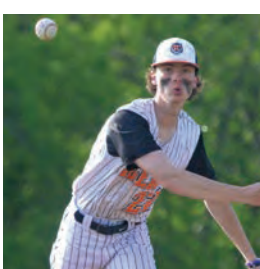




La Bohème

The heartbreaking story of a tribe of friends returns to Middlebury. Read a preview in Arts + Leisure.



Home stretch

High school teams gear up for the playoffs, including two local teams who met on Tuesday. See Page 1B.



Champs!

The MUHS Unified hoop team claimed a state title recently. Read about it on Page 11A.

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Ex-state rep continues her work at statehouse

Lanpher embraces new health care role

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — In her 16th year as a member of the Vermont Legislature, Diane Lanpher was serving in one of the most influential and high-profile spots in the Legislature: chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

“People asked me, ‘Didn’t you want to take a break?’ Yes. I wanted to take a year off. But the (health care) crisis isn’t going to wait around. You have to stay engaged.”

— Diane Lanpher

continues to roam the Statehouse, though now she’s a health care advocate, as opposed to a state budget builder.

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By the way

Alert: If you live in Middlebury, there’s still time to get your pup elevated to a fun leadership position. Homeward Bound, Addison County’s Humane Society, recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The Middlebury selectboard is helping bring recognition to Homeward Bound by allowing the organization to adopt a dog as a ceremonial “mayor” of the town for a one-year term. The nomination process ends May 30, so hurry. When nominations close, there’ll be a two-week campaign season, to culminate in a popular vote (online, from June 2-13, at \$5 per vote to benefit Homeward Bound) and “swearing in” of the dog mayor on June 16 at the Middlebury town offices.

The role of dog mayor is honorary but comes with clear expectations and qualifications. Among other things, the mayoral

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NEWLY MINTED MIDDLEBURY College grad Mia Politano was one of 580 students to receive diplomas at the college’s commencement ceremony this past Sunday. The Brandon resident was awarded her degree by her father, Paul Politano.

Independent photo/Steve James

College celebrates community

580 grads earn degrees, reminded they are not alone

By MARIN HOWELL

MIDDLEBURY — While the 580 students receiving diplomas at Middlebury College commencement this past Sunday each walked across the stage by themselves, graduates were reminded through the ceremony that they’re far from alone.

Their achievements both on and off campus

during the past four years have been supported by family and friends, coaches and professors. Speakers on Sunday highlighted those who’ve assisted graduates along the way and encouraged the young graduates to do the same for others as they head out into the world.

“Each of us has a story to tell; a story about how

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Learning from years of lived experience

MUHS students, retirees bridge gulf

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — EastView at Middlebury is a retirement community serving those whom my late grandparents would self-describe as “oldsters” or “cotton-tops” — folks who’ve earned their gray hair and furrows through years of hard work, joy, occasional anguish and a lot of lessons learned.

Many of those residents are happy to share those lessons; just pull up a chair.

You’ll bear witness, through their eyes, to what it was like to go through food rationing during World War II, to crawl under a school desk to train for a potential nuclear attack, to work three jobs to get through college, to march during the Civil Rights movement, to protest the Vietnam War, or to join a lawsuit in the fight for marriage equality.

Books, videos and digital references are great, but they’re a distant second to fellow humans

with lived experiences.

Tara Martin, a social studies educator at Middlebury Union High School, knows the value older folks can bring to learning. So when she and her colleagues began planning a 20th Century History course for last fall, they quickly realized there was a solid contingent of history witnesses — and indeed some history makers — just a couple miles from MUHS.

“I was thinking about how I was going to make the learning meaningful for my juniors and seniors who were about to embark on the next step if their careers,” Martin said during a recent interview.

“I had this spark of an idea, this ‘lightbulb’ moment”: What if I connected my students with people who lived (a large part) of their lives during the 20th century?” she asked.

Martin already had a connection to EastView through Lindsey Hescok. She’s EastView’s residential community life

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AN EASTVIEW RESIDENT and Middlebury Union High School student Jordan Wood share a hug at the conclusion of their history partnership.

Photo by Emily Blistein

to EastView through Lindsey Hescok. She’s EastView’s residential community life

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Starksboro bids teacher farewell after 37 years

By MARIN HOWELL

STARKSBORO — Jodi Lane’s teaching career began at Robinson Elementary School nearly four decades ago, just one day after the Vermont native received her diploma from the University of Northern Colorado.

It seems fitting then that the Starksboro elementary school is where Lane will spend her final days as a teacher this spring. After 37 years in the classroom — and at Robinson — Lane will retire from her post as a second-grade teacher next month.

“There’s really something special about Robinson, and it’s

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Bristol cop honored for empathy in a crisis call

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Local law enforcement officers routinely respond to calls dealing with community members experiencing mental health crises.

Bristol Police officer Francis Smith is being recognized for his response to one of those calls, in which he was asked by the Counseling Service of Addison County to check on someone in crisis who indicated they wanted to take their own life.

“Officer Smith spoke to the person in such a gentle and friendly way that the person, who had been

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Summer’s here!

MONDAY WAS BUSY with Memorial Day parades. Above, cousins Addie Sullivan, 3, (on left), Nora LaFlam, 3, Lily Sheehan, 4, and Weston LaFlam, 6, watch the Vergennes parade from a pickup truck. Left, tractors parade down Green Street in the Little City. Below, crowds lined both sides of Middlebury’s Main Street to enjoy The Catamount Pipe Band, among others. See more photos on Pages 12A and 15A.

Independent photos/Steve James



Lawmakers work to reconcile ed reform

By **SHAUN ROBINSON**
VTDigger.org

MONTPELIER — This year’s landmark education reform bill, H.454, has been passed by the Vermont House and Senate, and this week the two bodies are looking to reconcile difference between the two versions they each OK’d.

The Senate voted on Friday evening to approve its rendering of the bill. The decision came just before 6:30 p.m., after hours of discussion on the floor and days of debate in committee hearings and a number of other meetings behind the scenes this week in the Statehouse.

The Senate’s bill largely mirrors the version that the House passed last month, though with some changes that senators indicated may need to be worked out in a committee of conference in the coming days. The vote was not unanimous, but it was taken by voice, so individual senators’ votes weren’t on the record.

Rep. Peter Conlon, D-Cornwall, was hopeful that differences could be resolved. He is chair of the House Education Committee.

“I am glad the Senate, with Sen. Hardy’s leadership, moved much closer to the House position on education policy and governance,” he told the *Independent* early this week. “I am more confident that we can work out a good compromise.”

It wasn’t certain, even at the start of the day on Friday, whether Senate leadership had enough votes to get a bill over the line. At a tense meeting earlier last week of the Senate Democratic caucus, it became clear support had faltered for a now-defunct version of the bill that had passed out of the chamber’s education and tax-writing committees. Meanwhile, school district leaders from across the state had issued missives panning many of the Senate committees’ proposals. That led Senate President

Pro Tempore Phil Baruth, D/P-Chittenden Central, to scrap the chamber’s initial version of the bill on the floor this past Thursday morning. Plans were to take up an amendment to the House’s bill Thursday afternoon — and then, when that didn’t happen, Thursday night. But it wouldn’t be until late Friday afternoon that the slate of changes, spearheaded by Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury, made it onto the floor.

“I will say that we have given Vermonters, and our colleagues in the House, a bit of a show over the last couple of days,” Baruth said on the floor Friday after senators passed the bill. He then suggested people had “underestimated” the chamber, but the fact that senators came to a consensus shows people do so “at your peril.”

Senators were facing intense pressure from Republican Gov. Phil Scott to pass a bill before adjourning for the year. He had all but demanded it, warning that he would use his powers to call them back for a special session until they came to a consensus. This year’s Legislative session is already well into overtime compared to years past.

Both chambers of the Legislature, and the Scott administration, have broadly agreed the state should transition to a new “foundation” education funding formula and move toward consolidating school districts. But they have disagreed over the details and the timeline. A foundation formula, the most common type of education funding system across the country, provides districts a set amount of money per student in each district and how expensive those students are to teach.

The legislation senators approved Friday maintains much of the form of the House’s bill, including the overall timeframe for lawmakers’ proposed education transformation. Like the House bill, it lays out a four-year

transition, with both new school districts and a new foundation funding formula taking effect on July 1, 2029. The Senate-passed language would also, like the House version, empower a task force made up largely of experts and representatives of different public school constituencies to create three school district consolidation maps for legislators to consider next year.

Before the bill’s final approval, senators from two other parties had their say. Sen. Tanya Vyhovsky, P/D-Chittenden Central, proposed two changes to the bill that did not pass. Then, Senate Minority Leader Scott Beck, R-Caledonia, offered up two additional amendments — one he later withdrew, and the other of which was voted down.

Part of Beck’s goal, he said on the floor, was to address concerns of people who live in school districts that currently spend relatively less per student to fund their schools and that, under the bill’s proposed new funding formula, would see their taxes increase significantly — as much as 30% or more for some districts in one estimate.

Those districts would also, under the bill’s proposed formula, receive significantly more money than they currently spend per student. While voters would be able to choose to pay a higher tax rate to spend more on their schools, as the proposal is currently structured, they could not vote to lower their tax rate by spending less than the base amount set statewide.

Sen. Ann Cummings, D-Washington, who chairs the chamber’s Finance Committee, responded to Beck and similar comments from other GOP senators. She said that she shared their concerns, but that it was not possible to fully understand the proposal’s tax rate implications until new school district boundaries are drawn up and approved by the Legislature next year, the schedule proposed in the bill.

“We’re aware that there are going to be problems we need to solve. But we don’t need to solve them tonight in order for this process to go forward,” Cummings told her colleagues. “To do it now, is premature.”

Both chambers’ proposals set new average class size minimums, though the Senate’s proposal would have lower average (See Education, Page 3A)



Solemn duty

BRISTOL AMERICAN LEGION Post 19 Commander Ron LaRose, right, is joined by longtime Post 19 Adjutant Alan Smith Sr. as they slowly file to the veterans’ monument on the Bristol Town Green during Monday’s Memorial Day observance. LaRose placed a wreath at the monument to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The featured speaker at Monday’s ceremony was Vermont Air Guard Master Sgt. (and Addison County state Senator) Steve Heffernan of Bristol, who spoke of his service in Afghanistan and his thoughts about sacrifice — both on the warfront and the homefront.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Brandon man shot to death on Saturday

BRANDON — Vermont State Police are investigating what they’re terming a suspicious death of 46-year-old Brian Bailey at his home in Brandon on Saturday.

Police say it was an isolated incident and that there’s no known threat to the community.

No one is currently in custody. Detectives are asking anyone with information to call VSP’s Rutland Barracks at 802-773-9101, or provide an anonymous

tip online at vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit.

Bailey was found unresponsive shortly after 7 a.m. on May 24 at his home on Champearl Road and pronounced deceased by first responders. Troopers from the Vermont State Police were called and began an investigation. Based on evidence at the scene and following an examination of Bailey’s body at the Chief Medical Examiner’s, investigators

confirmed Bailey died of a gunshot wound, and that his death appears to be suspicious.

This investigation is active and ongoing and involves members of the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Search Team, Field Force Division, and Victim Services Unit. The Brandon Police Department and the Rutland County State’s Attorney’s Office are assisting.



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Buy your tickets near the side door of the church, proceed through the kitchen to get your shortcake, and exit through

the back door to enjoy your shortcake on the lawn by the Gazebo.

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Vending machine designed for public health

Turning Point Center installs dispenser at Court Street headquarters

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — The Turning Point Center (TPC) of Addison County on June 3 will launch a public health vending machine at its 79 Court St. headquarters in

Middlebury, and a second machine will be placed at 1 South St. in Bristol (outside the Bristol town offices) in the near future.

Both outdoor vending machines will be filled with what TPC

officials described as “life-saving items, including naloxone (Narcan), fentanyl test strips, personal hygiene products and wound care supplies.”

Free and available 24/7 “without stigma or barriers, access to the vending machines is vital for a safe and supported community,” reads a TPC press release about the machines.

Based in Middlebury, TPC is one of 12 peer recovery centers in Vermont that offer support for individuals and their families seeking recovery from substance use disorder and other addictions.

“The machines are made possible by public health partners, funders and community advocates that are rooted in inclusivity, innovation, dignity and care,” reads the release, which includes a quote from TPC Executive Director Danielle Wallace.

“Together, we are building a healthier, more resilient Addison County — one accessible resource at a time,” she said.

Turning Point will mark the arrival of the Middlebury machine with a special ceremony at 79 Court St. on Tuesday, June 3, at 10 a.m.

Wallace listed no specific date for placement of the Bristol vending machine.

The *Independent* last July reported on TPC’s successful application for a \$100,000 state grant to bankroll two machines. At the time, Wallace envisioned placing one machine in Middlebury and the other in Vergennes.

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist, which binds with opioid receptors in the human nervous system to rapidly reverse the effects of an overdose. It can be administered through injection but is most commonly delivered through a nasal spray known as Narcan.

Reporter John Flowers is at johnf@addisonindependent.com.



THE TURNING POINT Center of Addison County will officially launch this outdoor public health vending machine following a June 3 ceremony at the nonprofit’s headquarters at 79 Court St. in Middlebury. Among other things, the machine will offer free Narcan, used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Independent photo/John Flowers

Education

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numbers of students per class. For example, the House bill suggests minimums of 12 students for kindergarten and 15 students for grades one through four, while the Senate’s bill sets the standards at 10 students for kindergarten and 1st grade and 12 students for 2nd through 5th grade. The Senate bill would also give the state secretary of education greater discretion over the enforcement of the class size standards.

Senators also set a maximum size allowed for proposed new, consolidated school districts to 8,000 pre-k through 12th-grade students, compared to a 4,000 student minimum in the House version of the bill. The Senate bill also nixed a requirement for a uniform school calendar across the state.

Some parts of the bill senators passed Friday appear to be designed to appease Democratic senators who represent towns in school districts that currently pay tuition to send students to independent schools for some, or all, grades. Specifically, the bill added back certain measures first crafted in the Senate Education Committee,

which is chaired by Sen. Seth Bongartz, D-Bennington, who served for 19 years on the board of Burr and Burton Academy, a historic independent school in Manchester. He stepped off the board in 2020.

For one, the Senate version now requires the task force that will develop new school district boundaries to include at least one option that maintains the current supervisory union and supervisory district structure, which would support historic tuitioning arrangements with independent schools. It also broadens the group of independent schools that would be eligible to receive tuition under the new system.

In the House version, an eligible independent school would be one with a student body that was at least 51% public school students in 2024, while Hardy lowered the threshold to 40% in her initial proposal. The standard ultimately approved by the Senate allowed schools with 25% or more public school students in the 2023 school year to participate.

Kristen Fountain and John Flowers contributed reporting.



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Former USAID leader to head MALT

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Area Land Trust this week announced it has selected Kevin Fox as its new executive director.

Fox brings more than 25 years of proven leadership in conservation and sustainable development on a global scale. He currently serves as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer with USAID and has been directing a \$250 million climate and biodiversity portfolio across the Amazon rainforest and Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean from his post in Lima, Peru.

Fox will officially join MALT in early July. The *Independent* will feature a more complete report on Fox’s hiring — as well as his background and some of the tasks he’ll be taking for MALT — in the June 5 edition of the paper.



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Editorial

As Putin mocks Trump, a reason for active protest

Two weeks ago, after a two-hour phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Trump exclaimed that he'd had a wonderful chat with his good friend, Vladimir, and that he was confident Russia's war against Ukraine would be winding down soon. The bonus, Trump exclaimed, was that U.S. businessmen would get rich off Russia's natural resources and the trade between the two countries that would follow.

Putin claimed no such thing, then he bombed the bejesus out of several Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv, killing hundreds over the next several days. Trump, who claimed during the campaign he'd end the Russian-Ukraine war on Day 1 of his presidency, was reportedly mad with Putin, but primarily because the Russia president has been playing Trump like the fool he is.

To wit: Trump threatens sanctions, posts some REALLY TOUGH WORDS on social media and then scurries off to another golf date or commencement address with West Point cadets at which he boasts about "trophy wives" (seriously?), a \$45 million-\$60 million military parade on his 79th birthday, and cancelling all federal grant money to Harvard — all pet peeves or projects because that's who Trump is. Oh, and then back to the real business of threatening our closest allies in Europe with a 50% tariff and putting a halt to all foreign student visas — as if stopping the flow of the best and brightest students from around the world into our universities will somehow make America stronger.

If all this sounds too dumbfounding to believe, it isn't.

Rather, it is the U.S. as ruled by Trump. He talks about levying heavy sanctions on Russia (President Biden was far tougher), but then backs down and is easily diverted to other pass times. Meanwhile, one of the worst press secretaries in recent memories, Karoline Leavitt, does her infamous blame shifting onto the previous administration: "The Russia-Ukraine war is Joe Biden's fault," she says matter-of-factly, as if lying about who's responsible for Russia's invasion of Ukraine was adequate justification to excuse Trump's ineptitude and morally bankrupt foreign policy.

Sadly, this is only a snippet of the damage Trump does each week.

A REASON TO PROTEST

The most troubling aspect of Trump's chaotic way of ruling, according to *New York Times* columnist M. Gessen, is that it's easy to begin accepting each degradation of individual rights or common decency until one day you wake up to find you're living under a dictatorship rather than a democracy.

"The United States in the last four months has felt like an unrelenting series of shocks: executive orders gutting civil rights and constitutional protections; a man with a chain saw trying to gut the federal government; deliberately brutal deportations; people snatched off the streets and disappeared in unmarked cars; legal attacks on universities and law firms. "Unlike the Russian autocratic breakthrough, the transformation of American government and society hasn't been spread out over decades or even years. It's been everything everywhere all at once.

"And now that has become familiar. I've reported on many wars, and I've seen how they come to feel routine — to the people living through them, the people reporting on them, and the people reading about them. Wars have a limited repertoire: bombings, shellings, offensives, counteroffensives, body counts. After the initial shock, few people keep track of the shifting front line."

Gessen warns Americans against being resigned to each affront to our values and civil rights.

"We humans are stability-seeking creatures. Getting accustomed to what used to seem unthinkable can feel like an accomplishment. And when the unthinkable recedes just a little bit, it's easy to mistake it for proof that the dark times are ending."

Don't fall for it, he says.

"These comparatively small victories don't alter the direction of our transformation—they don't even slow it down measurably—even while they appeal to our deep need to normalize. They create the sense that there is more air to breathe and more room to act than there was yesterday. "And so, just when we most need to act—while there is indeed room for action and some momentum to the resistance—we tend to be lulled into complacency by the sense of relief on the one hand and boredom on the other."

Gessen's point is more spot on that most of us care to admit. It's easier to roll with Trump's punches than actively resist with each outrage.

It's all the more reason to protest, frequently and actively.

Locally, Indivisible Middlebury is one of several area groups holding regular protests. They are joined by two other Indivisible chapters in and near Addison County — Northeast Addison County Indivisible (NEACI), and Brandon Indivisible. Together they have about 1,000 members, and the groups are reportedly growing fast. They are part of the national pro-democracy Indivisible movement, and importantly, are non-partisan in the sense they are not against Republican or Democratic policies, but rather against the Trump administration's assault on our democracy. They protest Trump's actions that are an affront to America's individual rights and that violate the Constitution, along with dozens of other knowingly illegal actions taken by the Trump administration in a constant power grab that has often been rejected by the courts.

In a word, they protest Trump being "un-American" in the sense that he is violating the very rights that have kept the nation free from tyranny. It's that freedom, and Americans' belief in the rule of law, that deserves our constant attention and is worthy of consistent protest and rebellion. Fittingly, the three area Indivisible groups will host a No Kings Day protest on June 14, and will be sending out news releases and fliers to let area residents know how to join in.

Hopefully, members of the MAGA crowd will see through Trump's con—spread through Trump's constant lies and propaganda on Truth Social and other Trump-aligned media that has misinformed far too many would-be patriots—and join others in defending what has truly made America great — our adherence to and acceptance of laws of the land, not to a would-be Machiavellian who wants to govern as king.

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Zoomer!
LEIGHA FRANCIS, A dance major from Jamaica, seems to be singing out her excitement after collecting a degree at the Middlebury College commencement on Sunday. That would not be surprising, since the Davis Scholar describes herself as a singer, dancer, creative storyteller and content creator. She makes music under the name “Elle.”

Independent photo/Steve James

Going backwards has its benefits

Middlebury used to be a place where you could get things fixed instead of buying new. It was a time before nearly everything came from chains or big box stores or was delivered at the door.

My 1947 house has a wooden storm door with an insert to switch every spring and fall. The windows for winter have been glazed many times in the forty-six years I have lived here. I have even done the job myself. This year, though, I thought I would take the insert to our local Desabrais Glass shop to renew the glazing.

According to their website, “Desabrais Glass is a family-owned shop offering auto glass services, including windshield repairs and door glass replacements.” Since I don’t need to buy a new door or have one made from scratch, I love going to Desabrais. They listen carefully and discuss how it can be fixed. It’s like the old days in Middlebury.

I appreciate traditional life. I enjoyed watching things get fixed, replaced, or repaired in Mongolia. Jewelry. Felt for gers (yurts). Tire rubber for sandals. While they like modern, new, prepackaged, shiny things, they also know how to make them from something they have. Especially the nomadic herders in the taiga. Once a wrangler waiting with his horses for our return trip found an aluminum tea kettle with a hole in the bottom. It belonged to a nomadic reindeer herder in the settlement who used it for milk tea. Lkhagva smoothed the hole with his jackknife and twisted a screw into the

bottom. It held water. I have seen Mongolian herders carve a wooden tire and glue the tread of an old rubber one around the wood. I once saw a mother take the stitches out of a pillowcase and lift out the stuffing made of her daughter’s spring clothes so she could see if they still fit. To have everything you own carried by reindeer four times a year, you learn to make do.

When I moved to Vermont in the sixties, I lived a subsistence life in the Northeast Kingdom. We had no electricity. My Aunt Mimi gave me her Singer sewing machine. It had an electric motor, so I took it to an antique dealer to reinstall foot-power. He looked at me as if I were crazy, going backwards, but found a treadle sewing machine base and replaced the electric motor with a leather belt. Over the years, I have replaced the leather belt and have kept using the machine because I

like how slowly it can go.

At Desabrais Glass, people go in with their questions and pieces of their house or car needing repair. The Desabrais family, taught by their father and grandfather, look very carefully and find a creative solutions. While waiting with my insert, I hear Roger suggest building a little door into a screen so the customer can reach his birdfeeder. I can see the man’s face light up with the solution.

When he turns to me, Roger asks whether to leave
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Ways of Seeing

By Sas Carey

Words better on pages or screens?

On a recent day off, I was reading the excellent book on copyediting called “Dreyer’s English,” when the expert wordsmith mentions that a character can be quoted as having “susurrated.” (p119). I didn’t know what the word means (turns out it means something has a “whispering quality”), so, being of a certain age, I reached over to my Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary and flipped to the late S’s (pausing to find out what a “takin” is along the way (a large, heavily built ruminant of Tibet, if you’re curious). I found “susurration” noun, “susurrous” adjective, “susurrus” n., and “susurrant” adj., but no verb form — no “susurrate.”

At first I thought, “oh this dictionary is in error, it’s missing a perfectly good word.” Then I realized that even as thorough a compendium as this 1,562-page tome can’t hold all knowledge, and the editors (I wanted to say “authors” but then I realized how weird it would be to say that a dictionary has an “author” (unless you wish to say the author is the Lord God All Mighty, which is the topic for a longer and more digressive track) assumed that the reader would figure out on their own how to turn a noun, “susurration,” into a verb, “susurrate,” because if they dove this deeply into the English language, they would be able to make that leap without the help of this dictionary.

I wonder how many other words the compendium of knowledge elides over.

I could note here that I then typed “susurrate” into

Clippings

By John McCright

to reiterate or confirm than it is to do so on a small screen). And I chose to look up the word in the printed dictionary because I was curious how the experience would compare to doing so on the phone.

So which is better, reading in print or on screen? Does print engage our mind more, or at least differently? Does the screen open up a broader world over which our minds can wander (wonder)?

Before you completely knock yourself out cheering for the printed word on the page, I have one last data point for you, dear reader, to consider: I wrote the first draft of this column entirely on my phone. Yes, Me — of a certain age!

Letters to the Editor

Some leaders are preferable

I’m with people who hire veterans, not those who fire them.

I’m with builders and investors, not destroyers.

I’m with transgendered Americans, not those who demonize them.

I’m with the Constitution.

I’m with leaders who learn from our country’s troubled past, not those who ignore it.

I’m with Jackie Robinson and the leaders of Stonewall and climate scientists, not those who want to cancel them.

I’m for giving more power to the poor, not to the rich.

I’m with people who cherish the Earth.

I’m with leaders who are kind and respect everyone.

How about you?

Jonathan Isham
Cornwall

‘Decent folks,’ different ideas

In reference to the May 12 letter by Alec Lyall addressing “Decent folks.”

We are the kind of folks who are tired of seeing 14 million illegal imigrants getting better care then us.

We are the kind of folks who are tired of having D.E.I. and Transgender shoved down our throats.

We’re the kind of folks that are tired of having parental rights our children taken away from us.

We’re the kind of folks who are tired of seeing young boys and girls overdose from fentynal and transgender mental illness.

We are tired of seeing young women and mothers be kidnapped, beatin, raped and murdered by illegal imigrant criminals.

We are the kind of folks who don’t want to have our taxpayer dollars going to 8 million dollars of transgender mouse research.

We are fed up with the lies, corruption, fraud, cover-ups, abuse, agenda of the last 4 years.

We are tired of seeing our taxpayer dollars going to fighting a stupid, senseless war. It should have been stopped before it started ... Biden.

We are the kind of descent folks who are looking to a brighter future.

We are the kind of descent folks who are real, proud American patriots.

We are the kind of descent folks that wonder what’s wrong with you folks?

American Patriot
Terry Blair
East Middlebury

On wildlife, minority rules

It’s clear Vermonters want stronger protections for wildlife, so why do privileged, special-interest groups seem to have the governor’s ear? According to the study America’s Wildlife Values, Vermont State Report, the largest group of Vermonters — 34% — identify as “mutualists.” This means they believe wildlife is part of our social network, and we should live in harmony with it. The second-largest group, at 29%, are “pluralists,” whose values vary depending on the specific context. In third place, at 25%, are “traditionalists,” who hold a high domination orientation and believe wildlife should be used and managed for human benefit.

Certain recreational activities, like hunting bears, coyotes and other animals with hounds — known as “hounding” — are unpopular with many Vermonters, including hunters. Opposition to hounding ranges from concerns about landowner rights, particularly when hounds trespass onto private property, to what is undeniably animal cruelty — for both the hounds, who are often injured, and the wild animals. According to warden records, conflicts between hounders and the public occur every year, with some resulting in injuries to people and pets. You might be
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Lovett letter

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surprised to learn that, between the hound “training” season and the hunting season, some animals are terrorized by hounds for six months or longer. To me, that’s simply immoral.

Another recreational activity that many Vermonters find objectionable is trapping. A survey conducted by the University of Vermont’s Center for Rural Studies found that 75% of Vermonters who responded to the survey want to ban the use of leghold, drowning, and body-crushing kill traps. We commend the compassionate and courageous legislators who have introduced bills to ban or restrict trapping and hounding, but unfortunately, these bills rarely get very far due to the looming threat of a governor’s veto.

This past legislative session, there was a bill — H.132 — that

sought to prohibit hunters from using bait piles to hunt bobcats, coyotes and other animals. This practice is already banned for other species. Vermont witnesses who supported this bill included a woman whose dog was killed by a coyote hunter who mistook the dog for a coyote feeding off a bait pile. Another witness was a local deer hunter who argued that bait piles violate fair-chase ethics. Additional testimony highlighted the risk of disease transmission.

The main opposition came from paid lobbyists working for trappers and hounders. Their argument was that their perceived rights were being infringed upon and that banning bait piles was a “slippery slope.” They presented no sound arguments or science-based reasoning to support their position. Their knee-jerk reaction is to oppose anything that seeks to afford wildlife even the most

basic protections. Opposition also came from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, where the commissioner showed little compassion for the woman whose dog was shot and killed. I’m told that one of Fish & Wildlife’s staff members who testified against the bill hunts coyotes. Fish & Wildlife continues to operate as a lobbying arm for their license-paying “customers,” despite the fact that they’re statutorily required to work for all Vermonters.

Bill H.132 is still active, and I urge everyone to work hard this summer and fall to educate your legislators about its importance. Remind legislators that they must extend their compassion to their most vulnerable “constituents” who cannot send emails or lobby at the Statehouse — the animals.

**Jennifer Lovett
Starksboro**

Ways

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the undamaged glazing around the windows or do I want the insert perfect?

Keep the imperfect glazing. It goes perfectly with my imperfect 1947 house, I answer.

I leave with a warm sense of old-time values, thinking that’s why I

am here.

Sas Carey is focusing on sharing her books Marrying Mongolia: A Memoir and Reindeer Herders in My Heart which tell stories of traditional life. They are available at www.nomadicare.org and Vermont Book Shop.

MONGOLIAN HORSE WRANGLER Lkhagva repairs an aluminum teapot with a screw.

Photo by Sas Carey

Locals aim to protect due process

ADDISON — An effort to get Vermont towns to adopt a resolution condemning attacks on due process and affirming the constitutional rights of all people in their towns is making its way to the town of Addison.

Citizens have told the *Independent* that they will present a Resolution Upholding the Right to Due Process to the Addison selectboard at this meeting this coming Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m. at the Addison Community Center (formerly the elementary school).

The endeavor started with the Rutland Board of Aldermen, which adopted such a resolution, according to Mary Saudade, who is bringing the issue to Addison. She said it comes as a direct result of President Trump’s Executive Order issued on April 28: “Strengthening and Unleashing America’s Law Enforcement to Pursue Criminals and Protect Innocent Citizens.” She said it is written in a way that many believe will promote militarization of local law enforcement and lead toward martial law.

Peter Franzoni, a Rutland resident, has subsequently sent letters to all 250 Vermont towns explaining why this resolution is important along with a copy of Rutland’s resolution. He will be attending the Addison selectboard meeting on Jun 3.

“Let us be clear on the fact that the United States Constitution provides equal protection under the law to all people within the jurisdiction of the

United States: not just citizens, but all people,” Franzoni wrote when lobbying the Brandon selectboard on this subject.

According to a VTDigger article published May 20, several towns have adopted similar resolutions and the list is growing.

“I am just trying to get the word out to Addison residents to attend the next selectboard meeting so that people can hear what’s at stake and to have a discussion and hopefully have a resolution adopted by our town,” Saudade said.

The *Independent* has also learned the Vergennes City Council will discuss and possibly adopt the resolution at its June 10 meeting.

The resolution, as written specifically for Vergennes, reads in full: “Whereas the United States Constitution guarantees due process, equal protection, and fundamental rights to all persons regardless of citizenship, immigration status, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or political belief;

And whereas recent actions, including the detention of legal residents in Vermont without clear justification or timely access to legal counsel, represent a dangerous escalation of government overreach and a violation of constitutionally guaranteed protections;

And whereas history has shown that when the rights of any group are violated, such violations open the door to similar abuses to be carried out against all others who

do not conform to the views of those in power;

And whereas the silence of public officials in the face of such abuses amounts to complicity, and failure to act now will only embolden those who seek to dismantle the rule of law and divide our communities through fear.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Vergennes City Council unequivocally condemns violations of due process, equal protection, and unconstitutional government power against any persons in the United States;

Be it further resolved that the city attorney shall review all relevant city policies, practices, and protocols to ensure that the City of Vergennes upholds and protects the constitutional rights of all persons within its jurisdiction;

Be it further resolved that the Vergennes City Council affirms its unwavering commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of all persons in our city regardless of citizenship, immigration status, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or political belief, and finally;

Be it further resolved that the Vergennes City Council pledges to oppose any unconstitutional policies or actions – local, state, or federal – which target individuals based on who they are, where they come from, or what they believe in, and to maintain Vergennes as a community rooted in justice, accountability, and dignity for all.”

