



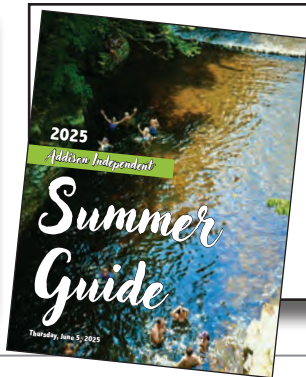
In the swing

A pendulum at a local sculpture park traces orbital circles, not straight lines. See Arts + Leisure.



Playoff wins

The Commodore nine were among several local teams to win in the postseason. See Sports, Page 1B.



Summertime!

There are so many fun things to do (and eat) this season. Read our 72-page guide in today's edition.

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Vergennes Job Corps center to shut down

Trump admin. pulls plug on training program

By JOHN S. McCRIGHT

VERGENNES — Due to a decision by the Trump Administration to halt operations at nearly a hundred job training programs for young adults, the Northlands Job Corps vocational education program will close by June 30.

Locals are dismayed.

This will put a lot of people out of work and will be detrimental for the students who will be displaced, pointed out Phil Summers, executive director of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce.

"I think they are equally important. Not only will we lose

local jobs but the opportunity for graduates to become residents employed by Addison County businesses," Summers told the *Independent*. "Job Corp students also are consistent volunteers for Chamber and other community events and projects."

Northlands currently employs 110 people, according to Michael Dooley, the center director. He

said 150 young people are learning trades there now. Northlands could accommodate 220 students, but the U.S. Department of Labor has not performed any background checks for new students since March.

"In essence (they're) choking off the program by not allowing new students in," Dooley said.

About a third of students are (See Job Corps, Page 9A)

USAID veteran will lead Middlebury land trust

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Kevin Fox knows what it's like to spearhead environmental change on a global scale. As a foreign service officer with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), he's

mobilized more than \$100 million for environmental programs across five embassies and more than a dozen countries.

Most recently, he's been directing a \$250 million climate and biodiversity portfolio across (See Kevin Fox, Page 9A)



FLYING TIGERS DRONE Club members Eben Smith, Raphael Mitchell and Alden Sherry each keep their eyes on their unmanned aerial vehicles during a recent gathering at Middlebury's Patricia Hannaford Career Center.

Independent photo/Steve James

Teens earn wings with the Flying Tigers

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — A new club has been creating quite a buzz at the Patricia Hannaford Career Center.

A buzz? Some might compare it to a swarm of angry mosquitos.

Jokes aside, we're talking about the Flying Tigers Drone Club, which took flight for the first time this past winter. And it's attracting a growing number of middle and high school students who enjoy programming and piloting unmanned aerial vehicles.

The *Independent* attended a recent club session at the Career Center, and it didn't disappoint.

While club supervisor Dan Arensmeyer looked on, young pilots Eben Smith, Raphael (See Drones, Page 15A)

Bristol Rep. Cordes to leave Legislature

Cites new job and political acrimony

By JOHN FLOWERS

BRISTOL

— Saying she's been targeted by a growing number of personal attacks and threats from those opposed to her political views, and citing difficulty in securing enough shifts as a Registered Nurse at the University of Vermont Medical Center, Rep. Mari Cordes, D-Bristol, said she'll resign from her Addison-4 district seat by the end of this month to take a nursing job in Nova Scotia, Canada.

It was in 2018 that Cordes was first elected to the two-seat House district that encompasses Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton and Starksboro. Voters have re-elected her ever since, including this past November, when she finished second to Rep. Herb Olson, D-Starksboro in a four-person runoff for the two seats.

But Cordes has decided not to



REP. MARI CORDES

serve out her latest term.

"This was definitely not an easy decision," she said during a phone interview, her voice cracking with emotion. "It's one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life. But I know it's the right thing for me to do."

She's enjoyed representing

her constituents on the House Committee on Health Care, a panel that's been trying to improve delivery and pricing within Vermont's ailing health care system. Cordes, 66, has also spent several decades working in the health care trenches as an RN. She said University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMHC) — where she's worked since 2001 — has been paring back on per diem shifts, and that's been bad news for Cordes, a per diem worker.

(See Cordes, Page 18A)



By the way

The Moosalamoo Association and Addison County Bike Club are hosting multiple mountain bike rides, hikes, runs and a ribbon cutting with free food this Sunday, June 8, at the Moosalamoo Campground on the Goshen-Ripton Road. The occasion celebrates the opening of the new Silver Moose Trail that connects Moosalamoo Campground with Silver Lake via a new 3-mile trail that's accessible to bikers and hikers. There'll be food, drinks, games for kids, group rides of all abilities, a pump track and flow trail skills and a visit by Smokey the Bear. Group rides start at 8:30 a.m., 10 and 11 a.m. with (See By the way, Page 13A)



Into action

AS A WET May was drawing to a close, the Middlebury Union High School girls' Ultimate team was eager to compete against South Burlington this past Thursday. Shown from left, Tigers Avery Hohenschau, Lila Hescocock, Greta Suter, McMillan Caldwell, Oprea Littlefield, Adalaide Markowski and Mira Biancosino race toward the Wolves on Doc Collins Field to begin play. See more photos on Pages 4A & 14A.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

MAUSD unveils a vision for future

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham Unified School District has wrapped up a months-long effort to collectively envision the future of education in the learning community.

The resulting "Portrait of a Learner" document captures the MAUSD community's shared aspirations for what every student will know and be able to do upon graduation. The document will help inform the district's next strategic plan and updates its ENDS Policy, both of which outline district goals and help guide work to reach those

"In times of change, having the clarity we now have about our 'why' is essential so we know what we are making change for."

— MAUSD Superintendent Patrick Reen

objectives.

A team of 49 MAUSD students, school officials and community members have taken part in the effort over the past several months, helping engage more than 1,140 voices and perspectives reflected in

the final document.

The creation of the new Portrait of a Learner comes at a time when lawmakers are weighing major changes to Vermont's public education system. While the future for learning communities around the state is uncertain, MAUSD Superintendent Patrick Reen said he believes the Portrait of a Learner will help guide how the district responds to legislation coming out of Montpelier (See story on Page 2A).

"In times of change, having the clarity we now have about our 'why' is essential so we know (See MAUSD, Page 13A)

Tenny built lasting Middlebury legacy

Late selectman was tenacious

By JOHN FLOWERS

MIDDLEBURY — Former longtime Middlebury selectboard member John Tenny — a man credited with, among other things, catalyzing a closer relationship between the town and Middlebury College — died on Memorial Day at age 77.

While he'll no longer be seen walking his dog each evening

near the Middlebury Recreation Park or enjoying a Friday dinner out with wife Madeline, his contributions to the shire town will last for many generations, according to those who knew and worked with him.

Dozens of prominent buildings and infrastructure projects in Addison County bear (See Tenny, Page 11A)

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REP. PETER CONLON, D-Cornwall, rubs his eyes as House and Senate members of the education reform bill conference committee meet at the Statehouse in Montpelier on Friday, May 30.

VTDigger photo/Glenn Russell

Education reform bill hits an impasse

By **SHAUN ROBINSON & ETHAN WEINSTEIN,**
VTDigger.org

MONTPELIER — After a drawn-out day of disagreements and false starts, the Vermont Legislature this past Friday bailed on its plan to wrap up business for the year, failing to come to a deal, at least for now, on this year’s landmark education reform bill.

So strained were the talks, the House and Senate couldn’t even immediately agree on when negotiations would continue.

The Senate gaveled out for the night shortly after 11 p.m. Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Baruth, D/P-Chittenden Central, told his colleagues that coming to an agreement needed more time, and the Senate would instead gavel back in at 2 p.m. Saturday.

“We’re going home now,” Baruth said.

Soon after, around 11:30 p.m., the House adjourned until Monday at noon. From there, House Speaker Jill Krowinski, D-Burlington, said the chamber would be holding brief sessions without taking any actions, known as “token sessions,” until mid-June.

That’s when legislators had previously penciled in to hold votes to override potential vetoes by Gov. Phil Scott.

“We’ve been putting compromises on the table all day, trying to find a path forward,” Krowinski said in an interview after ending her chamber’s business for the night. “This is a top priority for this legislative session, and we have to get it right. And at the end of the day, everyone was feeling like it needed more time.”

Legislative leaders said they expect the joint House and Senate panel hashing out the education bill, H.454, to continue meeting in the coming weeks, though the schedule was not immediately clear.

Both chambers signed off on a handful of other bills Friday, including sweeping housing legislation that would set out a program to finance infrastructure around new developments, a bill that would

make it harder for neighbors to sue farmers over impacts the farm may have on their properties, and other bills on motor vehicles, cannabis and drug price caps.

However, the outcome leaves the session’s highest-profile work unfinished. Following an election where property tax rates drove voters, leading to a wave of Republican victories in the House and Senate, Democratic leadership pledged to heed voters’ call for a more affordable education system.

Yet four months in, the path toward that future state remained murky.

The parties began Friday closer than they ended it. Early in the day, the House and Senate conference committee members appeared to reach some tentative agreements on H.454. But as the hours wore on, negotiations — at least in public — faltered. The committee had been unable to lock in key details. Left unsettled was which funding formula to use, what to do about school choice and private schools and how to limit spending before school districts consolidate down

(See Impasse, Page 3A)

Left unsettled was which funding formula to use, what to do about school choice and private schools and how to limit spending before school districts consolidate down the road.

Work starts on Ilsley Library addition

Past additions removed, shovels now begin new work

By **JOHN FLOWERS**

MIDDLEBURY — The tearing down has concluded.

Now it’s time for the build-up. Just days after demolishing the Ilsley Library’s 1977 and 1988 appendages, workers this week began laying the foundation for a new, two-story addition onto the Bakery Lane-facing portion of the original, Main Street library building.

That addition — coupled with concurrent renovations to the 1924 structure — will add 8,000 square feet (for a total of 26,000) of much-needed space to Ilsley.

Library officials, selectboard members, prominent donors and leaders of the design-building team of ReArch Company/Wiemann Lamphere Architects were on hand this past Thursday, May 29, to each toss a ceremonial spade of earth to mark the next chapter in the \$17 million project.

“It’s taken us a long time to get to where we are today,” Ilsley 100 Project Team Chair and former library trustee Joe McVeigh said during the afternoon event, held in the upper municipal parking lot under a blazing sun.

“We are grateful to Middlebury taxpayers.”

McVeigh, fellow Project Team member Ken Perine, and Middlebury selectboard Chair Brian Carpenter also enumerated many others during brief remarks.

Perine recapped what was an ambitious financing package for the project, which included \$6 million in donations, \$552,064 in tax credits and rebates, \$5.8 million in surplus local option tax proceeds, and a \$4.5 million municipal bond.

Middlebury residents OK’d the bond by a 956-200 margin in May 2024.

Perine called the local donation drive “the real litmus test.”

“Could we raise \$6 million from the local community to support this project?” he asked. “It was a daunting task, but the results were fantastic.”

As of last week, 203 donors

had given a combined \$6,280,371 to the Ilsley 100 project. Perine gave a special shout-out to lead donors Eleanor and David Ignat, and “major donors” Cindy and Michael Seligmann, Sue and Charlie Grigg, and Middlebury College — which is contributing \$1 million.

“They say it takes a village — in this case, it took a village, a college and some generous forward-thinking individuals to bring us to this groundbreaking today,” Perine said. “This project is truly emblematic of the commitment of Middlebury area citizens to a strong and vibrant library and community.”

As those assembled took in a won’t-last-long glimpse of the rear façade of the 101-year-old Ilsley building, Carpenter reminded spectators of how long the renovation/expansion project has been in the works. A 2007 library study committee took an initial stab, followed by an Ilsley Library Building Committee (2014-17) chaired by John Freidin.

That 2014-17 effort didn’t bear fruit, but Carpenter stressed it wasn’t for a lack of effort. Then-Ilsley Director Kevin Unrath switched jobs and the town was exploring other, competing municipal projects at the time.

