON COUNTY FAIR AND FIELD DAYS IN NEW HAVEN**

**Wednesday, Aug. 7, Field Days Rd.**

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July 31, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Jazzy swinging funk for Brandon’s Music On The Riverbend free summer concert series.

**TOWN BAND ON THE GREEN IN BRISTOL**

Wednesday, July 31, 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and enjoy this 150-year tradition.

**ADDISON COUNTY FAIR AND FIELD DAYS IN NEW HAVEN**

**Tuesday, Aug. 6, Field Days Rd.**

The county’s annual fair kicks off its 2024 run. Fun and entertainment for all.

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**WEDNESDAY**

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**Wednesday, Aug. 7, Field Days Rd.**

**Kevin Karekas in New Haven**

Friday, Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase, as well as food from Crooked Ladle.

**Michele Fay Band in Salisbury**

Friday, Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Michele Fay and her band return to Salisbury to present traditional and original folk favorites as part of the Otter Creek Music Festival. More info and tickets at ottercreekmusicfestival.com.

**SUNDAY**

**Hike into History in Orwell**

Sunday, Aug. 4, 1-4 p.m., Mount Independence State Historic Site, Mt. Independence Rd. On this guided tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Mount Independence Coalition President Stephen Zeoli is your guide. He will tell you about some events leading up to the Revolution, as you look at traces reflecting the importance of Mount Independence in 1776 and 1777. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Cost included with museum admission.

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**FRIDAY**

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**Friday, Aug. 9, Field Days Rd.**

**Brett Hughes in New Haven**

Friday, Aug. 9, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase.

**SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Saturday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

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**MONTHLY WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY**

Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 a.m., Meet at Otter view Park, corner of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Join Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust to survey birds and wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. More info at 802-388-6019.

**ELECTROSTATIC CATS IN BRANDON**

Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, 31 Center St. Picnic in the park to live music. “Grandma’s Trunk” Vintage Fashion Festival in Middlebury.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Henry Sheldon Museum, 1 Park St. Beat the summer doldrums and join experts in a variety of Victorian clothing and fashion accessories in the Sheldon gardens. Bring your vintage hats, dresses, shoes, and other items to learn about. Fashion historians, accessory makers, mending artists, and more will be available to answer your questions. The event will also include fun activities for children. More info at kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

**SUNDAY**

**Green Mountain Club hike in Killington.**

Thursday, Aug. 8, Gifford Woods to Deer Leap. Visit one of just a few old growth forests in Vermont with stately, 350-year-old yellow birch and sugar maple trees. We will climb up to Deer Leap Mt. via the Appalachian Trail from Gifford Woods. Round-trip hike of about 5 miles with 1,400 feet of elevation gain. A short spur gives views of Killington and Pico, and from Deer Leap, a dramatic view of Pico and the Adirondacks to the west. Contact Ken Corey at 802-349-3733 or kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

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**Brett Hughes in New Haven**

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**SERIE GROCHTELLE CARILLONNIER in Middlebury.**

Friday, Aug. 9, 6-7 p.m., on the Middlebury Chapel lawn. Gratchev performs as part of Middlebury College’s Summer Carillon Series. Free and open to the public.

**Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Salisbury.**

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**A MERRY-GO-ROUND, the rest of the midway and other attractions spread out below a fairgoer taking a turn on the Ferris wheel at the 2023 Addison County Fair and Field Days.**

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Foodaroo in Middlebury.

Pie and Ice Cream Social in Ferrisburgh.

“Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse” on screen in Brandon. Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. This sweeping drama of a divided family with members caught up on opposite sides during World War I was the breakthrough film for Rudolph Valentino, introducing the sultry tango and launching him to stardom. Live musical accompaniment. Free.

**SUNDAY**

Food and Farm Fest in Orwell. Sunday, Aug. 11, noon-4 p.m., on the green. A farmers’ market designed to boost food system resiliency and celebrate Addison and Rutland County growers, producers and makers. More info at orwellfreelibrary.org/foodandfarmfest.

Pie and Ice Cream Social in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, Aug. 11, 1-4 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. We love Pie! Join Rokeby to celebrate summer and community with this annual event. Free.