Letters to the Editor

Events scheduled to protest authoritarian actions

Memorial Day this year seems particularly poignant: the values for which generations of American soldiers gave their lives are being attacked from within. Bedrock principles of democracy, including the right to due process for all people within our borders and the right to criticize the government, are challenged. Here in Vermont we’ve seen legal green card holders seized by ICE, and

nationally a judge and a U.S. Representative, political opponents of the Administration, are arrested while fulfilling their constitutional duties. There have been countless Executive Actions that flaunt existing law. This speaks of anti-democratic authoritarianism.

What can we do? Make our democratic values known. On June 14 No Kings protests will be held across the country.

We invite you to stand up for democracy by attending a No Kings protest in Vergennes, noon-2 p.m., on the village green. You can find other Addison County events at www.mobilize.us/nokings/, and there is an all-day event in Burlington.

**Judith Dugan
Pat Lotz
Alison Rimmer
Nancy Haffner
Vergennes**

Protect environment & democracy

It has become clear that the Trump administration will be unrelenting in its assault on our right to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and leave a livable planet for our children and grandchildren. That is why the Vermont Natural Resources Council and allies gathered on Earth Day with statewide elected leaders to speak up and out for the future of our planet.

including a recent announcement that they were cutting grants to protect children from toxic chemicals.

- Closing all environmental justice offices around the country, leaving our most vulnerable communities to face increased exposure to dangerous contamination.
- Decimating staff at federal agencies who work to ensure clean air, clean water, the safety of our food, the operations of our national parks, healthy national forests and wildlife populations, and on and on. The result? Even those protections that don’t get gutted will not have the staffing or expertise needed to ensure our laws are actually being enforced.
- Weaponizing the government by making baseless attacks on civic institutions that the Trump administration doesn’t agree with. And they are threatening our democratic institutions, which underpin our ability to work together for a healthy environment for all.

environment and human rights through the courts.

- Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas is working to defend our democracy from attacks like the SAVE Act, a dangerous piece of legislation that would create barriers to vote and is anticipated to cost many people money to simply maintain access to the ballot.
- Treasurer Mike Pieciak is working to invest in solutions to help make our communities more resilient. With federal funding at risk, these investments—and state laws like the Climate Superfund to hold Big Oil accountable — are more important than ever.
- Vermont House Speaker Jill Krowinski and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Baruth helped spearhead enactment of strong environmental laws in recent years and are working to defend and protect this important progress.

Earth Day is an annual day of activism which began back in 1970 and was the result of a time in U.S. history when rivers caught fire, air pollution choked cities, and events like the devastating Santa Barbara oil spill made frequent headline appearances. The first Earth Day was bipartisan and broadly popular and brought out an estimated 20 million Americans — 10% of the country’s population at the time. Since then, we have been working tirelessly to improve the health of our communities with better regulation of pollution, and the transition to cleaner technologies such as renewable energy.

Now in 2025, more than 50 years after the inaugural Earth Day, we have a federal administration that is looking to bring us back to the days where corporations could pollute unchecked to maximize their profits at the expense of healthy communities.

Recent Trump administration actions include:

- At a time when clean energy is the cheapest, fastest source of electricity to bring online, and while families and businesses are struggling with energy costs, the Trump administration is doing everything they can to ban cheaper clean energy and instead double down on old fashioned, expensive, and polluting technologies like coal.
- Rolling back regulations on toxic air and water pollution,

The actions these state leaders are taking is admirable and critical, but they will only be able to win these fights if they are supported by Vermonters making their voices heard. Fortunately, many people are already stepping up: they’re taking to the streets to protest, they’re calling their elected officials, they’re writing letters to their local papers and in online forums, they’re donating to groups fighting these attacks, and they’re weighing in with state lawmakers to defend state laws that provide a backstop to federal rollbacks.

The Vermont we love is worth fighting for, and we are excited to see so many statewide leaders and community members rallying together to stand up against the attacks on so many things we care deeply about — from a clean environment to a healthy democracy and fundamental human rights. We won’t back down from our efforts to ensure Vermont protects and defends our shared future on Earth Day and beyond.

Community Forum
This week’s writer is Lauren Hierl, executive director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

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Obituaries

Ronald Bessette, 66, formerly of Panton

BALLSTON SPA, N.Y. — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Ronald Bessette on Monday, May 19, 2025, at Albany Medical Center. He was born on Aug. 23, 1958, in Middlebury, Vt., to the late Dwight Sr. and Alice (O'Brien) Bessette.

Ron grew up on the family farm on Route 22A in Panton, then worked on several other farms around Addison County before enlisting. He served his country as a welder in the United States Army, retiring with 20 years of service. Ron was a true craftsman, welding not just metals but also the bonds of friendship and respect among his comrades and friends.

Outside of work, Ronald was an avid admirer of John Deere Tractors and trains, often engrossed in train movies. He was also a lover of the outdoors, relishing snowmobiling,



RONALD BESSETTE

Sunday country rides, and ice cream.

Ron is survived by his two daughters, Kari Ashcroft and Kelly Bessette, as well as his brother Andrew Bessette. In addition to his

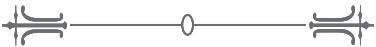
parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Dwight Jr. and Michael Bessette.

Ron's life will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Centenary United Methodist Church, located at 1 Gray Avenue, Greenwich, N.Y., 12834.

His burial will be at 4 p.m. at Prospect Cemetery, located on West Main Street/Vermont Route 22A, Vergennes, Vt., 05491.

His family would like to thank all the people who have shown their support and love during this particularly difficult time. They would also like to extend their most heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to everyone at Albany Medical Center for their loving care.

We invite all who knew and loved Ronald to share their memories and upload photos to his memorial page at www.flynnbrosinc.com. ♦



Christopher 'Chris' Ladd Daniels, 55, of Starksboro

STARKSBORO — Chris Daniels passed away peacefully at his home in Starksboro, on May 11, 2025, after a long and difficult battle with esophageal cancer.

He was born on May 30, 1969, in Burlington, the son of the late Richard Lewis "Dick" Daniels and Nancy Elizabeth (Briggs) Daniels.

He received his early education at Beeman Academy in New Haven, and later attended Mount Abraham Union High School in Bristol, graduating in 1987.

He was employed at the Casella Materials Recycling Facility in Williston for 27 years, until his illness forced him to retire.

He was married on July 18,

2009, in Bristol to Susan Marie Welch and together they lived life as best as they could. There were many struggles throughout the years, but they always somehow managed to work through them.

He enjoyed numerous activities throughout his life, including spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, listening to music (especially oldies, novelty songs, and classic rock), locksmithing, and working on his vehicles.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Starksboro; his mother, Nancy of New Haven; two stepsons, Richard of Shelburne and Michael of Starksboro; five

step-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Rick Welch (Linda) of Shoreham, and Randy Welch (Kathy) of Port Henry, N.Y.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Besides his father, he was predeceased by his grandparents, great-grandparents, and many other special relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Addison County Home Health and Hospice - PO Box 754, Middlebury, Vt., 05753.

There will be an informal service at the New Haven Congregational Church on Saturday, May 31, at 11 a.m. ♦



Arthur J. Bell
graveside service

ORWELL — The graveside committal service and burial for Arthur J. Bell, who died Feb. 19, 2025, will be held on June 7, at 11 a.m., at Mountain View Cemetery in Orwell.

Following the ceremony the family will receive friends beginning at noon, at the Orwell Fire Department, for a time of remembrance.

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon. ♦



ARTHUR J. BELL



CLARICE A. FISHER

Clarice A. Fisher
celebration of life

MIDDLEBURY — Please join us in honoring the life of Clarice A. Fisher of South Burlington, who died on Dec. 20, 2024, and whose warmth, humor, and kindness touched so many. We'll gather to share memories, and celebrate the vibrant spirit that Clarice brought to everyone, at the Middlebury VFW at 530 Exchange St., at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

Light fare will be provided, cash bar will be available. Family, friends and all who knew Clarice are welcome. Let's come together to reflect, laugh and remember a truly special Person. ♦



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Robert A. 'Butch' Trombley, 75, of Brandon

BRANDON — Robert A. "Butch" Trombley, age 75, passed peacefully on May 23, 2025, at his home in Brandon, Vt., surrounded by his loved ones, following a short but very courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Butch was born in Proctor on May 13, 1950, the son of Arthur (Birdie) and Mary (Douglas) Trombley. He received his early education in Brandon and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School in 1968. A proud husband of almost 55 years and proud father to a loving son, his presence, laughter, and jokes will be missed beyond measure.

Butch is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Sandra (Forrest) Trombley of Brandon, Vt.; son, Travis A. Trombley and his wife Liz (Egbert) Trombley of Rensselaer, N.Y.; his brother, David Trombley and wife Brenda, of North Clarendon, Vt.; and his sister, Mary Adams. He is also survived by several cousins, nieces, and friends that were like family, and his sweet baby girl Bella, a Staffordshire terrier. He was predeceased by his paternal and maternal grandparents, Delore and Julia Trombley and Patrick and Bessie Douglas.

Butch worked summers on a farm, and after graduation worked for a year at General Electric. Following General



ROBERT A. 'BUTCH' TROMBLEY

Electric, he worked at Vermont Marble Company in Proctor and Jaymar Specialty in Poultney. In his early years he worked as a part-time Special for the Sheriff's Department and Brandon Police Department.

An entrepreneur at heart, he started his own business of Trombley's Mini Mart & Gun Shop in Brandon and later started Artifacts Arms, making custom gun stocks for competitive shooting sports. He designed and opened Talon Hill Gun Club in Leicester, Vt. Although he continued Artifacts Arms on the side, he started working full time for the State of Vermont Highway



Melvin F. Stearns, 87, of Lincoln

LINCOLN — Melvin Stearns, 87, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2025, at Porter Medical Center surrounded by family.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1937, in Middlebury, Vt., to Roy and Gertrude (Hamner) Stearns. He graduated from Middlebury Union High school in 1955 and was voted "easiest to get along with." After high school Melvin served in the United States Air Force as an air traffic and radar technician, where he met his beloved wife, Linda (Bowlby), while stationed in Arkansas. After completing his service, they returned to Vermont and made their home in Middlebury, where they raised their son Daniel Stearns.

Melvin enjoyed a 59-year career at UTC Aerospace (and its predecessor companies), working full-time until his retirement in 2020. During his distinguished career, he contributed to several prestigious and historic projects, including the Apollo space program. His dedication, technical skill, and humility earned him lasting respect in his field.

Outside of work, Melvin was an active member of the Middlebury Lions Club and the United Way organization, giving back



MELVIN F. STEARNS

generously to the community he loved.

A passionate fan of Middlebury High School and College hockey and Notre Dame football. Melvin rarely missed watching a game. Even more important to him were the games played by his son and granddaughters. He never missed any of Dan's hockey or football games and proudly cheered on his granddaughters at their many sporting events. Always in his hand was a camcorder to document their achievements. His steady presence and unwavering support meant the world to his family.



Robert J. White, 82,
formerly of Middlebury

ESTERO, Fla. — Robert J. White, 82, of Estero, Fla., and formerly of Middlebury, Vt., passed away on Nov. 20, 2024, after a courageous 20-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born on April 4, 1942, in Rutland, Vt., to Alfred and Achsah White, Bob was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to all. He was employed for many years at A&P and MacIntyre Fuels in Middlebury and later worked at Publix in Florida until his retirement. Bob also proudly served in the Vermont National Guard for six years.

In Sept. 1964, Bob married Pat Allen, and together they raised a daughter, Kathy, and a son, Rob. He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter Kathy (Aaron), and son Rob (Melanie). He also leaves behind his brother David (Marcia); grandchildren Danielle (Josh), Hannah, and Austin, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bob was predeceased by his parents and his stepfather, Marvin Jones.

A graveside committal service and burial, will be held on Tuesday,

Department in May 1999 working out of the Middlebury Division, and later out of the Mendon Traffic Shop. He retired from the State of Vermont in December 2018.

Butch was a perfectionist in all he did. His greatest loves were his family, friends and pets. His passion was clay target shooting, winning many championships over the years in Skeet, trap, and sporting clays. He loved to go fishing and motorcycling. He enjoyed caring for his property and woodworking in his machine shop.

Butch was a firm believer in the Lord, and we know he is at peace with Him in heaven.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 30, at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Good Help, (St. Mary's) Catholic Church in Brandon. The Rev. Maurice Moreau, Pastor will be the Celebrant. Following the mass the family will receive friends at the Brandon American Legion Post 55 for a time of remembrance. A private graveside committal service and burial will take place in Forest Dale Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, VT 05701. Arrangements are by Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home, Brandon. ♦

He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Donald and Lynn Stearns; his sister-in-law, Ginger Stearns; and his in-laws, Harley and Mary Bowlby.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Linda; his son, Daniel Stearns and wife Vaneasa (Norton); granddaughters Alyssa (Stearns) Spafford and husband Steven, and Lydia (Stearns) Euber and husband Jordan; great-grandchildren Hugh Spafford and Camille Euber, Bianca, Madison, Jacquelyn and Megyn Spafford; and great-great-granddaughter Adeline Chadburn. Additionally, his sister-in-law, Janice Stearns as well as many treasured nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held June 7 at 11 a.m. at Lincoln United Church with reception to follow at Burnham Hall in Lincoln, Vt., with a private burial to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Middlebury Lions Club or Addison County Home Health and Hospice.

The Stearns family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Porter Hospital Medical/ Surgical Floor and Addison County Home Health & Hospice for their superior care and support during Melvin's passing. ♦



ROBERT J. WHITE

June 3, at 11 a.m., at Pine Hill Cemetery in Brandon, Vt.

Following the ceremony, the family will receive friends at their camp; 1666 Lake Dunmore Road, Leicester, VT 05733.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating; to the Parkinson's Foundation in Bob's memory at parkinsonsfoundation.org.

Arrangements by Miller & Ketcham of Brandon. ♦



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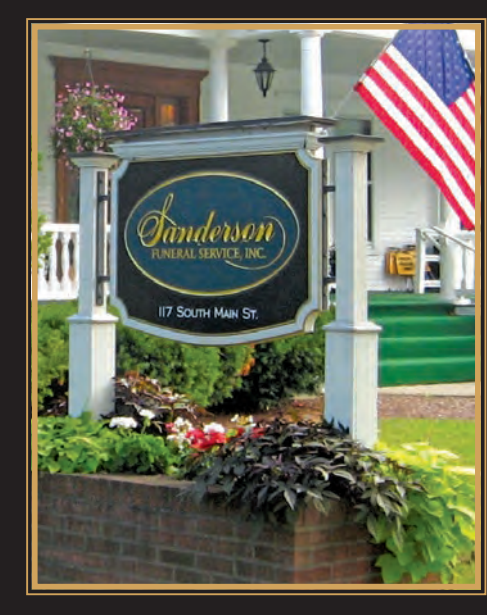
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Grace Ellen (Baker) Simonds, 85, of Whiting

WHITING — Grace Ellen (Baker) Simonds, 85, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025.

Grace was born in San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 15, 1939. She was the daughter of Cushman and Ellen (Gage) Baker. Her family moved back to Brandon in 1944 and she graduated from Brandon High School in 1957. She earned her bachelor's degree from Caselton State College and then taught at Burr Pond School and kindergarten in Whiting. She served 33 years as the Whiting Town Clerk from 1983 until her retirement in 2014.

She married Wilson "Bill" J. Simonds on March 10, 1962. They lived in Sudbury and later bought the longtime family home in Whiting, where they raised their four children.

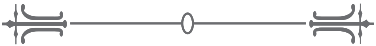
Over the years she enjoyed family gatherings, reading, television, playing the organ, quilting, sewing, genealogy, showing old family



GRACE ELLEN (BAKER) SIMONDS

photo albums and socializing.

She is survived by three daughters and their spouses; Marie and Dan Berry, Michelle and Rick Lincoln, Marlene Alden, and one son and spouse Mark and Tracy Simonds; two sisters, Carol and Dick Bird



Pauline Thayer Maguire, 94, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — With heavy but grateful hearts, and an appreciation for a life well lived, we share news of the passing of our beloved Polly Maguire at Hand's Cove in Shoreham on May 18, 2025. We are thankful for the ease and grace of her passing — in many ways characteristic of the way she carried herself in life.

Pauline ("Polly") Thayer Maguire was born on Aug. 30, 1930, in Haverford, Pa., to Lois B. Thayer and John B. Thayer III. She was the youngest of six siblings, all of whom, along with her parents, predeceased her. Polly's mother, Lois, was the granddaughter of Alexander Cassatt, who was President of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the brother of the Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt. Her father, Jack Thayer, at the age of 17, was on the Titanic. As the ship was going down, he shook hands with his father, whom he would never see again, dove into the sea, and survived.

Polly attended the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Bennington College in Vermont. During her Bennington years, she spent time in rural Kentucky as a frontier nurse. In 1949, while in Paris, Polly met her husband, J. Robert "Bob" Maguire. They were married for 67 years until Bob's death in 2021. Their three children and six grandchildren survive them. J. Robert Maguire Jr. and his wife, Katherine Bucknell, live in London and have three children: Bobby, Lucy, and Jack. Pauline Maguire Robison resides in Washington, D.C., and has a daughter, May.

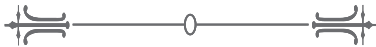


PAULINE THAYER MAGUIRE

George Ezra Batcheller Maguire and his wife, Cecily, live in New York City and have two sons, George and Henry.

In 1963, Polly and Bob left New York City and moved with their young family to Shoreham. They shared an immediate and lasting love for their new community. Polly's sincere interest and empathy resulted in many devoted friends of all ages who often enjoyed a simple but delicious lunch at her kitchen table.

A highlight of Polly's life was her garden, which she tended single-handedly well into her later years, seeming effortlessly to create a gorgeous and unique combination of vegetables and flowers. An ardent and lifelong environmentalist, Polly was fiercely protective of the natural world, always looking for new ways to support native plants, birds and insects. She kept bees for many



John Tenny, 77, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — John Tenny, 77, of Middlebury died in his sleep on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025.

The co-owner of Mill Bridge

Construction for many years, he retired from Silver Maple Construction this month. Tenny served the community in many ways, in particular as chair of the

and Susan and Keith Puffenbarger; 10 grandchildren and spouses, Denise Berry, Adam (Heidi) Berry, Stephanie (Brandon) Mokris, Ross (Rania Jaber) Lincoln, Matthew (Juliette) Berry, Kirstyn (Mike) Mayhew, Kacey Scheuereman, Kaley (Kobe) Pinkham, Kira (Travis Hornbeck) Simonds and Rocco Alden; and nine great-grandchildren, Emory, Callen, Finn, Hudson, Jace, Ellie, Maverick, Dudley and Maci.

She was predeceased by her husband Bill in 2020 and her parents.

A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, at Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon. The graveside committal service and burial will be in the family lot at the Whiting Community Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be given in her memory to the Whiting Volunteer Fire Department, Whiting, VT 05778. ☯

years, and her Hand's Cove honey was enjoyed by many. From her youth through her last day, Polly took a keen interest in politics. She was civic-minded, principled, well-informed, and never missed an opportunity to vote.

Polly's keen interest in a wide variety of good health practices served her well. For over fifty years, she meditated every morning. She was a committed practitioner of the Alexander Technique, and she loved walking. When Polly was 64, she and Bob (aged 70) climbed the Pic du Vignemale, a 10,820-foot peak in the French Pyrenees. Ten years later, they returned to climb the 11,168-foot Aneto.

Thoughtful, kind, and determined, Polly earned the respect and admiration of all and endeared herself to those who knew her well.

As the years passed, Bob and Polly's children and grandchildren were always around her. The family celebrates her life, love and lasting memory. In addition to her children and grandchildren, Polly leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. A funeral mass will be scheduled for the fall at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury.

The family would like to suggest that instead of flowers, any donations be made to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects in Addison County, hope-vt.org) or to the Platt Memorial Library in Shoreham. ☯

CVUUS to host Rhubarb Fest on May 31

MIDDLEBURY — Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society will host its 16th Rhubarb Festival on Saturday May 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its premises, 2 Duane Court in Middlebury. The centerpiece is rhubarb pie and savories, but over the years this unique fundraising event for the community has included a plant sale, book sale, cookbooks, "bling" (or gently used adornments) sale, café, music and children's activities, featuring fairy house making this year.

Expect an abundance of homemade rhubarb pies. Over 100 were made and sold in recent years. Come early for strawberry rhubarb. Prices range from \$15 for

small pies to \$20 for rhubarb to \$25 for strawberry rhubarb ones. Pie slices (\$5 each), assorted sweets and savories and raw rhubarb will also be sold and a cafe in the lower level will once again offer rhubarb crisp topped with vanilla ice cream and whipped cream and a beverage of your choice (\$5 per serving). CVUUS welcomes donations of raw rhubarb from residents.

Music plays on the main level, where all things rhubarb are sold while a Green Thumb Plant Sale is offered outside with volunteers on hand to answer your gardening questions. CVUUS welcomes donations of indoor plants (no outdoor plant seedlings or cuttings, please), seeds, pots and gardening

tools or books to sell. Look for an expanded "Bling" sale offering gently used adornments (jewelry, scarves, decor) with more colorful items to bedeck your expressive soul.

Shared proceeds will support Gather, Middlebury's community living room, relocated from Merchants Row to 76 Court St and reopening June 14.

There is handicapped parking behind the church and plenty of spaces at Middlebury Union High School. More on the festival's history and ways you can help at cvuus.org. Call 388-8080 or email office@cvuus.org with questions or to arrange drop off or pick up of donations.

MUHS releases Q3 honor roll

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union High School has released it's honor roll for the third quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

GRADE 9

High Honors: Killian Barry, Mira Biancosino, Bug Bloom, Maxwell Breckenridge, Anni Broderson, Annika Bruning, McMillan Caldwell, Jonathan Carpenter, Meredith Carr Perlow, Sadie Chance, Selma Citarella, Ellie Conklin, Ella Cram, Bea Deering, Raine Evans Nash, Willow Heywood, Maya Jacobs, Sadie Jette, Henry Kervick, Elle MacIntyre, Fiona Mackey, Eve Menguc, Edie Newhouse-Rigling, Evan Northrup, Ellie Orten, Louisa Orten, Jorgen Pirrung, Thea Porter, Adeline Ritter, Kiera Sell, Adelaide Taylor and Beatrice Whitmarsh.

Honors: Gwendalyn Bergeron, Paras Biancosino, Ty Bierman, Maddy Bishop, Enzo Blake, Thea Boglioli, Nova Bojanowski, Jeramiah Bougor, Havyn Brush, Christopher Bunt, Carly Delabruere, Connor Desabrais, Finleigh Drake, Gabe Duval, Orion Foss, Jocelyn Foster, Maverick Gardner-Wacker, Miles Goetz, Abby Hamilton, Fiona Harrington, Harper Hendy, Abrina Ho, Priscilla Husk, Jackson Jacobs, Marcus Jenne and Preston Kean.

Also Alayna LaFlam, Marley Lambert, Mary Landwehr, Adam LaRose, Jackson Lind, Taylen Maynard, Porter McDonnell, Wyatt McKee, Ben Napoleon, Maeve Newton, Lillian Paquette, Gage Payne, Colvin Pike, Case Pitner, Daniel Power, Fallon Ray, Kennedy Renninger, McKenzie Richard, Ginger Riney, Finn Roark, Becka Seeley, Alden Sherry, Sophie Simpson, Penny Stattel, Dean Stevens, Wesley Terrien, Leah Warner, Nora Warren, McKenna Whitney, Leah Williams and Emily Zenteno Sanchez.

Honorable Mention: Maci Breitigan, Randy Cameron, George Cammack, Talen Champion-Veilleux, Ethan Dodds, Daniela Flores Ramos, Leif Hardt, Addie Ketcham, Akirah Lalumiere, Cameron Lussier, David Odell and Duncan Wedge.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Ida Blackwell, Cora Bliven, Ryan Brouillard, Taryn Burns, Julie Connolly, Leah Duguay, Lila Hescocock, Alice Livesay, Raphael Mitchell, Isabel Quinn, Isla Weaver and Graeham Zieger.

Honors: London Allen, Taylor Altemose, Abigail Andres, Gaby Araujo, Elijah Aruzza, Max Ayer, Toby Baker-Rouse, Norah Burrell, Sedona Carrara, Ezra Choudhury, Nate Cook Yoder, Morgan Cram, Hayden Dunakin, Annan Duquette-Hoffman, Allen Durkee Cram, Truth Fetterolf, Charlotte Gates, Miles Gemignani, Noah Gillespie, Caitlin Gillett, Conner Gordon, Kayla Haugan, James Hellyer, Jack Hoyler, Lucas Huestis, Thea Jackson, Nataly Johnson, Louis Klein, Jase Kozak and Kate Kozak.

Also Timmy Laframboise, Brady Lloyd, Rowdy Malcolm, Henry McDonnell, Julia Morrissey, Maggie Morter, Sophia Nicolai, Levi Nuceder, Sabastian O'Rourke, Gabriel Quesnel, Charlie Reiderer, Isaiah Robinson, Ana Sansone, Evelyn Schoelzel, Alyssa Smith, Jason Sperry, Greta Suter, Alexis Whipple, Odin Wilhelm, Sophia Wright and Charles Young.

Honorable Mention: Emilia Bullock, Parker Carl, Colin Chicoine, Landon Hunt, Sawyer Malzac, Ben Nop, Ellington Patterson, Ruby Reed, Heaven Ross, Ari Santiago, Sam Sherman, Connor Swan, Logan Taylor, Chloe Thow and Nason Watson.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Esra Anzali, Matty Austin, Solstice Binder, Gunnar Boe, Maya Breckenridge, Kenyon Connors, Quinn Doria, Navah Glikman, Max Goodfellow, Kaden Hammond, Avery Hohenschau, Emily Johnson, Grace Ritterand Anna Wolosinski.

Honors: Alex Almeida-Perez, Kirin Biancosino, Hex Bingham, Candace Bloom, Linc Bonner, Katelyn Busby, Lia Calzini, Cooper Cannon, Lyle Carey, Nick Carpenter, Skyler Choiniere, Spencer Copeland, Levi D'Avignon, Kisung Davis, Ben DeBisschop, Jonathan Deering, Oscar Drake, Logan Edmonds-Beattie, Theodore Fallis, Brianna Foss, Austin Gero, Wyatt Gillett, Claude Godard and Berkeley Graham-Gurland.

Also Gabe Hamel, Ireland Hanley, Mary Harrington, Olivia Kearley, Jonathan Kehoe, Lola Kimball, Rainie Kuebler Raymond, John Lafountain, Alyssa LaRose, Kendall Leno, Oprea Littlefield, Benjamin Longman, Quinn Mackey, Adrien Malhotra, Teddy Manning-Lonczak, Callan McDowell, Sole Pareja, Milla Raley, Cooke Riney, Mercedes

Sheldrick, Maren Shubert, Nathan Stefani, Molly Thalen, Julian Vukoder, Makayla Warner, Alyssa Warren, Alexis Williams and Sawyer Witscher.

Honorable Mention: Marilyn Almeida-Perez, Ariel Caron, Peter Conklin, Noah Drake, Marshall Eddy, Josie Gaiotti, Finch Goetz, Mason Harrington, Ripken Johnson, Jonathan Kafumbe, Maryam Khan, Madelyn LaDuke, Kendra Mahler, Kameron Raymond, Emery Richards-Lindeke and Jordan Wood.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Eva Andrews, Sarah Benz, Matthew Berg, Avery Carl, Indy Fetterolf, Ruby Harrison-Irwin, Bea Hooper, Sara Kent, Sophia Lawton, Beth McIntosh, Stephen Nuciolo Jr, Haakon Olsen, Margaret Orten, Lucy Poduschnick, Gabe Schmitt, Jacques Snell, Ethan Spritzer, Nel Stein, Leila Stillman-Utterback, Ada Weaver and Erin Whipple.

Honors: Nick Bakerian, Kylie Bean, Kayleigh Beane, Merisa Bergeron, Joseph Bergevin, Michael Betourney, Angus Blackwell, Jessie Bodette, Chase Boudreau, Keil Broderson, Elsa Burrows, Aaron Carr-Perlow, Clara Chant, Michaela Charbonneau, Keenan Chicoine, Ollie Choudhury, Quinn Collins, Lila Cook Yoder, Jordan Couture, Lily Dame, India Danyow, Grey Dennison, George Devlin, Jillian Dragon, Addison Dunakin, Piper Farnsworth, Lucas Flinner, Xavier Fuentes-George, Monse Garcia Ramirez, Austin Gendron, Christopher Gile and Natalie Gillett.

Also Avery Hamilton, Anika Heppell, Meredith Horne, Juliette Hunsdorfer, Jazmyn Hurley, Dom Jones, Joshua Kafumbe, Landon Kean, Subia Khan, Georgie Kiel, Maggie Klingensmith, Ella Kozak, Tassilo Luksch, Will Maheu, Naomi McConville, Emma Morrissey, Tucker Morter, Baker Nelson, Maggie Noble, Luke Nuceder, Meela Pollard, Cooper Quinn, Silas Quinn, McKenna Raymond, Addison Schnoor, Pelagia Slater, Alex Sperry, Jackson Trump, Avigail Wheeler, Alexis Whitney, Holly Whitney, Ronan Young, and Nachuan Zhang.

Honorable Mention: Callan Boulanger, Kassidy Brown, Dylan Kolesnik, Mirabelle Markowski, Thomas McGarry, Elijah Munson, Jackson Murray, Ian Sinclair and Cam Whitlock.

ADDISON COUNTY

School News

Timothy Geist of Orwell, a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's list students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Three local students received their degrees from Worcester

Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. on Friday May 16. They included: **William Crawford** of Ferrisburgh who majored in Environmental Engineering; **Spencer Doran** from Middlebury, who majored in Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering; and **Reagan Kayhart** of North Ferrisburgh, who majored in Aerospace Engineering.

With a minimum GPA of 3.8, **Ryan Marcotullio** of Bristol, a

junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, been been named to the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester at Clarkson University and designated a Presidential scholar for that same period.

Kaitlyn McNamara of Middlebury received a bachelor of science degree with distinction in Environmental Engineering, Biology minor, Biomedical engineering minor from Clarkson University on May 10, 2025.

Great Homesharing Opportunities

Orwell: Outdoorsy retiree who enjoys landscaping, hiking, and swimming. Seeking companionable dog-friendly housemate to share her rural home. \$350/month, all included.

Bridport: Share beautiful views of Lake Champlain with senior man interested in farming and rural life. Provide assistance with a few meals/week and upkeep of the home in exchange for reduced rent of \$200/month. A pet would be considered!

Ferrisburgh: Senior woman seeks homeshare guest for her home near to Basin Harbor. Enjoy a quiet setting with a friendly Vermonter who likes watching TV and knitting. \$200/month in exchange for companionship, assistance with household maintenance, light cleaning and snow shoveling of walkways.

Goshen: Woman in her 70s active with hiking, skiing, and birdwatching. Seeking a housemate to lend a hand with her dogs on occasion. \$650/month, plus small utilities share.

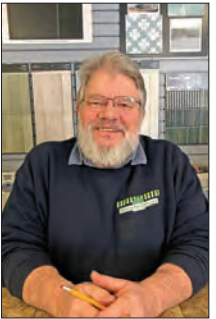


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Two Brothers to serve as Lake Monster hub

Partnership aims to raise funds for Vermont Children’s Hospital

MIDDLEBURY — Two Brothers Tavern in Middlebury next week will help launch the season of the Vermont Lake Monsters, the professional baseball team in Burlington.

As the first “Official Outpost of the Vermont Lake Monsters,” the Main Street restaurant and watering hole will include a kick-off event at noon on Saturday, June 7, and watch parties of the Future League ballclub throughout the summer. The partnership will also include several fundraising components that will benefit the University of Vermont Children’s Hospital.

The event will take place in Two Brothers’s special event space, Notte. It will include free food, several Lake Monsters players, and Tom Messner, who is a partner and “chief cheerleader” for the Vermont-based ball club.

As one component of the fundraisers, Two Brothers Tavern will offer seasonal Lake Monsters kids menu items during the 2025 baseball season, with \$1 from every children’s menu item going to UVM Children’s Hospital.