The latest, successful effort began in 2021 with a “renovation/expansion working group,” a precursor to the Ilsley 100 Project Team (2024). It didn’t hurt that 2024 was the Ilsley’s 100th birthday, and the building’s deficiencies had only become more prominent. Among them: low ceilings and support columns; a poorly lit and under-sized children’s area suffering from ground water leaks, mold and a broken wastewater system that caused offensive odors; line-of-sight safety issues for people entering the building from the south side; a lack of amenities for teens and ‘tweens; and areas and resources inaccessible to some folks who are physically

challenged.

The solution approved by voters will double Ilsley’s current space for youth services, and provide a new activity room, a new conference/flex room that would be accessible during and after library hours, a new early learning area, new spaces for high-schoolers and middle-schoolers, a new outdoor programming area, two additional small meeting rooms, a larger community meeting room, and redesigned adult reading rooms and gathering spaces.

“Our new library will serve our community for generations to come, as it has been designed with flexible spaces to meet changing needs,” Carpenter said.

“This building will be accessible and safe,” he added. “The Ilsley Library is one of the most used facilities in our community and with this investment will see future growth as programming and meeting space availability increases.”

It will also be an environmentally friendly building, according to project manager Chris Huston. He noted the structure will, among other things, be endowed with a geothermal heating and cooling system and cross-laminated timber (CLT) floor and roof decks. CLT is known for both its load-bearing and thermal insulation qualities.

Ilsley Library Director Dana Hart said the library project currently looks on-budget, with estimated completion in August of 2026. In the meantime, a “Mini Ilsley” library is up and running just a few blocks away in the National Bank of Middlebury’s Duclos Building at the intersection of Main Street and Printer’s Alley. A large portion of the Ilsley’s book collection is being stored — but can still be retrieved from — 75 Meigs Road facility in Vergennes, courtesy of Vermont Industrial Parks LLC.

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FOLKS OF ALL ages turned out on May 29 for a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Ilsley Library addition. Children, as well as various dignitaries, were given shovels to symbolically toss some dirt in anticipation of a major construction project that should be completed by late next summer.

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Wendel named athletic director of the year

By MARIN HOWELL

BRISTOL — Bristol’s Devin Wendel has been named the Northern Vermont Athletic Director of the Year by the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association.

The annual award is among several distributed by the association, which recognize recipients whose contributions have “significantly impacted school communities and interscholastic athletics in Vermont.”

Wendel serves as Athletic Director & Activities Coordinator at Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School and as president of the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association, or VSADA.

“Without a doubt, the relationships I’ve built and the lessons I’ve learned from others have been the most rewarding part of my career in athletics,” Wendel told the *Independent*. “There is always something new to learn and always someone with a perspective worth hearing.”

Wendel is a Mount Abe alum and has worked at the Bristol school since 2016.

“It has been incredibly fulfilling to witness the growth of our programs over the years and to work alongside our student-athletes, coaches, and community members in an effort to improve the experience for all involved,” he said. “Even amid declining enrollment at our school and across Vermont, our students continue to advocate for more opportunities that they are passionate about participating in. As such, even as our school size declines, participation in athletics and activities continues to grow at Mt. Abraham.”

AN EVOLVING ROLE

Wendel noted that over the past decade, Mount Abe has added several sports and activities to its programming. Those include girls’ lacrosse (in collaboration with Vergennes Union High School), bass fishing and boys’ golf, as well as more recent additions of girls’ volleyball and unified basketball.

“We’ve also made significant investments in our facilities and infrastructure, thanks to collaboration with district leaders. These improvements include an entirely renovated gymnasium, new scoreboards, enhanced sound systems for our gym, auditorium, and outdoor spaces, new auditorium lighting and seating, and more,” he said.

“Additionally, we’ve worked closely with students to create meaningful leadership opportunities that are focused on positively impacting the Mt. Abraham school community, in addition to the many different communities our students will be a part of after they graduate.”

“These investments highlight our ongoing commitment to providing a well-rounded, inclusive experience for our students, athletes, and community members that we can be proud of,” he continued. “We are excited about the direction our programs are heading.”

In addition to activities and sports at the school, Wendel noted that the role of an athletic director has evolved substantially over a short period of time.

“While it may appear from the outside that our primary tasks revolve around scheduling buses and officials, that only scratches the surface of what we do,” he said. “I remember speaking with (*Addison Independent* reporter) Andy Kirkaldy back in 2016 when I stepped into the position at Mt. Abraham and I said, ‘You have to be a jack of all trades, but also a master of them, too.’ That still rings true today, though the number of ‘trades’ we need to learn how to master has grown exponentially since then.”

Wendel said one of the most significant changes in the role has had to do with the rapid advancement of technology.

“From the rise of social media to the emergence of AI, the digital landscape has reshaped both how we communicate and how we manage our day-to-day

responsibilities,” he explained. “Ten years ago, the idea of having robots lining our athletic fields would’ve seemed far-fetched, yet in 2025, that is our reality — which is really cool.”

He said that a variety of tools — such as integrated scheduling software and live-streaming services — have become essential in allowing athletic administrators to operate more efficiently and engage with community members in real time.

“These technologies also allow us to devote more energy to what truly matters: supporting our students, athletes, coaches, and school communities,” he said.

During his time at the school, Wendel has teamed up with Athletic Trainer Meg Quiet to develop an app that compiles Emergency Action Plans for each of the school’s sports venues, from the football field to the wrestling room. He’s also worked with English teacher Addie Thompson to create the Eagle Leadership Society, a program designed to shape 11th- and 12th-graders into the next generation of community leaders.

VSADA AWARD

In a press release announcing the award, VSADA officials noted that Wendel is being honored for “his visionary leadership at Mt. Abraham, innovative programming, and strong community engagement.”

“His forward-thinking approach has not only elevated the school’s athletic programs but also fostered a culture of inclusivity, resilience, and shared success across the entire school community,” the press release reads. “Through his collaborative spirit and unwavering dedication, Devin continues to be a driving force in shaping the future of educational athletics in Vermont.”

The release notes that, while serving as VSADA president, Wendel has led the association to a membership growth of more than 109%.

“Known as a servant-leader, Devin leads by example, whether he’s advocating for student-athlete mental health, collaborating with community partners to support inclusive programs, or mentoring new athletic directors statewide,” the release reads.

Wendel said that serving as a mentor for other athletic directors has been a fulfilling part of his work over the years.

“These experiences not only allow me to give back, but they also create meaningful connections between schools that ultimately benefit our broader educational and athletic communities,” he said. “Whether it’s sharing best practices or simply offering support, those interactions help strengthen the bonds between schools and foster a sense of unity, regardless of the color of the uniform.”

Wendel noted that engaging with mentors and colleagues through his involvement at the state and national levels of athletic administration has also been impactful.

“Those ‘aha’ moments; whether from conversations, workshops, or collaborative problem-solving are something I genuinely treasure,” he said. “Being able to apply new knowledge to enhance the student experience here at Mt. Abraham is what keeps me motivated and inspired.”



FIREFIGHTERS FROM SIX local departments worked to contain a house fire at this home on Salisbury’s Shard Villa Road Monday night. Two residents escaped the fire with minor injuries, but a dog was killed in the blaze.

Photo courtesy of Jeanne Montross

Two residents escape Salisbury house fire

By MARIN HOWELL

SALISBURY — Crews from six local departments responded to a house fire on Salisbury’s Shard Villa Road Monday evening. Two residents escaped with minor injuries, but a dog was killed in the blaze.

The structure was a total loss, according to Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ryan Emilio.

Firefighters were called to the home around 6:30 p.m. on June 2,

Emilio said.

“(We) encountered heavy fire from the garage and the house, including both vehicles in the driveway,” he told the *Independent* on Tuesday.

Emilio said the fire started in the garage and noted that the fire isn’t suspicious. The fire chief hadn’t yet received an investigator’s report on the blaze when *Independent* reached him on Tuesday.

Salisbury firefighters were

assisted on the scene by crews from departments in Middlebury, Brandon, Whiting, Weybridge and Cornwall. Additional support was provided by Middlebury Regional EMS.

Emilio said firefighters didn’t encounter any challenges in controlling the blaze, though crews were on the scene for several hours fighting the fire. He said the two residents were taken to the hospital and later released.

Impasse

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the road.

Meetings of the conference committee — three senators and three house members — were continuously postponed. Legislators and legislative staff scrambled in and out of rooms. Lobbyists lingered in the halls. As the conference committee drifted further and further from either chamber’s original position, the possibility of explaining the hugely complex and fast-changing piece of legislation to 180 lawmakers looked near-impossible.

The vast majority of lawmakers dawdled as the conference committee worked in fits and starts, with people playing cards and sipping drinks throughout the Statehouse.

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The House, Senate and Scott have made education reform the year’s key issue. All three parties agreed on the need to consolidate school districts and transition the state to a new funding formula. But for months, the parties have reached little consensus on the intricacies and the timeline of that generational transformation. Baruth had told his chamber around 10 p.m. that agreement

still looked possible. “It’s frustrating,” he said on the floor, describing the delay, “but the way I think about it is, your constituents and my constituents sent us here for this night because they want us to do our work, they want us to finish it up, pay strict attention and then be done and go home.”

That proved overly optimistic.



BRISTOL’S DEVIN WENDEL has been selected as the Northern Vermont Athletic Director of the Year by the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association. Wendel serves as the Athletic Director & Activities Coordinator at Mount Abraham Union Middle/High School and has overseen the evolution of sports and activities for students since joining the school in 2016.

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Editorials

Of color, fun and bike rides

Cheers to Middlebury’s Department of Public Works for surprising the community with colorful crosswalks painted throughout the night. The work not only spruces up the downtown for the summer season but highlights the crosswalks for pedestrian safety.

That’s being smart *and* having a sense of fun!

Speaking of fun, the Moosalamoo Association and Addison County Bike Club, along with the US Forest Service and Vermont Mountain Bike Club are celebrating the opening of a new 3.5 mile trail this Sunday, June 8, that connects the Moosalamoo Campground with Silver Lake.

Called the Silver Moose Trail it links the bike trails around Moosalamoo Campground with the trails around Silver Lake (Chandler Ridge and Leicester Hollow) as well as others around Blueberry Hill Inn.

Three group rides of all abilities will be led by local riders starting at 8:30, 10 and 11 a.m., as well as two group runs. A ceremonial ribbon-cutting and remarks are set for 12:30, followed by a BBQ starting at 1 p.m. Food and drinks are free, but the groups ask folks to RSVP so they can gauge an appropriate amount of food. A pump track for kids and a mile-long flow track are on site to help younger and beginner riders develop their skills. Smokey the Bear will be there too. For more information about the event, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4kkxsxfc>

And spend a few extra minutes this week reading through our 72-page Summer Guide that features hundreds of activities to pursue in Addison County — showing Addison County is not just the land of milk and honey, but also of fun, recreation, arts and culture. Enjoy.

Angelo Lynn

Big, but not so beautiful

Trump’s ‘big, beautiful bill’ is big, but not so beautiful. Even some Republicans, who rushed it through the House by a single vote, are regretting they voted for it. Rep. Majorie Taylor Green, R-Georgia, one of the staunchest supporters of Trump and his MAGA policies, said she regrets casting her vote for the bill because she was unaware it would block states from regulating artificial intelligence for a decade.

According to a report in the *New York Times*, Taylor posted on social media: “Full transparency, I did not know about this section,” calling it a violation of states’ rights and adding that she “would have voted NO if I had known this was in there.”

The *Times* also reported that Rep. Mike Flood of Nebraska “admitted during a town hall meeting in his district that he did not know that the bill would limit judges’ power to hold people in contempt for violating court orders. He would not have voted for the measure, he said, if he had realized.”

The 1,037-page bill is so full of non-related legislation that it appears few members have read the entire bill and fewer understood its full ramifications. In general, the bill extended tax cuts, boosts spending on defense and immigration, and cuts spending on President Biden’s significant climate-related initiatives.

Without a doubt, the bill does more damage than the president or House Republicans are willing to acknowledge.

The bill not only ties the nation to outdated energy policies dependent on fossil fuels, but limits America’s ability to lead in renewable energy technology and the certain growth that industry will see for the next century — not to mention setting back efforts to combat the rapid heating of the earth.