Foodaroo in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 11, 4-8 p.m., Marble Works. Foodaroo unites the state’s most talented culinary artisans and beverage makers, with an emphasis on Addison County and Chittenden County vendors and farms. From food trucks to brick-and-mortar operations, this outdoor event showcases creative, locally-sourced cuisine. Attendees taste their way out of Vermont’s most talented culinary artisans and farms. More info and tickets at middleburycommunityplayers.org/shows.

Seeking Freedom Gallery Talk – “Addressing Difficult Conversations” in Ferrisburgh. Thursday, Aug. 15, 12:30-1 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Join Rokeby Museum’s Executive Director and Co-curator of Seeking Freedom Lindsay Varner for a tour of the exhibition and a discussion on how the curators approached presenting difficult histories and stories in it. Members free, $5 non-members or free with price of admission.

**THURSDAY**

“Steel Magnolias” on stage in Vergennes. Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. Middlebury Community Players presents Robert Harling’s affectionate look at six formidable women who meet at Truvy Jones’ beauty salon, the social center of Chinquapin, Louisiana, and face whatever destiny brings them together, united with humor and courage. More info and tickets at middleburycommunityplayers.org/shows.

**WEDNESDAY**

Green Mountain Club hike in the Adirondacks. Wednesday, Aug. 14, “Adirondack Surprise.” This moderate hike will be decided based on weather. Anywhere from 5-10 miles. Maybe a high peak, medium peak or some CATS trails. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, 908-595-2926. More at gcmbreadloaf.org.

Bluegrass Extravaganza in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5-9 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 N. 116 Rd. Hear live music in The Tillerman’s barn. Music is free. A warm-up band 5-6:30 p.m., followed by Bluegrass Extravaganza 7-9 p.m.

Tom Caswell Blues Band in Brandon. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn. Straight up blues for your Wednesday evening from Brandon’s free Music On The Riverbend series.

Town Band on the Green in Bristol. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and enjoy this 150-year tradition.

**FRIDAY**

George Matthew Jr. Carrillonneur in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 16, 3-4 p.m., Middlebury Chapel lawn. Matthew performs as part of Middlebury College’s Summer Carillon Series. Free and open to the public.

Java Sparrow in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 16, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard Pond. Wine available for purchase.

“Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead” in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 16, 7-9 p.m., Town Hall Theater, 68 S. Pleasant St. Join THT’s Young Company when they perform in a Tony Award-winning absurdist comedy featuring a fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet’s hapless childhood friends. It includes a Shakespearean adventure but the dialogue is contemporary. More info at townhalltheater.org.

**SATURDAY**

MACo New Play Festival “Watershed” in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 17, 1 p.m., ART Black Box Theater, Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave. Middlebury Acting Company’s annual festival returns, showcasing this work by Susan Palmer. More info and details to come at middleburyactors.org/2024-new-play-festival.

Bennington Battle Day. Saturday, Aug. 16. Free admission to all Vermont State Historic Sites, including Mount Independence in Orwell, Chimney Point in Addison, and Hubbardton Battlefield in Hubbardton.


Pocock Rocks music festival and street fair in Bristol. Saturday, Aug. 17, 3-8 p.m., downtown. Live musical performances from six well-known and loved regional bands, and host over 30 vendors from microbrews, wine, hard ciders and spirits, to specialty foods, gifts and crafts. There I�
**SUNDAY**

"Art of the Pig" silent auction in Brandon. Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Join Brandon Artists Guild for a "pig-tastic" time at its 30th anniversary celebration, Bid on your favorite pig and help raise funds for art supplies for local schools. Bidding closes at 4 p.m.

Mushroom Exploration Walk with Meg Madden in Orwell. Sunday, Aug. 18, 1-3 p.m., Mount Independence Historic Site, Mt. Independence Rd. Mushroom expert Meg Madden leads a walk to look for and learn about mushrooms on Mount Independence. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Limited spaces; call 802-948-2000 well ahead of time to reserve your spot. Included in regular museum admission: Cost included with admission: Adults $12/children 6-14 $6/under 6 free. Family pass $30.

MAC New Play Festival in Middlebury. Sunday, Aug. 18, 1 and 4 p.m., ART Black Box Theater, Hannaford Career Center, 51 Charles Ave. Conor Casey's "The World Tree" will be performed at 1 p.m., followed by "Aristotle and Alexander" by Dana Yeaton at 4 p.m.