Fiddlehead Brewing Company, in Shelburne, also returns in this season-long promotion in partnership with Two Brothers and the Lake Monsters, which will generate more charitable fundraising. Two Brothers Tavern and Fiddlehead will each donate \$1 from the sale of each pint of Fiddlehead Mastermind Double IPA to the hospital over the season.

“Baseball has a way of bringing people together,” said C.J. Knudsen, senior vice president of the Vermont Lake Monsters. “The Lake Monsters are Vermont’s team, and we are pleased to have events like this in Addison County, and to help raise money for a worthy Vermont charity.”

“Without a doubt, the most rewarding part of our business is helping support local nonprofits, charities and our neighbors in need,” said Holmes Jacobs, co-owner and general manager of Two Brothers Tavern. “We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Vermont Lake Monsters and Fiddlehead Brewing to raise money for the UVM Children’s Hospital, an entity that so many across the state of Vermont and beyond have benefited from, ourselves included.”



LONGTIME COACH AND teacher Peter Brakeley, left, is excited to receive the Rotary’s Buster Brush Community Service Award last week. With him are Rotarians Eric Denu, center, and Kevin Newton.

Rotary honors Brakeley, Carver

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Rotary Club bestowed two important honors on deserving local leaders last week.

Longtime Middlebury Union High School football coach and Middlebury Union Middle School social studies teacher Pete Brakeley received the club’s 2025 Buster Brush Community Service Award.

Contractor Alex Carver received the club’s Stephen A. Freeman Service Award in recognition of distinctive service to his community, exemplifying Rotary’s goals and values. The Freeman Award is reserved for non-Rotary Club members.

The Brush Award recognizes Brakeley’s lifetime of teaching and coaching Addison County youth, coaching the MUHS Tigers for 45 years, and teaching at MUMS for many years. A Middlebury native, Brakeley has made an impact on the many lives he has touched, sharing his motto “attitude is everything.”

This award honors the late Buster Brush, who spent decades tirelessly working for myriad community, historical, athletic, youth and safety causes at the local, county and state levels.

Meanwhile, Carver is founding partner of Northen Timbers Construction, a contracting firm specializing in building highly efficient homes. Carver gives to the community by leading Habitat for Humanity’s volunteer crews. As one local Habitat volunteer summed it up: “What makes Alex stand apart is that he treats every question we ask as the one most integral to the project. As a result, we are honored to be part of his team.”

A new affordable Habitat home on Gorham Lane will soon be occupied by a young family, and another home is in the works next door.

Stephen Freeman was a distinguished dean of the Middlebury College French School, where he supervised the creation of the first foreign language lab. He was director of the college’s Language School from 1947-1970. In 1943, he was promoted to vice president of Middlebury College and served several short terms as acting president.



ALEX CARVER, RIGHT, received the Rotary Club’s Stephen A. Freeman Service Award at the Middlebury organization’s May 14 meeting. Presenting the award are T Tall, left, and Eric Denu.

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Not only is Aiden graduating, he’s already landed a full-time gig in his trade with Naylor and Breen Builders. This opportunity came through his work-based learning co-op with the Hannaford Career Center, where Naylor and Breen served as his sponsor. Aiden especially enjoyed working with the team on the expansion project at Otter Creek Child Center, a remarkable and beautiful undertaking that continues to take shape. And for the final piece of this winning trio: Aiden passed his Motorcycle Operator’s Test!

Way to go, Aiden! Your hard work and dedication truly paid off! We will miss you and look forward to seeing you on the other side of the counter.

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SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS donned signs reading, “Defend Middlebury Restore Trust” at the college’s commencement exercises. The signs and a walkout during the ceremony were part of broader efforts to push back against budget cuts announced this spring

Commencement

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someone in our life — whether a parent or a mentor, teacher or coach — pushed us on our way to persevere,” said student speaker and Student Government Association President Brandon Straker, also known as B Striker. “I have come to learn that the best of our accomplishments is never done in isolation. We do not make these accomplishments alone.”

Interim President Steve Snyder expressed a similar sentiment, crediting the loved ones, college staff and community members who made the day possible.

He offered a special thank you to college faculty, who received a standing ovation.

“Your commitment to teaching and scholarship reverberates throughout the world each time we send new graduates on their way,” Snyder told faculty members.

Several students walked out of Sunday’s ceremony in support of college faculty. They joined more than two dozen faculty members in another site on campus, some wearing or holding signs that read “Defend Middlebury Restore Trust” and “Working Conditions=Learning Conditions.”

The move was the latest in a series of efforts to push back against compensation cuts and other steps administrators announced this spring to fill a projected \$14.1 million deficit this fiscal year.

Students and faculty returned to the ceremony ahead of the conferral of degrees.

“We are aware that some students and faculty may be planning to protest portions of today’s ceremony,” Snyder said as students and faculty walked out of the event. “We want to reiterate

that freedom of expression is one of the most important core values at Middlebury, and we would like to ask everyone to respect the rights of those who are protesting to express their opinion.”

Snyder acknowledged those absent from Sunday’s ceremony, including Evelyn Mae Sorensen, a member of the class of 2025 who died in 2023. He also commended graduates for their hard work during the past four years.

“I will note that the students who we are recognizing today have worked tremendously hard to reach this moment, and we are so proud of them both as individuals and as a class,” Snyder said.

NOT ALONE
In his address, Straker described the unexpected journey that led him to Middlebury College. The Luso-Hispanic studies major is a first-generation college student from Washington, D.C.

“Like some of the graduates in the audience today, I did not come to Middlebury straight out of high school,” he said. “I didn’t fathom going to college. No one in my family had attended college, after all.”

Straker spent a year teaching seventh-grade math in Texas, where he eventually met Jason Mims, the founder of the Mims Institute.

“The Mims Institute is focused on helping low-income, high-achieving students attend Tier 1 colleges and universities,” Straker said, noting that Mims ultimately became a mentor for him. “Through his guidance, I started to see a future for myself; a future that was different from the one that I believed I was destined for.”

Straker credited those who



A HAPPY GRAD exits the commencement this past Sunday.

helped him get to his spot behind the podium on Sunday, including his mother and Mims.

“Friends, family, faculty, staff, alumni, mentors, coworkers, neighbors, teachers, and so much more; without all these people in my own life, I wouldn’t have a speech to write,” he said.

He noted his address was a product of collaboration, as students, faculty and loved ones had all contributed to it.

“Through adversity, presidential transitions, and a post-pandemic, war-torn world, we’ve invited the institution to live out its mission more fully; to learn not just inside classrooms but outside of them as well,” Straker said. “In moments of disagreement and discomfort, profound growth ensued. We are ready for the future, and we will never have to go through it alone.”

Straker reiterated his reminder that students are not alone throughout his speech. He referenced Gamaliel Painter’s cane — a keepsake symbolic of the college’s founder given to all graduates — and asked students to embody the cane and uplift those around them as they move forward.

“Let’s take the privilege of being a Middlebury graduate and help make the world the place that we dream of,” Straker said.

Along with handing out more than 500 undergraduate diplomas on Sunday, Middlebury College also presented honorary degrees to four individuals:

- Heather McGhee, a bestselling author, commentator and policy advocate. She chairs the board of the Color of Change, the largest online racial justice organization in the nation, and wrote the *New York Times* bestseller “The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together.”

- Dario Robleto, an artist, researcher, writer and filmmaker. Through his work, Robleto looks to “cultivate rigorous, mutually transformative interactions between the arts, humanities, and sciences.” He has served as a visiting lecturer, research fellow and artist in residence at institutions around the country, including the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

- Chuck and Marna Davis, co-founders and co-chairs of the Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation, an organization committed to finding a cure for and supporting those impacted by the rare liver cancer. The pair also cofounded the Vermont-focused Chuck and

Marna Davis Foundation, which supports local organizations and causes.

Chuck Davis, founder and co-chief executive officer of the investment firm Stone Point Capital, delivered the commencement address. Davis noted he, too, attended Middlebury College, flunking out of the institution twice before transferring to the University of Vermont.

“I never got to sit in the seat that you’re sitting in right now... would you mind if I come and sit for a minute?” Davis asked before jumping into the crowd to take a seat among the graduates.

TOOL KIT FOR THE FUTURE

He acknowledged the various decisions that led him out of Middlebury and down his eventual career path, actions that included flunking a “grade yourself” course at UVM.

“The teacher called me up, and said, ‘I’ve never had this,’” Davis recalled. “I was going backwards in so many ways, so how did I get out of the hole I dug for myself and start moving forward?”

Davis condensed his journey from Middlebury to Wall Street and what he’d learned along the way into six points: key decisions graduates face, balance, failure, how to find your calling, how to deal with “no,” and unconditional love. Those items and other advice



JACK CHRISTNER OF Ripton was among around 40 Vermonters to graduate as part of Middlebury College’s Class of 2025 on Sunday. The Middlebury Union High School alum jointly majored in Environmental Studies and Architectural Studies.

Independent photos/Steve James



MIDDLEBURY RESIDENT ZEKE Hooper walks across the stage at Middlebury College commencement on Sunday. A 2020 graduate of Middlebury Union High School, Hooper was one of several Addison County residents to collect a degree from the college this weekend.

can be found in a tool kit compiled by Davis at www.middkit.com.

He encouraged the class of 2025 graduates to take their time in making key decisions — like what they’ll do for a career, as well as to strive for balance when it comes to their personal and professional lives.

“Balance is one of the most important things we deal with. Your energy level and ability to make balanced decisions will depend on keeping yourself refreshed,” Davis said. “That means taking care of yourself. That means taking time off, cultivating friendships, adequate sleep.”

He also spoke of two types of failure graduates might run into: trying your best and failing, or failing after not giving a task the effort it requires.

“When I flunked out of Middlebury twice I let a lot of people down. People who had stood up for me, putting their own credibility on the line. I could not look them in the eye and tell them I gave it my best,” Davis recalled. “Don’t take on a meaningful task unless you’re prepared to put real effort into it.”

Davis offered graduates some advice for finding their calling, noting that reflecting on his skills and interests is what led him to pursue a career on Wall Street. He also advised students on how

to deal with “no,” sharing how he went from being called a “non-starter” in a job interview to being offered a position at the same company.

“When you hear ‘No,’ roll up your sleeves; the work begins,” he said.

Toward the end of his address, Davis emphasized the importance of unconditional love. He shared a story of a trip home to Burlington on a Greyhound bus that was derailed for several hours by a flat tire. When the bus eventually rolled into the station at 3 a.m., his father was the lone greeter waiting.

“That is unconditional love,” Davis said. “Please give it to the people you care about and appreciate and respect it when you receive it, and if you have never received it, still give it because it will come back to you.”

Moments before graduates tossed their caps into the air, Davis expressed gratitude for all Middlebury had given him and offered parting congratulations to the class of 2025.

“You are a very special group of people,” he told graduates. “The world needs you to step up and make a difference, but please understand you don’t need to make that difference right at the start. Many of you are going to live to be 100 years old, so fasten your seatbelt and enjoy the ride.”



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION President Brandon Straker, also known as B Striker, repeatedly reminded graduates they are not alone.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER CHUCK Davis takes a break from his address to sit among the students at Middlebury College graduation on Sunday. Davis told attendees how he’d twice flunked out of the school and wanted to join them as a peer on graduation day.

Lanpher

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“I’m extremely happy to be able to still serve Vermont in this new capacity,” Lanpher told the *Independent*. “I’ve never been one to shy away from challenges, unless it really felt it didn’t fit the whole lifestyle thing, and it does.”

Her new title is director of legislative affairs for Vermont’s Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB), and her responsibilities include recommending and coordinating legislative testimony on health care issues and informing lawmakers and Statehouse staff of GMCB projects and initiatives.

With only five months under her belt, Lanpher has helped push several bills over the legislative finish line this session, with others still pending. More on that later.

How did she make her pivot from elected official crunching numbers to state employee trying to cure Vermont’s health care system malaise?

Circle back to last year, when Lanpher and her colleagues were buried in numbers. Depressing numbers that required attention.

Vermont technically has a part-time citizen Legislature, but many lawmakers — including committee chairs — find themselves toiling long after the session has been gaveled to a close.

“The job is all consuming, 24/7,” Lanpher said.

“Even during the summer, it’s at least four hours a day, all the time, because of the (position I held),” she added, noting her responsibility to work with the governor, Joint Fiscal Committee and other panels integral to state finances.

During the session, Lanpher would remain in Montpelier weekdays and come home to

Vergennes on weekends, where her supportive husband, Jim, was holding down the fort. Off-session legislative tasks demanded Zoom meetings or more trips to Montpelier.

While she continued to work for Addison-3 and indeed all Vermonters, she wasn’t spending much time with them.

“You physically can’t be in your own community,” she lamented. “When you’re serving a community, (a weekend) is not enough time. We would have coffee chats, but you have to stay in touch. I couldn’t make it to legislative breakfasts because I had to be in Montpelier on Mondays.”

Meanwhile, Ferrisburgh Republican Rob North had mounted a spirited campaign. His message of fiscal austerity resonated during a year of major discontent about surging property taxes. Around one-third of the state’s proposed school budgets failed at the ballot box on Town Meeting Day 2024. Voters brought that frustration with them to the polls on Nov. 5. Republicans gained 19 seats in the House.

Among the Democrat casualties was Lanpher, who finished 17 votes out of the running — behind North and fellow Rep. Matt Birong.

“Voters chose something different,” said Lanpher, who had also tasted defeat in her first bid for the House in 2006.

She left office in December grateful to her constituents for the 16 years they had given her in the House, and at peace with the decision they had made.

“The universe provided me with an exit strategy I couldn’t provide myself,” she said with a chuckle.



FORMER STATE REP. Diane Lanpher continues to serve the public in the Vermont Statehouse. Now, it’s as a health care advocate.

It’s a busy universe. Because it wasn’t long after ballots were counted on Nov. 5 that Lanpher began receiving text messages from prospective employers.

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“I thought, ‘Isn’t that nice; they’re just being kind,’” she said of her initial reaction.

At age 69, Lanpher was envisioning a new career of substitute teaching two days a week at a local elementary school.

But it soon became clear to Lanpher she was suddenly being perceived as a free agent, someone with substantial institutional knowledge of state finances and myriad other issues — including health care.

Among Lanpher’s top pursuers: the GMCB, which among other things, “regulates major areas of Vermont’s health care system in service to the public interest,”

according to its website, gmcbboard.vermont.gov.

In short, the GMCB needed a legislative affairs director, someone well-versed in the legislative process, with an understanding of the Vermont health care industry and recent efforts to reform it.

Lanpher checked all those boxes. And prior to joining the Legislature, she had been the longtime training coordinator for the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs. As a lawmaker and budget drafter, she knew the toll that soaring health care costs were having on households, businesses and school districts. The financial crisis enveloping Vermont’s health care system has been well-chronicled.

She learned the job was as a GMCB staffer — and not as a lobbyist. Former Vermont lawmakers must wait a year prior to assuming a lobbyist role.

Lanpher conferred with her family about the GMCB job, which she reasoned would allow her to continue serving the state in a different capacity — and draw a year-round paycheck.

She took the job on Dec. 18, after having resigned from her House post with just a few weeks left on her term.

Right out of the frying pan and into the fryer.

“People asked me, ‘Didn’t you want to take a break?’ Yes. I wanted to take a year off,” Lanpher recalled. “But the (health care) crisis isn’t going to wait around. You have to stay engaged.”

Fortunately, Lanpher didn’t need much orientation for her duties. She hit the ground running, engaging with former colleagues on a different plain. Now *she* was among those testifying on health care matters, rather than the one asking the questions and taking notes.

“I get to stay in one lane,” she

said of her new, singular focus.

She also gets to work with several Addison County folks who are also major players on Vermont’s health care landscape. Among them: former Rep. Michael Fisher of Lincoln, who’s now Vermont’s health care advocate; and GMCB members Owen Foster (chair) and Jessica Holmes.

While public education reform and housing creation have since January dominated Statehouse news, the 2025 session will conclude with passage of some health care reforms. Nothing as sweeping as universal access to primary care, but Lanpher pointed to several bills (see box on this page).

She is also hopeful the following bills will earn the governor’s signature:

- S.126, also known as “an act relating to health care payment and delivery system reform.” This bill, which Lanpher called the most significant health care initiative of the session, would call on Vermont to adopt reference-based pricing, pivot to a statewide delivery plan and establish a commission on primary care, among other things. The bill suggests a two-year timetable for making the changes.
- As of this writing, S.126 had passed both chambers and was headed to conference committee.
- H.482 which, if passed into law, would — among other things — “authorize the GMCB to reduce a health insurer’s reimbursement rates to one or more hospitals if the health insurer is at imminent risk of insolvency.”
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont’s financial problems have been growing worse as the state’s population continues to skew older.
- As of this writing, the House had concurred with a proposed Senate amendment to H.482, and the bill appeared headed to Scott.
- H.266, which proposes to “protect 340B-covered entities and 340B contract pharmacies,

Lanpher notes successes

Health care bills from 2025 that will become law:

- H.259 — introduced by Rep. Mari Cordes, D-Bristol — which requires hospitals to establish and implement a security plan for preventing workplace violence and managing aggressive behaviors in patients. Gov. Phil Scott signed the bill into law on April 29.
- S.18 — co-sponsored by Sen. Ruth Hardy, D-Middlebury — which establishes a licensing structure for freestanding birthing centers.
- S. 80, which strengthens the role and capabilities of Vermont’s Office of the Health Care Advocate, “establishing it as an independent voice dedicated to promoting affordable and accessible healthcare for Vermonters.”

Scott signed the bill, which was spearheaded by Cordes, on April 23.

and their patients, from discrimination or interference by drug manufacturers and by health insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other payors.”

340B is a federal prescription drug discount program that gives eligible healthcare facilities — including hospitals and clinics serving low-income patients — discounts on outpatient prescription drugs.

As of this writing, House and Senate officials were still sorting out their differences over H.266.

It’s a process Lanpher came to know very well during her time in the House.

Would she entertain a return to elected office?

No, but...

“At this point, I’d like to work for someone who wants to run,” she said.

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MUHS Unified hoop champs

NORTHFIELD — The Middlebury Union High School Unified Basketball team won its first state title on May 21, defeating Burr & Burton, 37-33 in the final of the tournament after winning three earlier postseason games to reach the championship game.

The Tigers completed a season in which they lost only once, but had to rally after being behind at halftime in each of the playoff games.

“They demonstrated great resilience and belief in one another as they continued to find ways to win in these close playoff games.”

— Co-Coaches
Chris Altemose,
Chris Giorgio

In the final contributions to the win came from all the members of the team, the coaches said. Colton Murray was the leading scorer with 15 points, while senior Jayden Mahoney hit multiple

three-pointers, including one in transition to put the Tigers up by six points in the fourth quarter.

Altemose also credited Miley Johnson for making a big three-pointer, adding that Tyrese Tucker chipped in eight points, two of which were a key putback in the paint late in the game to ice the win. He also noted Alayna Laflam scored four points and played some great defense on their big post player.

Altemose added Hannah Gendreau, Wyatt Mckee and Ariel Caron contributed with good defense and great passes.

In earlier rounds the Tigers defeated Oxbow, 45-34; Bellcate School, 30-23; and Burlington, 32-26.

The team and the coaches were also pleased “the entire school gave us a great sendoff,” and they received a police escort out of town on the way to the



THE MUHS UNIFIED Basketball team won the program's first state title on May 21, defeating Burr & Burton in the final, 37-33, in a game played at Norwich University.

Photo courtesy of Chris Altemose

championship game.

The Middlebury fire department also gave the Tigers the traditional escort through town for a victory celebration when they returned.

“It was really special to see our MUHS community rally around this team,” Altemose said.

Monkton

Have a news tip?

Contact Liz Pecor at rascal0406@gmavt.net

NEWS

MONKTON — The Willowell Foundation will be hosting the unveiling of the latest new work of art by Rosalie D. Gagne’ at the Gordon Sculpture Park at 36 Stoney Meadow Lane in Monkton. This event will be held on Friday, May 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. The kinetic piece, titled “Field Pendulum” was crafted in 2024. There will be music and light refreshments in the field to enjoy this exciting new piece of art. Go to www.willowell.org/ events for more information.

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS:

From now on Nerd Night with Kat, will be on the last Thursday

of the month, making the date May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. for this month. An email list of regular attendees has been started. If you would like to be added to the list contact russellmemlibrary@gmail.com

On Saturday, May 31, the Monkton Poetry Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions, feel free to contact Melanie Cote via the library, 802-453-4471. The Poetry Club will continue to meet once a month on the last Saturday of the month.

On Wednesday, June 4, the monthly Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. with Janet. For more information or to sign up for the

email list of books to read, e-mail russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

The next Toddler Tuesday will be on June 3rd from 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

On Thursday, June 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. there will be a Chess Class with local expert chess coach Andrea Gorostiaga. All level players are welcome.

Also on Thursday, June 5, there will be an Estate Planning Seminar with Maple Haven Law starting at 7 p.m. Sarah Bouvier Haselton and Senior Paralegal Katie Reen from Maple Haven Law PLLC will explain estate planning in a simple, clear and fun way. This event is free.

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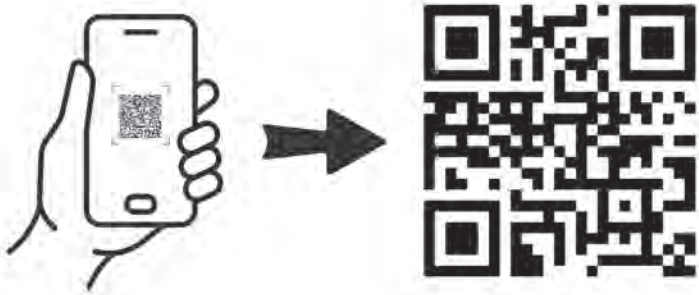
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Honoring, with smiles

MIDDLEBURY'S MEMORIAL DAY parade was, as usual, a great feast for the eyes and senses, as folks helped honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Clockwise, from top-left, a little cutie peers from the window of a fire truck; Middlebury Fire Chief Dave Shaw smiles and waves in appreciation; the Lion's Club was among the civic groups represented; a team of oxen totes a carriage; veteran and member of the Honor Guard Gary Wisell salutes those killed in action, near the Civil War monument; those protesting the Trump administration were also present; youngsters watch from a shady spot; representatives of the Yellow House Community get a nice reception; Ed the pup stumps for votes in a canine race for "Dog Mayor of Middlebury"; Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association members donned their gear; and the Middlebury Union High School Band was outstanding.

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Smith

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afraid of law enforcement contact, subsequently reported to (me) that it had been a very helpful contact, in contrast to times when they had been handcuffed and traumatized during a wellness check in the past by a different police agency,” wrote Jennifer Stefani, Emergency Services Director for CSAC.

Smith’s response to that call has earned him a spot as one of three recipients of the 2024 Team Two Frank Silfies Award for displaying excellent collaboration skills while responding to a mental health crisis.

The annual award typically recognizes one law enforcement officer and one mental health crisis clinician in the state who “exemplify (a) collaborative response to mental health crises.”

This year two law enforcement officers were recognized: Smith and Springfield Police Department Chief Jeffrey Burnham. Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) crisis worker Sophie Reed was the mental health crisis clinician recognized this year.

“We’re very proud and honored that Francis is receiving this award,” Bristol Chief of Police Bruce Nason told the *Independent*. “It’s a reflection of his commitment to law enforcement and the community he serves.”

The award was created in 2015 in honor of Frank Silfies, the former Emergency Services Director at HCRS who died that year. Silfies served as a member of the original Team Two steering committee and helped design the Team Two curriculum, which provides mental health crisis response training responders. Team Two is now in its 12th



BRISTOL POLICE OFFICER Francis Smith was recently named a recipient of the Team Two Frank Silfies Award for his work on a mental health crisis.

Photo courtesy of Bruce Nason

year of operation, and there are currently 35 law enforcement officers, police dispatchers and mental health crisis workers that train their peers in the curriculum in five regions across Vermont.

Nominations for the award are solicited each year from Vermont police chiefs, sheriffs, Vermont State Police barracks commanders and emergency services directors. Team Two Coordinator Kristin Chandler noted that nominations come in from a variety of entities around the state.

Smith was nominated for the award by Stefani. Her recommendation noted that Smith paved the way for CSAC to continue providing the individual in crisis with support.

“This was a trauma sensitive and delicate situation. We appreciated Officer Francis Smith’s courage and kindness in showing up and helping us handle a crisis in a way that was safe and effective,” Stefani wrote.

Smith has been a part of the Bristol Police Department for about four years. He was commended for his efforts at a Bristol selectboard meeting earlier this month.

“Francis, you receiving this award is a testament to your approach to mental health calls for service, as well the guidance and support you receive from Sergeant (Andrew) Graham,” Nason said at the May 12 meeting. “Your empathetic and compassionate response to calls for service within our Bristol community has not gone unnoticed. It’s a privilege and an honor to work with you.”

A date for the formal presentation of the award is forthcoming, and community members can keep an eye out for more details.

By the way

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candidate must be spayed/neutered, current on registration and vaccinations, well socialized and comfortable with crowds containing humans and other animals, and — of course — have no criminal record. © Visit Homeward Bound’s website for all the details (tinyurl.com/ypz4xxdd).

It is that time of year when people are starting to ask about book donations, and Monkton’s Russell Memorial Library will accept donations through June 17, during its open hours. Please bear in mind that the Russell Library doesn’t accept textbooks, dictionaries, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, music CDs, magazines, encyclopedias, or Reader’s Digest editions of books. Nor does the library take books with ripped pages, mold, damage or highlights, or that have been written in. For more information, email russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

You are invited to play in the Vergennes City Band, composed of instrumentalists ranging in age from 12–90. Woodwind, brass and percussionists of all abilities are welcome. The band will hold

preseason rehearsals Monday evenings at the Vergennes Congregational Church on June 2, 9 and 16, all from 7-9 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Bring a music stand, if you have one. Percussionists should bring their own snare drum and sticks. Weekly band concerts will be held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on the Vergennes Green during the summer. The first concert is on June 23. Come to the rehearsals and concerts that fit with your schedule. Interested or have questions? Email Susan O’Daniel at sodaniel27@gmail.com.

Middlebury’s Otter Creek Child Center and College Street Children’s Center are holding an online auction that began on May 28 and will run through June 6. This joint event features more than 150 items up for bid, with all proceeds going directly to support high-quality early care and education in the community. Families and supporters can bid on such things as attraction and park passes, museum memberships, locally crafted artwork and jewelry, restaurant and local shopping gift cards, overnight stays and airfare travel tickets, and much more. Want to get in on the

bidding? Go to go.rallyup.com/occc-cscc-auction2025. Sponsors include The Richards Group, Middlebury Pediatric Dentistry, IPJ Real Estate, Vermont Gas, Bristol Financial, Otter Creek Engineering, Joseph P Carrara & Sons Inc., Mike’s Auto and Towing, and Green Mountain Power. To learn more about the auction or about how you can support both nonprofit childcare centers, email office@ottercreekcc.org.

The Addison County unemployment rate in April was 2.3%, down from 2.7% in March, according to the Vermont Department of Labor (DOL). Addison County in April had a workforce of 21,551, of whom 495 were looking for jobs, according to DOL. Vermont’s jobless rate in April was 2.7%, up one-tenth of a percent from the prior month. The April unemployment rates for Vermont’s 14 counties ranged from 2.1% in Chittenden County to 5.1% in Orleans County. The state’s civilian labor force participation rate was 65.1% in April, a decrease of two-tenths of a percent. Meanwhile, the national unemployment rate in April was 4.2%, unchanged from March.



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Spotlight on Vergennes

Healthcare or education?

As a boss of mine used to tell me, “It’s not an either *or*, it’s a yes *and*.” Healthcare costs are out of control AND our education system is in desperate need of reform. We need to decouple the issues and solve them separately.

The House has taken up the healthcare problem with all seriousness. H.96, signed into law by the governor, removes barriers and bureaucracy to small healthcare business entry to market. H.266 places limits that rein in drug pricing by hospitals and Pharmaceutical Benefit Managers (PBMs). The third and most important, S.126, which passed in the House and Senate, is a healthcare pricing reform bill that limits and makes transparent the prices charged to consumers by tying them to ratios



Legislative Review
by Rep. Rob North,
R-Ferrisburgh

of what Medicare pays for. I usually favor more free market policies, but this is the prudent thing to do at this point. More structural change is needed going forward to solve the root cause problems.

Looking at education, there is broad agreement throughout the Legislature and education leaders (including in Addison County) that we need to act to reform the education system and its funding mechanism. I’m seeing too much evidence that Vermont can’t survive the status quo for much longer. We have the unusual opportunity to improve outcomes and reduce cost, and we need to do both. The specifics of this complex issue, as recorded in H.454, continue to be in negotiation. As the governor said recently, “I proposed the \$77

million transfer in the budget as a one-time bridge to a structurally transformed and fiscally efficient public education system in the near term. We need to follow through on reform.” If the Legislature does not achieve those clear goals this week, we may be stuck in session for a while!

Having celebrated Memorial Day, the Vermont House of Representatives also achieved a long-awaited victory for our veterans with a nearly unanimous approval of S.51. This important tax relief package significantly expands the tax exemption for military retirement and survivor benefits, while creating a refundable tax credit for low-income veterans. It also expands the earned income tax credit, child tax credit and income tax exemption for social security recipients. Pending resolution in conference committee, it moves to the governor for his signature.

We have much more work to do to make Vermont more affordable and reduce the tax burden. Residents can be assured that I will continue to fight for relief and affordability.

LuLu is scooping up the honors

VERGENNES — Laura Mack, the visionary behind lu•lu ice cream of Vergennes, has recently been honored with the Vermont Small Business Association’s Women-Owned Business of the Year award, which is just the latest recognition of her entrepreneurial achievements.

lu•lu, a Main Street shop that sells made-from-scratch, small-batch ice cream and gelato (it also has an espresso bar) has captured the tastebuds of locals and visitors alike with its innovative flavors that celebrate locally sourced ingredients and the changing seasons. Since moving lu•lu from Bristol to the heart of Vergennes in 2018, Mack has not only built a thriving business but has also woven herself into the fabric of the community, becoming a cornerstone of Vergennes’s vibrant downtown. The recent on-site expansion of lu•lu’s operations, to better accommodate its exponential growth, stands as an example of Mack’s talents, and also of the positive and real impacts of supporting local enterprises.

In addition to being a savvy businesswoman, Mack’s dedication to civic engagement is evident through her service on various local boards, including the Vergennes Partnership (as president) and the United Way of Addison County.

Next up for lu•lu is what Mack



LAURA MACK HAS expanded her Main Street ice cream shop in Vergennes. Look for a grand opening of the space on June 21.

is calling the grand reveal of the shop’s newly expanded production and retail space, dubbed lu•lu: Leveling Up. Look for a grand opening on Saturday, June 21, 1–4 p.m. at 185 Main St. in Vergennes. This aims to be a playful,

sun-soaked kickoff to summer, as well as a joyful toast to what the folks in Vergennes have built together. Expect specialty scoops, sips, limited-edition merchandise, raffles and behind-the-scenes tours of the recently refreshed space.

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City police busy enforcing traffic laws

VERGENNES — Vergennes police emphasized enforcement of traffic laws between May 19 and 25, conducting 42 traffic stops and issuing a number of tickets and warnings for moving violations.

Many of those traffic stops occurred during two special details on Main Street, one on May 21 and one on May 24.

On May 21, officers stopped a half-dozen vehicles and issued five tickets for improper use of

cell phones and one for driving an unregistered vehicle. Another driver was warned for an offense that was not specified in the department’s weekly report.

Then, on Saturday, May 24, the department conducted a detail focused on distracted driving. Collectively, four officers issued 13 tickets and seven warnings.

During a traffic stop that day on Monkton Road, city police also arrested a passenger on two outstanding warrants, one each from the Criminal Divisions of Addison and Rutland counties’ superior courts. Arrested and processed at the station was Brian Larrow, 37, of Addison.

In other actions between May 19 and 25, Vergennes police conducted nine other directed patrols, a foot patrol and a VIN inspection; processed three fingerprint requests; responded to one false alarm and one 9-1-1 hangup call; conducted three welfare checks; and also:

- On May 19: Served an abuse-prevention order on a city resident.
- Served a no-stalking order on a city resident.
- Took a call from a Hillside Acres resident that a neighbor was yelling in her apartment. Police spoke with the woman who had

Vergennes Police Log

been yelling, who said she was fine and declined assistance. Police then called the original complainant and suggested a call to property management.