Financially, the bill costs \$3.8 trillion in tax cuts and \$400 billion in extra spending, while adding \$2.4 trillion to the national debt. It’s that soaring debt that has been capturing headlines throughout the world, degrading the value of the dollar while prompting inflation, and casting doubt of the stability of America’s economy. The U.S. government currently has roughly \$29 trillion in public debt, which would grow by \$21 trillion over the next decade to \$50 trillion by 2034.

Moody’s recently joined the two other global credit agencies in downgrading the nation’s credit rating. It’s the first time *ever* that all three major credit rating agencies have downgraded US credit below their top rating. Consequently, the dollar has dropped 10 percent in value and analysts suggest it could fall another 9% if Trump and his minions continue their ill-conceived policies.

To balance the huge tax cuts (largely to the wealthiest Americas), the bill’s largest cuts are to Americans’ health care. Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act will see cuts of roughly \$1 trillion and will result in 10.3 million more Americans losing health insurance. And the cuts to health care are just a fraction of what’s at stake. Cuts to higher education, labor programs, school nutrition and agriculture programs, efforts to protect shorelines, wildlife and sensitive environmental land, and cuts to almost anything related to science and the accumulation of knowledge is under threat. Plus, the bill would cut 4 million Americans off food stamps (the SNAP program), while adding more red-tape for those in need.

It is, as several pundits have said, a bill to undermine the very basis of what has made America great, or as columnist Max Boot recently wrote of Trump’s cuts to science, “we are witnessing the suicide of a superpower” by this president and his MAGA faithful.

Hopes that Elon Musk’s recent change of heart, calling the bill “a disgusting abomination,” may put some pressure on Republicans in the Senate is tempting, but thoughtful Americans would be foolish to put much faith in Musk’s comments or in Republicans paying attention to them.

The facts are clear enough: Trump’s bill, in reality, is “the big ugly,” and would be more accurately called a Bill to Benefit Billionaires, while letting the rest of America, as France’s Queen Marie-Antoinette infamously said, “eat cake.” Readers should note the queen reportedly uttered the phrase during the French Revolution, which soon overthrew that monarchy, partly because of its callous disregard of the working class.

While Trump does his best to pretend he supports working Americans, his gilded policies hurt the poor and middle-income while adding vast wealth to those already wealthy. As more and more Americans realize Trump’s policies don’t match his rhetoric, maybe they will start rebelling too.

Angelo Lynn



Every which way

MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH School Ultimate player McMillian Caldwell reaches for the Frisbee as she races up field during a May 29 game vs. South Burlington in Middlebury. See more photos on Page 14A.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

Gatherings bring peace of mind

I’d spent far too many hours scrolling through news items, podcasts, emails, and other missives that had at bottom the same message: This country is in trouble.

I don’t disagree.

Yet, I also don’t want to dwell in the House of Gloom and Doom for too long, because doing so makes me forget that there is sun that shines on unwanted weeds and hoped-for vegetables and flowers. There are clouds that shelter us from the heat and release rainfall. Rain that sometimes floods the land and sometimes nourishes crops and cools us down. In other words, nearly everything has more than one perspective.

What has helped me to navigate the tensions and sorrow in recent months are signs of hope as demonstrated by gatherings. We are all busy people, and some of us may even feel overwhelmed. Yet people still find time to come together. Gathering with others has been essential for me in this era of political divisiveness. Here are a few that are feeding my spirit.

The Bristol Community Forums have brought together area residents who don’t necessarily agree but who respect each other’s right to speak. During these forums, people seem curious rather than confrontational. Perhaps it’s easier to accept an opposing perspective when you know you’ll see that person in the grocery store, in church, school, or across the street. Maybe you have friends in common. Physical proximity might make it easier to try to understand where another is coming from. Personally, doing so has often led me to learn something in the process.

Ways of Seeing

By Ruth Farmer



announcement because the word “play” was connected to the word “adult.” Unless we’re playing sports or musical instruments, how often do adults really play, especially using art supplies? What I love about Adult Art Play is that no one expects you to make something that would be considered Art with a capital A. In other words, our livelihoods and egos are not associated with the outcomes. We don’t have to worry about making something that someone would call a masterpiece or would consider buying (though honestly some of the women create beautiful pieces). It doesn’t have to be good. It doesn’t even have to be finished. It’s play.

I’ve been enjoying singing online with the Brothers Koren. This started with a course called “Your Mystic (See *Ways of Seeing*, Page 5A)

Freedom & unity in the community

This week’s writer is Mariah D’Avignon, a native resident of Addison and Windsor counties. She lives in a farmhouse in New Haven with her three sons, three dogs, five cats, a lizard and a frog. She is a student at the Community College of Vermont and is part of its Career Pathways Entry Program, which is also offered through CCV. She is also looking forward to furthering her training in addiction recovery coaching to work with women who have been incarcerated. Mariah created a Facebook support group for women navigating the effects of trauma while parenting.

Freedom and Unity

By Mariah D’Avignon



Sixth in a Series

Healing is not a linear process, and it is not a destination. Healing is a journey. You heal a little at a time. You probably won’t even notice all the ripples you are creating by unlearning toxic habits and behaviors. We face the legacy of our trauma and journey through the healing process one day at a time. Sometimes one hour at a time, and sometimes it’s moment to moment. During the journey, we are also healing the effects of trauma from our ancestors. We are making changes that will affect our children, grandchildren and future generations! Experiencing unity in the community can create a sense of belonging and de-stigmatize neurodiversity, mental health challenges and substance addictions.

breaks us. The inner critic in all of us can bring us down if we do not value ourselves and redirect our thoughts. As Buddha says, “What we think, we become.”

I have learned there is no one-size-fits-all answer to healing trauma. You have to do the inner work, and you have to be persistent and committed to show yourself and the world that you are a fighter, you are smart, and you are capable of change! You can break the cycle of trauma! Unlocking this healing magic requires a deliberate look inward and an ability to (See *Freedom and Unity*, Page 5A)

Letters to the Editor

Spread news of the resistance

Many of us in Vermont have friends in Canada or other countries, and we are concerned about the current administration in Washington. Many people overseas are thoroughly horrified. If you monitor news coverage from Europe or Asia, they often hear about some of the questionable actions of our regime.

However, there is much less coverage of the many things that are taking place to counter the many questionable actions — the courts, demonstrations, and even the Congress are beginning to have an effect.

I hope that those of us in contact with overseas friends will from time to time point out what is being done to correct what many view as excesses of the current administration!

Robert Anderson
Bristol

Separate MUHS flag excludes

Note: This letter was written to the ACSD Board. A copy was given to the Addison Independent

As a parent of a child at Weybridge Elementary School, I strongly oppose the school board’s May 12 decision to allow a privately funded flag pole designated to fly only an American flag at Middlebury Union High School.

We already have a flagpole that flies the American flag, the Black Lives Matter flag, and the LGBTQ+ flags. Given that this new flagpole is being funded to explicitly exclude all but the American flag, it sends a message to students, allies, and faculty that these communities are not a part of this country and are not to be celebrated or protected. Such a message fosters an unsafe environment for all students. In a community setting, a threat to anyone’s safety is a threat to everyone’s safety.

If we believe as a nation that we are “a government of the people, by the people, for the people,” then that includes and embraces every child. This additional flagpole is a disturbingly clear attempt to promote segregation in our community. There is absolutely no reason that the American flag should be pulled off the same pole to be raised on a pole separate from the other flags that represent the people who make up our population. As we are watching our neighbors get rounded up by unidentified ICE agents, and many families are keeping their children home from school to avoid family separation, the idea of erecting a flagpole to promote an ideology of superiority through nationality sends a cold gru (See *Alavi letter*, Page 10A)

Medicaid cuts would hurt all

We have submitted a resolution to the Middlebury selectboard regarding proposed federal Medicaid funding cuts and Vermont’s health care crisis. The resolution will be on the selectboard agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. This resolution expresses community concerns about the negative consequences of these cuts on Middlebury, Addison County and Vermont. Many people stand to lose health insurance and access to affordable care, including people with disabilities. Our healthcare institutions, Porter Hospital, the Counselling Service of Addison County, Home Health and Hospice, primary care providers, nursing homes and care homes, among others, will suffer losses in revenue. Already four of Vermont’s 14 hospitals are at risk of bankruptcy.

Vermont’s healthcare system is fragile, with the former chair of the Green Mountain Care Board acknowledging that “health insurance premium rates are not affordable.”

Healthcare is a significant employer and economic driver in Vermont, and reductions in healthcare funding will lead to job losses and decreased economic (See *Resolution*, Page 5A)

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Letters to the Editor

On second thought, volunteering is a great idea

I worked on the Long Trail this morning, with saw and clippers, under a dark sky. I was in a bad mood, mad at the trail, mad at the news, mad at everything. Why was I up in the mountains? I resolved to stop doing community service altogether. My contribution was small compared to others, such as the tireless Ellen Cronan, trail supervisor of the Green Mountain Club, Breadloaf section. I trudged into the Battell

wilderness listening to wood warblers and hermit thrushes. There were painted trilliums, which grow at elevation, spring beauties, stumps covered with moss and wood sorrel. There were fresh tracks of a moose that was taking advantage of my trail clearing, and moose scat. Who knew we still had moose, but we do. I stopped for water and crackers, with mood improved,

in spite of rain and mosquitos. Seeing moose tracks, seeing the appreciation when serving a meal at the Graham Shelter or giving someone a ride to a doctor’s appointment; these things all make the day better. Maybe I won’t quit after all. Many thanks to everyone that does community service in our county. From me and the moose. **Morris Earle Middlebury**

Middlebury’s education community deserves thanks

This weekend, our fourth child will graduate from MUHS, and we are filled with pride, relief, and above all, deep gratitude. This milestone was not achieved alone, and is the result of the unwavering dedication from a learning community that has supported our children through their combined 52 years of ACSD education. To the teachers who taught with passion and perseverance — thank you. You opened doors of knowledge, sparked curiosity, and

nurtured resilience. To those who prepared meals, swept floors, and drove buses — thank you. You created an environment where our children could focus, learn, and grow. To members of the school board and parent volunteers who gave their time, talents and hearts to serve — thank you. Your behind-the-scenes work helped shape a school district where children were not only educated, but respected and valued.

To everyone who challenged our children to think critically, act kindly, and grow into the young people they are today — thank you. Their education extended far beyond textbooks, shaping who they are and who they will become. As we celebrate this graduation, we recognize it as a shared achievement, and celebrate the community that educated our children. **Eric and Hannah Benz Middlebury**

Views of ‘American Patriot’ skewed by propaganda

In response to “American Patriot” Terry Blair’s letter to the editor on May 28, I am reminded of Samuel Johnson’s statement, 250 years ago, “Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel.” His list of concerns could use citations since, to me, they ring of paranoid propaganda. Illegal immigrants get “better care than us”? Fentanyl overdoses are because of “transgender mental

illness”? Vulnerable women are being abused by illegal aliens (but not by American Caucasians)? The “lies, corruption, fraud, cover-ups, abuse” are not happening under this administration? We shouldn’t be spending tax dollars to help defend Ukraine, a democracy invaded by Russia? He will not be convinced of his skewed world view by a letter to

the editor, but I would caution him with another quote, this from Jesus (Matthew 7:22-23) — “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And I will profess unto them, I never knew you.” **Thomas Learmonth Monkton**

‘No Kings Day’ a good way to protest administration

On Saturday, June 14, Flag Day, President Trump will be throwing himself a \$50 million military birthday parade in Washington D.C. On this same day, people across the nation will be showing up to say “No Kings.” What exactly does this mean, and why are folks compelled to mobilize in such large numbers? The reference to “No Kings” connects to the history of our country during its formation as a nation, when colonists fought against the rule of the British King, George III, accusing him of tyranny and violations of colonial rights. The colonists eventually declared their independence from British rule through the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and drafted the Constitution to establish a framework for their new government, which explicitly rejected monarchy and aristocracy. Now, almost 250 years later, we have a tyrannical president and administration that is attempting to dismantle our government on a daily basis, with increasing tyranny and corruption. Although the list of abuses is almost too extensive to include here, these are just a few of the ways the Trump team is intentionally creating harm:

- Undermining the rule of

law by disregarding court orders, threatening impeachment of judges, attacking law firms and lawyers, and abusing executive power.