"Steel Magnolias" on stage in Vergennes. Saturday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St. See Aug. 15 listing.

**WEDNESDAY**

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury. Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit back and enjoy this 150-year tradition.

**THURSDAY**

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury. Thursday, Aug. 22, See Aug. 21 listing.

Point CounterPoint Faculty Concert in Salisbury. Thursday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Congregational Church, 853 Maple St. Admission is free, and goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

**FRIDAY**

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 23, See Aug. 21 listing.

Hogback Hollow in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase, as well as food from So Full Sisters.

George Matthew Jr. Carillonneur in Middlebury. Friday, Aug. 23, 6-7 p.m., Middlebury Chapel lawn. Matthew performs as part of Middlebury College's Summer Carillon Series. Free and open to the public.

**SATURDAY**

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival in Middlebury. Saturday, Aug. 24, See Aug. 21 listing.

Green Mountain Club hike in Fayston. Saturday, August 24, Clark Brook Trail. Plan for a full day adventure climbing the Clark Brook Trail, crossing the brook with or without bridges up to the Long Trail. Strenuous hike, 10 miles, visit Roosevelt and Wilson peaks, team permitting. Contact Ellen Cronan for more information, 908-202-3771. Admission is free, no tickets required. More info at rcsvt.org or 802-767-9234.

Middlebury College Community Chorus in Brandon. Saturday, Aug. 24, 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Returning after a 3-year hiatus due to COVID, the MCCO under the direction of Ronnie Romano returns to Brandon with a selection of the group's favorite songs.

**SUNDAY**


Brett Hughes in New Haven. Friday, Aug. 30, 5-7 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free music by the Vineyard pond. Wine available for purchase.

Among the Revolutionary War re-enactors at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell for the annual Soldiers Atop the Mountain encampment in 2023 were, bakers Susan Stragia, Erin Jarrett and Sharon Kohler showing the dishes (two apple pies and one mess of beets) they cooked on a campfire in dutch ovens.

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hot spots


e. Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area and Visitors Center, Route 17, Addison. Home to migrating waterfowl, walking paths, and boat launches. vtfishandwildlife.com/dead-creek-visitor-center.html.

f. Bixby Library, 258 Main St., Vergennes. Stained glass ceiling illuminates historic library and extensive collection of early arrowheads and other artifacts. bixbylibrary.org.

g. Lord’s Prayer Rock, Bristol. In 1891 Joseph C. Greene paid a carver to engrave the Lord’s Prayer on a huge rock sitting next to what is today Route 116, east of the village. It’s still an unusual roadside attraction.


i. Mount Abraham trail access, Long Trail, Lincoln. Strenuous hike to summit nets 360-degree panorama. greenmountainclub.org.

j. University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm, Morgan Horse Farm Road, Weybridge. Beautiful grounds featuring a leading breeding program for official state animal. Tours daily $; pre-register at uvm.edu/morgan.

k. Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History, 1 Park St., downtown Middlebury. Wednesday-Saturday, tour the Judd Harris House, ongoing exhibits and events. henrysheldonmuseum.org.


m. Vermont Folklife Center, 88 Main St., Middlebury. In-person visits by appointment; vermontfolklifecenter.org/contact-directions. Check out the website — vermontfolklifecenter.org — for online offerings.

n. Trail Around Middlebury. The “TAM” is an 18.8-mile foot path that encircles Middlebury and links several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties and other local landmarks. maltvt.org/tam.


q. Spirit in Nature Path, Goshen Road, Ripton. Immerse yourself in nature by walking any of the 11 different paths. spiritinnature.org.

r. DAR State Park & Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison. Overnight camping in tent sites at park plus historic DAR John Strong Mansion Museum at state park entrance. vtstateparks.com/dar.html. Nearby Chimney Point at the foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge is the site of Native American, early French, and Revolutionary War-era settlement. Historic tavern was an important meeting place. Ongoing exhibits and tours. historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point.

t. Fort Ticonderoga (take the ferry from Shoreham across Lake Champlain to New York or take the Crown Point Bridge). Preserved Revolutionary War fort with extensive interpretation, guides, re-enactors, gift shop and many events. fort-ticonderoga.org.


w. Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St., Brandon. Gallery shows work from a diverse group of more than 50 artists in various media. brandonartistsguild.org.
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