- Received a report of a minor accident on North Green Street for insurance purposes.
- Looked into a report of a suspicious person in the Mountain View Lane/School Street area.
- Were told children were being mistreated at a Green Street residence. Police checked the children and determined they were fine.
- Looked into a report of a suspicious person in the Main Street/Monkton Road area.

On May 20, were told of a possible domestic dispute in a vehicle at the intersection of Main Street and Monkton Road. Officers couldn’t find the vehicle and issued a be-on-the-lookout request for it. A short time later, a deputy with the Addison County Sheriff’s Department found the vehicle in Monkton and determined nothing criminal had occurred.

On May 21, responded to a report of panhandling causing a traffic issue near Shaw’s Supermarket. Police told the individuals about local food assistance resources.

On May 22:

- Boosted patrols in the Adele Drive/Bowman Road area after a report of a vehicle speeding there.
- Heard from a relative of a resident of Vergennes Grand with dementia that she had allegedly more than once walked away from the facility without staff being aware. The caller also alleged incidents of “delayed medical response,” according to police. Police referred the case to Adult Protective Services and made sure all officers were aware of this resident should she wander off again.
- Looked into a report of a suspicious person in the Main Street area.

On May 24, helped a city resident get a no-trespass order on a family member and also provided the individual information on how to obtain a relief-from-abuse order.

On May 25:

- Patrolled and enforced parking laws during the city’s Memorial Day parade.
- Cited Terry Adams, 31, of Monkton, for violating his conditions of release.

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A march to remember

COMMUNITY MEMBERS TURNED out in the hundreds for the Vergennes Memorial Day parade on Monday, one of a few parades held around Addison County to honor those who have died while serving in the line of duty. Those marching included firefighters from several local departments, young musicians from schools in Middlebury and Vergennes, Miss Vermont Teen and two Miss Little Red Clovers, historical reenactors, and area Girl Scouts.

Independent photos/Steve James



Sheriff's Log

ADDISON COUNTY — Officers in the Addison County Sheriff's Department chased James Turner, 35, of Salisbury, into an Orwell pond on May 21 while they were trying to apprehend him.

Sheriff Michael Elmore reports Turner fled on foot when deputies approached him about the seven outstanding warrants for his arrest. Deputies took Turner into custody and then to the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility, where he was held in anticipation of a hearing.

Between May 18 and 24, deputies completed patrols in multiple towns and stopped 27 vehicles for various motor vehicle violations and fingerprinted 17 people for background checks. They also provided transport of prisoners for other agencies five times, taking:

- A prisoner from Southern State Correctional Facility to court in Middlebury for a hearing on May 19,
- A prisoner for the Bennington County Sheriff's Department on May 20.

- An intoxicated person to Grace House in Rutland for Middlebury Police on May 20.
 - A person to Burlington for the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department on May 22.
 - A person in custody to their court hearing in Middlebury on May 23.
- In other recent activity, the sheriff and his deputies also:
- On May 19 stopped Richard Quesnel, 39, of Salisbury for allegedly driving 88 mph in a 40-mph zone on Shard Villa Road in Salisbury. Authorities cited Quesnel for excessive speed and driving with a criminally suspended license and said he was also required to have an ignition interlock.
 - On May 20, assisted Vermont State Police twice during separate crashes on Route 22A — the first was near the intersection with Route 17 in Addison and the second was near the intersection of Richville Road in Shoreham.
 - On May 20, provided a standby while a person dealt with a court-ordered property retrieval in

- Cornwall.
- On May 20, arrested Isaac Fleming, 45, of Vergennes, for driving while under criminal suspension in Monkton.
 - On May 20, provided three VIN verifications for a Cornwall resident.
 - On May 21, assisted EMS on a call to the Sperry Road area in Cornwall.
 - On May 21, checked on the welfare of an elderly couple in Leicester to ensure they were getting proper care.
 - On May 21, got a complaint of goats in the road on Route 30 in Cornwall. The department followed up with the animal control officer and the property was inspected. The parties came up with a plan to prevent future incidents.
 - On May 21, assisted Middlebury police by taking bail for someone who had been arrested on a warrant.
 - On May 22, arrested Jill Booska, 53, of Leicester, on a warrant for failing to appear at a court hearing.
 - On May 22, inspected a car seat for a family.



Nature's pop
THE WARM RASPBERRY color of a purple finch rarely disappoints. This one was seen in Lincoln recently.
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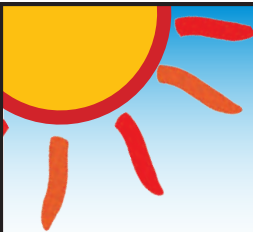
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New York man cited for DUI

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Kano Duffner-Myers, 27, of Holbrook, N.Y., for driving under the influence following a traffic stop at the intersection of Court Street and Creek Road shortly after 11 p.m. on May 20.

Police said Duffner-Myers declined to submit to an evidentiary breath test.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Investigated a two-vehicle crash, with no reported injuries, on Elm Street on May 19.
- Checked on a vehicle that had sustained damaged while traveling under the Seymour Street underpass on May 19.
- Investigated a motor vehicle crash on Case Street on May 20.
- Received a report about someone taking cigarettes and change from an unlocked vehicle on East Main Street on May 20.
- Helped a person who had been experiencing medical and mental distress after having run out of gas on Route 7 South on May 20. Police said Middlebury Regional EMS responded and took the person to Porter Hospital.
- Received a report about a dispute between some Weybridge Street neighbors on May 20.
- Responded to a noise complaint in the Court Street area on May 20.
- Checked on the welfare of a local juvenile who was in Vermont Department for Children & Families custody on May 20.
- Took a heavily intoxicated man into protective custody and coordinated his transportation to a detox facility on May 20.
- Responded to an assault report involving a juvenile at Middlebury Union Middle School on May 20.

Middlebury Police Log

- Connected a local person to services at the Counseling Service of Addison County on May 21.
- Arrested Nicholas J. Trudeau, 44, of Middlebury on an active warrant for his arrest on May 21. Police said Trudeau was lodged for lack of bail at the Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility.
- Checked on the welfare of a local man on May 21.
- Arrested Natasha Doolan, 28, on an active warrant on Main Street on May 21. Police said Doolan was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for lack of bail.
- Arrested Kyle Purinton, 34, on Main Street on an active warrant.
- Investigated a hit-and-run incident involving vehicles in an Exchange Street parking lot on May 21.
- Helped return a loose dog to its owner on May 21.
- Searched in vain for the driver of a vehicle that had reportedly nearly forced two other vehicles off the road near the intersection of Routes 7 and 125 in May 22.
- Located a mental health patient in the South Street area and returned them to Porter Hospital on May 22.
- Assisted Vermont State Police with a reported burglary in progress at a home off Route 7 South on May 22.
- Assisted a local person who was experiencing mental health problems in May 22.
- Responded to a noise complaint

- at a North Pleasant Street residence during the afternoon of May 22.
- Assisted a local mom and child who were fleeing a domestic violence situation on May 22.
 - Gave a courtesy ride to a patient who had been discharged from Porter Hospital on May 22 with no transportation.
 - Helped a local resident who had reported receiving a threatening message on May 23.
 - Investigated a report of a man who had allegedly been assaulted by a neighbor in the Washington Street area on May 23.
 - Responded to a trespassing complaint in the Main Street area on May 23. Police said the woman in question moved on.
 - Cited Michael Moulton, 26, of Mineville, N.Y., for possession of a regulated drug in the Court Street area on May 23.
 - Responded to a report of a person having a mental health crisis in the Shannon Street area on May 23.
 - Gave a ride home to a couple who had been involved in a domestic disturbance in the Elm Street area on May 24.
 - Investigated a noise complaint involving a party at a North Pleasant Street residence at around 12:50 a.m. on May 25.
 - Responded to a reported break-in at a Weybridge Street residence on May 25. Police said it wasn't a break-in, but rather a case of someone being disoriented.
 - Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS with a mental health-related incident in the Weybridge Street area on May 25.
 - Responded to a minor car accident on College Street on May 25.

Motorcycle crashes net 1 DUI charge

ADDISON COUNTY — In two separate incidents in the past week, people driving Harley-Davidson motorcycles crashed in Shoreham, one of which resulted in a citation for impaired driving.

In the first incident, Vermont State Police report that Martin Begonis, 68, of Orwell was driving

Vt. State Police Log

a 2005 Harley on Shoreham Depot Road on May 24 when, at a little before 8 p.m., he went off the road near Richville Road. State police responded, and reported no injuries and only minor damage to the bike.

While speaking with Begonis, troopers said they noted several signs of impairment. They screened Begonis for suspicion of driving under the influence, took him to the New Haven state police barracks for processing and released him with a citation for DUI.

In the second incident, state police report that Ashley Dow, 49, of Castleton was driving a 2016 Harley on Route 22A on May 26 when she crashed at around 4:45 p.m. Emergency medical services evaluated Dow on scene for minor injuries and took her to Porter Hospital for treatment. The

cause of the crash is still under investigation.

State police also dealt with a two-vehicle crash on May 23 just before 3:30 p.m. Troopers blamed driver inattention in an accident in which a 2018 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Daniel Quattrocci, 58, of Port Henry, N.Y., ran into the rear end of a 2022 Chevy Colorado that was stopped on Route 17 west of Lake Street in Addison. No injuries were reported, but both pick-ups sustained damage. Police gave Quattrocci a ticket for following too closely.

During the middle part of May, state police cited three people for driving in Addison County with criminally suspended licenses:

Steven Barrera, 26, of Vergennes was stopped on May 13 at 7:52 a.m. on Route 7 in Ferrisburgh; Tallon Real, 23, of Middlebury was stopped on May 13 at 5:03 p.m. by the train station in Ferrisburgh; and Lisa Beane-Leno, 55, of Rochester was stopped on May 14 at 7:07 p.m. on Route 100 in Hancock.

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MUHS STUDENTS THOMAS Bishop and Dylan Kolesnik chat with Eastview's Paul Seward about life in the 20th century during a May 22 gathering at the retirement community.

Photo by Emily Blistein

Lessons

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coordinator. Hescocock is also a former member of the Addison Central School District board.

The duo last summer mapped out the MUHS-EastView collaboration, which last fall paved the way for a series of initial pairings of what this reporter's grandfather Max (born 1908) used to call "mods" and "pods."

EastView residents and their new MUHS pals met three times for congenial, informative interviews. Students asked their elders about their lives, including what they had done professionally, their interests, their exposure to world events and their recipe for living long, happy and productive lives.

It proved a smashing success, leading to new pairings this spring. On Thursday, May 22, more than a dozen of Martin's students shared highlights of their interactions with their elder mentors. Lea Stannard, also an MUHS social studies educator, took her students to EastView on May 27 to share their observations.

Students Maggie Klingensmith and Sarah Tolgyesi were paired with 97-year-old Max Kraus, who deftly condensed the reason he has lived so long to three things: "Good genes, good luck, good wife."

Kraus, still amazingly vital as he ascends life's ladder to the century mark, captivated his young inquisitors with World War II-era accounts.

"You could only get extra sugar if you were friends with the grocer — but everything was rationed," he told them. "Toilet paper rolls were sold individually, and the wrapper was used first. Pencils were sharpened down to nothing."

Klingensmith's takeaway: "Max's attitude towards life, despite the countless things he's been through, reminds me of a lighthouse. Throughout our interview, he persisted with a smile."

"Max embodies the power of gratitude, the importance of family and compassion. I hope to carry that with me until I — hopefully — am 97," Klingensmith concluded.

Students Dylan Kolesnik and Thomas Bishop were paired with EastView residents Paul and Linda Seward.

The Swards imparted an ageless message.

"You've made happy by how

you make others happy," Paul Seward told them.

Kolesnik was struck by the couple's gratitude for how their lives have turned out.

"They had a lot of unique experiences in their lives that they told me and Thomas about, but they made sure to say that they were grateful for all of the things that went right for them and all of the times they got lucky in life," he said.

Bishop noted the Swards weren't afraid to take a stand on a variety of social justice issues during the turbulent 1960s.

"Paul and Linda told us a lot about what life was like during the Vietnam War, when they were young adults," Bishop said. "Linda told me and Dylan about

"You need to be kind and find something that makes you happy and hold onto it for dear life. Everything can change and flip upside down in a minute but the stability you can find in loving a person, hobby, activity and other things can help so much."

— Grace Charbonneau

War II years. "We didn't have meat, except for Sunday dinner," he said.

Sacrifice for the war effort was paramount.

Boulanger's takeaway: "Hearing Reg's stories of rationing during wartime helped me appreciate the overall effort and sacrifices not only made by soldiers during World War II, but the ones made on the home front, no matter how small. It helped me to avoid taking things for granted and appreciating what I have."

CIVIL RIGHTS

Carol Spooner talked to Sperry about participating, with a group of nuns, in New York City civil rights march during the 1960s.

"Hearing Mrs. Spooner's story was nothing short of inspiring," Sperry said. "Her stories work to show how anyone can make a difference in the world we live in today. Mrs. Spooner, despite growing up in a 'privileged' community, fought for what she knew was right as she stepped up to make a difference. As I continue forward in life, I wish to learn from these lessons and follow in

Carol's footsteps."

While the 1960s are now more than a half-century in the rearview mirror, the current MUHS students' parents can probably recall Vermont's effort 25 years ago to establish a civil unions law that ultimately led to marriage rights for same-sex couples. As recently noted in the *Addison Independent*,

EastView residents Lois Farnham and Holly Puterbaugh were leaders in the civil unions effort. Students Amelia Roussel and Natalie Gillett

listened intently to Farnham and Puterbaugh's stories of perseverance during a 52-year relationship that has stood the test of time.

"We had a long engagement period, 38 years before we got married," the couple told the students.

Gillet's takeaway: "You can do anything that you believe you can. Regardless of age or class, what seems impossible is something you can make happen. Work hard."

Student Grace Charbonneau

"Good genes, good luck, good wife."

— 97-year-old Max Kraus explaining his longevity



MARY BURCHARD SHARES recollections with her MUHS partner Grace Charbonneau at a gathering last week at Eastview. They were paired as part of a history class.

Photo by Emily Blistein

spent time with EastView's Mary Burchard — who, among many other things, for years served as the *Independent's* Salisbury correspondent.

Burchard, now into her 80s, put the word "poverty" in perspective.

"We were so happy to have that little piece of land for food during that time. We would have starved if not," she said.

Charbonneau's takeaway: "You need to be kind and find something that makes you happy and hold onto it for dear life. Everything can

change and flip upside down in a minute but the stability you can find in loving a person, hobby, activity and other things can help so much."

Sadly, EastView's Alice Perine passed away within days of the May 22 student presentations. The *Independent* had recently interviewed Perine to mark her 100th birthday. MUHS students Alice Livesay and Julia Morrissey had been assigned to Perine as part of the 20th Century History class.

Members of the Perine family — including Alice's daughter Sue and son Ken and her great-granddaughter Alice Livesay — were there to represent their mom.

"She showed me the importance of family and the people you surround yourself with, and how connections you make when you're younger can stick with you decades later," Livesay said of Alice Perine.

"After meeting with Alice, I quickly took away from our meetings how important it is to be a part of a community, and to have a deep bond with your family," Morrissey said of her recollection of the late centenarian.



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MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH School teacher Tara Martin addresses the crowd of seniors and teens at Eastview last Thursday.
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Lane

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just kept me here,” she said during a recent interview. “I haven’t had any reason why I would want to leave. It’s a great, positive atmosphere, and we all just really support each other. It’s been an amazing place to work.”
Lane, who grew up in Swanton, was first introduced to a career in teaching through a work study program she took part in during high school.
“I worked in the town kindergarten half a day every day of my senior year and really, really loved it,” she recalled. “I wasn’t sure that I was going to go to college, but after that experience I decided that might be something to pursue.”
Lane began heading toward a career in education, studying at the University of Northern Colorado and returning to Vermont to complete her student teaching. It was during a student teaching stint in Underhill, Vt., that Lane learned of a job opening up at Robinson Elementary School.
“There was a maternity leave here at Robinson, and it was going to be six weeks full-time and then a job share,” Lane said of the position.
She was hired to fill the role and expected to begin that upcoming January. Her start date unexpectedly moved up a few weeks when the teacher she was filling in for had their child early.
“I had flown out to Colorado to graduate...I came back Sunday night and started here on Monday like two weeks before Christmas,” Lane said. “It was crazy.”
She’s worked at the elementary school ever since. After job-sharing with another educator in a first-grade classroom, Lane was asked

to stay on at the school and teach a grades 1-2 classroom, which she did for around nine years.
“I really do feel like first and second grade is that sweet spot. They learn so much, so fast in those grades,” Lane said.
She still receives cards from former students reflecting on their explorations of Australia and other topics during their time in her classroom.
“I just feel like there’s something about this age where they grasp onto the content that you give them,” she said.
Through the years, Lane has also provided math support for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, job-shared in a multi-age classroom, and taught second grade for the

past decade or so.
“I feel fortunate that I’ve been in the same school,” she said. “I feel like there are probably changes that just naturally happen when you work in the same place for a long time, but I don’t feel like any huge things happened. I feel like we stayed pretty steady, always trying to change our instruction so it was really current.”
Other changes over the years have included the arrival of new students — some, the children of former pupils — each fall and the evolving role of a classroom teacher.
“Kids have a lot on their plate these days, so I definitely feel like my role as far as just being a teacher has changed,” Lane said. “That’s part of education these days; we’re all more than just teachers. But fortunately, I feel like the boat



JODI LANE, PICTURED here with students, will retire from her teaching post at Robinson Elementary School in June after 37 years at the Starksboro school.

Photo courtesy of Jodi Lane

has never really rocked that hard here.”
CHANGING NEEDS
While it’s been largely smooth sailing, Lane noted the past 37 years have seen some challenges. She pointed to the shifting nature of meeting pupils’ needs and changes in student behavior.
“Kids’ needs have really changed, and there’s a lot of behaviors that I didn’t see 30 years ago that surface now,” she explained.
Lane is thankful she’s never had to weather those challenges alone. Asked about what she’s enjoyed most about her time at Robinson, Lane cited the help she’s received from the school and broader community.
“I feel like I have been so supported as an employee here,” she said. “The school board, when

we had our local school board, was always supportive if I needed to work part-time, or I wanted to job share, or go back to (one) grade. They were always really supportive of me being able to do whatever might be important at that time in my life.”
“And the community,” Lane continued. “I’m still here because of the community; the people here have just been so supportive. This school is really unique, and I hear it from so many people.”
The Robinson community is one of the things Lane will miss most, along with other parts of the routine she’s become accustomed to over the years.
“I was thinking as I was driving here the other day, I’m going to

miss my drive. I’ve driven here for 37 years, so that’s what I see in the morning and on the way home,” she said. “I’m totally going to miss my colleagues, and I’m really going to miss the kids.”
While she’s enjoyed numerous aspects of her time at Robinson, Lane felt that the end of this school year was the right time to step away.
“I’d always kind of told myself that I thought I would know when it was time,” Lane said.
Several things helped her realize the time had come, such as the retirement of her good friend and former Robinson Elementary School counselor Amy Johnston last year.
“I feel like I’m leaving on such a good note, and I’ve had such a

good year,” Lane said. “This class is amazing, and everything just felt like it was showing me that it was time.”
Looking ahead, Lane said she’ll be helping out a few days each week at her sister’s thrift store in St. Albans. She’s also looking forward to having more time to spend with her parents and dedicate to different hobbies.
“Just doing some of the things that I love to do — kayaking, sitting on my porch and just being home, doing puzzles, reading books, stuff that I don’t get a lot of time to do,” she said.
In the meantime, she’ll spend the next few weeks wrapping up what has been a key chapter at Robinson.
“I feel like this has been my life’s work; I started here at 21 years old, got married, had kids. Everything has just been so synced,” Lane said. “I feel like this was the right place for me.”

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THE PANTHER WOMEN'S lacrosse team poses with the NCAA Division III championship banner and trophy on Sunday after winning the program's fourth straight national title.

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Women's lax claims 11th crown

Panthers come from behind to win 4th straight NCAA title

By ANDY KIRKALDY

SALEM, Va. — The Middlebury College women's lacrosse team on Sunday defeated NESCAC foe Tufts, 10-9, at Donald J. Kerr Stadium in Salem to claim its fourth straight NCAA Division III title.

The Jumbos scored the game's first four goals, but the Panthers tied the game in the second quarter, took their first lead in the fourth quarter, broke an 8-8 tie with two Hope Shue scores in the final six minutes, and held off Tufts in the final minute.

Coach Kate Livesay's Panthers finished their season at 21-1 and

won the program's 11th NCAA title. The Jumbos ended their spring at 21-2, with both losses by one goal to Middlebury.

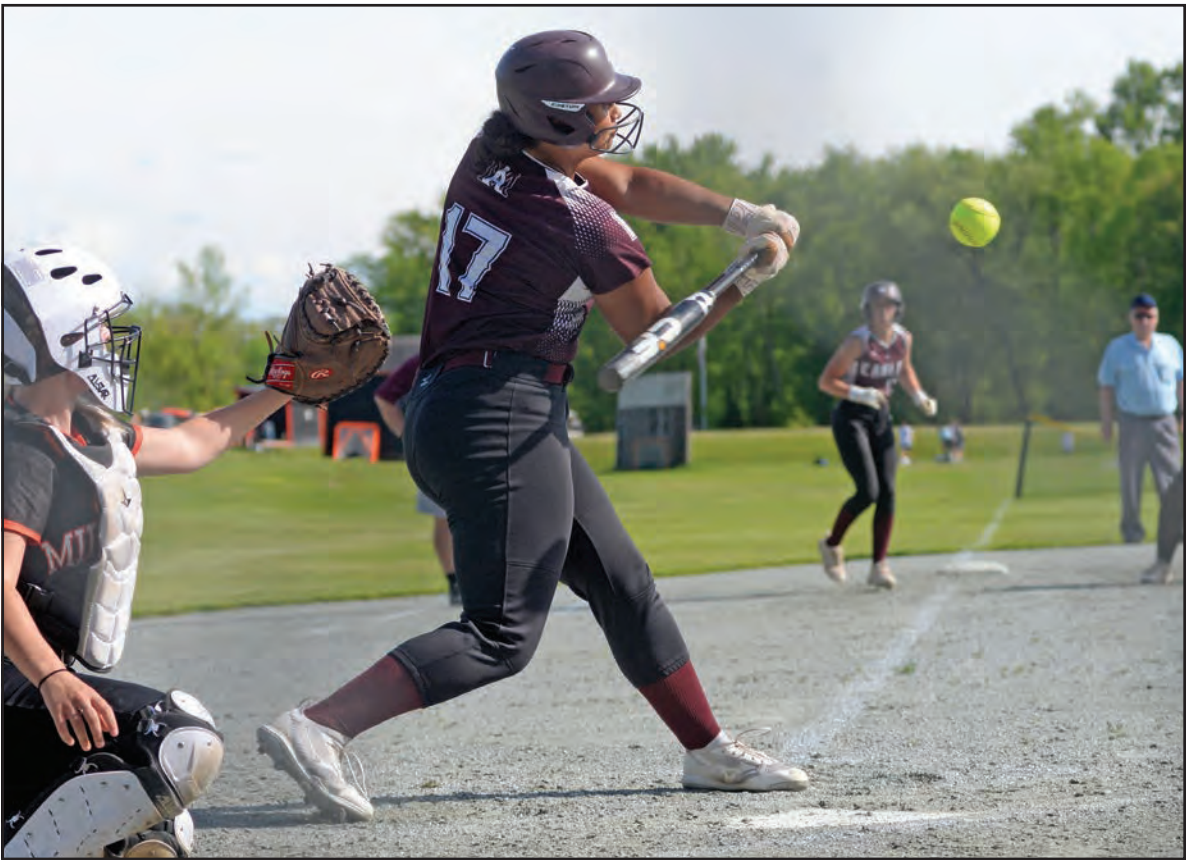
Defense proved to be critical for Middlebury. The Panthers forced 11 turnovers to Tufts's four; Middlebury got two each from defenders Kylie Wilson and Haley Hamilton, midfielder Caroline Messer, and Shue, who led the attack with four goals.

Wilson and Hamilton joined fellow defenders Madison Paylor and Grace Mumford to limit a Jumbo offense that averaged 16.7 goals per game to nine, and goalie Elizabeth Savage made 10 saves.

Tufts took a 4-0 lead at 8:43 of the first period on goals by Allie Zorn, Margie Carden, Ella Lesperance and Caroline Conaghan. Middlebury answered in the first period on a Maggie Coughlin solo effort and free-position conversions by Shue and Kelcey Dion, and Coughlin tied the game with a wraparound shot early in the second.

Carden and Elsa Schutt then scored to put the Jumbos ahead, 6-4. Shue scored on a free position midway through the period, and with two minutes to go, Skylar Lach curled around the net and

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EAGLE BROOKLYN RYERSBACH takes a rip at a pitch as a teammate leads off third base during Tuesday's softball game in Middlebury.

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5/23 MUHS vs Fair Haven	8-6
5/23 Mt Abe vs Milton (2)	7-5, 12-0
5/24 Bellows Falls vs OV	4-1
5/27 Mt Abe vs MUHS	9-2
5/27 Burr & Burton vs OV	7-1
5/27 Missisquoi vs VUHS	17-0

Softball

5/22 Enosburg vs VUHS	23-1
5/22 Milton at Mt Abe	Postponed
5/22 MUHS vs Rice	16-15 (8)
5/22 OV vs Fair Haven	11-4
5/23 Mt Abe at Milton	20-8
5/24 Enosburg vs Mt Abe	29-8
5/24 OV vs Bellows Falls	5-3
5/27 Rice vs VUHS	15-3
5/27 Mt Abe vs MUHS	13-4
5/28 Woodstock at OV	Late
5/24 VUHS at MUHS	Late

Girls' Lacrosse

5/23 MUHS vs S. Burlington	11-10
5/24 Rice vs MAV	16-6
5/27 MUHS vs Essex	9-8
5/28 MAV at Spaulding	Late

Boys' Lacrosse

5/23 S. Burlington vs MUHS	9-4
5/24 MAV vs Fairfax	16-12
5/27 MUHS vs Essex	7-6
5/28 Spaulding at MAV	Late

Boys' Tennis

5/23 MUHS at Brattleboro	Canceled
5/28 MUHS at Colchester	Late

Girls' Tennis

5/21 Montpelier vs MUHS	5-2
5/23 MUHS vs U-32	5-2
5/28 Colchester at MUHS	Late

Girls' Ultimate

5/22 Burr & Burton vs MUHS	10-4
5/24 CVU vs MUHS	15-0
5/27 CVU vs MUHS	15-1

Boys' Ultimate

5/21 MUHS vs Essex	15-9
5/23 Montpelier vs MUHS	15-4
5/28 Mt Mansfield at MUHS	Late

COLLEGE SPORTS

Women's Lacrosse

NCAA D-III Final Four In Salem, Va.

5/23 Midd vs Colby	13-12 (OT)
5/23 Tufts vs Gettysburg	18-13
5/25 Midd vs Tufts	10-9

(See Schedule, Page 5B)

MAV boys' lax gets a win

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes Cooperative boys' lacrosse team won its only game played between May 20 and 27, though the Eagles also picked up a May 20 forfeit victory over the struggling Otter Valley program.

At 3-6, the Eagles were in fourth place in Division III heading into a home game vs. Spaulding scheduled for Wednesday after deadline for this issue. MAV is set to wrap up its season by hosting Montpelier on Friday and visiting Lyndon on Saturday at noon.

The Vermont Principals Association will announce playoff pairings on Sunday, and first-round games will be played on Monday and Tuesday. The Eagles will be attempting to defend their 2024

title, the program's first.

This past Saturday, the Eagles defeated host Fairfax, 16-12. Coach Ed Cook praised his team's ball movement, noting every goal was assisted. Lincoln Painter led the attack with six goals and an assist, Joe Sullivan scored five goals and set up two, and Chase Aitkins scored once and racked up eight assists. Asa Pratt scored twice and assisted four goals, Kestrel Edwards scored twice, and Baxter Montgomery chipped in the final assist.

Goalies Connor Nason (seven) and Mason Forand (two) combined for nine saves. Forand filled in while Nason served a penalty.

Joe Brock and Jacob Gray led Fairfax with four goals apiece, and Iziah Erno made nine saves.



MUHS RUNNER JONATHAN Kafumbe battles down the stretch of the 200 at a May 22 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College. He scored points with a fifth-place finish.

Independent photo/Steve James

MUHS latest to fall to Mt. Abe softball

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — The Mount Abraham Union High School softball team continued marching toward a top-four Division II seed on Tuesday, when the Eagles defeated host Middlebury, 13-4, in a game that was more competitive than the score might indicate.

It was still 7-4 in the fourth inning and 8-4 in the fifth, and in each of those innings Eagle outfielders made outstanding catches with runners on base to stymie the Tigers.

The Eagles then put the game away when freshman Tiger pitcher Lillian Paquette appeared to run low on fumes in the seventh. Mount Abe scored five runs in that inning on just two hits as the Tiger hurler lost the strike zone after a creditable performance to that point against the strong Eagle offense.

Mount Abe improved to 9-3 and unofficially stands in fourth in D-II with three games to go, two against a rebuilding Vergennes squad and one — weather permitting

— at sub-500 North Country on Saturday.

The Tigers dropped to 5-6 with the setback, but remained in eighth, unofficially, in D-II. Their final two games are against Vergennes and a Milton team they have already defeated this season. Coach Timm Hanley believes they could move up to a No. 7 seed if they win out this week.

The Vermont Principals Association will announce pairings on Sunday, and first-round games (See Eagles v. Tigers, Page 4B)

Track teams vie at Midd

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — On a misty and cool May 22 afternoon, the host Middlebury Union High School girls' track and field team was third among seven teams, while the Mount Abraham boys were fourth for the best local performance at a meet hosted by the Tigers at Middlebury College.

Rice claimed wins in both the boys' and girls' team competitions.

The girls' team scores were: 1. Rice 133; 2. Peoples 130; 3. MUHS 80.5; 4. Harwood 57.5, 5. Stowe 49; 6. Mount Abe 37; 7. VUHS 36.

Winning individual events for the Tiger girls were senior sprinter Jazmyn Hurley at 100 meters, and the four-by 400-meter team of Meredith Carr-Perlow, Mary Harrington, Annika Bruning and Beth McIntosh.

Also excelling for the Tiger girls were Solstice Binder, second in the 110-meter hurdles; and McIntosh, second at 1,500 meters and in the 300 hurdles.

The Eagles' 4x100 team of Hazel Stoddard, Isla Underwood, Ruby Connell and Eliza Ruble took first, and Stoddard was third in the high jump.

Georgia Kunkel was second in the discus for the VUHS girls, and

the Commodore 4x100 team of Faith McAllister, Mary Cosgrove, Eliza Olenga and Torrey Hanna was second.

Also of note, Lincoln resident Estella Laird, a senior at Green Mountain Valley School, cruised to a big win at 3,000 meters.

The boys' team scores were: 1. Rice 112, 2. Peoples 94; 3. Harwood 79; 4. Mount Abe 69; 5. VUHS 60; 6. MUHS 55; 7. Stowe 44.

The Eagle boys rolled up most of their points in field events. Truman Sawyer won both the long and triple jumps, and Bowen Lutz was uncontested in his pole vault victory. In addition, Lincoln Ward was second in the shot put, and James Mount took second in the javelin.

Senior Grey Fearon paced the Commodores with a first at 1,500 meters and a second in the 800. Joey Maneen added a second in the long jump.

For MUHS, Haakon Olson won at 400 meters, and Raine Evans Nash was second in the 110 hurdles.

All three local teams are set to participate in this Saturday's Essex Invitational. Individuals on the cusp of having results good enough to qualify for state championship meets can go to Monday's "Last (See Track, Page 2B)



TIGER SOLSTICE BINDER powers her way to a second-place finish in the girls' 110-meter hurdles at a May 22 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College.