- Attacking freedom of expression and the right to protest, including crackdowns on student protestors, especially those in support of Palestinian rights. This has threatened our First Amendment rights to free speech and peaceful assembly.
- Undermining our press freedom by targeting journalists, suing media outlets, pulling funding that supports free press globally, which are essential to the defense of human rights.
- Targeting immigrants through mass deportations, enforced disappearances, family separations, and harsh restrictions on the right to asylum, all of which has violated international law.
- Marginalizing Black and other racialized communities through the forced closures of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs that embrace racial equity and justice. This has led to threats to defund education and universities across the country.
- Accepting foreign gifts such as a \$400 million dollar Boeing 747 from the Qatari government,

although the Constitution prohibits anyone in the U.S. government, including the president, from accepting gifts from foreign states without Congressional consent.

- Appointing Elon Musk, an unelected and unaccountable government official, who has wielded expansive executive power in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Musk, with permission from the Trump administration, has banished tens of thousands of federal employees, canceled lifesaving aid, and threatened America’s essential programs such as Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. All this to pay for another round of tax breaks for themselves and their billionaire friends.

The June 14 demonstration is just one of the many steps aimed at mobilizing and rejecting dictatorship in the United States. Now is the time to join local and national demonstrations against Trump’s authoritarian overreach, purges, and attacks on civil rights. It’s time to protect and defend everyday Americans from Trump’s efforts to ruin our economy and our democracy on purpose. **Michele Fay Ripton**

Resolution

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activity. The resolution is meant to inform and encourage our elected officials to take actions to mitigate the consequences of these cuts. If you are concerned about how these proposed Medicaid cuts will affect our local community here in Middlebury, please come to

the meeting to voice your support for this resolution. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit written comments to the selectboard by email via the town manager: townmanager@townofmiddlebury.org. **Jack and Chip Mayer, Michael Palmer, Ellen Oxfeld, Margaret Olson, Ron Slabaugh,**

Yvette Feig, David and Jean Rosenberg, Revell Allen, Ann Webster, Susan DeWind, Priscilla Baker, Judith and Michael Olinick and Christina Wadsworth

Editor’s note: Read the full resolution posted with this letter online at addisonindependent.com.

Ways of Seeing

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Voice,” offered by the Shift Network. The siblings offer a number of singing and songwriting courses, as well as free gatherings, including a monthly choir. This is the first singing experience I’ve had where the facilitators urge participants to “dare to suck.” By offering those three words, the young men have created a safe

space for people to sing out of tune, arrhythmically, and without anyone telling them how to hit that note better. I love it when folks solo (oftentimes out of tune or offbeat) because, free from performance judgment, they are so jubilant. It brings me joy to watch them. It brings me joy to sing with them, too (though I haven’t yet had the nerve to “suck” in public).

I am so grateful for the numerous opportunities to gather with people in person and online. During this time of so much division, these occasions bring me solace and joy. I hope you are gathering, too. *Ruth Farmer is a published essayist and poet. She is sole owner of Farmer Writing and Editing (www.ruthfarmer.com).*

Freedom and Unity

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identify the roots of your trauma. People use substances to escape the past, their feelings and reality. We break free from the chains of substance abuse when we find and pull out the ROOT of our use. My toxic habits and behaviors, substance use and mental health challenges are rooted in trauma that I experienced first as a child and then with unhealthy relationships with toxic partners. Because I did not know how to take care of myself, I used substances so that I could just be numb. When I was high, I forgot about everything. All the trauma. All the flashbacks. All the self-loathing shame that I carried around for years because I blamed myself for the trauma that took place in my life. I had no confidence, no self-compassion, and quite honestly, no will to live. I continued this negative thinking and acting pattern for years before I finally realized I was slowly killing myself, and I would end up dead or in jail. What kind of example is that for my children and grandchild?

community can be the antidote to the unhealthy effects of isolation. Authentic community, where neighbors show up and connect and participate in healing. We all need a sounding board. Someone to affirm our value and give us feedback. Someone who can look at us from the outside and tell us the truth. Isn’t that what we all so desperately want? Truth? Authenticity? Connection? Support? LOVE? We want to belong. We want to feel valued. And especially as women, we want to be heard!

In Addison County, we are lucky to have wonderful people who work to create a sense of community that supports those of us living in poverty. I have had the joy of working with the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, Green Mountain Justice’s “Neighbor Care” network, Addison County Parent/Child Center, Counseling Service of Addison County, Turning Point Center of Addison County, Women’s Center, HOPE, CVOEO, Hireability, Atria Collective and Easter Seals. Most of the staff working in these programs “see” and affirm me. They do not judge me for being poor, or for my shortcomings and mistakes. They create an environment of belonging, where I am strong, smart and hopeful, able to be a better person and a better mother. They help me work on mending the not-so-good parts of my life. When I stumble, they are there to catch me. In this community, I know I do not struggle alone.

Many moms out there face the struggles of poverty, addiction, mental health challenges and just the stress of everyday living, feeling isolated and hopeless. If I could speak to them, I would say this: Life, our children and our neighbors are worth us giving 110% every day. Reach out and ask for help so you can heal and grow. Asking for help is HARD. It is even harder when you are a woman because we are supposed to hold everything together without help or complaint (at least that is the message that society sends us). But asking for help is necessary for your recovery and healing journey. You don’t have to do it all yourself. If you value your independence and were raised to pull yourself up by the bootstraps, like I was, then you probably think, “I’ve got this!” Maybe you do. But you have a community of helping hands just waiting for you. Reach out and connect. Be free of isolation, self-doubt and the addictions that are going to put you in jail, and keep you in dead-end toxic relationships, or kill you. Get off the hamster wheel! Your past may explain your circumstances, but it doesn’t define you. BREAK THE CYCLE. Connect with others. Create healthy supportive relationships. Love yourself as you are (flaws and all), and everything else will start falling into place from there. That’s how we change the story’s ending!

Freedom and Unity in community looks like authentic kindness. It is that simple. True freedom comes when we are free from the chains of addiction, judgement, untreated mental illness, guilt and shame. Let’s all give ourselves grace when we make mistakes. Because we are worth it.

Namaste, Love, & Light,
Mariah Elizabeth

Many moms out there face the struggles of poverty, addiction, mental health challenges and just the stress of everyday living,



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Obituaries

George T. Sagui, 98, formerly of Weybridge

STAUNTON, Va. — George T. “Sag” Sagui, 98, was born on March 12, 1926, in Belmar, N.J., to Italian immigrants, Walter & Charlotte (DeLuca) Sagui. After graduating from high school in 1943 and winning the heart of Jean Pratt, he served in the U.S. Army, 9th Armored Division, from 1944-1946.

After George’s military service, he and Jean were married on Sept. 15, 1948.

Between 1949 and 1958 they had six children, Devida, Patricia, Susan, James and twins Richard and Robert. Seeking a better life, the family moved to Vermont in 1961. George, better known as “Sag,” had many gifts. He could fix anything, played several instruments, and loved storytelling and jokes. Woodworking was his beloved craft. An avid reader, curious thinker, he was interested in one’s thoughts and opinions.

George supported his family with his business, M. George Hair Fashions and a handyman/kitchen cabinet making business from the mid 1960s to the late 1970s. After becoming empty-nesters, George and Jean moved to Weybridge, Vt., where George purchased an electric motor repair business which he renamed Union Bridge Motor Repair. The business soared and created long bonds with farmers,



GEORGE T. SAGUI

restaurant owners and neighbors. George loved to fish and had a deep love of nature, especially trees. In Weybridge, he started a Christmas tree farm, which brought great joy as families and friends came to cut their own trees.

He also shared his love of trees by serving the town of Weybridge as its Tree Warden for many years. His love of trees sparked an interest in helping bring back the American Chestnut, devastated by an imported fungus in the early 1900s. For his part, George propagated and gave away chestnut saplings to be planted by the residents of Weybridge.

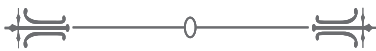
In the early 2000s, looking to

move away from the Vermont winters, George and Jean relocated to Staunton, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Their final years were quiet. George continued to garden, grow fruit and chestnut trees. Sag continued to work in motor repair until he was not physically able to do so anymore. While not being able to work in motor repair, he did become a member of Makerspace, a community space for all kinds of people looking for space to be able to create and work. He cherished every moment he spent there.

He only “retired” to care for Jean, who passed away on Aug. 8, 2013. They had been married for 65 years.

Sag continued to live life to the fullest — his way. He passed away on Oct. 23, 2024. He is survived by his six children, Dee, Pat, Sue, Jim and his wife Liz, Rich, and Rob and his wife Karen. Sag is also the proud grandfather of Will Young and his wife Carrie and their daughter, Sag’s great-granddaughter, Neoma.

There will be a graveside service at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Middlebury, Vt., at 1 p.m. on June 7, 144 Hillcrest Road, Middlebury, Vt. A gathering will follow the service at Town Hall Theatre, 72-76 Merchants Row, Middlebury, Vt. Please come and share memories of George/Sag. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. ♦



Marjorie ‘Maggie’ Alice Lee, 90, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Marjorie “Maggie” Alice Lee, 90, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Vergennes Grand Senior Living facility.

Maggie was born Dec. 21, 1934, in Pittsfield, Vt., the daughter of John and Frances (Regear) Young. She was predeceased by her 11 siblings.

She attended grade school in Pittsfield, she moved to Bristol area and attended Bristol High School. Maggie graduated from Windsor High School in 1952. She married her high School sweetheart, Darwin Lee, on May 30, 1957. They made their home in New Haven Jct. for 63 years. Darwin predeceased her on May 7, 2020.

Maggie was school secretary at Beeman Elementary School in New Haven for 25 years and was a member of the New Haven Fire Department Auxiliary. She was an avid reader and loved her



MARJORIE ‘MAGGIE’ ALICE LEE

flower gardens, square dancing, bird watching, cooking, coupon clipping, and especially bargain shopping. She loved doing word searches along with crossword puzzles on a daily basis.

Maggie is survived by her daughter, Lori Ann Lee from Atlanta, Ga., and son, Michael

Darwin Lee from New Haven. She adored her surviving grandchildren; Jacques and Paige Lee, and Jonathan Jerome. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Joyce Billings of Middlebury, Vt., and Donna Shaffer of Cincinnati, Ohio, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

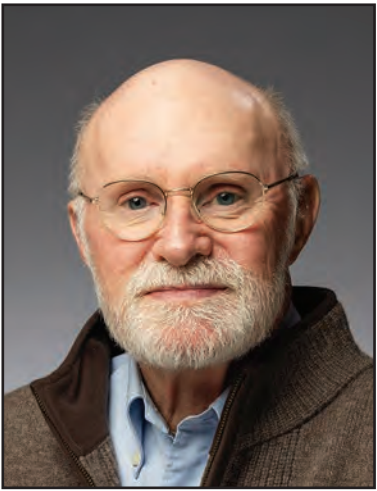
Visiting hours will be held on Friday, June 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes. A mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Vergennes. The burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Vermont Chapter Alzheimer’s Association, www.alz.org/vermont.

A private service was held on Friday, May 30, at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes. To send online condolences to her family, please visit www.brownmccclayfuneralhomes.com. ♦

John Allen Tenny, 77, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — John Allen Tenny passed away peacefully at home in Middlebury on May 26, 2025. Born Dec. 6, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio, to parents Allen and Elizabeth Tenny, John grew up in Chagrin Falls, where he co-captained his high school football team, routinely attended Cleveland Browns games, and helped his father run their local newspaper, the *Chagrin Valley Herald*. John went on to attend Boston University and moved to Middlebury in 1970, joining his friend, Steve Thomas, Middlebury College class of 1969. Shortly after, he met his wife Madeline (Burke). They married on January 12, 1973, at the Congregational Church of Middlebury and raised their two children, Matthew and Luther.