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Track

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Chance Qualifying Meet” at Mount Mansfield.
Burlington High School will host both the Division II and III championship meets. The D-III meet, in which VUHS will compete is up first on Thursday, June 5. Mount Abe and MUHS will compete in the D-II meet on Friday, June 6.

GIRLS’ RESULTS
The winners and top 10 local finishers in the girls’ events on May 22 were:
• 110 meter hurdles: 1. Zoe Martinez, Rice, 18.25; 2. Binder, MUHS, 18.26; 8. Eliza Olenga, VUHS; 22.37; 9. Gina LeBeau; VUHS, 24.16.
• 100 meters: (Top 15) 1. Hurley, MUHS, 13.02; 4. Binder, MUHS, 14.23; 6. Ruby Connell. Mt. Abe, 14.45; 10. Lauren Hill, VUHS, 15.15.
• 200: (Top 15) 1. Katerina Lemelson, Stowe, 28.85; 6. Citarella, MUHS 31.17; 7. Connell, Mt. Abe, 31.24. 8. Williams, MUHS, 31.33; 9. Burrows, MUHS, 31.56; 10. Cameron Vose, Mt. Abe, 32.75.
• 400: 1. Lemelson, Stowe, 1:03.04; 6. Sophie Underwood, Mt. Abe, 1:11.94; 7. Hill, VUHS, 1:12; 8. Eleanor Wilkinson-Sachs, VUHS, 1:13.00; 9. Kunkel, VUHS, 1:13.15; 10. Jing Williams, VUHS, 1:13.83.
• 1,500: 1. Evey Slavik, Rice, 5:14.43; 2. McIntosh, MUHS, 5:17.73; 6. Carr-Perlow, MUHS, 6:02.51; 7. Vose, Mt. Abe, 6:28.26.
• 3,000: 1. Laird, GMVS, 10:35.76; 5. McIntosh, MUHS, 12:04.07; 6. Harrington, MUHS, 12:19.8.
• 300 hurdles: 1. Sophia Calcagni, Peoples Academy, 55.19. 2. McIntosh, MUHS, 55.60.

• 4x100: 1. Mt. Abe, 58.16. (Stoddard, Underwood, Connell, Ruble); 2, VUHS 1:01.14. (McAllister, Cosgrove, Olenga, Hanna).
• 4X400: 1 MUHS, 4:52.84. (Carr-Perlow, Harrington, Bruning, McIntosh); 2. VUHS, 4:59.94. (Hill, Williams, Wilkinson-Sachs, Kunkel).
• Shot put: 1. Onyx Baird, Peoples Academy, 30’ 9.75”; 6. James, VUHS, 20’ 11.25”; 8. Roberts, Mt. Abe, 19’ 4.25”; 10. Kassi Garrow, Mt. Abe, 18’ 9.25”; 13. Mary Landwehr, MUHS, 15’ 9.5”.
• Discus:1. Isabella Pockoski, Harwood, 118’ 6”; 2. Kunkel, VUHS, 77’ 2”; 8. Quincy Sabick, VUHS, 59’ 4”.
• Javelin: 1. Sadie Baranyay, Peoples, 88’ 10”; 3. Stoddard, Mt. Abe, 70’ 9”; 6. Whitney Dykstra, Mt. Abe, 58’ 11”.
• High Jump: 1. Adele Marcoux, Peoples, 4’ 7”; 3. Stoddard, Mt. Abe, 4’ 7”.
• Long Jump: 1. Baranyay, Peoples, 14’ 9.25”; 3. Vivian Mott, MUHS; 12’ 11.5”; 5. Williams, MUHS; 12’ 3.75”; 6. Hanna, VUHS, 12’ 1.75”; 9. Ruble, Mt. Abe, 11’ 9.75.
BOYS’ RESULTS
The winners and local finishers in the boys’ events on May 22 were:
• 110 hurdles: 1. Liam Nichols; Peoples, 18.55; 2. Evans Nash; MUHS, 21.66.
• 100: (Top 15) 1. Jeonghun Jin, Rice, 11.80; 4. Sawyer Malzac, MUHS, 12.39; 9. Joshua Kafumbe; MUHS, 12.95; 10. Jonathan Kafumbe. MUHS, 12.99.
• 200: (Top 15) 1. Jin, Rice, 23.56; 4. Brody McGuire, VUHS, 25.66; 5. Jonathan Kafumbe, MUHS, 26.54; 6. Joshua Kafumbe. MUHS, 26.6; 7. Rowan Neffinger, VUHS, 27.29;
9. Evans Nash, MUHS, 27.38; 10. Patterson, MUHS, 27.75.
• 400: 1. Olsen, MUHS, 53.87; 3. McGuire. VUHS, 54.14; 7. Connor Brogan, VUHS, 59.17; 8. Neffinger, VUHS, 59.77.
• 800: 1. Enzo Delena, Stowe, 2:04.23; 2; Fearon, VUHS, 2:09.19; 6. Jorgen Pirrung. MUHS, 2:25.64; 7. Caleb Hatch, VUHS, 2:26.2; 9. Lutz, Mt. Abe, 2:29.36.
• 1,500: 1. Fearon, VUHS, 4:21.35; 5. Hatch, VUHS, 4:49.45; 6. Pirrung, MUHS, 4:57.35; 8. Keil Broderson, MUHS, 11:57.05; 6. Lucas Flinner, MUHS, 12:38.13.
• 4x100: 1. Rice, 47.35; 3. MUHS, 47.63 (Broderson, Malzac, Olsen, Joshua Kafumbe); 6. Mt. Abe, 51.20 (Sturtevant, Elliot Senecal, Jackson LaMarche, Sawyer).
• Shot put: 1. Connor Rowley, Harwood, 37-0.25; 2. Ward, Mt. Abe, 29’ 8.75”; 3. Carson Baldwin, Mt. Abe, 27’ 5.5”; 8. Elias Bennett Eberhardy, Mt. Abe, 23’ 6.25”.
• Discus:1. Joseph Ellner, Peoples, 108’ 2”; 4. Mount Mt. Abe, 78’ 3”; 6. Lutz, Mt. Abe, 71’ 11”; 8. Eberhardy, Mt. Abe, 65’ 11”; 9. Carson Baldwin, Mt. Abe, 63’.
• Javelin: 1. Gavin Clark-Viola, Harwood, 116’ 10”; 2. Mount, Mt. Abe, 112’ 1”; 4. Maneen, VUHS, 97”; 0”; 7. Peter Maneen, VUHS, 92’ 8”; 10. Kalder Steen, VUHS, 82’ 7”.
• Long Jump: 1. Sawyer, Mt. Abe, 18’ 0.5”; 2. Maneen, VUHS, 15’ 1.25”; 5. Sturtevant, Mt. Abe, 13’ 6”.
• Pole Vault: 1. Lutz, Mt. Abe, 5’ 11.5”.
• Triple jump: 1. Sawyer, Mt. Abe, 39’ 5”; 3. Koenig, VUHS, 36’ 3.5”.



VUHS SENIOR GREY Fearon battles in the home stretch of the 800 at a May 22 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College. Fearon settled for second in the race, but won at 1,500 meters.

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EAGLE HAZEL STODDARD flops over the high jump bar at a May 22 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College. Stoddard finished third, but her best jump tied for highest in the event.

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TIGER SPRINTER JAZMYN Hurley calmly breezes to a win at 100 meters at a May 22 meet hosted by MUHS at Middlebury College

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NCAA

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scored to make it 6-6. Schuyler Lloyd answered for Tufts shortly afterward to put her team up, 7-6, at the half.

Goals were harder to come by in the second half. Savage made key stops early, including a diving save on a Carden bid seven minutes in. About a minute later Dion knotted the score at 7-7 on a free position.

The Panthers took an 8-7 lead at 10:21 of the final period, when Dion converting another free position. But Jumbo Emma Joyce fired a tough-angle shot in just over a minute later to tie the score.

Middlebury took a 9-8 lead at 5:59 when Shue raced in from the left and found the right side on a free position. At 2:07, Shue dodged through a crowd and fired a lefthanded shot inside the right post to make it 10-8.

Tufts won the ensuing draw, but Panther Maddie Ackerman knocked the ball loose and Lucy Bishop picked it up to give the Panthers possession at 1:46. The Panthers gave the ball to Shue, but the Jumbos double-teamed her and eventually knocked the ball loose. A Panther foul on the play gave the Jumbos a player advantage with 59 seconds to go.

With 30 seconds to go, Allie Zorn plowed over Wilson and found the net, but the officials whistled Zorn for the charge to give the Panthers

the ball back. Another Panther turnover resulted in a free position that Conaghan buried with 11 seconds to go.

Neither team controlled the draw, and while the players scrambled for the ball the final whistle blew.

Shue finished the season with 86 goals. With 83 in 2023 and 82 in 2024 she holds the top three spots in the Middlebury single-season books. The college reports that she also graduates as D-III's all-time leading goal scorer.

Shue was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and she was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Savage, Caroline Adams, Messer and Lach.

SEMIFINALS

In Friday's semifinals Tufts took out Gettysburg, 18-13, while Middlebury needed overtime to subdue Colby, 13-12, on a Lach golden goal assisted by Shue. Colby finished at 17-4, with two losses to Middlebury and one to Tufts.

Middlebury took a 3-0 lead in the first 5:04, but Colby worked its way back, and the teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 8-8.

The Panthers scored twice early in the fourth. Shue set up Coughlin for a doorstep conversion, and shortly afterward Shue netted a free position to make it 10-8 at 13:57. But Colby's Julia Jardina scored the game's next two goals

to knot the contest at 10-10 with 8:34 to go.

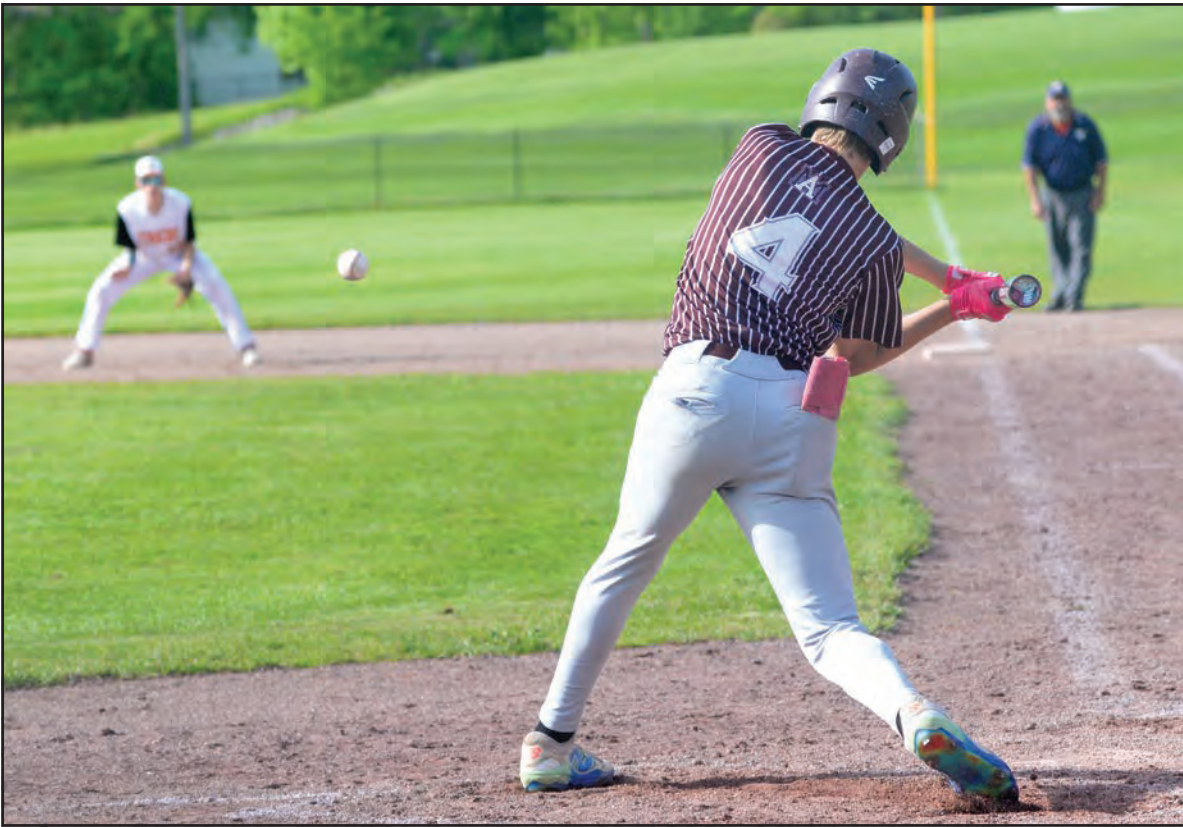
Two Panther goals — first, Coughlin, from Dion, and then Shue, on a free position — restored Middlebury's two-goal edge with 3:33 to go.

The Mules made it 12-11 when Gennie Littlejohn bounced a free-position home at 2:43. Middlebury forced a Mule turnover with half-a-minute to go and were set to ice the win, but Colby freshman Gisele Uva picked off an errant pass and worked a give-and-go with Olivia Kraus and scored with 17 seconds to go to force OT. It was her first career goal.

Middlebury opened the six-minute session with possession, but Colby goalie Jillian Kane saved a Shue free position. Then Colby threw the ball away at the other end, setting the stage for Lach's game-winner.

Shue (six goals, two assists), Caroline Adams (three goals), and Coughlin and Lach (two goals, assist each) led the offense. Shue became the first player in program history and seventh active across all three NCAA divisions to score at least 300 goals. Mumford caused two turnovers, and Savage made six saves.

Jardina scored five goals for Colby, and Ainsley Dion added two. Two Colby goalies combined for six saves.



MOUNT ABE FRESHMAN Calvin Peck takes a rip at a pitch during Tuesday's game in Middlebury. Independent photo/John S. McCright

Baseball: Eagles are rolling

Tigers win once; Commodores come up short

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Mount Abraham won three games, including one on Tuesday over host Middlebury, to highlight recent local baseball action. The Eagles improved to 9-3 and moved into third place in the Division II standings.

Elsewhere, the Tigers split two games, and the D-III Commodores lost a pair to D-II teams and fell back to .500.

The regular season concludes this week. The Vermont Principals Association will release playoff pairings on Sunday, and first-round games will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday.

EAGLES-TIGERS

On this past Tuesday in Middlebury, the visiting Eagles broke the game open with five runs in the sixth inning on the way to a 9-2 victory over the Tigers.

Winning pitcher **Aricin Griffin** and two relief pitchers combined on a two-hitter for Mount Abe. Helping to spark the offense were **Cam Castillo**, with a double and two RBI, and leadoff batter **Brody Barnard**, with a pair of hits.

Tucker Morter took the pitching loss for the defending D-II champion Tigers, who dropped to 3-10.

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TIGER SENIOR PITCHER Tucker Morter delivers an offering during Tuesday's home game vs. Mount Abraham. Independent photo/John S. McCright

Softball teams earn victories

Between raindrops, Tigers, Eagles eye playoff seeding

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — In recent local high school softball action limited by more wet weather, Mount Abraham and Middlebury both picked up road wins, while Division III Vergennes came up short against two top D-II teams.

The Tigers hosted the Eagles on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

The regular season will conclude this week. The Vermont Principals Association will release playoff pairings on Sunday, and first-round games will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday.

EAGLES

The Eagles' May 22 home game vs Milton was moved to Milton on Friday. There, the Eagles rolled to a 20-8, five-inning victory after scoring nine runs in the first inning.

Winning pitcher **Gretchen Toy** homered and drove in four runs. Also for the Eagles, **Elise Parker**

homered and drove in three runs; **Emmali Rougier** tripled, singled and drove in three runs; and **Gen Forand** drove in five runs with a double and two singles.

On Saturday, the Eagles lost at Enosburg, 29-8; details were unavailable. They were 8-3 heading into MUHS on Tuesday and appeared still on track for a top-four seed in D-II.

TIGERS

On May 22, the Tigers knocked host Rice out of first place in D-II with a 16-15, eight-inning win in a see-saw contest. **Meredith Cameron** sparked the Tiger offense by belting three homers, driving in four runs and scoring four times. **Lexi Whitney** also homered, singled, and drove in four runs, and **Lillian Paquette** poked a two-run double.

McKenna Whitney earned the pitching win, going seven innings and allowing 11 earned runs and leaving with a two-run lead. She also hit a key sacrifice fly in the eighth inning. Lexi Whitney

earned the save by limiting the Green Knights to one run in the bottom of the eighth.

Losing pitcher Bella Messineo doubled, tripled and homered while driving in four runs. Finley Strong homered, tripled and singled and drove in three runs for Rice, which dropped to 10-2.

The Tigers were scheduled to host the Commodores on Saturday, but that game was moved to Wednesday after deadline.

They carried a 5-5 record into their showdown with Mount Abe on Tuesday.

COMMODORES

On May 22, host D-II title contender Enosburg cruised past the Commodores, 23-1, in five innings.

On Tuesday, the Commodores hosted another D-II contender, Rice, and fell, 15-3, in six innings. Winning pitcher Alayna Havreluk tossed a two-hitter as VUHS dropped to 1-11.

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Girls’ tennis splits matches

By ANDY KIRKALDY
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls’ tennis team split two matches late last week. At 5-4 after those results, the Tigers are guaranteed at least a .500 record heading into the postseason with one match left in the regular season.

The Tigers were set to wrap up their regular season by hosting Colchester on Wednesday after deadline for this issue. Division II playoff pairings will be announced on Sunday morning, and first round matches will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday. Before that match with D-I Colchester the Tigers were in fourth place in D-II.

Vs. Montpelier

On May 21 vs. visiting Montpelier, the Tigers won both doubles matches, but the Solons swept the singles to prevail, 5-2. The individual match scores were:

At No. 1 singles, Allegra Muller, Mont, defeated Piper Farnsworth, MUHS, 6-2, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, Bitty Lassner,

Mont, defeated Anna Wolosinski, MUHS, 1-6, 7-5, (10-5).

At No. 3 singles, Finn Lofgren, Mont, defeated Addy Taylor, MUHS, 6-0, 6-2.

At No. 4 singles, Natalie Quinn, Mont, defeated Grace Ritter, MUHS, 6-2, 6-2.

At No. 5 singles, Ellie Duprey, Mont, defeated Maryam Khan, MUHS, 6-1, 7-5.

At No. 1 doubles, Subia Khan & Clara Chant, MUHS, defeated Mallory Suptan & Lizzy Sevi, Mont, 6-0, 6-4.

At No. 2 doubles, Olivia Kearley & Quinn Mackay, MUHS, defeated Alex Cook & Zoe Kuehl, Mont, 6-3, 3-6, (11-9).

Vs. U-32

Against U-32 on Friday the Tigers flipped the script, sweeping all five singles matches easily, but dropping both doubles matches. The match was played at Middlebury Indoor tennis. Coach Dan Comar said he was grateful for MIT’s cooperation.

“MIT saves the day again with

generous use of their facility on another rainy and cool day,” Comar said.

The individual match scores against U-32 were:

At No. 1 singles, Sophia Boise, MUHS, defeated Evelyn Rocha, U-32, 6-2, 6-1

At No. 2 singles, Farnsworth, MUHS, defeated Addie Pasco, U-32, 6-0, 6-0

At No. 3 singles, Wolosinski, MUHS, defeated Aida Coffey, U-32, 6-0, 6-0

At No. 4 singles, Taylor, MUHS, defeated Shannon McCulloch, U-32, 6-1, 6-0

At No. 5 singles, Maryam Khan, MUHS, defeated Aurelia Torres Bauer, U-32, 6-0, 6-0

At No. 1 doubles, Meredith Wilcox & Sylvia Emmons, U-32, defeated Subia Khan & Clara Chant, MUHS, 6-3, 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Sophie Martel & Pearl Jackes, U-32, defeated Quinn Mackey & Grace Ritter, MUHS, 6-2, 6-4



TIGER SENIOR LILY Dame races to first to beat out an infield hit despite the best efforts of Eagle pitcher Gretchen Toy in the background during Tuesday’s softball game in Middlebury.
Independent photo/John S. McCright

Eagles v. Tigers

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will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On this past Tuesday, the Eagles jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first inning off Paquette, who before Tuesday had only thrown a couple competitive innings this season. In that inning Paquette showed her potential, striking out the side, but not before also walking two and tossing a run-scoring wild pitch.

The trouble started when Eagle leadoff hitter Leah Tierney beat out an infield hit. A walk to Morgan Larocque and a wild pitch then put runners on second and third. Abba Parker’s single scored one run, and a walk to Gen Forand loaded the bases. Paquette struck out the next batter, but hit Elise Parker with a pitch to score the second run, and tossed a wild pitch to score the third before striking out two to end the threat.

The Eagles added two more runs in the second. Tierney and Larocque walked, moved up on stolen bases and scored on an Abba Parker RBI grounder and a Forand single.

The Tigers got to Eagle pitcher Gretchen Toy in the bottom of the inning. Ireland Hanley walked and moved to third on a McKenna Whitney single. After Whitney stole second, Skyler Choiniere singled them both home. Choiniere scored to make it 5-3 when Lily

Dame doubled down the right-field line.

Paquette’s control problems resurfaced in the Eagle third. Elise Parker singled to lead off, and three straight walks produced one run, and a Larocque groundout scored another to make it 7-3.

The Tigers got one run back in the fourth, but it could have been a bigger inning. Paquette hit a lead-off single, and Dame followed with a line shot into right center that looked like extra bases. But Tierney, the right fielder, made an outstanding backhanded catch to rob the Tiger. MUHS settled for one run when Choiniere doubled in Paquette, and it was 7-4.

The Eagles made it 8-4 in the fifth when Emmali Rougier walked, stole second, moved to third on a ground ball, and scored on a wild pitch. In the bottom of the inning, both Rougier in center field, on a ball hit by Lexi Whitney, and Tierney again, on a ball hit by McKenna Whitney, made fine running catches to keep the Tigers at bay.

“I’m really proud of the way they fielded the ball today. That team hits the ball hard and deep,” Eagle Coach Don McCormick said.

The Eagles nailed down the win in the seventh with five runs on five walks and RBI hits by Elise Parker and Brooklyn Ryersbach. Toy then

shut the Tigers down in the seventh. In the game, she surrendered nine hits, five walks, and three earned runs while striking out seven.

Hanley said Paquette, who before Tuesday had only thrown a couple competitive innings this season, has been working on her pitching and will improve. Paquette finished with eight strikeouts and 14 walks against one of the toughest lineups in D-II.

“She’s going to get accuracy. She’s got pretty good velocity, and she’s got a changeup,” Hanley said. She’ll be good. She’ll be right there.”

The Tigers were coming off a 16-15 victory over Rice that knocked the Green Knights out of first place in D-II, a game in which senior third baseman Meredith Cameron launched three homers. Hanley said his team won’t get discouraged by a loss to their county rival.

“They were pretty high after the Rice game, and they should have been. They hit the ball around pretty good,” he said. “And they’ll be fine after this one.”

Likewise, McCormick said the Eagles were not concerned about a weekend loss to fellow contender Enosburg, and felt Tuesday’s performance proved that.

“We know we’re right in it with them,” he said. “I feel pretty good going into the playoffs.”

Baseball

(Continued from Page 3B)
The Tigers were scheduled to host the Commodores on Saturday, but that game was moved to Wednesday after deadline.

EAGLES

The Eagles’ May 22 home game vs. Milton was moved due to poor field conditions in Bristol to Milton on the 23rd as part of a doubleheader with the Yellowjackets. The teams played two five-innings games, and the Eagles swept, 7-5, 12-0, to improve to 8-3 heading into Tuesday’s game at MUHS.

In the 7-5 opening win, leading the Eagle attack were **Evan Corrigan**, who doubled, and Castillo and Griffin each with a hit and an RBI. **Jackson Jennings** earned the pitching win.

In the second game, **Irie Mazur** was the winning pitcher for Mount Abe, tossing four scoreless innings. Corrigan and Barnard each had two

hits and an RBI to pace the offense.

The Eagles’ Saturday makeup game at Enosburg was canceled.

TIGERS

On May 22, Missisquoi improved to 11-0 with a 12-1 victory over the host Tigers. T-Bird hurler Tabor Rich allowed one run on six hits, and Max Wagner led Missisquoi with five hits.

On May 23, the Tigers edged host Fair Haven, 8-6. **Gabe Velez** went six innings for the pitching win, allowing six runs, two earned, on six hits and three walks while striking out eight. **Ryan Brouillard** fueled the offense with three hits and four RBI, and **Alex Sperry** added a pair of hits.

Mason Gutel took the pitching loss. **Derek Webb** singled, doubled and drove in two runs for the Slaters, and **Luke Senecal** added two hits.

COMMODORES

On May 22, host Enosburg

edged the Commodores, 7-5. **Ryan Wright** was the tough-luck losing pitcher, tossing five innings and allowing five hits and six walks, but none of the six runs scored while he was on the mound were earned. Wright and **Reese Paquette** led the VUHS attack with two runs apiece.


On Tuesday, the Commodores took it on the chin, 17-0, from D-II’s undefeated first-place team, Missisquoi. The T-Birds already had a 7-0 lead when they erupted for 10 runs in the top of the fourth. Two MVU hurlers limited the Commodores to six hits, including an **Izaak Wolniewicz** double. Wright, the first of three VUHS hurlers to get roughed up, took the loss.

The Commodores were in sixth place in D-III before the setback, which was not logged into the Vermont Principals Association website.

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TIGER FRESHMAN PITCHER Lillian Paquette delivers a pitch to a Mount Abe batter during Tuesday’s softball game in Middlebury.
Independent photo/John S. McCright

MAV girls’ lax falls to D-I Rice

By ANDY KIRKALDY
VERGENNES — Visiting Rice, Division I’s 6th-place team, defeated the Mount Abraham-Vergennes Cooperative girls’ lacrosse team on Saturday, 16-6.

While the Green Knights improved to 10-4 with their seventh straight win, the Commodores dropped to 6-7 with two road games to go in their regular season, both against D-II

opponents. MAV, as of Tuesday in sixth place in D-II, was set to visit Spaulding (4-9) on Wednesday after deadline for this issue, and then wrap up against third-place U-32 (9-5) on Saturday.

The Vermont Principals Association will announce playoff pairings on Sunday, and first-round games will be played on Monday and Tuesday.

This past Saturday, Bayleigh

Clark (five goals) and Kayden O’Connell (four goals) combined for nine of the Green Knights goals, and goalie Tayton Barrett made five saves.

Olivia Sawyer scored twice to lead MAV, and Callie Rule, Safi Camara, Esme Visco-Lyons, and Ada Hellier added a goal apiece. Goalie Kendra Jackson made nine saves.

ADDISON COUNTY School Briefs

Thomas A. Bemis of New Haven was honored at the Saint Michael’s College Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2025 after achieving the highest grade point average in the class. Bemis

was the sole member of the College’s Class of 2025 to maintain a GPA of 4.0 throughout his time as an undergraduate student. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. His high academic achievement was recognized during the College’s

118th Commencement on May 11. As part of his recognition, Bemis was invited to join College President Richard Plumb in leading the procession of graduates and dignitaries out of the commencement ceremony at its end.

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS	
Baseball	
5/29 Mt Abe at VUHS	4:30 PM
5/29 Rutland at OV	4:30 PM
5/29 Milton at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/30 VUHS at Mt Abe	4:30 PM
5/31 Mt Abe at N Country	11 AM
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Softball	
5/29 Mt Abe at VUHS	4:30 PM
5/29 Milton at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/30 VUHS at Mt Abe	4:30 PM
5/31 Mt Abe at N Country	11 AM
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Girls' Lacrosse	
5/30 MUHS at Mt Mansfield	4:30 PM
5/31 MAV at U-32	11 AM
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Boys' Lacrosse	
5/30 Montpelier at MAV	4:30 PM
5/30 Mt Mansfield at MUHS	4:30 PM
5/31 MAV at Lyndon	Noon
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Boys' Tennis	
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Girls' Tennis	
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Girls' Ultimate	
5/29 S. Burlington at MUHS	4 PM
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Boys' Ultimate	
Playoffs	
6/1	Pairings Announced
Track & Field	
6/5	D-III State Meet at Burlington HS
6/6	D-II State Meet at Burlington HS

Fawns should be avoided

MONTPELIER — Deer fawns are being born this time of year and Vermont Fish & Wildlife asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up. Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June. It is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and offers these tips:

- Deer nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.
- Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.
- Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.
- Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other young animals, and cats will kill fledgling songbirds.

Taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.



Tiger girls' lacrosse is on the rise

MUHS makes a move up Division I with pair of big wins

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team picked up a pair of one-goal victories over top Division I teams to improve to 10-3 as of Wednesday morning.

The Tigers are scheduled to wrap up on their regular season with a Friday afternoon visit to Mount Mansfield (5-10). A win in that game should lock down a top-three seed for the upcoming

D-I tournament. Pairings will be announced on Sunday.

On May 23 the Tigers edged visiting South Burlington, 11-10, as three Tigers each scored three goals: Ada Weaver (who added three assists), Kenyon Connors and Quinn Doria. Alice Livesay and Lia Calzini each scored once, Izzy Quinn assisted two scores, and goalie Ida Blackwell made 11 saves. Lucy McCarney scored four goals for the Wolves, who dropped to 9-4 and fell behind the Tigers in the D-I standings.

On Tuesday, MUHS defeated

host Essex, 9-8. Unfortunately, the home team did not report game details to the media, as should be customary. What is known is with the victory the Tigers passed Essex in the D-I standings and moved into third place. Per the Vermont Principals Association's website's quality points standings on Wednesday morning, the Hornets dropped to 11-4 and into fourth place.

Champlain Valley (11-2) and Mount Anthony (11-1) were in first and second place, respectively.

June 14 is free fishing day

MONTPELIER — Vermont's annual, statewide Summer Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 14 this year, and it will be highlighted by a free family fishing festival in Grand Isle as well as opening day of the state's regular bass fishing season.

"Vermont's Free Fishing Day gives resident and nonresident anglers the opportunity to go fishing without a license for the day in Vermont lakes and streams," said Fish and Wildlife Interim Commissioner Andrea Shortleeve. "Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity for an experienced angler to be a mentor to friends who have not gone fishing before. A day on the water could lead to a lifetime of great experiences and healthy local food."

Free Fishing Day in Vermont also will be celebrated at the "Grand Isle Family Fishing Festival," to be held at the Ed Weed Fish Culture Station at 14 Bell Hill Road in

Grand Isle. The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Designed for young or novice anglers and families, this exciting event offers a variety of activities to participate in — including basic fishing instruction, fish biology and ID, crafts and lure making, and more. It also includes a chance for participants to catch big trout in a hatchery pond. No prior fishing experience is needed, and Vermont Fish and Wildlife will be supplying fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants.

Vermont's regular bass season also opens on June 14, marking the start of some of the hottest bass fishing action in the northeast. The season opens each year on the second Saturday in June and extends through the last day of November.

To learn more about fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website.

Tiger boys' lax eyes first place

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
MIDDLEBURY — The MUHS boys' lacrosse team split a pair of games in the past week to maintain a grip on first place in Division I.

Those results set up a showdown with Mount Mansfield (11-3) this Friday at 4:30 p.m. on Fucile Field. The 12-2 Tigers can nail down the top seed for the upcoming D-I playoffs outright with a victory.

Even with a loss, however, the Tigers have clinched home field through the semifinal round of the postseason. The Tigers could also still earn the top seed with

more quality points or through tiebreakers, such as strength of schedule or record against common opponents.

On the field, on May 23 host South Burlington shut out the Tigers in the second half in a 9-4 victory. The Wolves used balanced scoring as well as strong defense to prevail. Dylan Karpinski (four goals, assist), Jack Kelly (three goals) and Will Goyette (two goals, four assists) did the damage. Caden Clayton made seven saves for SBHS, which as of Wednesday morning was in third place in D-I with a 9-4 record.

Angus Blackwell scored twice for the Tigers, and goalie Levi Nuceder made six saves.

On Tuesday the Tigers rallied from a 5-4 second-half deficit to edge visiting Essex, 7-6.

Landon Kean and Logan McNulty led the Tigers with two goals apiece, and Luke Nuceder scored once and set up two goals. In net, Levi Nuceder made 10 saves. Cal Boulanger won 10 out of 15 faceoffs for MUHS.

Nate Serrantonio and Eli Edwards each scored twice for the fifth-place Hornets (8-7).

Co-op transforms garden space

By **JILL VICKERS**
MIDDLEBURY — What's going on in front of the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-Op this month? It looks as though plants have been pulled up and carted away. Is the outdoor eating area or the plant sale area expanding?

No, volunteer gardeners are transforming the front part of the established bed into one full of native plants essential to our native pollinators, the bees, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds, and more. The project is a cooperative effort between the Co-Op and the Pollinator Pathway of Addison County. The Co-Op's Floor Manager Eric Neil gave the project the go-ahead last fall and turned the details over to the Co-Op's gardener Katie Corrigan.

PPAC board member Holly Fulton, working with Katie, is currently spearheading site preparation, plant selection, and layout of the native perennials and shrubs. Other members of PPAC and friends of the garden have pulled invasive plants, spread compost and weighed in on all aspects of the transformation. Board member Janet Higbee arranged for Dick Phillip, a talented woodworker from Shoreham, to design and fabricate cedar plant markers. They are tall enough for visitors to easily read both the common and scientific name of each of about thirty different plants. The transplanting is scheduled for the week after Memorial Day when watering and weeding begin.

Stop by during National Pollinator Week, June 16-22, on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoons when volunteers will introduce the garden and provide information about creating one's own pollinator patch or adding to one that already exists.

You can sign up at the PPAC table at the Co-Op or use the email address below to be part of this Addison County group bringing enthusiasm and knowledge to

help create plentiful and healthy habitats for our pollinators.

pollinatorpathway.addisoncty@gmail.com



CEDAR MARKING SIGNS made by Shoreham woodworker Dick Phillip mark the new pollinator-friendly plants being installed in the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op gardens this month.

Photo courtesy of Jill Vickers

ATTENTION FARMERS

State of Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation is soliciting interest in a license for approximately 25 acres of state land in Addison, for ag purposes for license beginning April 2026.

Licensee will be required to ensure compliance with all aspects of Required Agricultural Practices, ANR Riparian Management Guidelines, DEC wetland stream alteration rules, perform triennial soil tests. Licensee must have a nutrient management plan equivalent to NRCS conservation practice 590/compliant with MFO/LFO requirements.

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Middlebury Garden Club’s plant sale set this Saturday

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. until noon. As in recent years, it will be on the Green next to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church (3 Main St) in Middlebury. Get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs, shrubs, and more — for the coming season. Plants


will be in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will be a table with books and gardening accessories, too. MGC members will be present to assist. Trays and boxes will be available to carry your selections home. For the best selection, come early to the sale, although there usually are plants remaining right up to noon.

Antlerless deer permit applications now open

MONTPELIER — Vermont’s muzzleloader season antlerless deer permit applications are now available online at Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s website and from license agents. A link to the information and online applications is on the home page. The Fish and Wildlife Board met on May 21 and set antlerless deer permit numbers for the fall deer hunting seasons. Hunting for antlerless deer will be allowed statewide during the archery season. One deer of either sex will be allowed during the Oct.

25-26 youth and novice weekend hunt. The muzzleloader seasons on Oct. 30-Nov. 2 and Dec. 6-14 will have antlerless permits available for 19 of Vermont’s 21 Wildlife Management Units. Landowners who post their land may not apply for a landowner priority muzzleloader antlerless deer permit. They are eligible to apply in the regular lottery for an antlerless deer permit. The deadline to apply for a muzzleloader antlerless deer permit is July 31.





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may 29 THURSDAY

“Dementia and Home Safety — Helping Older Vermonters Create a Safer Environment” in Middlebury. Thursday, May 29, 4 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 3 Main St. Brought to you by Elderly Services, this talk will be presented by Rachel Wiley, MS, Occupational Therapist/The Dementia Collaborative and will cover essential fall prevention strategies, ways to reduce the risk of wandering, and key considerations for kitchen safety, medication management, and personal emergency response systems like Lifeline. Whether you’re living with dementia or caring for someone who is, this presentation will offer practical tools and strategies to enhance safety and support independence at home. Free and open to entire community.

Astrology meet-up in Bristol. Thursday, May 29, 5:30 p.m., 5 Mountain St. Make the most of your energy by keeping tabs on the planetary movements and how they can affect the most important areas of your life. We meet monthly to discuss the rapidly changing landscape of our times through the lens of astrology. Beginners welcome! Proceeds go to Pathways Vermont to end homelessness. RSVP required at welcome@home-body.co.

“Living in Bear Country: Learn to be Bear Wise” in New Haven. Thursday, May 29, 7-8 p.m., New Haven Town Hall, 72 North St. It’s spring and that means bears and cubs are awake, hungry and looking for food everywhere, including your backyard. VT Coverts Bear Ambassadors, Cheryl and Don Mitchell will share information about black bears and what we humans can do to live together safely in this beautiful environment. Come to learn about bear habits and habitats, and discover effective strategies for bear encounters, including proper food storage, securing compost and chickens. Free. All are welcome.

may 31 SATURDAY

Spring Wave race in Ferrisburgh. Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. The spring open-water rowing season for all middle and high school rowing teams ends with this seasonal championship race. Over 100 youth rowers from around Vermont and New England will participate. All are welcome to come and cheer on these rowers from the museum’s harbor.

Plant Sale in Middlebury. Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-noon, on the green. Middlebury Garden Club invites you to get your garden and house plants — annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs, shrubs and more — for the coming season. Plants will be in pots and labeled by name, color and basic care. There will be a table with books and gardening accessories, too. Trays and boxes will be available to carry your purchases.

“Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Curtains in New England” in Salisbury. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m., Salisbury Free Public Library, 918 Maple St. Many town halls, like ours, had beautifully painted theater curtains back in the day. Christine Hadsel, author of “Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Scenery in Northern New England,” will tell us more about our curtain and the tradition of painted scenery. She may also talk about conservation, and what it takes to preserve these beautiful reminders of town history. Sponsored by Vermont Humanities.

Rhubarb Festival in Middlebury. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, 2 Duane Ct. The centerpiece is rhubarb pie and savories, but over the years this annual fundraising event for our community has included a plant sale, book sale, cookbooks, “bling” (or gently used adornments) sale, café, and live music. Come early (pies sell out by 11:30). Parking at nearby MUHS. More info at cvuus.org.

Clothing Swap Shop in Vergennes. Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Otter Creek Room, Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Need to refresh your wardrobe? Addison County Solid Waste Management District invites you to bring your unwanted clothing items in good condition to swap for something for free! Questions? Contact eco@acswwmd.org.

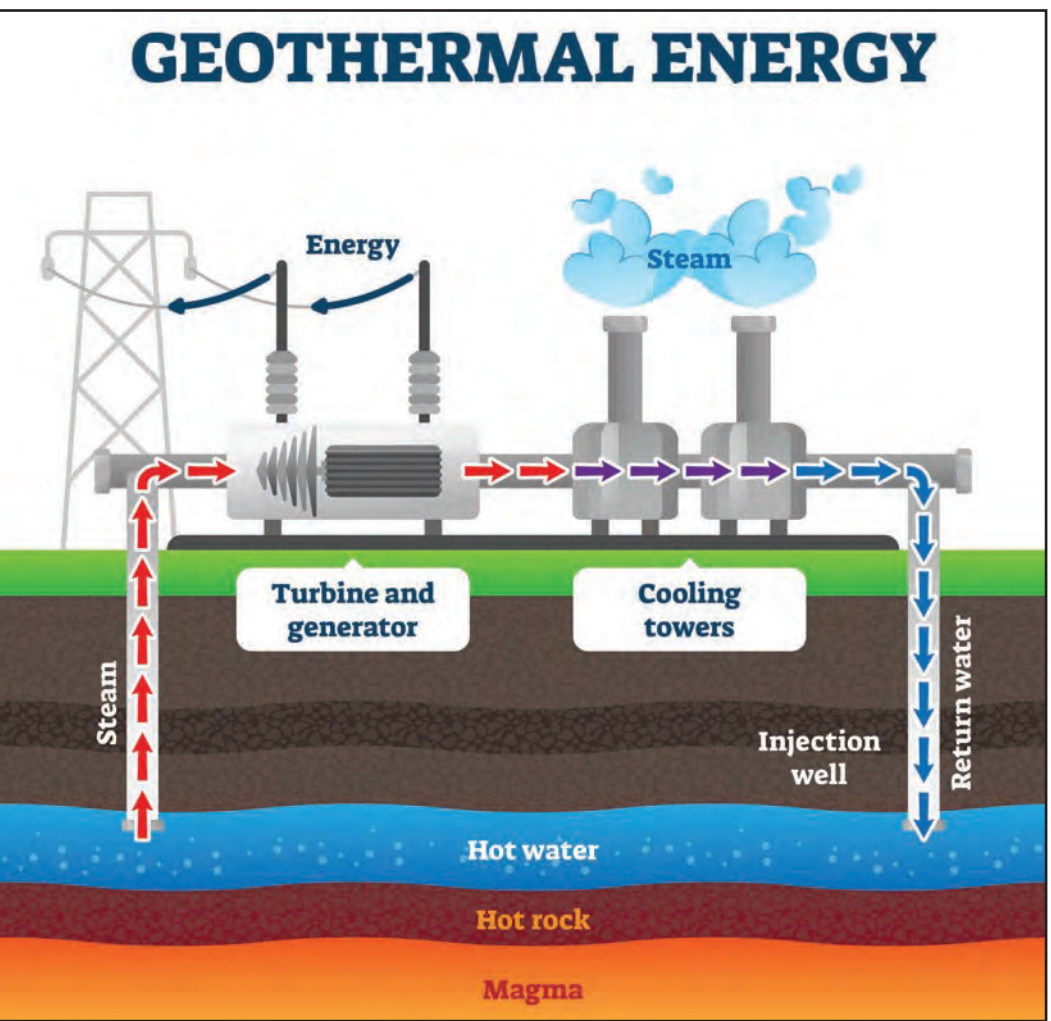
“Smitten Kitten” in Middlebury. Saturday, May 31, 2-3 p.m., The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Rd. Join Vermont Literacy Network for stories and crafts to support Homeward Bound, Addison County’s Humane Society.

Quarry Hill fundraiser and potluck in Middlebury. Saturday, May 31, 2-5 p.m., Happy Valley Orchard, 217 Quarry Rd. Enjoy live music from local rock band Atom and the Orbits, featuring QHS parents Noah Hahn and Chris Cappelluti! There will be family-friendly activities, refreshing Mountain Mac hard cider, and a final chance to bid on silent auction items. Bring the whole family to celebrate our vibrant Quarry Hill School community. More info at www.quarryhillschool.org/events.

may 1 SUNDAY

Scove Hill birding walk in Cornwall. Sunday, June 1, 7 a.m., Meet at the parking area across from 626 Swamp Rd. OCAS board member and avid birder Dave Guertin will lead a walk to Scove Hill in Cornwall Swamp. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. Terrain is varied so waterproof boots are recommended. Co-sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Commission. Call 802-989-1767 with questions. Rain date, June 7.

Midd Summer Market in Middlebury. Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park, corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. Enjoy the first Sunday of Summer. Vermont artists, craftspeople and purveyors of fine, Vermont products and prepared food. Shoppers can expect beautiful handmade items perfect for gifts, mementos, or staples for everyday use. Rain or shine. Learn more at ExperienceMiddlebury.com/mid-markets.



How’s it work?

LEARN ABOUT GEOTHERMAL energy at “Everything you ever wanted to know about geothermal but were afraid to ask!” on Friday, June 13, 8:45 a.m., at the Congregational Church of Middlebury. For more info see calendar listing.

Mentoring celebration in Starksboro. Sunday, June 1, 3-5 p.m., Robinson School, Route 116. The Starksboro Mentoring Program will celebrate 20 years as one of the most successful mentoring programs in Vermont. Join in to celebrate past and present mentors, mentees and their families. There will be games, photos, recognitions and snacks.

may 4 WEDNESDAY

“Catching People’s Stories” in Shoreham. Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Shoreham Historical Society welcomes Jane Beck, who has used the recorded interview as her major source of material for exhibits, media and written materials throughout her career. A Vermont Humanities Council event.

may 5 THURSDAY

Job Fair in Vergennes. Thursday, June 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Northlands Job Corps Center, 100 Macdonough Dr. Find your next career opportunity at the Job Fair @ Job Corps! Employers are actively hiring and excited to meet you, so polish up your resume and come down. Free. Sponsored by the Vermont Department of Labor, Northlands Job Corps, and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Questions? Call 802-877-0175.

“Tips for Managing Diabetes in Older Age” in Middlebury. Thursday, June 5, 4 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 3 Main St. Brought to you by Elderly Services, this session will be led by Margaret Young, MPH, RDN, LD Diabetes Educator with UVMHN/Porter Medical Center. People with diabetes can effectively manage their disease to prevent further health complications, which can be costly and individuals with prediabetes can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Learn about lifestyle changes proven to help people with type 2 diabetes manage and improve their condition as well as help those with prediabetes to delay or prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. Free and open to all.

True Crime podcast club in Middlebury. Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m., Mini Isley Public Library, 30 Main St. Join fellow sleuths to discuss this month’s podcast, “Park Predators – The Garden.” Acadia National Park may exist on an island but in the late 1970s a human predator showed up there and started hunting. The identity of the killer has remained unknown for more than four decades and the mystery as to who killed Leslie Spellman is still waiting to be uncovered.

may 7 SATURDAY

Book sale in Middlebury. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Middlebury United Methodist Church, 43 N. Pleasant St. Held by The Friends of Isley Library. We have summer reading for the whole family at great prices and are located just a hop, skip and a jump from your Saturday errands in town. Proceeds fund Isley Library programs for all ages as well as staff development opportunities. Come check us out!

may 8 SUNDAY

Charity fundraising breakfast in Bristol. Sunday, June 8, 7:30-10 a.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets. Menu includes sausage gravy with homemade biscuits, scrambled eggs (or over easy if you ask us to flip them) bacon, sausage patties, sausage links, home fries, pancakes, blueberry pancakes, French toast, assorted juices, apple bread pudding and coffee. \$9 adults /\$5children under 12. All profits are donated to a person or group in need within the Five Town Area.

Chicken barbecue in Cornwall. Sunday, June 8, noon until the chicken runs out, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Route 30. Table

seating and take-out will be available. Half-chicken meals with salad and sides will be the main feature, but kids (and the young at heart) can enjoy free hot dogs while they last. A great opportunity to see and meet neighbors and old friends, as well as see the CVFD’s fire trucks, learn about serving on the fire department and meeting the volunteers. \$15. Proceeds benefit the work of the department.

may 9 MONDAY

Cribbage Night in Bristol. Monday, June 9, 7 p.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets.

may 12 THURSDAY

Book Donation Day, in Vergennes. Thursday, June 12, 3-6 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Donate your used books to the Bixby Library Book Sale. Donations accepted in the back parking lot. Fiction should be published after 2014 or written by a popular author, and non-fiction should be current and saleable. Donated books will be featured at the book sale on Saturday, June 14.

“Driving and Aging — Challenges, Strategies and Things to Consider” in Middlebury. Thursday, June 12, 4 p.m., Congregational Church of Middlebury, 3 Main St. Brought to you by Elderly Services, this session will be led by Andrea Spinale from the Vermont Department of Health. Join us for an informative session on the challenges older drivers face in Vermont. The program will also cover how to approach the difficult conversation about driving retirement and how to start planning for the future. Free and open to all.

may 13 FRIDAY

“Everything you ever wanted to know about geothermal but were afraid to ask!” in Middlebury. Friday, June 13, 8:45 a.m., Unity Hall, Congregational Church of Middlebury, 30 N. Pleasant St. Learn about the promise of geothermal (i.e., ground-source) heat pumps for heating and cooling buildings from experts in designing, engineering, and deploying these systems. Sponsored by the Town of Middlebury Energy Committee. Free, but please register at bit.ly/GEOTHERMAL-WORKSHOP.

Push to the Pavilion concert in Vergennes. Friday, June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, 43 East St. Live music featuring the Pavilion Rock Band, food (the good stuff: pizza, ice cream, beer) and prizes, including the chance to win outdoor furniture from Woodware.

may 14 SATURDAY

Vermont Days Weekend, Saturday, June 14, Mount Independence, Chimney Point, and Hubbardton Battlefield state historic sites. Free admission to all Vermont’s state historic sites. Bring a kite to fly or try ours.

Vermont Free Fishing Day. Saturday, June 14, around the state. Designed for young or novice anglers and families, this event offers a variety of activities to participate in, including basic fishing instruction, fish biology and ID, crafts and lure making, and more. It also includes a chance for participants to catch big trout in a hatchery pond. No prior fishing experience is needed. Vermont Fish and Wildlife will supply fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants. More info at vtfishingwildlife.org.

Public Notices

can be found 5B, 7B, 11B and 12B.

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DOCKET NO.: 25-PR-00166
IN RE ESTATE OF: JAY EDELSTEIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Jay Edelstein, late of Middlebury, Vermont.
I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.
Dated: 05/20/25

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Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 05/22/25
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CITY OF VERGENNES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 16, 2025, at 7 pm as the second order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Review for Application #2025-08 by 345 East St. LLC to create an additional Dwelling Unit within the Principal Structure on the Property located at 3 East St. Reviews will consider Article VII, Article VIII, Article XII, and Article XVI Section 1603.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the One Credit Union Conference Room located at 63 School Street, Vergennes, Vermont.

Meetings are accessible via Zoom;
Meeting ID: 828 0065 2431
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Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; For participants joining by phone:
To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9
To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6
If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact the City of Vergennes Zoning Administrator at 802-989-6315.

Persons seeking eligibility to Appeal must establish status as an Interested Person as defined in Article VI Section 603 of the City of Vergennes Zoning and Subdivision Regulations AND participate in the Public Hearing either in person or in writing in order to take any subsequent Appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" Appeal municipality with regard to Appeals to the Environmental Court from Development Review Board Decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider Testimony and Evidence provided during Public Hearings on the Application. Interested Persons should therefore assure that their participation in the Public Hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their Testimony and Evidence.

A copy of the application is available for public review at City Hall or by contacting David Austin at zoning@vergennes.org.
May 23, 2025
David Austin
Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
NOTICE OF HEARING

The Ferrisburgh Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing(s) on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall at 3279 US Route 7, beginning at 6PM. The hearing(s) will also be available to participants remotely via Zoom; the link will be included in the agenda posted on the Town's website (ferrisburghvt.org) at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Application Number 25-044: Internal boundary line adjustment for 2-lot mixed-use subdivision; Applicant: Mark Franceschetti / Barb, Jim, Mary & Reno LLC; 14 Old Hollow Road & 6866 US Route 7 (Peaceful Road Self Storage); Parcel ID number 18/20/71; Highway Mixed-Use District (HMU-2); Subdivision Amendment.

Application Number 25-054: 3-lot subdivision; Applicant: Clark Hinsdale; west side of Greenbush Road at Route 7; Parcel ID number 05/01/91; Rural Agricultural District (RA-5) & Conservation District (CON-25); Final Plat.

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

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

CITY OF VERGENNES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 16, 2025, at 7 pm as the third order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider Site Plan Review and Variance Review for Application #2025-13 by Laura Wilkinson to construct an addition to the Principal Structure consisting of an enclosed porch on the Property located at 12 King St. Reviews will consider Article VI Section 605, Article VII, and Article XVI Section 1603.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the One Credit Union Conference Room located at 63 School Street, Vergennes, Vermont.

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May 23, 2025
David Austin
Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF SALISBURY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salisbury Development Review Board (DRB) will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Office (25 Schoolhouse Road) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, to consider the following:

Application 2025-04

An application from Property Owner, Moosalamoo Club Inc./Applicant Jeff Schumann, (Parcel ID #13XQ153), for a Conditional Use Review, in connection with a proposed permit to raze and reconstruct Cottage C-8, located at 8 Moosalamoo Road, in Lake Shore District 2, (LS2), in which the proposed reconstruction requires review under 3.4.2 of the Unified Zoning Regulations.

This application is pursuant to §2.4.4, §3.4.2, §3.4.6, and 4.0.5 of the Salisbury Unified Development Regulations

Participation (either oral or written) is a prerequisite to an interested person's right to take any subsequent appeal from the DRB's decision. See 24 V.S.A. §4465(b) and §4471.

These hearings will be conducted with in-person and remote access. Those wishing to participate remotely must obtain the necessary remote access codes. Access codes (for on-line or phone) are available by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk during regular business hours prior to 3:00 PM on June 17, 2025. The Salisbury Town Office is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Application materials are available for inspection in the Town Office during regular business hours and on the Town Website at townofsalisbury.org.

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WARNING

TOWN OF SALISBURY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 23, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Salisbury are hereby warned and notified to meet at the SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH on MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 AT 6:00 PM to transact the following business:

Article 1: Discussion of Articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on June 24, 2025

Article 2: To transact any other business which is proper to come before said meeting

The Town Meeting shall recess until 8:00 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 to vote on the following Articles by Australian ballot. Polls will be open in the TOWN OFFICE from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Salisbury vote to exempt from taxation 6.42 acres of real estate property owned by the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department at 2399 Route 7 in Salisbury for the years April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2030 per 32 V.S.A. § 3840?

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Salisbury vote to move from having a Board of Listers to having a paid assessor at a time to be determined by the Select Board?

SALISBURY SELECT BOARD

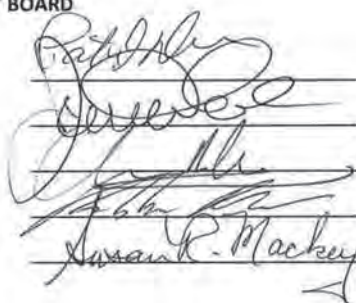
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Mount Abraham Union High School

Bella Hartwell

Mt. Abraham Union High School introduces Bella Hartwell, its final Student of the Week of the 2024-2025 academic year. Bella lives in Monkton with her mom and two cats.

Bella has received highest and high honors all four years of high school. Her favorite classes include Society and the Human Condition with Ms. Grzyb and French with Ms. Jacobeit. She enjoys classes where she's able to take initiative to learn about the things that interest her while also being challenged. Bella has received several academic awards including the French Language Award, Music Department Award, and Visual Arts Award. In addition, Bella was the recipient of the Maestro Award at a recent competition that Mt. Abraham's Music Department attended in Boston.

Throughout high school, Bella has been a participant in Mt. Abe musicals, playing larger roles in this past year's production of "Anything Goes" as Reno Sweeney and in "Beetlejuice" as Delia Schlimmer. She has also been a member of Jazz Band, A Capella and the varsity field hockey team.

Outside of school, Bella started her own Henna business at the Shelburne Farmers Market and has expanded into birthday parties as well as other special occasions. In her free time, Bella likes to be with friends, get outside, do yoga, cook and sing jazz. She loves writing and making art and is excited for river days this summer.

When asked about an important lesson she has learned, Bella's answer: "Stick true to what you believe and what works for you, and you will attract the people that are doing the same and want to celebrate your confidence. Your authenticity and originality is your greatest gift and you deserve to be seen fully throughout the process of growing up, even when it seems messy. Laugh loud, be real, because the right people will cheer you on for being unapologetically genuine."

In the fall, Bella attend Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



Bella Hartwell
MAUHS

Otter Valley Union High School

Lucas Politano

Lucas Politano is Otter Valley Union High School's final student of the week for the 2024-2025 school year. A resident of Brandon, Lucas has three older siblings who also graduated from Otter Valley. Along with his family, he shares his home with his dog, a rabbit and two cats.

Lucas has had a very positive experience at Otter Valley, particularly the enjoyment he gets from spending time with the friends he has made there. Currently his favorite class is Business Math. He has loved learning about things in the class that he will directly apply to his life in the real world, and it is a subject that he is super interested in pursuing in college. His academic skills stretch beyond Business Math. Lucas has been inducted into the National Honor Society and has been a regular on the honor roll and principal's list all four years.

Most will be familiar with Lucas for his achievements on the golf course, where he excels, but he has also been involved in Otter Valley's basketball team for all four years and played soccer his freshman and sophomore years. His teams have achieved three championships in golf and two trips to semifinals in Barre for basketball, and he is very proud of that. Individually, Lucas has won three state championships in golf. Lucas has also been a mentor in the elementary school this year for 6th grade. He says it was rewarding to make those connections and hopefully motivate them to be student-athletes.

Outside of school and sports, Lucas can be found hanging out with his friends and family, fishing and riding jet skis, but he notes that most likely you will find him on the golf course. He says the most important thing he has learned while at Otter Valley is to always strive to be the best at what you're trying to achieve in life, and you will be successful. Golf has also taught him a lot of life lessons around patience, integrity and taking things that are hard and making good from it.

After high school, Lucas will be enrolling at Rutgers University, where, along with his studies, he will be playing Division I golf. Lucas's future is bright, and we at Otter Valley wish him all the best.



Lucas Politano
OVUHS

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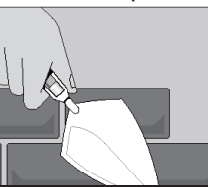
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS in person meetings are available. For a list of local virtual meetings visit <http://bit.ly/district9aa>. For more information visit <https://aavt.org/> or call the 24 hour hotline at 802-802-AAVT (2288).

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Public Meetings

THE TURNING POINT CENTER of Addison County is open for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm, 79 Court St, Middlebury. We are available by phone 24/7 at 802-388-4249.

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Public Meetings

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Finance Manager & Administrative Assistant/Office Manager

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) is hiring for two positions for our administrative team.

ACRPC seeks a highly skilled, self-motivated **Finance Manager** to join our team of dedicated professionals in a public service organization. This position works directly with the Executive Director with responsibilities to include management of ACRPC's financial accounts, organizational budget development and oversight, development of indirect cost rate proposals, financial reporting to the Executive Director and Board, grant budgets and contract management, financial aspects of grant reporting, management of payroll, annual audit preparation, and general oversight of financial operations. Position requires 3-5 years of Quickbooks accounting software experience and a track record of financial oversight. Knowledge of federal or state grants management is strongly preferred. Ability to work and communicate well with staff and the public is essential. Hours and benefits to be determined based on experience and availability.

ACRPC seeks an experienced **Administrative Assistant** to support our Finance Manager, to provide general administrative support for our planning team, and to provide office management. Duties and responsibilities will include bookkeeping assistance, scheduling and admin support across programs, and other jobs as determined by the Executive Director and Finance Manager. Excellent technical and problem-solving skills and understanding of computer systems and software is required. Hours and benefits to be determined based on experience and availability.

ACRPC is the regional planning commission for a 21-town area of west central Vermont in Addison County. Our mission is to provide ACRPC's region and municipal members with resources to address priorities in a variety of planning disciplines, including transportation, land use, housing, energy, disaster recovery, water quality and health. Our office is centrally located in downtown Middlebury. Our workplace is friendly and highly flexible. We offer competitive compensation and excellent benefits. (prorated for 20+ hrs/week)

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Help Wanted

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Nursery/Greenhouse Assistant

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Please stop in to pick up an application or send Resume and References to:

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Application and job description available at Town Clerk's Office and www.newhavenvt.com.

Submit applications to Town Office: Town of New Haven, 78 North St., New Haven, Vt. 05472, email newhavenclerk@gmavt.net, or call 802-453-3516

78 North Street, New Haven, VT 05472
802-453-3516

Substitute Teachers

Head Start is looking for Substitute Teachers!

Head Start is a federally-funded, national child and family development program which provides comprehensive services for pregnant women, children from birth to age five, and their families.

We have opportunities for on-call, "as-needed" substitutes in early education classrooms in multiple locations. High school diploma; related experience; effective verbal and written communication (bilingual abilities a plus!); access to reliable transportation; the physical ability to carry out required tasks. Starting pay \$20.00 per hour.

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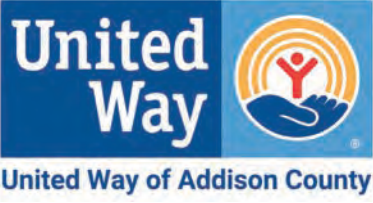
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Volunteer with Middlebury Area Land Trust!



We are always in need of volunteers who can help with things like seasonal trail work, assisting at MALT's summer camps as counselors in training, or even helping around the office on special projects and mailings.

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Help Wanted

Head Start Home Visitor

Interested in making a difference in the lives of young children and their families? Head Start has an opening for a Home Visitor starting in July 2025!

Head Start is a federally-funded, national child and family development program which provides comprehensive services for pregnant women, children from birth to age five, and their families. As a Head Start Home Visitor, you will provide services in home-based settings to program participants to provide or support the care of preschool-aged children so as to enhance their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development, support parents in the care and nurturing of their children, and help parents move toward self-sufficiency and independent living.

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STATE OF VERMONT, SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION, ADDISON UNIT DOCKET NO.: 25-PR-01293 IN RE ESTATE OF: CLIFFORD DOUGLAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of: Clifford Douglas, late of Addison, Vermont. I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period. Dated: 04/29/25

Michelle Chamberlain % Duprey Law, PLLC
11 Main Street, Suite B110F, Vergennes, VT 05491
(802) 870-6563
anthony@dupreylaw.com

Publication: Addison Independent
Publication Date: 05/29/25
Name of Probate Court: Vermont Superior Court, Addison Unit, Probate Division
Address of Court: 7 Mahady Court, Middlebury, VT 05753

TOWN OF ADDISON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Addison Planning Commission meeting will be held on **Monday, June 16, 2025** at the Addison Community Center at 6:30 PM (regular monthly meeting).

1. Open the meeting.
2. Roll call given.
3. Public Comment time allowed (beginning & end if deemed necessary).
4. Continue to work with Katie Raycroft-Meyer on the Town Plan revisions, finalizing details & progressing with the next steps for the Town Plan. Katie will bring a rough draft of the plan.
5. Approve the meeting minutes for May 19, 2025.
6. Confirm the Town Survey results have been published to the Town website after minor changes & edits.
7. Confirm requested employment documents (or waiver of stipend note) and contact information have been submitted to the Town Clerk's Office.
8. Follow up with progress of board members taking required ethics training online at <https://ethicscommission.vermont.gov/training>.
9. Discuss any remaining miscellaneous Planning Commission business or concerns.
10. If needed, allow additional public comment time before adjourning.

Michael Hollis, Chair
Starr Phillips, Secretary
Addison Planning Commission

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NEW HAVEN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

New Haven Evergreen Cemetery Association annual meeting will be held June 12, 2025 at 7pm at the home of Roger Boise – 434 North St.

AUCTIONS



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MUNGER STREET CEMETERY NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Munger Street Cemetery Corporation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m across from the cemetery at the home of Ruth Penfield, 2691 Munger Street in New, Haven VT.
Ed McGuire, Secretary

TOWN OF STARKSBORO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF HEARING

Mathew Norris submitted a subdivision application (25-DRB-07SD) for sketch plan review of a Two-Lot Subdivision located on a 10.8 +-acre parcel (10605) 499 Lafayette Rd, South Starksboro. The proposed subdivision is in the LDRC. The hearing on the application will be held per Sec. 426 of the Starksboro Land Use and Development Regulations (SLUDR)

The Starksboro Development Review Board will conduct the hearing on **June 26, 2025**, starting at 6:30p.m. at the Starksboro Town Office with remote access (info below). The application is available to review by request of the Starksboro zoning office.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) participation in this local proceeding is prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Town of Starksboro is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89617415124>
Meeting ID: 896 1741 5124
One tap mobile
+13017158592,89617415124# US (Washington DC)
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Zoning Administrator
Date: April 17, 2025

CITY OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 16, 2025, at 7 pm as the fourth order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider Site Plan Review for Application #2024-56 by ACCT Mobile Home Parks LLC to construct two (2) Gravel Wetlands on the Property located at 112 Panton Rd. Reviews will consider Article VII and Article XVI Section 1604.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the One Credit Union Conference Room located at 63 School Street, Vergennes, Vermont.

Meetings are accessible via Zoom;
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Meeting password: 5CKEsb

Join by phone: Dial 1 (929) 205-6099; For participants joining by phone: To raise your hand during the meeting, press *9 To mute/unmute during the meeting, press *6

If you experience any difficulty in accessing this meeting, contact the City of Vergennes Zoning Administrator at 802-989-6315.