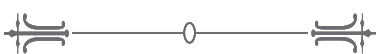
John learned carpentry, which led him to a successful career in construction. Working initially as the duo of Tenny & Foster, he then joined Weismann & Demong, before becoming eventual owner and president of Mill Bridge Construction. For over 40 years, he and his team of dedicated and talented staff built or renovated numerous churches, Middlebury College buildings, affordable housing developments and childcare facilities, along with dozens of other residential and commercial projects. In the twilight of his career, he joined Silver Maple Construction to continue his passion for project management and mentor the next generation of builders. He was



JOHN ALLEN TENNY

just putting the finishing touches on a few final projects before his retirement and sudden passing.

A strong believer in civic responsibility, John immersed himself in the Middlebury community and dedicated his life to improving the town he loved. He served on the design advisory board and public works committee. In 1995, John joined the Middlebury selectboard, serving as chair for more than a decade. During his tenure, he focused on strengthening the partnership between the town and Middlebury College. John recognized that “Middlebury wouldn’t be what it is without the College.” The College granted John an honorary degree in 2004, with President John McCardell noting that the degree was “a fitting recognition of someone who has



Noel Joseph Palin, 92, of Whiting

WHITING — Noel Joseph Palin, age 92, passed peacefully, surrounded by family, on May 24, 2025, at the home of his son in Orange, Vt.

Noel was born in St. Jacques, Quebec, Canada, on Dec. 24, 1932. He was the son of Richard and Albertine (Deneault) Palin. He grew up on the family farm and received his education in Iberville, Quebec schools. He came to Whiting, Vt., in the early 1950s and continued his life’s work of dairy farming. On July 19, 1958, he married Joan Mitchell in Middlebury. She predeceased him July 30, 2022. He worked various farms for most of his life. While living in Brandon, he managed the Steinberg Farm and Steinberg Rentals. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and camping, and just



NOEL JOSEPH PALIN

simply loved cutting firewood.

He is survived by his son, Michael Palin and his wife Lorrie of Orange, with whom he had made

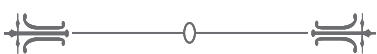
exemplified public service for many years.”

John was instrumental in several notable town achievements including the Cross Street bridge, fire station reconstruction, and police department and wastewater treatment plant relocations. John also served for 25 years on the Addison County Community Trust, championing the conservation of land and creating and maintaining affordable housing. Following in his mother’s footsteps, he also focused his attention on the Henry Sheldon Museum and Congregational Church.

You would often see John walking his dog each evening near the Middlebury Rec Park or enjoying a Friday dinner out with Madeline. What you might not have seen was his equal dedication to his family, following his favorite sports teams, and his affinity for pie and ice cream.

John is survived by his wife, Madeline; sister, Suzie (Edward Marshall); children, Matthew (Manon) and Luther (Carey Bass); grandchildren, Addison, Damion, Amelia, and Shelby; and numerous loving in-laws from the Burke, Schondelmeier, and Wilson families.

A memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church of Middlebury on June 14 at 10 a.m. with reception following. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Congregational Church or the Henry Sheldon Museum. ♦



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., from noon-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. ♦



CLARICE A. FISHER



ARTHUR J. BELL

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. ♦

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Roger Alan Sturtevant, 81, of New Haven

NEW HAVEN — Roger Alan Sturtevant, 81, of New Haven, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Porter Medical center with his family at his side after a long battle with cancer. He was born July 10, 1943, the third child of Lawrence and Erma (Thompson) Sturtevant, and was raised on the Sturtevant family farm on Hunt Road, which had been purchased by his great-great-grandfather in 1824. Roger graduated from Beeman Academy in 1962, and married Madeline Gosselin in 1964. They raised five children. They divorced in 1993.

He worked at Drake and Smith in Bristol for 20 years and retired in 2021 from Global Foundries — formerly IBM — after working there for 36 years.

He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and followed their lives closely. In 2007, he built his home on the old farmstead and spent many happy hours tending his property and gardens. Roger spent many hours hunting with family and enjoyed attending auctions.



ROGER ALAN STURTEVANT

He is survived by his loving partner of 28 years, Shirley Goulet; his five children: Jeffrey Sturtevant (Allison) of Bristol and his three children, Jacob (Faith), Abigail and Jaret; Todd Sturtevant (Laura) of East Middlebury and his children, Jessica, Lane and Justus; Douglas Sturtevant (Lisa) of Hinesburg and his daughter Kayla and stepchildren Lucy and

Nathaniel; Kimberlee Gordon (Ed) of Hinesburg and her three children, Liliane, Benjamin and Nicholas; and Stephanie Sturtevant (Amanda) of Essex Junction; his three sisters, Joyce Abare (Wayne) of Florida, Sandra Greeno (Edgar) of Brandon, and Carole Merritt (David) of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers Clarence “Bud” Sturtevant (Yvette) and Francis Sturtevant (Margaret); a nephew, Bruce Sturtevant; and a grandson, Jeremy Sturtevant.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Brown McClay Funeral Home in Bristol. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the New Haven Congregational Church with a burial at the Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Roger to the New Haven Evergreen Cemetery Association or the American Diabetes Association. ◇

Donald R. Jerome, 85, of Vergennes

VERGENNES — Donald R. Jerome, 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at the Vergennes Grand Senior Living in Vergennes.

He was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Panton, the son of David and Buelah Mitchell Jerome.

Donald was a proud Marine Corps veteran. He was a dairy farmer for many years and then went on to work for Breadloaf Construction and then JP Carrera, where he retired.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and most of all, wheeling and dealing.

Donald is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Clark Jerome, and his four children, Karen Jerome (Frank), Randy Jerome, Roger Jerome (Sarah) and Donnie



DONALD R. JEROME

Jerome, aka The Gutter Guy (Sarah). He was preceded in death by his daughter Sherry Jerome

Choiniere.

He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Kathryn, Jayson, Joshua and Jon; his brother Jim Jerome; and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Vergennes. Interment will be in Mt. St. Joseph cemetery in Bristol. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Addison County Home Health & Hospice, 254 Ethan Allen Hwy, New Haven, Vt., 05472.

To send online condolences to his family, please visit www.brownmccclayfuneralhomes.com. ◇

Walter Elbert Welch Jr., 85, of Shoreham

SHOREHAM — Walter Elbert Welch Jr., 85, of Shoreham, passed away with cancer on May 22, 2025, at his home with his wife, Katherine Welch, at his bedside.

He was born in Weybridge, Vt., to Helen Polania and Walter Elbert Welch Sr. He has two stepdaughters, Hannah Anderson and Kayla Johnson. He is also survived by four brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law. He. Was predeceased by his parents, one brother-in-law and one sister-in-law.

Walter was a farmer. Then he worked for a building mover. Then he worked at Sanel Auto Parts, where he was a driver for 25 years. He then moved on to Fisher Auto Parts, where he was a driver for four years.

He loved his old tractors and telling stories from his younger



WALTER ELBERT WELCH

years. He was a busybody who never sat still and was always tinkering on something.

He will be missed by all who knew him. ◇

David Baker Colman, 85, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — David Baker Colman died May 29, 2025, at his home in Middlebury, Vt. His heart and not the cancer got him as he suspected it might.

He is survived by David Clark, his husband of 42 years.

He was born Sept. 4, 1939, in Catsauqua, N.Y., to Samuel and Ann Dickson Colman. He graduated from Drew University and Princeton Theological Seminary with further study at the University of Edinburgh. He worked 25 years as a pastor in Presbyterian churches outside Detroit, Mich., in Swarthmore and Doylestown, Pa., and in Baltimore, Md.

In 1989, he became marketing director of Wake Robin Corporation in Shelburne, Vt., and in 1993 was appointed President and CEO.



DAVID BAKER COLMAN

David’s interests included travel, reading, and everyone around him.

According to his preference, there will be no memorial service. He was that kind of guy. ◇

Sheila Henderson celebration of life

BRISTOL — A celebration of life for Sheila Henderson, who died Feb. 12, 2025, will be held Sunday, June 8, at 3 p.m., at the Bristol Rescue Squad Garage, 45 Monkton Road, Bristol. Sheila died after living with Parkinson’s Disease for about five years. Our family wants to thank the many friends and caregivers for the flowers, food and love given to her.

If you come, please bring nothing but your love, memories and thanks for her 50 years as a Bristol resident, her career as a caring office nurse, and her many years as a volunteer on Bristol Rescue.

The rescue squad has been extraordinary in its support of this event and has offered to host this celebration. If you have stories of Sheila to share, please send them to erinhenderson@yahoo.com. We hope to see many of you soon. ◇

Richard E. Sherman graveside service

BRISTOL —The family of Richard E. Sherman cordially invites you to a graveside service on Saturday, June 28, at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery, 352 Stony Hill Road, Bristol. Richard passed away Nov. 23, 2024, after a brief illness. Please join us and share a story or memory to honor Richard. Reception to follow at the Federated Church, 37 North St., Bristol.

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Bridport gets housing grant

MONTPELIER — The Bridport Housing Task Force has been chosen as one of three recipients of an award from the Small Grants for Smart Growth program at the Vermont Natural Resources Commission. Grantee selections are made by VNRC and a grant selection committee on a rolling basis.

The Small Grants for Smart Growth grant initiative was developed by VNRC in 2018 in partnership with Beth Humstone, co-founder of the Vermont Forum on Sprawl and former chair of the VNRC Board of Directors, and her son, Chris Gignoux, to support community-based programs seeking seed capital to provide capacity for affecting change on a local level.

The recipient selection process is done in partnership with VNRC, Humstone, Gignoux, and community leaders looking to initiate programming and then work with VNRC to make these visions a reality. This process aims to foster participatory and collaborative work between VNRC and grant recipients. Since its inception, the Small Grants for Smart Growth fund has disbursed more than \$50,000 to Vermont-based programs.

VNRC Executive Director Lauren Hierl sees these small grants as being part of a groundswell of community support needed to allow Vermonters to flourish. “When we invest in smart growth, we are supporting an approach to land development that aims to create thriving communities with housing for people of all ages, transportation choices, unique local spaces, and healthy farms, forests, and natural areas,” Hierl says. “Each project - whether big or small - helps shape Vermont today and into the future.”

The Bridport Housing task Force plans to use the awarded funds to conduct a design charrette for a potential housing development in the village center that would be built to offer a variety of affordability and housing options. “Our goal is to promote the kind of development that provides more affordable housing, tied to transportation infrastructure and local retail that also preserves open land for recreational and agricultural use,” says Albert Zaccor, Chair of the Bridport Housing Task Force. “Rural areas like ours need State support to overcome the practical and financial challenges of increasing the housing supply.”



JOHN E. ZECHE SR.

John E. Zecher Sr. celebration of life

MIDDLEBURY —There will be a celebration of life held for John Zecher Sr. who died Jan. 28, 2025, on June 7 at the Addison County Fairgrounds Pavilion between the hours of 1-5 p.m. ◇

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Jane Eddy, 84, of Middlebury

MIDDLEBURY — Jane Eddy died on May 19, 2025, on her own terms, mercifully sparing herself and her family from the agonizing ravages of a lingering descent into the abyss of Alzheimer’s disease. She died peacefully and painlessly at home in her own bed, looking out at her gardens and the flowing waters of Otter Creek, while surrounded and nursed by her children and husband, with the invaluable help of her physician, Katie Miller.

Jane was born in Bridgeport, Conn. on May 7, 1941, to Charles Robert Miller and Nanna Taylor and was the oldest of six children. She spent her childhood in Greenfield Hill in a house built by her great grandfather, playing with best friend Weegie Elwood and cousin Suzie MacQuarrie, and bicycling country roads, many of which bore the names of her ancestors. Money was always tight in her family, with her father trying to feed six children with one backhoe and a small dump truck, but Jane’s grandparents owned simple, rustic places that she enjoyed visiting.