Persons seeking eligibility to Appeal must establish status as an Interested Person as defined in Article VI Section 603 of the City of Vergennes Zoning and Subdivision Regulations AND participate in the Public Hearing either in person or in writing in order to take any subsequent Appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" Appeal municipality with regard to Appeals to the Environmental Court from Development Review Board Decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider Testimony and Evidence provided during Public Hearings on the Application. Interested Persons should therefore assure that their participation in the Public Hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their Testimony and Evidence.

A copy of the application is available for public review at City Hall or by contacting David Austin at zoning@vergennes.org.

May 23, 2025
David Austin
Zoning Administrator

SUNRISE ORCHARDS

Pie Baker and Donut Maker Wanted!

Full-time seasonal (Aug 15-Nov 15), with opportunity to extend bakery hours through winter season.

Are you interested in becoming part of a vibrant farm business that is humming with activity this fall season? Do you also love baking and food and have experience/skills producing food for a crowd? We are entering our 5th year of our farm stand with daily offerings of baked goods and savory, creative lunches on the weekends. Competitive wage, flexible scheduling and supportive atmosphere. Join us and be part of the local Vermont food + farm experience in Cornwall!



With interest, please contact:

Christiana Hodges
(802) 989-0694 or at
chodges@sunriseorchards.com

Public Notices

can be found 5B, 7B, 11B and 12B.

TOWN OF ADDISON

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

PROCESS & DATES FOR 2025 GRIEVANCES

Grievance hearing will be held at the Addison Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, June 5, 2025, starting at 9:00AM-2:00PM. All grievance hearings by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling the Town's Clerk's Office at (802) 759-2020 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:30AM to 12:00PM & 1:00PM to 4:00PM and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM prior to June 5. All grievances must be in writing and delivered at your hearing on or before June 5, 2025

Title 32. Vermont Statutes Annotated. Section 4111 (G) says:

"A person who feels aggrieved by the action of the Listers and desires to be heard by them, shall, on or before the day of the grievance meeting, file with them his (or her) objections in writing and may appear in person or by his (her) agents or attorneys. Upon the hearing of such grievance, the parties thereto may submit such documentary or sworn evidence as shall be pertinent thereto."

Town of Addison Board of Listers:
William Munoff
Terry Cutich
John Spencer

CITY OF VERGENNES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Development Review Board will hold a Public Hearing on June 16, 2025, at 7 pm as the first order of new business, for the following purpose:

To consider Site Plan Review for Application #2025-14 by the State of Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services to construct a Storm Water Forebay and Gravel Wetland on the Property located at 100 MacDonough Dr. Reviews will consider Article VII and Article XVI Section 1611.

Please note that the hearing will be held as a "hybrid meeting", with participation either in person, by ZOOM, or by phone. The in-person meeting will be held in the One Credit Union Conference Room located at 63 School Street, Vergennes, Vermont.

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Persons seeking eligibility to Appeal must establish status as an Interested Person as defined in Article VI Section 603 of the City of Vergennes Zoning and Subdivision Regulations AND participate in the Public Hearing either in person or in writing in order to take any subsequent Appeal. The City of Vergennes is an "on the record" Appeal municipality with regard to Appeals to the Environmental Court from Development Review Board Decisions. This means that the Environmental Court shall only consider Testimony and Evidence provided during Public Hearings on the Application. Interested Persons should therefore assure that their participation in the Public Hearing proceedings is complete and represents the totality of their Testimony and Evidence.

A copy of the application is available for public review at City Hall or by contacting David Austin at zoning@vergennes.org.

May 23, 2025
David Austin
Zoning Administrator

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Addison Unit

CIVIL DIVISION

DOCKET NO:188-9-19 Ancv

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST PLAINTIFF

VS.

STEPHAN WELLS; CITIMORTGAGE, INC. AND OCCUPANTS RESIDING AT 2290 HEMENWAY HILL RD, SHOREHAM, VT 05770 DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the Amended Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale entered on October 22, 2024, in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by James S. Wells, Stephan Wells and Michele Lynn Wells to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for LibertyQuest Financial, Inc., dated June 30, 2005 and recorded in Book 64, at Page 105 of the Town of Shoreham Land Records, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by virtue of the following Assignments of Mortgage: (1) Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LibertyQuest Financial Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association recorded in Book 79, at Page 7 (2) Assignment of Mortgage from U.S. Bank National Association to Selene Finance LP recorded in Book 89, at Page 4 (3) Assignment of Mortgage from Selene Finance LP to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC recorded in Book 93, at Page 16 (4) Assignment of Mortgage from Selene Finance, LP to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC recorded in Book 94, at Page 71 (5) Assignment of Mortgage from Specialized Loan Servicing LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust recorded in Book 96, at Page 117, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on June 25, 2025 at 04:00 PM at 2290 Hemenway Hill Rd, Shoreham, VT 05770 all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To Wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Stephan Wells by Quitclaim Deed of Michele L. Wells dated June 21, 2013 and recorded May 25, 2017 in Book 85, at Page 491 of the Town of Shoreham Land Records and further described therein. Also, being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Stephan Wells and Michele L. Wells, husband and wife, and James S. Wells by Warranty Deed of Raymond G. Fuller and Linda L. Fuller dated August 23, 2001 and recorded August 24, 2001 in Book 54, at Page 245 of the Town of Shoreham Land Records and further described therein.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The public sale may be adjourned one or more times for a total time not exceeding 30 days, without further court order, and without publication or service of a new notice of sale, by announcement of the new sale date to those present at each adjournment or by posting notice of the adjournment in a conspicuous place at the location of the sale.

Terms of Sale: \$10,000.00 to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time of sale, with the balance due at closing. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

The Mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust
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ANWSD BOARD

MEETING NOTICES FOR JUNE 2025

Monday, June 9	4:00 PM	ANWSD Board Retreat	VUMHS Library
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Board Meeting	VUMHS Library
Monday, June 16	4:00 PM	Facilities Committee Meeting	Via Zoom only

TOWN OF SALISBURY

HALNON BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

SALISBURY, VERMONT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Salisbury – Halnon Brook Culvert Replacement will be received by the Town of Salisbury at the Salisbury Town Office, 25 Schoolhouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Salisbury, VT 05769, until 3:00 pm local time on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read. Bidders providing bids by mail shall allow for delivery time. The Project consists of removal of an existing 4-foot diameter corrugated metal culvert and installation of a 12ft wide by 7 ft high by 42 ft long precast concrete box culvert with precast wingwalls on Upper Plains Road, Salisbury, VT.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Schedule.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Otter Creek Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 712, 404 East Main St., Middlebury, VT, (802) 382-8522. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of \$150.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to **"Otter Creek Engineering, Inc." mailing address: P.O. Box 712, East Middlebury, VT 05740.** Upon request and receipt of the document payment indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for issuing Addenda if any, to parties obtaining Bidding Documents from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Electronic copies of Bidding Drawings and Documents are available upon request to all parties recorded as having officially received the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office, as portable document format (PDF) files, via e-mail.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 am local time on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at the Salisbury Town Office followed by a visit to the project site. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Town of Salisbury

By: Patt Dunn

Title: Select Board Chair

Date: May 26, 2025

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STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

ADDISON, SS

CIVIL DIVISION

DOCKET NO.: 24-CV-00806

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-DWELLING SERIES V TRUST, V. LOIS L. WILDASIN; PAUL HENRY WILDASIN, JR.; TINA WILDASIN; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; OCCUPANTS OF: 384 Stove Pipe City Road, Panton, VT 05491

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered October 22, 2024, in the above captioned action to foreclosure a mortgage given by Lois L. Wildasin, to CitiFinancial, Inc., dated September 29, 2005, and recorded with the Town of Panton Land Records in Volume 31, Page 470, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by an assignment from CFNA Receivables (MD), Inc. f/k/a CitiFinancial, Inc., to CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, dated January 13, 2017 and recorded with the Town of Panton Land Records in Volume 38, Page 513; by an assignment from CitiFinancial Servicing LLC, to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, dated January 13, 2017 and recorded with the Town of Panton Land Records in Volume 38, Page 514; by an assignment from Community Loan Servicing LLC FKA Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB-Tiki V Trust, dated December 2, 2022 and recorded with the Town of Panton Land Records in Volume 41, Page 641; and by an assignment from U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB-Tiki V Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust, dated June 21, 2023 and recorded with the Town of Panton Land Records in Volume 41, Page 686, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of June 2025, at 384 Stove Pipe City Road, in Panton, Addison County, VT 05491, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN PANTON, ADDISON COUNTY, STATE OF VT, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 25 PAGE 136 ID# 03-01-22-000, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BEING ALL AND THE SAME LAND AND PREMISES CONVEYED TO PAUL H. WILDASIN SR. AND MILDRED L. WILDASIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND LOIS L. WILDASIN BY WARRANTY DEED OF PAUL H. WILDASIN SR. AND LOIS L. WILDASIN, DATED APRIL 4, 1982 AND OF RECORD IN THE PANTON LAND RECORDS AT VOL 19, PAGE(S) 3.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM PAUL H WILDASIN, SR. AND MILDRED L WILDASIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND LOIS L WILDASIN TO LOIS L WILDASIN BY QUIT CLAIM DEED DATED 09/26/1996 RECORDED ON 10/29/1996 IN VOLUME 25, PAGE 136 IN ADDISON COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF VT.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle & Associates P.C., 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within sixty (60) days after the date the Confirmation Order is entered by the Court. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

The mortgagor and all junior lienholders are entitled to redeem the mortgaged property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust, Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Lauren Bucci, Esq. Demerle & Associates P.C. 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444

MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DESTRUCTION OF REGULAR EDUCATION RECORDS

Let this serve as notice that regular education school records of students who graduated from Mount Abraham Union High School in June 2012 through June 2018, or who were part of those classes will be destroyed on June 16, 2025. Anyone who would like their records should call Jada Roberge in the school counseling office at 802-453-7028 or email at jada.roberge@mausd.org prior to June 16, 2025 to make arrangements for pick-up.

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Addison Unit

CIVIL DIVISION

Docket No. 24-CV-01364

HERITAGE FAMILY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Plaintiff,

VS.

SOLANGE NYANDAMBYA MINYATI, SPAFFORD AND SONS and OCCUPANTS at 527 Main Street, Orwell, Vermont

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of the order for public sale contained in the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale issued by this Court in favor of the Plaintiff, Heritage Family Federal Credit Union, dated August 2, 2024, the lands and premises which are the subject of this foreclosure action will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 a.m.** on the **25th day of June, 2025**, at 527 Main Street, Orwell, Vermont, County of Addison, and State of Vermont.

The sale shall be conducted by a sheriff or any licensed auctioneer. The property to be sold is all and singular the premises as described in a certain Mortgage Deed from Solange Nyandambya Minyati to Heritage Family Federal Credit Union and which was recorded in the Town of Orwell Land Records in Book 106 at Page 212. The lands and premises are more particularly described as follows:

"Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Maurice Minyati and Solange Minyati by Warranty Deed from Catherine S. Euber dated October 24, 2018 and recorded in Book 97 at Page 480 of the Town of Orwell Land Records and Quit Claim Deed from Maurice Minyati to Solange Minyati dated August 19, 2022 and recorded in Book 105 at Page 384 of the Town of Orwell Land Records and more particularly described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gordon F. Euber and Catherine S. Euber by Warranty Deed of Florence A. Hadwen dated May 28, 1968 and recorded June 8, 1968 at Book 29, Page 532 of the Orwell Land Records and more particularly described as follows:

Being a parcel of land containing one acre, more or less, with buildings thereon situated on the southerly side of Main Street in Orwell Village, bounded on the North by the highway (Route 73, so-called); on the West in part by lands nor (sic) or formerly of Augustuse Lamoureux, in part by lands now or formerly of Edith Munger and in part by lands now or formerly of Gerald Frazier; on the South by lands of said Gerald Frazier; and on the East by lands nor (sic) or formerly of Albert Peltier.

Meaning and intending to described and to convey hereby all and the same lands and premises conveyed to the Grantor, Florence A. Hadwen, by Julia H. Abell Gregory by her Warranty Deed dated August 31, 1964 and recorded in Book 29 at Page 444 of the land records of the Town of Orwell.

EXCEPTING the lands and premises conveyed by Catherine S. Euber to Patrick W. Halnon by Quitclaim Deed dated March 11, 2003, as recorded in Book 69, Page 351 of the Orwell Land Records and more particularly described as follows:

A strip of land approximately eighteen (18") wide and 260.85 feet long on the westerly border of lands owned by Catherine S. Euber and easterly of lands owned by Patrick Halnon all as depicted on a survey dated December 30, 1996 prepared by Michael R. Magoon and recorded in the Town of Orwell Land Records on January 12, 1997 as Map #136.

A more up-to-date description of the premises is as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument in the supposed right-of-way limit of Vermont Route 73 which point marks the North and Northwest corner of the premises herein described and the Northeast corner of premises now or formerly of Corey O. Buxton.

Thence proceeding on said right-of-way limit S 79° 09' 50" E 68.02 feet to a 5/8" inch reinforcement bar;

Thence turning and running on lands now or formerly of Desna Gail Jenkins S 09° 37' 00" W 259.15 feet to a 5/8" inch reinforcement bar;

Thence continuing on lands of said Jenkins and lands now or formerly of Theodore C. and Arnolda J.R. Michel S 09° 37' 00" W 113.00 feet to a 5/8" inch reinforcement bar;

Thence turning and running on lands now or formerly of Delbert C. and Bonita M. Frazier N 80° 23' 00" W 68.00 feet to a concrete monument;

Thence turning and running on lands now or formerly of Sheila A. Nichols N 09° 37' 00" E 113.00 feet to a concrete monument;

Thence continuing on lands now or formerly of Corey O. Buxton N 09° 37' 00" E 260.53 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Continuing by estimation 0.58 acres be the same more or less with buildings thereon.

The foregoing described premises are shown on a Survey entitled "Boundary Survey Plat property of Catherine S. Euber, 523-527 Main Street, Orwell, Vermont", prepared by Stuart J. Morrow, L.L.S. and recorded at Map #239 of the Orwell Land Records.

Also conveying the benefit of a drainage and cesspool easement as set forth in a deed from Martha E. Boynton to Warren S. Roberts recorded at Book 17, Page 216 of the Orwell Land Records.

Gordon F. Euber died on February 8, 1991."

The Defendant Mortgagor shall be entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the Mortgage, together with the costs and expenses of sale.

TERMS OF SALE

The above-described property foreclosed by the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale issued in this matter shall be sold to the highest bidder in "AS IS" condition and subject to all outstanding municipal assessments. The property shall be sold as a whole and not in parcels. The terms of the sale shall be cash, certified bank draft or official bank (treasurer's) check for the full amount of the purchase price. In the alternative, bidders may provide a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) down payment (by cash, certified bank draft or official bank (treasurer's check) with written evidence of bank financing acceptable to Plaintiff in its sole discretion, with closing to take place not later than ten (10) days from the date of confirmation of the sale by the Court. In the event that the high bidder fails to close for any reason, the Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) down payment shall be forfeited to the Plaintiff, in which case Plaintiff in its sole discretion may then either proceed to re-auction at a second judicial sale or seek to amend the Confirmation Order to approve a sale to the second highest bidder. The high bidder may also be required to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement.

The sale shall further be subject to confirmation by this Court at a hearing to be held at the Vermont Superior Court, Addison Unit. Custodian of the proceeds of the sale pending confirmation shall be Kupferer & Blake, Ltd. **OTHER TERMS** to be announced at the sale.

DATED at the City of Rutland, County of Rutland and State of Vermont, this 19th day of May, 2025.

KUPFERER & BLAKE, LTD.
By: */s/*GARY R. KUPFERER
Gary R. Kupferer, Esquire
ERN #3547
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ARTS + LEISURE

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May 29, 2025

LA BOHÈME IS BACK!



THE HEARTBREAKING STORY OF A MODERN TRIBE
OF FRIENDS RETURNS TO MIDDLEBURY, JUNE 6

Chelsea Basler (Musetta) takes center stage during rehearsal; at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on Saturday evening, for Opera Company of Middlebury's upcoming production of "La Bohème," which opens June 6. Tickets are currently sold out.

PHOTO / OLIVER PARINI

Back in 2008, the brave and unlikely start-up Opera Company of Middlebury unveiled its first fully staged production in the renovated Town Hall Theater, Puccini's "La Bohème." It told the tale of six young men and women, literally starving artists, risking all to make their way to fame and fortune in Paris of the 1860s.

Now in its 22nd season, OCM has returned to "La Bohème." This time the action is set in modern New York City.

"I've always identified with these characters, like a lot of people of my generation," said OCM founder and Artistic Director Douglas



theater preview

BY **DAVID
WEINSTOCK**

Anderson. "You could live in the big city and pursue that dream, and have a tribe of friends who supported each other. So I've decided to set this in Brooklyn in the 1970s, populating it with the kind of artists I knew and loved."

Because Anderson's career began in musical theater, when he casts for the opera, he

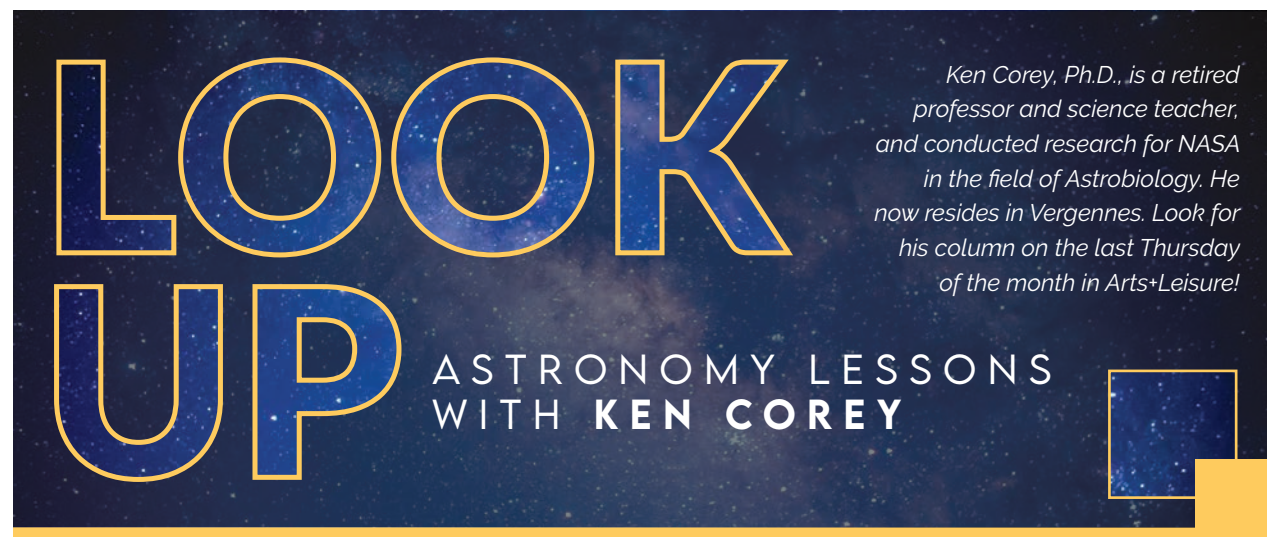
always chooses what he calls "actor singers, people who could act this show without the music."

Tenor Chaz'men Williams-Ali, who will sing the poet Rodolfo, and also started in theater before discovering opera, agrees.

"Storytelling is very important. If you don't make yourself relatable, if you don't convey the story well enough, no one cares," Williams-Ali said. "You've got to be a great singer, but, man, if you can actually act on top of it, what kind of story we can tell!"

Soprano Emily Michiko Jensen will sing the

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Ken Corey, Ph.D., is a retired professor and science teacher, and conducted research for NASA in the field of Astrobiology. He now resides in Vergennes. Look for his column on the last Thursday of the month in Arts+Leisure!

Henrietta Leavitt (1868 – 1921): Measuring Cosmic Distances

Women have often been overlooked, unacknowledged, and underrepresented in Astronomy and other science disciplines. In this column, I will enlighten you with the groundbreaking contributions of a remarkable woman whose work enabled Edwin Hubble to discover that the Universe is expanding. Her contributions to Astronomy were enormous, extending distance measurements from hundreds of light years for “close” stars within the Milky Way to millions of light years out to distant galaxies. Her name is Henrietta Swan Leavitt.

Henrietta Leavitt was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1868, daughter of a Congregational minister. After receiving a degree in liberal arts from Oberlin College, she attended Harvard University's Society for the Collegiate Instruction of Women (now Radcliffe), where she took her first Astronomy course. She developed a passion for Astronomy and was hired by Harvard College Observatory Director Edward Pickering to be a “computer” for research projects. Throughout her life, Leavitt was devout in her religious faith and managed to balance work with family obligations, while battling frequent illness, and in the end dying from stomach cancer at the age of 53. She was characterized as hardworking, joyful and loving.

WORK WITH VARIABLE STARS

At the observatory, Leavitt's work began with analyzing photographic plates of stars to determine and catalog their brightness. At the time, operation of telescopes by women was not allowed. A project goal of Leavitt's work

was to identify variable stars in the Magellanic clouds on photographic plates taken at a Harvard observatory in Peru. Leavitt studied a particular type of star called a Cepheid variable, named after the variable star delta Cephei. Cepheid variables pulsate, causing changes in diameter and temperature, which in turn give rise to changes in brightness. The magnitude of those changes in brightness and the period of brightening and dimming are well defined and predictable. Leavitt's work involved measurement of light curves for 1777 Cepheid variable stars in the Small and Large Magellanic clouds, two irregular satellite galaxies of the Milky Way that are 210,000 light years and 179,000 light years distant, respectively. She determined the brightness and the time from maximum to minimum apparent brightness, called the period. Relating the periods and luminosities of those stars, she found that the brighter the star, the longer the period of dimming and brightening. The relationship she found between brightness and period then became known as the period-luminosity law. Astronomers now refer to this equation as Leavitt's Law, paying homage to this remarkable woman.

To place the importance of Leavitt's work in perspective, note that measuring distances to celestial bodies are staple measurements in Astronomy. Prior to her work, distance measurements were limited by the accuracy of the parallax method, which involves measuring the angular displacement of an object when viewed from different perspectives. To illustrate this effect, hold your arm outstretched with your thumb up and alternately close each eye and notice the apparent movement of your thumb's position when viewed from the different perspective of each eye. On a larger scale, when the position of a star from the Earth is viewed six months apart, halfway through an orbit of the Sun, there is a displacement of the star by a small angle (fractions of seconds of arc). Using some basic trigonometry for small angles, the distance to the star can be determined. However, this method is only accurate at best to several hundred light years, very close by

cosmic standards. Since galaxies are hundreds of thousands to millions of light years away, a different measurement method was needed to determine those enormous distances.

Leavitt's measurements of the values for apparent brightness (observed from Earth) and absolute (intrinsic) brightness gave a measure of how much light was “lost” during its journey from the Cepheid variable. Knowing the period of the variables enabled calculation of distance to the star using Leavitt's Law (for more on the principles, formulas, calculations, and data for Cepheid variables go to: famousScientists.org/henrietta-swan-leavitt). Leavitt published her work in a 1908 paper and then expanded upon it in another paper in 1912. Astronomers now had a distance marker or “standard candle” that extended from nearby stars with the parallax method to distant galaxies using Cepheid variables.

In 1924, Edwin Hubble measured the distance to the Andromeda galaxy (M 31) using Leavitt's law on Cepheids. Before Leavitt's work celestial objects such as the Andromeda galaxy were referred to as spiral nebulae thought to be within the Milky Way galaxy. Using Leavitt's law, Hubble showed that the Andromeda “nebula” was outside the Milky Way and is in fact another galaxy in a Universe unfathomably larger than the Milky Way.

Henrietta Swan Leavitt, through her meticulous work and insight, set the stage for Edwin Hubble to take the next step in relating distance to the velocity of recession of galaxies. Hubble's data with the help of Leavitt's Law showed an expanding Universe, observational evidence for the big bang theory first proposed by George LeMaitre. Leavitt's contributions to Astronomy were groundbreaking and foundational, enlarging what we perceive to be the known Universe and extending our vision out to millions of light years from home and way back in time. One can wonder how expansive her faith must have been when blended with her passion for Astronomy and cosmic distances.

SKY WATCH EVENTS FOR JUNE

- June 1 – Almost first quarter Moon is 1.4 degrees north of Mars
- June 6 – Moon is just half degree from the bright star Spica in Virgo.
- June 7 – Mercury and Jupiter are 2 degrees apart low in the west after sunset.
- June 11 – Strawberry Full Moon (also known as Rose Moon and Hot Moon)
- June 16 – Mars is 0.8 degrees north of Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo.
- June 20 – Global Holiday: Happy Summer Solstice! Day length in Middlebury, Vt. = 14 hours 26 minutes.
- June 25 – New Moon – Great time to enjoy a dark, clear sky without light pollution!
- June 29 Column – Navigating the Summer Sky: Bright Stars, Asterisms, and Constellations



Henrietta Swan Leavitt (1868 – 1921).

IMAGE COURTESY OF ESA



Chelsea Basler (Musetta), James Demler (Alcindoro) and the cast of Opera Company of Middlebury's "La Bohème" rehearse on Saturday evening at Town Hall Theater. The show, which is sold out already, opens June 6 and runs through June 14.

PHOTOS / OLIVER PARINI

LA BOHÈME

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role of Mimi, and also identifies strongly with her character, a shy and quiet woman, ready for love but suffering from tuberculosis.

"From the beginning, she is very aware," Jensen said. "She thinks that she has more time than what is reality for her. 'I can't possibly be that sick, I'm meeting all these wonderful people. This has to be a sign that I will be able to enjoy life.' In a very beautiful way she finds this chosen family. And at the moment, when she needs someone the most, at the end, she is surrounded by people who love her."

Williams-Ali also feels a natural connection to his part. "There is no character in any genre of storytelling that I understand better than Rodolfo," he said. "I just understand him, his kindness, his earnest, honest, full-hearted love for everything around him, whether that's his poetry, his friends, and of course Mimi... He loves Mimi to the fullest."

OCM's cast members are all world-class performers who have sung before thousands on the great stages of America and Europe. What is it like for them to sing in relatively tiny Town Hall Theater, with its 232 seats?

"It has challenges, but a different set of advantages," Williams-Ali said. "The choices we have musically and vocally are expanded. You can be as quiet as you want and

everyone can hear you. You can sing upstage to someone, really have a conversation, and everyone can hear you. Unlike the Met, where everyone has to be forward-facing, you don't have to pretend to look at somebody, you can actually look at them."

"La Bohème" opens June 6, but the performances are sold out. OCM has opened up the final dress rehearsal to an audience — details at ocmvermont.org.

DETAILS

"La Bohème" by Giacomo Puccini an opera in four acts

Presented by Opera Company of Middlebury
Douglas Anderson, Artistic Director
Filippo Ciabatti, Music Director

June 6 & June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

June 8 & June 14 at 2 p.m.

Pre-show talks will be held one hour before each performance of "La Bohème" in the Doug & Debby Anderson Studio in Town Hall Theater's new wing!



Chaz'men Williams-Ali (Rodolfo) embraces his character's "full-hearted love" as he sings on a staircase during rehearsals on Saturday evening.



Pictured from left to right: Emily Michiko Jensen (Mimi), Chaz'men Williams-Ali (Rodolfo), Max Van Wyck (Schaundard), Younggwang Park (Colline) and Spencer Reichman (Marcello) gather at a table during a rehearsal for OCM's production of "La Bohème."

UPCOMING MUSIC

Middlebury church hosts nationally acclaimed choir, free concert this Friday

St. Stephen's Church in downtown Middlebury will present a free concert of choral music by the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum on Friday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. The program, titled "Come to the Woods," will include compositions by J.S. Bach, Heinrich Schütz, Aaron Copland, and new works by contemporary composers. No tickets are required.

Jake Runestadt's "Come to the Woods" (2015) explores the inspiration and the transporting peace found in the natural world using a collage of fragments from the writing of famed naturalist John Muir. The work ventures from

the boisterous joy of a "glorious day," to the quiet whispering of wind, to the rejuvenating power of a storm, to the calming "amber light" when the clouds begin to clear.

"In the Beginning" is Aaron Copland's most substantial and challenging choral work. It received its world premiere at Harvard in 1947. It is a choral motet with soprano soloist whose text comes from the first chapter of *Genesis* in the King James Version of the Bible describing the creation of the world. It is a vibrant, uplifting piece that Copland wanted sung in a "gentle manner."

SEE CHOIR ON PAGE 12

Chamber musicians return to Salisbury for free concerts, workshops, dining and more

New Music on the Point (a contemporary music festival hosted in Leicester) will kick off its free community concert series in June. Mark your calendar's for the Salisbury concerts on June 7, 12 and 14. If you want more, check out the Adventurous Food and Music Evenings

at the Lake Dunmore campus on June 5, 11 and 13; and if you're up for a drive there will be concerts and workshops in Burlington and Shelburne.

Here's the line up:

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FANCY FRIDAYS

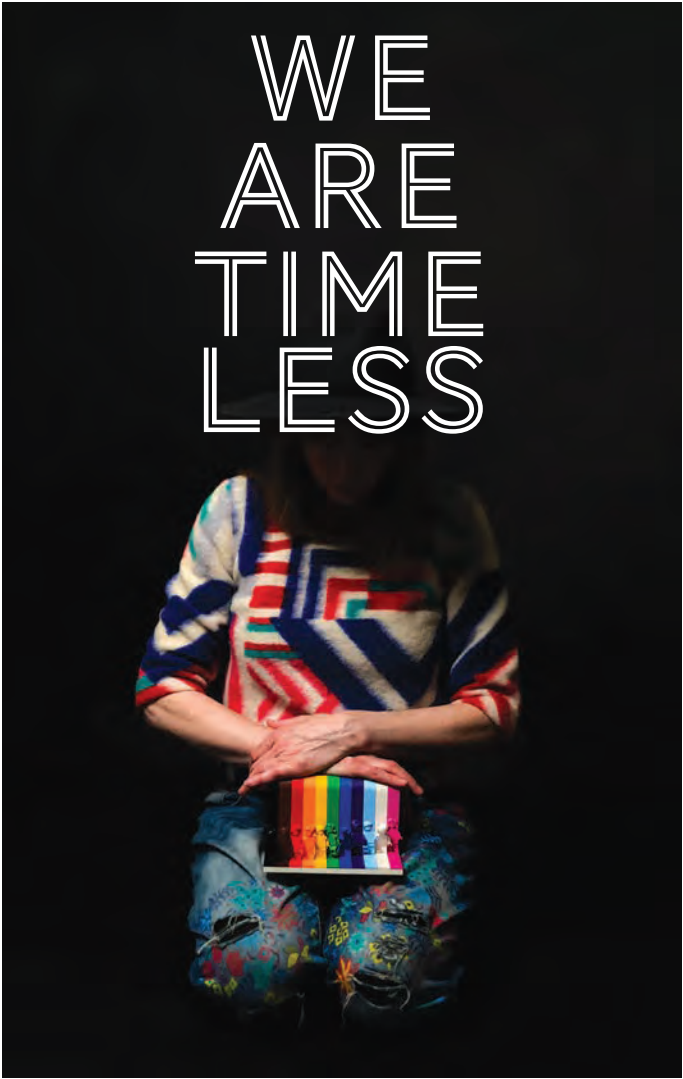
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"We are Timeless" is a new Pride anthem and music video produced in Bristol by Moira Smiley and Fiona Small.
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BRISTOL ARTIST RELEASES NEW PRIDE ANTHEM & VIDEO

A stirring new Pride anthem, "We Are Timeless," debuts this June as both a moving single and an evocative music video created right here in Bristol. With music by internationally renowned, Grammy-nominated composer and vocalist Moira Smiley, lyrics by Shruti Ramani, Kiarah O'Kane, and Smiley, and direction by filmmaker Fiona Small, the project is a heartfelt celebration of LGBTQIA+ resilience, joy, and deep-rooted presence through history.

Celebratory choruses frame verses that speak of the often-harrowing journeys towards the truest expression of ourselves and our love. "This piece is about visibility and lineage," Smiley said. "We wanted to create something that not only celebrates queer people now, but also honors those who came before and paved the way against oppression."

Shot in Bristol, and featuring a diverse cast of queer and allied Vermont dancers, the video weaves together local artistry, family, and activism. The result is a poetic visual and musical tribute to the truth that queer people have always existed — in every culture, every generation, and every corner of the world, including rural New England.

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ART ON EXHIBIT

ART ON MAIN

25 Main Street, Bristol

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

"Mount Abe Emerging Artists." Organized by art teacher Ryan Strobel and featuring work by high school aged students who show aptitude in the arts. Mixed/all media types. On view through May 30.

EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

1 Mill Street, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 02-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Edgewater Gallery Celebrates the 2025 Graduates."

A pop-up exhibition highlighting Middlebury College alumni, local artists, and other Middlebury scenes. On view May 3-June 1.

EDGEWATER ON THE GREEN

6 Merchants Row, Middlebury

For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 02-989-7419 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Pools of Reverence," a solo exhibition featuring work by Rory Jackson. View the collection, meet the artist, enjoy live music and lite bites. This event is free and open to all. On view May 16-June 29.

K. GRANT FINE ART

37 Green St, Vergennes

For more info visit kgrantfineart.com.

"Signals," a group exhibition featuring works by Steve Budington, Grace Hager, David Kearns, JoAnne Lobotsky, Jennifer McCandless, and Aimée Papazian. On view May 3-June 21.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

72 Porter Field Road, Middlebury

For more info visit middlebury.edu/museum/exhibitions

"Series Without Limits: Photographs, Prints, and Film by Andy Warhol" presents Andy Warhol's artistic legacy through a selection of prints, photographs, and film to illuminate the complex tensions animated within his artistic practice. Warhol investigates how images function as currency within society. The selection of screenprint portraits on view reveal Warhol's fascination with fame and celebrity culture. On view May 23-Aug. 10.

PHOTOPLACE GALLERY

3 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit photoplacegallery.com.

"Ruins and Remnants." This exhibit explores the evocative theme of abandoned architecture and the traces left by humanity. Showcased images reveal the stories etched into architectural spaces and the objects left behind — the marks, structures

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. This week you might feel a surge of energy, Aries. It's a good time to get moving on a long-term project or any passion projects that you may have been avoiding.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, this week is all about finding balance. You may be torn between your career and personal life, but don't forget to set aside time for yourself.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. Gemini, your creativity is at an all-time high, so use this week to explore new hobbies or start a creative project that excites you. You can be creative at work as well.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. This is a week you may feel pulled toward home and family, Cancer. It's a time for reorganizing your space or even simply enjoying quiet moments however you choose.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Leo, your communication skills will be on display this week. It's a great time to express your ideas and connect with other people. Start that conversation.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. Pay attention to your budgeting and spending this week, Virgo. There may be opportunities to invest your money in a wiser way. Finances will be on your mind a lot.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, you may feel like the spotlight is on you right now. Either at work or in social settings, your leadership abilities will be put to the test and on display.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. This might be a week that calls for introspection, Scorpio. Although you might feel like retreating, don't close yourself off entirely from others for too long.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. Connections with friends and groups will be front and center this week, Sagittarius. You might receive an unexpected invitation and make new friends who share your interests.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. Capricorn, you should prioritize your professional goals over the next few days. Might there be something you can do to land a promotion or step into a leadership role?

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. This week may present opportunities for learning, exploring or even travel. A spontaneous trip might be just what you need to recharge and reflect on yourself, Aquarius.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. It's time to put some effort into making deeper connections and fostering your relationships, Pisces. That requires spending a little more time with the people around you.

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MAY 30 — Agnes Varda, filmmaker (d)
MAY 31 — Kenny Lofton, baseball player (58)
JUNE 1 — Brandi Carlile, singer-songwriter (45)

JUNE 2 — Edward Elgar, composer (d)
JUNE 3 — Anderson Cooper, news anchor (58)
JUNE 4 — Alexei Navalny, anti-corruption activist (d)
JUNE 5 — Laurie Anderson, artist (78)

CALENDAR

MAY 29-JUNE 7
2025



THURSDAY, MAY 29

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. Thursday, May 29. Leader's choice on one of several possible trails with beautiful views of the lake. The hike will be 30-40 minute drive from the bridge at Chimney Point. Length will be between 3 and 5 miles with up to 1,000 ft of elevation change. Choice will depend upon trail conditions. Contact Ken Corey at kencorey53@gmail.com to register. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

MUSIC WITH THE MUSEUM IN FERRISBURGH. Thursday, May 29, 6 p.m., Ferrisburgh Community Center, 3279 Route 7. Live music featuring Patti Casey with Colin McCaffrey, food and drink tastings, and silent auction to benefit Rokeby Museum. Admission \$30 Rokeby Members, \$45 Non-members. More info at 802-877-3406 or rokeby.org.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

SCULPTURE UNVEILING IN MONKTON. Friday, May 30, 5-7 p.m., Gordon Sculpture Park, Stoney Meadow Ln. Join the Willowell Foundation for the unveiling of the latest work by Rosalie D. Gagné. This kinetic piece titled "Field Pendulum" invites viewers to look at the complex interplay between

personal perception and the larger macrocosmic motions of the Earth. This new work and the supporting structure created with students and community members in Addison County is part of the site-specific installation.

ERIN CASSELS-BROWN IN BRISTOL. Friday, May 30, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. A tireless storyteller with calloused hands and a cosmic heart, Erin Cassels-Brown brings his signature blend of celestial country and roots rock to the stage with grit and grace. More info at bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ: YOUTH EDITION" IN BRISTOL. Friday, May 30, 7 p.m., Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. The MAUSD Expanded Learning Program 6th, 7th and 8th graders will perform this 75-minute adaptation of the classic musical, complete with help from professional riggers, ZFX Flying Effects. Tickets \$5 each at cur8.com/22548/project/131616 or at the door. Assisted listening devices are available upon request.

HARVARD-RADCLIFFE COLLEGIUM MUSICUM IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 Main St. A

concert of choral music titled "Come to the Woods" will include compositions by J.S. Bach, Heinrich Schütz, Aaron Copland and new works by contemporary composers. Free. No tickets are required.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB TRAIL WORK IN RIPTON. Saturday, May 31, Bread Loaf Wilderness. The trail crew will be working on the Long Trail and connections. Contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 to sign up and for further information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

SPRING CLEANING SATURDAY ON THE TAM IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, May 31, 8:30 a.m., location TBD. MALT's Trails & Volunteer Manager, Liam, will be awaiting volunteers at the trailhead in the mornings with donuts, coffee, and tea for about an hour or so. Enjoy a warm drink and chat, then head out to work, either hiking the section of trail yourself as a group with Liam. Work includes clearing dead branches and small fallen trees, pruning new growth, and picking up trash. More info and registration at maltvt.org/events.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ: YOUTH EDITION" IN BRISTOL. Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m., Mount Abraham Union High School, Airport Dr. See May 30 listing.

CHAT WITH AN ARTIST IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, May 31, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 94 Court St. Join Middlebury Studio School for its Chat with an Artist series in the school's new space on Court Street. In this talk potters Bob Green and Kathy Clark will talk about Raku and alternative firing techniques. Free. More info at middleburystudioschool.org.

RANDY MIRITELLO AND THE HOP CITY HELLCATS IN BRANDON. Saturday, May 31, 7-9 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. \$10 suggested donation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

SCOVE HILL BIRDING WALK IN CORNWALL. Sunday, June 1, 7 a.m., Meet at the parking area across from 626 Swamp Rd. OCAS board member and avid birder Dave Guertin will lead a walk to Scove Hill in Cornwall Swamp. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. Terrain is varied so waterproof boots are recommended. Co-sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Commission. Call 802-989-1767 with questions. Rain date, June 7.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN BRISTOL. Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m., Bristol Trail Network. The 3-mile loop around the village offers a scenic mix of history and geography and takes 2.5-

3 hours. The elevation gain is under 100 feet, but there are some steep sections and uneven terrain. Sturdy shoes and poles are recommended. Excellent options for snacks/lunch in Bristol before or afterward. Contact Porter Knight at knight@gmavt.net or 802-343-3920 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

WETLAND WALK WITH ZAPATA COURAGE IN MIDDLEBURY. Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.-noon, Wright Park, Seymour St. Ext. Join Zapata Courage, a Wetland Ecologist for Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation, for a nature walk along the trail at Wright Park. Courage will discuss the dynamics of this beaver influenced wetland system and teach what makes a wetland and how to identify one using plant identification. Must be able to walk at least a mile on easy trails. Come prepared to get wet and muddy. Free. More info and registration at maltvt.org/events.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN HANCOCK. Monday, June 2, Worth Mountain Plus. Climb through the Snow Bowl and up to Worth Mountain, not for the views but to use a crosscut saw. Enjoy the wilderness and help clear some low trees

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the old-fashioned way. Six miles round trip and 1,000 feet of climbing. Contact Ellen Cronan at 908-595-2926 for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

THE ALBANY SOUND IN BRISTOL. Wednesday, June 4, 5-8 p.m., The Tillerman, 1868 North 116 Rd. The Albany Sound is Lowell Thompson, Michael Chorney, Pat Melvin and Jeremy Fredrick. The band honed its sound, a rich combination of American country, folk and rock, with a weekly residency in Bristol. Thompson's songs make up the heart of the Albany sound and compliment their repertoire with renditions of rarities by Lucinda Williams, John Prine, Bobby Charles, Small Faces and others. Music is free. Food and beverages for purchase.

CHAT WITH AND ARTIST IN MIDDLEBURY. Wednesday, June 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 94 Court St. Join Middlebury Studio School for its Chat with an Artist series at the school's new space on Court Street. Textile artist Kelly Hickey will talk with Jill Madden about the process of textile art. Free. More info at middleburystudioschool.org.

"CATCHING PEOPLE'S STORIES" IN SHOREHAM. Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., Platt Memorial Library, 279 Main St. Shoreham Historical Society welcomes Jane Beck, who has used the recorded interview as her major source of material for exhibits, media and written materials throughout her career. A Vermont Humanities Council event.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

TRUE CRIME PODCAST CLUB IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m., Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. Join fellow sleuths to discuss this month's podcast, "Park Predators – The Garden." Acadia National Park may exist on an island but in the late 1970s a human predator showed up there and started hunting. The identity of the killer has remained unknown for more than four decades and the mystery as to who killed Leslie Spellman is still waiting to be uncovered.

NATHANIEL IAN MILLER IN MIDDLEBURY. Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m., Anderson Studio, Town Hall Theater, 72-76 Merchants Row. Bestselling author of "The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven," Nathaniel Ian Miller will

appear in conversation with award-winning local author Janice Obuchowski to discuss his new book, "Red Dog Farm." Visit vermontbookshop.com for more details.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

PHOTOGRAPHY OPENING RECEPTION IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 6, 4-7 p.m., PhotoPlace Gallery, 3 Park St. An opening for "Dreams and Imagined Realities" a juried exhibition exploring the spaces where imagination and reality intertwine.

DANNY & THE PARTS IN BRISTOL. Friday, June 6, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Hailing from the heart of Burlington, Danny & The Parts deliver a fresh take on classic Americana with a honky-tonk soul and psychedelic shimmer. Rooted in tradition but unafraid to push boundaries, the band blends sweeping vocal harmonies, twang-laced Telecaster riffs, and rich local talent to craft a sound that feels both timeless and totally new. More info at bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday

THE GRIFT IN NEW HAVEN. Friday, June 6, 6-8 p.m., Lincoln Peak Vineyard, 142 River Rd. Free live music at the vineyard featuring local musicians and food trucks. Bring a blanket and a friend and celebrate the weekend with Vermont wines and Vermont vibes. Food by Mediterranean Mix and wine available for purchase.

"MIND VS. Matter: Argument for a Renaissance" in Bristol. Friday, June 6, 7 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Library, 40 North St. A dramatic reading featuring Diana

Bigelow and Jim Stapleton. The classic conflict referred to in the title is hashed out over coffee between two friends, a physicist and an art historian. A lively and amusing exchange of ideas emerges, suggesting a renaissance for our times. Q & A to follow. Admission by donation.

PUCCINI'S "LA BOHÈME" IN MIDDLEBURY. Friday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. Join Opera Company of Middlebury for the timeless story of La Bohème. There have always been people who live on the fringes of society — artists, writers, musicians — who sacrifice much in pursuit of their art. Pre-performance talks will be in the new wing at THT one hour before each show. Opening Night Prosecco Reception to follow Friday's the performance. All are welcome. Info at townhalltheater.org.

PETER STUMPF, CELLO; JOHN BLACKLOW, PIANO, IN ROCHESTER. Friday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Federated Church of Rochester, 15 North Main St. In the Rochester Chamber Music Society's first concert of the 2025 season, Stumpf and Blacklow perform Sonata No. 1 B-flat Major, Op. 45, Mendelssohn, Sonata in C Major, Prokofiev.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB HIKE IN LINCOLN. Saturday, June 7, Mt. Abraham. Hike the Battell Trail to Long Trail North to Mt. Abe. Strenuous hike with 2,500 feet elevation gain over 5.5 miles. Leashed dog friendly. Limit 6. Contact Samara Anderson at anderson_samara@yahoo.com for more information. More at gmcbreadloaf.org.

POTTERY SALE IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Middlebury Studio School new campus, 94 Court St. Help raise funds for the Middlebury Studio School, check out its new space, and get some local pottery. A portion of the proceeds will benefit MSS.

NEW ENGLAND REVIEW ALUMNI READING AT REUNION 2025 IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m., Axinn Center 229, Old Chapel Rd. In celebration of Middlebury's reunion weekend, New England Review will host a reading for five alumni authors. Featured readers: writer and design director Tamara Hilmes, science fiction writer EJ Kavounas, novelist and editor Carolyn Kuebler, poet Emily Lee Luan, and writer and journalist Lauren Markham. Free and open to the public.

J GOULD AUTHOR TALK IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m., Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. J Gould will discuss his new book, "The Last of the Greatest Generation," which captures the disruptive, uncertain times during World War II as seen through the eyes of the last living veteran of that war. Told in two timelines, this novel is a fast-paced mystery that embraces generational romance, patriotism, the horrors of war and the race to find hidden truths that will impact Japan and the United States.

MELISSA D IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center St. Spend your midday with this singer-songwriter. Part of Brandon's Live at Kennedy Park music series.

DAVID KARL ROBERTS IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 7, 4-6 p.m., Red Clover Ale, 43 Center St. Free live music with beer and goodies for purchase.

"UNDERWORLD" ON SCREEN IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 7, 7 p.m., Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Sq. Director Josef von Sternberg's groundbreaking tale of big city mobsters, widely considered the father of all gangster pictures. Tale follows crime boss "Bull" Weed as he battles rival 1920s gangsters. Incredible black-and-white photography; winner of first-ever Oscar for original story by Ben Hecht. Live accompaniment by silent film aficionado Jeff Rapsis. It's free; donations welcome to defray expenses.

NEW MUSIC ON THE POINT CONCERT IN SALISBURY. Saturday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Meeting House, 853 Maple St. Hear world premiere chamber works by participating composers from around the world, performed by the Bergamot Quartet, Popebama, pianist Adam Tendler, soprano Tony Arnold and more. Presented by Point CounterPoint.

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From vibrant blossoms and buzzing bees to rainbow leaves and imaginative critters, each entry was a celebration of springtime magic.



Cora Hernandez, Salisbury
Age 4



Omar Seeger, Vergennes
Age 4



Dottie Watson, Middlebury
Age 6



Winter Benjamin, Middlebury
Age 5



Maggie Caldwell, Bridport
Age 7



Skyler Bushey, Vergennes
Age 7

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Loretta Straniero, New Haven
Age 9



Rosa Suhr, Shoreham
Age 11



Elianna Venables Vogel, Ferrisburgh
Age 13



Ellie Orten, Middlebury
Age 15



Aimée Motta, Huntington
Adult



Lana Hanson, Shoreham
Adult

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1. McCarthy acolyte Roy
5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms
10. Not soft
14. Jai __, sport
15. Philosophy
16. Do what you're told
17. Gaffe
18. Widely known and esteemed
19. Amusement park attraction
20. Popular comic strip Viking
22. Usually has a lid
23. American sportscaster
24. Lung fibrosis
27. General's assistant (abbr.)
30. Pouch
31. Upset

32. Partner to hem
35. Astronomy unit of distance
37. Witch
38. Gradually disappear
39. Regions
40. Possesses
41. Body parts
42. A way to comprehend
43. Defraud
44. Sandwich type
45. Expression of disappointment
46. Popular Dodge truck model
47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
48. Soviet Socialist Republic
49. Songs to a beloved
52. Custom
55. Partner to cheese

56. West Indies trees
60. Member of a Semitic people
61. Plant that originated vegetatively
63. Squandered one's money
64. Ethiopian river
65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
66. Acquire by one's efforts
67. Irish goddess
68. Hungarian village
69. Cereal grasses

DOWN

1. Currency
2. Ceramic jar
3. Reagan's Secretary of State
4. God worshipped in Kanesh
5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

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Sudoku

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

Level: Medium

6. Semitic
7. About blood
8. Benign tumors
9. Move one's head
10. Hours (Spanish)
11. Hebrew calendar month
12. Advise someone
13. Colors clothes
21. The sun does it
23. Concealed
25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
26. Droop
27. Away from one another

28. Challenges
29. A harsh scraping sound
32. Attaches to a wall
33. Capital of Ethiopia: __ Ababa
34. German river
36. Disappointed
37. Star Wars character Solo
38. Supervises flying
40. Not mass-produced
41. Nonsense
43. Automobile
44. Hogshead (abbr.)

46. Soak in water
47. Flower cluster
49. Romanian city
50. A parent is often one
51. Fencing sword
52. Body part
53. Region
54. Farm building
57. Ali's surname at birth
58. Waxy bird beak covering
59. Stiff bristles
61. VCR button
62. Small amount

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Pet of the Week



Hey Della Mae!

Della Mae is a rescue from Greenville, S.C. True to her breed, she is willful, headstrong, playful, loves everyone, gets along with all animals. Of course, being a puppy and a bird dog, she loves the water, following a scent and above all else, meal time and her regular treats! And did I say she is totally adorable?

Peter Wagner
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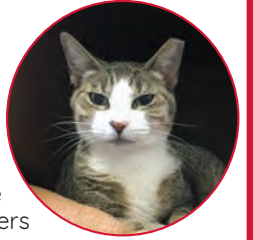
Pets In Need

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Alice

Alice came to Homeward Bound from a Florida transport. Alice is a sweet, approximately 1-year-old cat who came from a destroyed mobile park in Miami. Her adoring foster home shares that she enjoys relaxing, looking out the window, and being pet around her face. She is good with children of all ages but prefers to be the only cat in the house.



Buddy



Buddy is a mellow boy who loves to observe everything from the tallest perch on the cat tree. He may be bashful at first, but he is super friendly when he warms up. If you're looking for a cat that will consider you his one and only and want to feel the satisfaction of turning a shy guy into a mush, Buddy is the cat for you! He is also an expert bug hunter/spider killer! He gets along with other cats but has no experience with dogs, so we would recommend a slow and structured introduction to any dogs in the home.

Mr. Tuna

Mr. Tuna is the most affectionate, snuggly cat ever! He came to Homeward Bound as a stray but was never claimed. He is super gentle and loves being all over you for cuddle time. Tuna loves food, toys, and other cats. Mr. Tuna is FIV+ and would need to be an indoor-only cat. Positive cats typically have the same life expectancy as those who are negative.



Bailey



I'm **Bailey**, a 3-year-old, 62-pound hound mix. I'm an active girl and love being outside! Since I'm a hound, I'd love to be able to use my nose as much as possible. Puzzle toys and nose work would be wonderful things to add to my daily enrichment. I've lived with cats, dogs, and a bird. I did like to chase the cat, though! When I'm not outside, I like to snuggle up on the couch. I'm housebroken, crate trained, and I know a few basic commands. I'm a shy girl, so please allow me some time to warm up to you!

Daisy

I'm **Daisy**! A super sweet, goofy mixed breed. I absolutely love people and will wiggle my body out of excitement to say hello. Toys are my favorite, and I will gladly play fetch and tug. I'm housebroken and walk well on a leash. In my previous home, I didn't get along with the other female dog. I'm fine with male dogs, but will need proper introduction. I've been around cats before and enjoy chasing them. I'm looking for an active family that can give me endless cuddles!



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Pet of the week

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MUSIC

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2025
COMMUNITY
CONCERTS

June 6, 5:30
p.m.: Discover
Jazz Festival
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A free concert

with award-winning flutist and composer, Nicole Mitchell Gantt, and the Bergamot Quartet.

June 8: Fiddling Workshop (2 p.m.) and Concert (4 p.m.) at Bread & Butter Farm (Shelburne)

Attend a free interactive fiddling workshop and concert with Dan Trueman, hardanger fiddle, and the Bergamot Quartet. More info and registration at pointcp.com/new-music-on-the-point/fiddle-workshop-concert.

June 7, June 12, June 14 (8 p.m.): Salisbury Meetinghouse

Hear world premiere chamber works by our participating composers from around the world, performed by participant performers and the Bergamot Quartet, Popebama, pianist Adam Tendler, soprano Tony Arnold and others. Free and open to all.

June 5, June 11, June 13 (6:30pm): Adventurous Food and Music Evenings on our Lake Dunmore campus

Chat with students and faculty, and learn about what moves people to make music. Dinner will be prepared by Chef Santi and Chef Kai; followed by a concert of imaginative contemporary music. Seating is limited to six tickets per night, which can be purchased on EventBrite (eventbrite.com/e/adventurous-food-and-music-evenings-on-our-lakeside-campus-tickets-1361462714629?aff=oddtcreator).



A free evening concert by the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum will be held at Middlebury's St. Stephen's Church on Friday, May 30. Open to all.

COURTESY PHOTO

CHOIR

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Copland's lyrical piece contrasts with the urgent, rhythmic pulse of Rosephayne Powell's

popular 1996 "The Word Was God," which sets the opening verses of the Gospel of John in an exciting, syncopated, chant-like style.

ABOUT THE COLLEGIUM

The Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum is the premier mixed-voice choral ensemble at Harvard University. The ensemble was founded in 1971 in the wake of the merger between Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges. The aim was to combine the choral traditions of

both institutions, emphasizing both historical and contemporary music. Over the years, the group's repertoire has expanded to include choral masterworks, folk music, student commissions, and everything in between.

The Collegium is known for its commitment to musical excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration, and has grown into a nationally acclaimed choir. The group frequently performs in Cambridge, and has also been heard in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and international venues.

For more information about this free evening concert, contact St. Stephen's Church by calling 802-388-7200 or emailing ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com.

TIMELESS

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Co-directed by Small and Smiley, the music video blends intimate movement — percussive and personal, anchoring queer identity in both body and

place. The choreography, performed by local dancers, becomes a language of belonging and remembrance.

"We Are Timeless is a love letter to our queer ancestors and a beacon for future generations," Small added. "It's a call to remember, to honor, and to keep dancing."

On June 6, the single is available on all major streaming platforms, and the official video can be viewed on YouTube. Vermonters and beyond are encouraged to share it using the hashtag #WeAreTimeless, adding their voices to a chorus that stretches across time: "we are timeless, boundless, far and near — alive beyond the poison of fear."

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This contemporary 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home is nestled on 3.34 private acres in Bristol. Built in 2022, this 3,864 sq. ft. home offers a sun-filled open floor plan ideal for both entertaining and everyday living. The elevated primary suite provides a spa-like bathroom and added privacy, while three additional bedrooms and a spacious walk-in laundry room occupy the main level. Enjoy seamless indoor-outdoor living with a deck that showcases sweeping mountain views. The walkout basement features a dedicated office or workout space, a ¾ bath, and a large rec room perfect for movie nights. Located on a quiet private road shared with just four other homes, this property offers a peaceful wooded setting just minutes from downtown Bristol, Middlebury and New Haven. With thoughtful design, natural light, and modern amenities, this home is a must-see for those seeking space and serenity in Vermont's countryside.



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MLS #5042652 | \$1,350,000
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BRANDON NEW LISTING!
33 OLD FARM ROAD
MLS #5042231 | \$395,000
3 BD | 2 BA | 1670 SF | 1.00 ACRES

This warm and inviting home is located in a lovely spot, close to downtown yet surrounded by meadows with views of the mountains beyond. Hardwood floors throughout. A great mudroom entry, sunny kitchen, living room with wood burning fireplace, dining room, 3/4 bath, and a first floor office space (or an additional small bedroom) complete the first level. Three bedrooms and a full bath are on the second floor. The third floor is a lovely finished space offering a bonus room, additional bedroom space, or home office/hobby space. Find the detached two-car garage and garden shed just across the road.



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EXHIBITS

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and artifacts that speak to our histories and inspire contemplation. Juror Aline Smithson selected approximately 35 images for

exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view May 2-30. PhotoPlace will donate a portion of submission fees for this exhibit to help those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles.

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"Inspired by Nature: The Women Artists of Rokeby," shares a small portion of the work made by Ann Stevens Robinson and her daughters Rachael Robinson Elmer and Mary Robinson Perkins. On view May 10-Oct. 12.

SHELDON MUSEUM

1 Park Street, Middlebury

For more info visit henrysheldonmuseum.org

"Artists in the House: An Exhibit & Silent Auction Fundraiser" brings together contemporary artists in Addison County in this 50/50 fundraiser and summer exhibit, which features over 30 works on display in the Museum's historic kitchen. To bid, visit henrysheldonmuseum.org/events/artists-in-the-house-fundraiser. On view May 21-Sept. 6.

"Finding Hope Within: Healing & Transformation Through the Making of Art Within the Carceral System," features works of art that have emerged through the carceral system in Vermont alongside historical artifacts from the collection of the Henry Sheldon Museum. These original artworks were curated by A Revolutionary Press and Vermont Works for Women for their "Finding Hope Within" traveling exhibit.

On view May 21-Sept. 30.

"Material Narratives: Ornament & Identity."

Organized by students of Professor Erin Sassin's course at Middlebury College, this mini exhibition is the result of meticulous research and thoughtful curation, showcasing many unique treasures in the Sheldon Museum's collection. On view May 21-Oct. 31.

"Slow Seeing: A Close Observation Room."

In this room, you're invited to *sslllllllooooooowwww* doooooowwwwnnnnnnnn and really look. This is a space for immersive attention, close looking, and paying attention to the details. Take a seat, use the magnifying tools at hand and take the time to look. You are invited to draw, to dream, to write, to read, to think. On view May 21-Oct. 31.

"Stitching Memories: Daughters, Samplers,

and Family Records." The six samplers on display in the Judd Harris House were all made by girls whose father or grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War. This local exhibit was curated by Middlebury College student Julia Breckenridge. On view May 21-Jan. 3.

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"Collective Perspectives." This member show brings together 11 diverse voices from our collective, showcasing a wide range of mediums including cyanotype on textile, photography, acrylic paintings on skate decks and more. Exhibiting artists include Elise Bouffard, Andrew Clingenpeel, Caitlin Gildrien, Charon Henning, Michael Hollis, Jaqueline Lore, Catherine Raishart, Bart Robbett, Elizabeth Sylvia, Courtney Vengrin, and Heather Rusch Zelonis. On view April 18-June 15.

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FILM SCREENING

Silent gangster drama to screen with live music at Brandon Town Hall on June 7

"Underworld" (1927), a silent drama that spurred a boom in "gangster" movies, will be screened with live music on Saturday, June 7, at 7 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center. Admission is free; donations are welcome to help defray expenses.

Live music for each silent film program will be provided by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer and composer who specializes in scoring and presenting silent films.

"Underworld," directed by Josef von Sternberg and starring George Bancroft, is notable for being the first major motion picture to portray a criminal in a sympathetic light instead of as a villain. Its popularity touched off a Prohibition-era boom in Hollywood gangster pictures that

reached its peak following the stock market crash of 1929.

The story of "Underworld" follows gangster Bull Weed (George Bancroft), who becomes entangled in a love triangle involving a reformed drunkard, "Rolls Royce" (Clive Brook) whom he takes on as his right-hand man, and Bull's girlfriend "Feathers" (Evelyn Brent). Bull Weed's imprisonment leads to a dramatic climax.

The film's script, by Chicago newspaperman Ben Hecht, earned an Oscar for Best Screenwriting at the first-ever Academy Awards. The film is also noted for director von Sternberg's innovative use of black-and-white photography, which presaged many film noir techniques in following decades.



George Bancroft, Clive Brook, and Evelyn Brent in "Underworld" (1927), a classic crime drama to be screened with live music by Jeff Rapsis on Saturday, June 7, at 7 p.m., at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center. All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with free will donations accepted to defray expenses.

COURTESY IMAGE

Next up in the Brandon Town Hall silent film series will be:

Saturday, July 19, 7 p.m. "Grandma's Boy" (1922) starring Harold Lloyd, Mildred Davis. A cowardly young man must learn to conquer his fears before dealing with a larger menace to his community. Riotous small town comedy that helped propel Harold Lloyd into the most popular movie comedian of the 1920s.



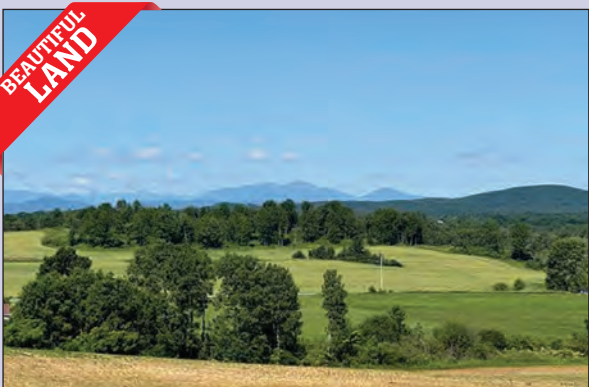
2392 Leland Rd., Salisbury
MLS #5039721 \$795,000

If you have been looking for a hobby farm on a scenic country road then this property is for you! Nestled on 55.35-acres this property offers the perfect blend of pastoral charm and modern comfort, the property invites a tranquil, self-sufficient lifestyle just minutes from the amenities of Middlebury. At the heart of the farm is a well maintained two-bedroom, two-bathroom home that seamlessly blends modern convenience with practicality. South-facing windows capture the natural beauty of the green mountains. Enjoy the cozy living room with wood stove, an open kitchen with custom cherry cabinets, and hardwood, slate and finished concrete floors. Rooftop solar panels help offset your electricity bill. Above the barn is a charming one-bedroom apartment and the barn itself is perfect for storage, workshop, or small-scale farming activities. The sugar house includes a 2x3 arch. The land is a mix of open fields, trails, and wooded areas with maple trees, ideal for gardening, raising animals, sugaring or simply enjoying the peace and privacy that only Vermont's countryside can provide. This property is a rare and versatile opportunity!



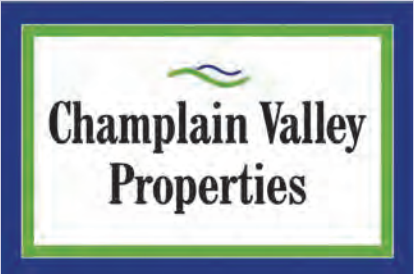
1465 West Street., Cornwall
MLS #5032049 \$599,900

Unique and classic Vermont! Fairview Farm is a converted dairy barn that is a real treasure. This property is located on West Street in beautiful Cornwall, just a few miles from Middlebury College. The westerly Adirondack views are amazing and the sunsets are spectacular. The property is currently used as two separate units with two bedrooms each but can easily transition to a single unit with ample living space. There are many bonus rooms and storage areas that make the house live large. The smaller barn has two garage bays and is partially insulated upstairs. You could finish the second floor for additional living space or continue to use as storage. There are many options for this property. We invite you to come and take a look.



TBD South Street, New Haven
MLS #5008036 \$295,000

This lovely parcel of land has just been subdivided from a larger parcel. There is a very nice open area closer to the road and a large, wooded area behind. There are lovely Adirondack views! The land is in current use, but owner is redoing the current use plan and will leave a 2-acre building site out of current use. Easy access to Chittenden County and to the Middlebury area.



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