As a child, she spent a few weeks every summer either roaming the woods of the mountaintop farm in the Catskills her father’s family had bought for a dollar an acre during the depression, or swimming in the waters off Long Island Sound in front of her grandmother Taylor’s beach-front bungalow. And as a teenager, she lived during the summer with her grandmother Taylor as a companion and helper in a one-room cabin on Hobbs Pond in Hope, Maine. To earn money at home, she babysat every weekend and worked in a department store and as a clerk in a boutique. In Maine, she raked blueberries on the islands of Penobscot Bay and picked crab meat at a seafood factory in Rockport.

Jane was the first grandchild in her family and was doted on, especially by her father after he returned from the War in the Pacific. On summer evenings, he would sit her on the back of his motorcycle and tell her to hold tight to his belt as they rode into Bridgeport for the stock car races. But that activity ended when Jane’s grandfather was killed in a motorcycle accident and Jane’s father acceded to his wife’s wishes that he get rid of his Harley Davidson for good. Jane was traumatized by her beloved grandfather’s sudden death and left with a lifelong antipathy toward motorcycles that resulted in an unbreakable resolve that no husband of hers would ever own one himself.

Jane met Marshall Eddy on a New Year’s Eve blind date when they were both in high school, and they dated on and off for six years. After Marshall joined the Army in 1959, Jane went to the University of Miami, where she formed a life-long friendship with Fort Lauderdale native Linda Ridings, an international solo synchronized swimming champion who ended up marrying Marshall’s brother David.

After one year of college, Jane ran out of money, so she moved in with her grandparents in New Smyrna Beach, took secretarial courses at a local community college, worked at the desk of the local YMCA, and taught sailing in small dinghies to little kids. During that time, a group of her grandparents’ friends entered her (without her knowledge) in a local beauty contest, and she ended up being voted “Miss New Smyrna Beach 1961.” That award automatically qualified her for the “Miss Florida East Coast” contest in Miami where she was voted “Miss Congeniality” by her fellow contestants. Her career as a beauty queen culminated in riding in the back of an open convertible as part of a parade that circled the track of the brand-new Daytona Speedway during its grand inaugural ceremony. In that event, which featured a woman representing every state of the union, she was arbitrarily given a sash identifying her as “Miss Arkansas” — a state she had never visited.

Marshall had enlisted for three years but his tour as a Russian linguist radio intercept operator on the East-West German border was extended by several months due to the Berlin Wall Crisis. Shortly after he returned from Germany and mustered out of the service in the Spring of 1962, he and Jane were married in the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church —



JANE EDDY

the same church in which her parents and grandparents had been married. They spent the summer in Greenfield Hill, where Jane managed a vegetable stand and Marshall drove a dump truck and worked on road construction. That fall, they moved to Vermont so Marshall could attend Middlebury College. While there, Jane worked as a desk clerk at the Middlebury Inn, secretary in the Language Department, and typed papers for students and faculty members. An Army friend of Marshall’s who had also served on the border, Jim Kenney, lived in Essex Junction, and his family generously provided a frequently-visited home-away-from-home for Jane and Marshall during their three years at Middlebury.

In a Russian history class, Marshall met Mike Heaney, who became a lifelong friend. After college, Jane and Marshall moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, so Marshall could attend Law school on the new Cold War GI Bill, while Mike, like many of Marshall’s college classmates, went to Vietnam as a Lieutenant in the infantry. Halfway into his one-year tour, Mike was wounded in a fire fight in the jungle during which half of the men in his platoon were killed. Sent home after a long hospitalization, he needed help irrigating a still open wound in his leg, so Jane went to New Jersey during one school vacation and served on Mike’s care-giving team.

They moved to Whiting when Marshall graduated and took a job with the fledgling two-man law firm of Langrock and Sperry, but two years later, when Marshall was offered the opportunity to become the third partner, he decided he would rather teach than be a lawyer. He got a job at Middlebury Union High School, where he remained as first a social studies teacher and then an art teacher for forty-five years.

Jane loved the country life in Whiting and participated in starting a kindergarten in the local church but felt isolated with small children, so she and Marshall started to look for a house to buy in Middlebury. After a couple of months of fruitless searching, Jane had the idea of converting the barn behind the Eddy family brick home on Main Street into a house. It seemed like a crazy idea, but Jane convinced Marshall that it could work, and they both convinced Marshall’s parents to sell them the barn and half an acre on Otter Creek. Untrained, but with an innate sense of architectural design, Jane came up with a beautiful renovation plan all by herself, including turning the tack room and the three horse stalls into bedrooms for the children.

She and Marshall did much of the renovation work themselves but left the hayloft as an open recreational space so it could be used for rope swings, basketball, theater productions, magic shows, catch, badminton, ping pong, racket ball, volleyball, and a general play space for kids that was especially popular on rainy days and in the winter. It also

hosted numerous community square dances, which sadly had to end when it was found that The Barn was shifting on its foundation!

Jane was a woman of many talents and accomplishments, the greatest of which was raising four wonderful children: Serena Eddy, Katinka Eddy (Eric Troffkin), Stanton Eddy, and Merritt Eddy. She learned the craft of motherhood through taking care of her siblings for extended periods of time when she was a pre-teen and teenager, due to the fact that her mother needed substantial bed rest after the birth of each baby. Jane was extremely proud of each of her children: Serena is the director of Mansfield Hall in Burlington; Katinka, who is bilingual, teaches English to Spanish-speaking refugee children at an inner-city Detroit Charter School; Stanton runs Home Base Inc. in Burlington; and son Merritt was a top salesman for UPS and other companies until he died in his forties. After Merritt’s death, his widow, Jodi, delighted Jane and Marshall by moving to Middlebury with her two children and continued practicing her profession as a physical therapist.

Jane was a superb potter, producing beautifully crafted functional items and sculptures throughout her life. She freely shared her extensive knowledge of ceramics with other potters and worked as a children’s pottery teacher at Frog Hollow for more than twenty years. At a National Conference of Ceramic Artists (NCECA) convention in Syracuse she was honored as the Children’s Pottery Teacher of the Year. Jane also volunteered at The New Day Montessori School as an aide to Abi Sessions, and later for several years in Ann Corrigan’s classroom at Mary Hogan, where she was presented with a “Star Award” in recognition of her many years as a volunteer.

At Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford, she taught campers how to forage for natural foods in the wild. At the college level, she assisted Middlebury Professor Molly Costanza-Robinson in a course on “Caveman Chemistry,” and taught two J-term courses by herself on “Native American Pit-Fired Pottery.” Ever the perfectionist, she endeavored to replicate the Native American experience in those classes as accurately as possible, going as far as having her students fire their pots in a pit dug into the earth outside her studio and fueled by chips of cow dung that she had collected at local farms and sun-dried in her backyard. She was also called on to repair broken ceramic pieces for people. One time, Dick Forman commissioned her to make thirty identical chamber pots for the production of a French farce by the college theater department. The pots were meant to be thrown in anger, but at the first rehearsal it became clear that the flying shards were too dangerous for the actors, so the twenty-nine remaining pots were never used.

Jane was not only generous with her time, but also with her studio. She taught pottery for free to several high school students and made her studio available at no cost to the Frog Hollow Craft Center for two years when they needed a place for clay classes after they were forced to move out of their old home by the falls due to a transfer of ownership.

Jane was an avid agriculturalist whose flower gardens were regular stops on Addison County garden tours. For several years, she built a “sunflower” house in the middle of her garden, complete with walls of giant sunflowers, carefully laid out paths, children’s furniture, miniature flower beds, and a roof made of woven scarlet runner bean vines, and she delighted in having tea parties with her grandchildren and neighborhood families.

She had more than fifty peony plants, one of which was an original breed that she propagated herself and named after her grandchild “Kess.” She taught the Japanese art of “ikebana,” and made beautiful bouquets, corsages and centerpieces for weddings, parties and celebrations. For two years, she traded flower arrangements and small table bouquets with a local coffee shop in return for a daily coffee and muffin. Her extensive vegetable gardens provided much of the family food in-season and were the subject of a chapter in a cookbook by Ripton author Andrea Chesman. She also

built and stocked a root cellar that was featured in a book called “Homesteading in Vermont.” The animals she kept on her half acre of land in Middlebury included, among other things, forty chickens housed in a chicken coop on the second story of the wool house. She believed that happy chickens produced better tasting eggs and she decorated her coop so fancifully with mirrors, leaves, toys, fragments of colorful cloth, and hanging ornaments that it was made the subject of a humorous story by Don Mitchell in one of his Sunday Boston Magazine columns.

She was fascinated by bees and maintained four hives in her backyard, winning a first-place ribbon at the Vermont State Agricultural Fair in Barre for her comb honey, which she packed in basswood boxes she made herself. She combined her love of art and bees by creating a series of linoleum cut prints that served as the illustrations for a book of honey-based recipes that was sold at fairs around the state by the Vermont Beekeepers Association. She was known by the Vermont State bee inspector as someone who could remove unwanted swarms of bees from peoples’ houses and trees, and was called several times to perform that task with her friend and fellow beekeeper Dick Coleman.

Honey was not the only sweet liquid in which she was interested. She found some taps at a yard sale which she used to tap some local maple trees and boiled down the sap in her driveway over an open fire that had to be tended twenty-four hours a day by family members and neighborhood children. She only produced a few quarts of dark syrup, but it was delicious.

Among her “pets” were a school of “Ryukin” goldfish that she kept in an aquarium furnished exclusively with ceramic artifacts of her own making, a succession of parakeets named after Japanese fruit blossoms, a baby squirrel that followed Marshall home from work one day and lived in the house as a pet for almost an entire year before being released, and a tiny snapping turtle that Jane and Marshall rescued from the surface of Dead Creek. After two years, during which the turtle had grown from the size of a quarter to a fifty cent piece, they returned it to the river, but it is memorialized to this day in Jane’s studio by a realistic life-sized female snapping turtle sculpture that she made to be the centerpiece of a show of women’s art at the Southern Vermont Art Center.

Among Jane’s other artistic interests were printmaking and painting, and she combined her love of pottery and printmaking to produce a series of beautiful large prints centered around clay. The head of the Ceramics department at Alfred was so impressed by her art that he traded one of his highly prized pots in return for a print. She immersed herself in art history, with a special interest in Picasso, the Japanese print maker Munakata, and Greek amphorae, about which she developed a unique theory about how wax was used in their production. She also was keenly interested in Native American Art of the Champlain Valley and made many vessels and sculptures based on pieces discovered by local archaeologists. She was once criticized by a Native American artist and professor at Dartmouth for intruding in the spiritual realm of his people, but when she visited him and convinced him of her deep respect for and knowledge of Native Americans, he was so impressed that he ended up trading one of his museum-quality kachina dolls to her in return for one of her pots.

She loved to bake and was known for producing large round loaves of Russian Black Bread, making homemade granola, and cooking a traditional family recipe of Indian Pudding on her beloved antique wood-fired cook stove. Friends and relatives could always count on receiving huge quantities of gingerbread cookies during the Holiday Season. She was an adventurous cook who put tofu in spaghetti sauce, made burgers out of non-meat ingredients, and cooked up cattail roots. One time she served her family a delicious meal of roast fowl, and it was only after they had finished eating that she told them they had just partaken of a ruffed grouse she had found dead, but still warm, beside the road on the way home. The wings of the grouse became

not only a lovely decorative object in the living room but also a perpetual reminder to her children to ask her about the source of any meal they were not familiar with before they ate it.

Jane was a gifted knitter and seamstress, employing skills she learned from her “Granny” Bert. At the University of Miami, she did sewing jobs for other students to earn tuition money, and continued to sew once she had children, making many articles of clothing, including costumes, camp uniforms, and gorgeous Scandinavian knit sweaters. She altered her mother’s wedding dress for her own wedding, and made from scratch Serena’s wedding dress, which was completed with the help of her friend Abi Sessions less than an hour before the start of the wedding ceremony. Abi worked all night on the dress, which resulted in her missing the ceremony because she was fast asleep on the lawn. Jane also loved quilting and took the lead role in working with friends to create a quilt to present as a welcoming gift to an Ethiopian child who was adopted by a local couple. She was told by more than one avid quilter that her quilts could have garnered prizes at quilt expos.

Jane loved watching her children engage in their various activities, among the highlights of which were traveling to Barcelona to watch Serena row in the 1992 Olympics, attending Katinka’s art exhibit in Madison, Wis., watching Stanton in the title role of Li’l Abner, and going to Boston to cheer for Merritt in the East-West college lacrosse All-star game. She spent hours instructing her grandchildren in various forms of arts and craft, gardening, sewing and cooking and loved watching them engage in their favorite sporting, dramatic and musical endeavors.

The spacious barn-house in Middlebury was perfect for gatherings of large crowds, and in 1970, Jane had the idea of hosting a natural food ordering group. Starting with a couple of dozen people, over time the group grew until more than a hundred people would meet every month to order bulk foods and share in delicious potluck meals. The ordering group lasted for two years until Jane and Marshall adopted a fourth child, Merritt, at which time they had to reluctantly ask the group to find another home. Fortunately, the ordering group continued uninterrupted at other venues and now, more than fifty years later, some old timers will still occasionally note, with a touch of pride, that they were present in Jane Eddy’s living room at the birth of the Middlebury Natural Foods Coop.

Jane loved hosting large parties, one of the most memorable of which was a sit-down meal for fifty family members, friends and neighbors on the occasion of Marshall’s and her fiftieth wedding anniversary. But for sheer scale, it would be hard to beat her daughter Serena’s outdoor wedding reception, which was self-catered with the help of grill cooks Peter & Johanna Brakeley and Terry & Sally Ryan, smoothie mixers Kathy Clarke and crew, recorder music by David Moats and members of the Middwinds, piano solos by Dick Forman, and jazz sax by Matt Paddock. The number of guests at that event exceeded one hundred and fifty and included many members of both the men’s and women’s national rowing teams. Everyone roamed Jane’s garden and ate snap peas off the vine before sitting down to eat under tents in the next-door yard of the college president’s house, tents that Sylvia Robison had generously delayed taking down after graduation so they could be used for the wedding.

Jane was a naturalist at heart and amassed a collection of found objects like bird eggs, animal skulls, snake skins, insect remains, fossils, unusual stones, dried plants, and shells. She took delight in observing the birds along Otter Creek from her backyard among which were merlins, ospreys, great blue herons, swifts and Canada geese. She noticed over the years that the geese that congregated every Spring in the Creek taught their goslings to take off and fly right behind her house and that they would disappear to go north as soon as every bird in the flock was capable of flying over the railroad trestle a few hundred yards upriver. A pair of wrens would come every summer to a birdhouse she put up

especially for them near her back porch, and for many years bats crowded the evening sky, giving her the occasion to participate in the annual bat count with a group from the Audubon Society that would come to sit in her driveway and tally the bats that lived in the Wool House. In the fall, she would note when ice covered the river, and in late Spring she would eagerly await its breakup by observing the edge of the ice on the Creek behind her house. As soon as she saw cracks form, she would walk into town and stand on the Main St. bridge so she could watch the massive slabs go over the falls. Both of those events, along with the fledging of the baby wrens and the flight over the trestle of the Canada Geese — not to mention the appearance of the first peony blossoms — were faithfully recorded in her nature journal.

Jane loved sharing her home with others, among whom were several Fresh Air children, a Swiss AFS student, a teen-aged foster child, foreign college students from places such as Saudi Arabia and Japan, numerous visiting potters who came to Middlebury to teach workshops at Frog Hollow, visiting writers including good friend David Budbill, members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, and three groups of Ukrainian Artists who came to the United States under the auspices of the Children’s Art Exchange, of which she and Marshall were board members.

Even though her body was starting to give out, Jane’s energy did not flag in her late seventies, and she tirelessly worked on a massive family history that was centered on letters sent home during World War II from the Pacific by her uncle and father and left undiscovered in a box in the attic until after her mother’s death. She approached that three-year-long task with the same drive and energy she devoted to all the other endeavors in her life, and finished it just in time to send out a digitized copy to all her siblings, children and cousins.

Jane is survived by her husband, Marshall; her children, Serena, Katinka, Stanton and daughter-in-law Jodi; four of her siblings, Mary Little, Becky Steinbach, Bill Miller (Nancy), and Barbara Mason; brothers-in-law David Eddy and Alden Keyser; seven beloved grandchildren, Chloe, Kess, Tucker, Seely, Spencer, Marshall and Ashlyn; and a multitude of delightful nieces and nephews and their children, the most recent of whom is named Sonja Jane. She was predeceased by her son Merritt, daughter-in-law Tamara, brother Chuck Miller (Debi), sisters-in-law Virginia Keyser and Linda Ridings, brothers-in-law George Little, David Steinbach and Clark Mason, and dear friends Helen Marsh and Hannah Magoon.

In accordance with family tradition, her body was transported by Stanton and Marshall in a homemade wooden box to the Mt. Pleasant Crematorium in St. Johnsbury. At a later date, her wishes will be honored when her ashes are scattered upon the surface of Lake Champlain around the periphery of the Abenaki landmark Oodzee-hozo (Rock Dunder) to which she felt a strong spiritual connection. There will be a celebration of life for family and friends at Jane and Marshall’s home on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 2-4 p.m.

The family would like to thank all of Jane’s dear friends and loved ones who visited and called her in her last months and provided food and companionship for the family, including, but not limited to, Abi Sessions, Andrea Ringey Grimm, Anne Friedrichs, Stephanie Smith, Debbie Smith, Kathy Clarke, and cousin Louise Rossmann. Also, Tony Myrick who provided a home for her in Bristol for two months before she came home to Middlebury, and the extremely competent and caring staff at Addison County Home Health and Hospice who helped her complete her final journey in the manner she desired. She will be sorely missed, but her family takes solace in the fact that she lived a long and productive life, was happily married for sixty-two years, and did not linger long or suffer in the end. She was a remarkable and admirable woman who well earned the right to a graceful death and an eternity of uninterrupted rest.

Contributions may be made in her honor to the Middlebury Studio School. ☐

Kevin Fox

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the Amazon rainforest and Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean from his post in Lima, Peru.

Beginning next month, his professional ecosystem will be decidedly smaller, though his focus and commitment won't waver. He's getting ready to become the new executive director of the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT), a nonprofit that has created almost 30 miles of trails and conserved more than 3,500 acres of land, farms, forests, wetlands and recreational areas in Addison County.

"I was drawn to MALT because of its very successful 'community-centered' approach," Fox, still finishing up his work in Peru, said in an email exchange with the *Independent*. "I feel we have a real opportunity to further broaden that connection within the Addison County community to encourage more meaningful and lasting local participation in the responsible stewardship of natural resources."

Landing Fox — who succeeds former Executive Director Jamie Jo Horton — was quite a coup for MALT. The vacancy drew dozens of applications. With his USAID background and environmental ethos, Fox more than fit the bill.

"After an extensive (inter) national search process, we found in Kevin a leader whose experience and vision align perfectly with our goals for the future of conservation, education and trails in Addison County," MALT board Co-chairs Emily Blistein and James Cryan said through a recent press release announcing Fox's hiring.

"His passion for connecting people to the land and building the next generation of environmental stewards makes him the ideal leader to guide MALT into our next strategic chapter."

Who is Kevin Fox?
He grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., and Central Florida.

"Neither (location) will make many top 10 lists for their natural beauty," he acknowledged. "Yet both offered surprisingly rich landscapes that helped shape my

connection to the outdoors."

Niagara Falls was just 15 minutes from his first childhood home. And while Central Florida is most commonly associated with theme parks, he noted "there's a quieter, wilder side for those who know where to look: serene lakes, crystal-clear springs, and scrub forests teeming with wildlife."

He'd spend countless hours biking, playing sports, and exploring nearby woods and parks.

"Those early experiences instilled in me a deep appreciation for nature," he said.

Later on, through his work with the Peace Corps and USAID, he came to realize that scenic jewels and the earth's general health can't be taken for granted.

"That perspective has become a powerful motivator in my work as a conservationist," he said. "It's no longer just about enjoying the outdoors — it's about protecting it for future generations."

Fox and his family have seen a lot of the world through his USAID postings.

"We've embraced the outdoors wherever we've lived —from hiking in Israel's Negev Desert to watching wildlife in Mana Pools, Zimbabwe," he said.

"Now, we're excited to explore Vermont's natural beauty year-round, sharing experiences that keep us grounded and remind us that conservation matters — not just globally, but right here at home."

The family has already gotten a little taste of Vermont.

As the COVID pandemic took hold in 2020, they bought a camp in Charlestown, Vt. — around 20 minutes from the Canadian border at Derby Line. His mother's side of the family has roots in Quebec.

"The Northeast Kingdom is stunningly beautiful, and during the pandemic, we wanted to give our children some stability and a chance to connect deeply with nature," he recalled. "We've returned every summer since, and it's truly become home for us."

While the Foxes have yet to see Middlebury firsthand, they're familiar with several of the surrounding communities and have many friends and colleagues

who've lived in Addison County through the years.

HOLLOWING OUT USAID

Fox transitions from USAID at a time when its ranks are being decimated by the Trump Administration. The administration announced this past winter it was eliminating more than 90% of USAID's foreign aid contracts and \$60 billion in overall U.S. assistance around the world.

"At minimum, we had planned to finish out our four-year U.S. Embassy assignment in Lima, Peru," Fox said. "Obviously, that didn't happen. As it stands, the reduction-in-force will negatively impact 100% of the agency's American and foreign national employees around the world. Indeed, this is the beginning of a mass exodus back to the USA this summer for USAID foreign service officers and their families. The situation is very complex, of course, and the ramifications of these cuts probably deserves more print space further down the road. Many of us are still processing."

But Fox is a firm believer in the adage of "one door closes and another one opens," and he's thrilled that door is opening into a career with MALT. He's glad to share the experience and tools he's picked up during the past 25 years.

"Throughout my career with USAID, I've learned that sustainable development starts with two simple truths: none of us has all the answers, and we can't do it alone," he said. "Collaboration is essential. The most impactful and enduring initiatives I've been part of were driven by strong, catalytic partnerships that enhanced both reach and sustainability."

It's an approach he believes will be "highly relevant" to MALT's mission.

"Successful collaboration begins with trust and a willingness to listen — whether to local communities, government partners, or the private sector," he said. "When done well, it not only strengthens results but also creates a valuable feedback loop that helps ensure we stay aligned with shared goals."

"At MALT, I will work to deepen collaboration across all aspects of planning, implementation and monitoring — helping to ensure our work is inclusive, grounded and impactful," he added.

The MALT board has mapped out a series of goals for the nonprofit as Fox prepares to take

its reins. They include:

- Accelerate progress toward MALT's Vision 2040 goals. Go to tinyurl.com/3n5vrvsh for more information on Vision 2024.

- Strengthen its partnerships work, and conserve more lands.

- Improve and expand MALT's trails system. The jewel of that system is the Trail Around Middlebury.

- Enhance its educational programs and youth engagement. Fox is eager to get started.

"I feel very grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve as executive director for such a well-loved, community-based nonprofit like MALT," he said.

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AFTER MORE THAN two decades of globetrotting — most recently as a foreign service officer with USAID — Kevin Fox is preparing to helm the Middlebury Area Land Trust. He is shown with his family — spouse, Brooke, and their children, Fiona and Timothy — where they are currently stationed in Peru.

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Job Corps

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Vermonters, and a third are from other New England states.

Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16-24 improve the quality of their lives by empowering them to get great jobs and become independent, according to the DOL.

In announcing that all contracted Job Corps center were being put on pause last week, U.S. Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer said the program is no longer achieving its intended outcomes for students.

Is Northlands living up to its intended outcomes?

Dooley pointed out that Northlands is ranked No. 1 out of 120 Job Corps for job placement outcomes.

"We placed 80% of our graduates (in jobs) prior to them leaving the center this year," he said.

Summers said Northlands is "absolutely" achieving positive outcomes for its students.

"I personally have had the opportunity to meet with many of their students over the last several years and have been impressed with their level of professionalism and knowledge," he said.

New Haven resident Eva Doane said she became acquainted with Northlands when her daughter worked there.

"I feel strongly that this program is a necessary investment in underprivileged youth," she said. "When students succeed at Job Corps, and about 60% do, they no longer need the social safety net. They have, against incredible odds, become contributing members of society, and broken the cycle of poverty. That is huge!"

The Vermont Department of Labor said it will assist current students in connecting to alternative training and employment opportunities and it will also help employees who will be losing their jobs.

"The department will provide information about unemployment insurance, reemployment services, and services available at the Resource Centers around the state," Department of Labor employee Rowan Hawthorne told legislators this week. "These pre-layoff services are designed to help the impacted workers shorten their transition time and prepare them to find new employment."

Coincidentally, a big job fair had previously been scheduled to take place at Northlands on June 5. The Vermont DOL will provide in-person layoff and job search assistance services there and is coordinating with HireAbility (formerly called VocRehab) to share information to develop situation-specific responses, Hawthorne said.

Seemingly oblivious to her announced closing of Job Corps, U.S. Labor Secretary Chavez-DeRemer this week touted the work that her agency is doing in training Americans for jobs in welding and other hands-on tasks that Northlands teaches.

"I've seen firsthand the impact of investments in top-notch training programs that drive local economic growth," Chavez-DeRemer said in New Jersey. "When we invest in skills and opportunity, we empower men and women to build better lives for themselves and their families."

Dooley said that Northlands's most popular program is Welding/Advanced Welding.

There is a chance that the pause

in Job Corps operations may not happen. The National Job Corps Association has filed a lawsuit asking a court to temporarily stop the closure of all Job Corps programs.

Doane hopes Northlands is spared.

"This program has been supported in a bipartisan manner for years, and through many administrations," she said. "I cannot believe that this administration is throwing it away."

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Lawmakers were productive

The last week of the legislative session was a fireworks grand finale of bills passing back and forth between House and Senate, punctuated with highs, lows, political intrigue, compromise, late-night negotiation and many satisfying resolutions.

Several bills addressing Vermonters' critical issues were passed by both chambers and most likely will be signed by Gov. Scott. S.51 is a tax relief package including child tax credit, social security, veterans, and retired military benefits. S.127 is a comprehensive housing package that includes rental/low-income housing incentives and the Community Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP), a mechanism for

Vermont towns to fund necessary housing infrastructure. S.124/S.45 is a farming/clean water package that places the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in clear authority to enforce agricultural activity compliance to the clean water rules in Vermont, while clarifying the "right to farm" in Vermont.

H.266/S.126 places limits that will rein in drug pricing by hospitals and Pharmaceutical Benefit Managers (PBM) as a bridge to an overall healthcare pricing reform. This sweeping reform will limit and make transparent the hospital prices charged to consumers for both prescriptions and services by tying them to ratios of what Medicare pays.

Lastly, S.69 is an internet social media child protection bill that restricts predatory methods and data gathering while retaining first amendment rights on content. This is a new and challenging, but necessary, area of legal protections for children's mental health.

Notably missing from the list is education, energy and public safety. We may see some action in the areas of energy or public safety next year as those bills will remain "on the wall." The education reform bill, H.454, is still in deep negotiation in a "committee of conference" between the House and Senate. During a two-week "recess," this small group will attempt to hash out the competing viewpoints on how to improve education quality and equity across the state while controlling and even reducing costs. They are receiving significant help and are very well informed and motivated. The Legislature is scheduled to return to Montpelier on June 16-17 to hear their results and vote on their proposal. When this passes, it will certainly be the big bang at the end of the fireworks' grand finale!

While there is work that needs yet to be done, I consider our body of work this year to be a good and successful collaboration that is beneficial to Vermonters.



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Letters to the Editor

Patriots also listen, respect the right to disagree

In response to Mr. Blair's letter in the May 29th edition.

So glad to hear that Mr. Blair is an American patriot, as am I and the vast majority of people reading this paper. One aspect of being a patriot, for me, is respecting our ability and opportunity to disagree under our Constitution, an amazing document, even if it's not perfect. I also appreciate our system of checks and balances enshrined in the Constitution, which the current President seems to treat with disdain. He's enabled in this performance by a shirking of their constitutionally required job of managing the budget process by the current iteration of Republicans in Congress. Any criticism of the President is met by a vitriolic and fact-scarce tirade. Clearly, he failed

to listen to the "If you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all" mantra.

On immigration, both parties have failed in the last few decades to adopt a meaningful policy upgrade which could have led to a realistic policy to deal with the illegal immigrants in this country. We need these immigrants; they are important, productive members of society and, despite Mr. Blair's assertion, actually commit crimes at a far lower rate than American citizens do — see FBI data. As a former farmer I am well aware that we could not raise the food and get it to the consumers without the help of immigrants, nor could we do many of the service jobs, construction jobs etc., that keep our economy flourishing. They

strengthen our economy and do not take jobs from Americans. The President's policies are mean-spirited in his aim at soft targets, students exercising their freedom of speech, or refugees who are here temporarily. If you have evidence of crimes, real crimes, not speeding tickets, why not have that reviewed in a judicial proceeding?

I am thankful that we have judges, even locally, but also appointed by many Presidents, including the current one, who are using their training and oaths of office to uphold our system and Constitution. How sad that they are vilified by this administration and members of the public for doing their jobs.

John Roberts Cornwall

Trump following game plan of Roman emperor

Not long ago, in the year 14 CE, Tiberius Caesar Augustus became the second Emperor of Rome. (I mention this because, as we all know, history repeats itself, and so we need to pay attention.) Tiberius as a tyrant needed a means to protect himself from those who might depose him, and so Tiberius allowed his operatives to bring charges against anyone who criticized him. Tiberius declared that anyone who criticized him was "reducing the greatness" of the

Emperor and therefore reducing the greatness of the People of Rome, which he alleged was an act of treason. Since Tiberius controlled the Roman judicial process, these enemies of Roman greatness were arbitrarily found guilty of treason and exiled or executed without the legal process that we rightfully expect in America today.

Yet, it is not so different today, now that we have a President who would make himself the Emperor of America in order to "MAKE

AMERICA GREAT AGAIN." If Trump is permitted to gain control of the judicial system as Tiberius did in Rome, there will be no stopping his power to convict for treason those who oppose him or criticize his efforts to make America great again. It will be possible for Trump's agents to arrest, detain and execute or deport any of us for speaking or writing in ways that he perceives as a threat to his power.

Based on what we know about Tiberius, we have reason to fear Trump, understanding as we do that what happened 2,000 years ago in Rome can happen here today. But ironically, we cannot respond to Trump with fear; we have to respond to him with outrage and courage. We have to rise up in defense of our Constitution until the threat of Trump as dictator is ended.

Millard Cox Ripton

Alavi letter

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down my back. It is not something that I am willing to sit back and quietly accept for the sake of "keeping the peace."

Silence in the face of wrong is a dangerous precedent that is not something that our community can accept.

I also find it shocking that the school board made this decision without a community forum. The decision to allow an exclusionary measure on school grounds is frankly unacceptable and I urge you to revoke the permission.

Sepi Alavi Weybridge

Vt. Days to be held June 14-15

Locals and visitors alike are invited to spend the day on the lake, explore historic sites, or cast a line on Vermont Days, June 14-15. This annual weekend event celebrates the arrival of summer with free admission to day-use areas at Vermont State Parks and state-owned historic sites.

Locally you might consider visiting state historic sites at Mount Independence in Orwell, Chimney Point in Addison, and Hubbardton Battlefield in Hubbardton. Bring a kite to fly or try one of the sites' own kites.

State parks in Addison County are Branbury on Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, D.A.R. on Lake Champlain in Addison, and two in Ferrisburgh: Button Bay and Kingsland Bay — both on Champlain, as well.

Additionally, Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 14, and gives residents and non-residents permission to fish in Vermont for the day without a license. 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, plus 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 be supplying fishing rods, reels and bait for use by participants. More info at vtfishandwildlife.org.

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John Tenny

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his fingerprints. As his obituary in this paper indicates, Tenny learned carpentry at an early age, which led him to a successful career in construction. Working initially as the duo of Tenny & Foster, he then joined Weismann & Demong, before becoming eventual owner and president of Mill Bridge Construction.

Upon joining the Middlebury selectboard in 1995, Tenny — with his abundance of construction experience — became a key player in the planning of several successful municipal building projects. Among them: the Cross Street Bridge, the current (and soon to be upgraded) Middlebury wastewater treatment plant, a major upgrade to Middlebury Fire Station No. 1 on Seymour Street, and the Middlebury police headquarters on Lucius Shaw Lane.

Former Selectman Dean George, who served several years with Tenny, recalled his colleague's tenacity in pursuing the Cross Street Bridge, a project that has taken much pressure off the historic Roman arch Battell Bridge on Main Street.

George recalled chairing the town's Cross Street Bridge Committee, wondering how the town could make such an ambition project happen. While the bridge was a huge priority for Middlebury, it wasn't in the state's or Fed's pecking order for funding. Compounding the dilemma were differences of opinion on where the new bridge should be sited, not to mention the need to acquire additional properties (the Osborne House and the Steele's Mobil station) to help bring it to fruition.

But the board, with Tenny as chair, successfully lobbied the public for a local option tax to cover \$7 million of the \$16 million project, and the college agreed to underwrite the remaining \$9 million.

The town's local option tax on rooms, sales, meals and alcohol is now generating more money than is needed for debt service and maintenance on the span. The Middlebury selectboard — with voter permission — is able to tap into the surplus fund to bankroll other capital projects.

"He recognized where the problem areas were and didn't let us give upon on them," George said. "If it failed in one particular direction, we moved into another one; he wouldn't let it go."

During the mid-1990s, the municipal offices and police department were co-located in a salvaged portion of the old Middlebury High School building that had been ravaged by a fire decades earlier. Thanks to another partnership with the college and

taxpayer support, the town was able to erect the new municipal building at 77 Main St. in 2016. Tenny was off the selectboard by then, but he had played a role in advocating for new workplaces for town staff and police.

"I learned a great deal from him," George said of Tenny. "He understood so much about the town's problems and how to solve them. He kept the board together as a group, working on projects we needed to do. The town infrastructure back (in the 1990s/early 2000s) was a mess. So many components of it needed to be addressed. And over the years, we got a lot of it done. And I think it was, in large part, as a result of his leadership."

His bricks-and-mortar contributions went beyond municipal projects. Some of the notable ones, through Mill Bridge, included the Middlebury Congregational Church renovations and addition, construction of the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society building, the Stone Mill renovation and Memorial Sports Center, the Emma Willard House restoration and addition, the Painter House restoration (off Court Square), several Middlebury College projects, and of course dozens of private residences.

Tenny's last professional stop was at Silver Maple Construction, from which he retired in May. Mill Bridge employed many carpenters through the years, and they stuck around — for an average of 19 years, noted Linda Riley, who would serve as Tenny's bookkeeper, office manager, administrative assistant and all-around right-hand person for 37 years.

Riley said Tenny became

particularly fond of the Congo Church project; he was a member of the flock and knew the church's status as a majestic and historic landmark, as well as a place of worship.

"He wanted things done right and he wanted honesty," Riley said of her former boss. "I did the billing and he would go over it with a fine-tooth comb. He was very fair... and he was very upfront."

Being as fastidious as he was, Tenny could also be irascible if things went sideways or if her believed folks weren't according him the same amount of respect he was giving. In one of his last appearances at a selectboard meeting, he spoke in favor of a tougher municipal noise ordinance, stemming from activity at a neighboring home that was being rented to college students.

This reporter covered Tenny's two decades on the selectboard, during which he served more than a decade as chair. Tenny had a no-nonsense style, but possessed a dry sense of humor, breaking the tension with just the right quip.

Riley echoed George's account of Tenny's role in bringing about the Cross Stret Bridge.

"If the state wasn't going to fund it there had to be another way," she said of Tenny's drive. "That (bridge) was really important to him, to get it done."

In addition to the selectboard, Tenny served for 25 years on the board of the Addison County Community Trust (now Addison Housing Works) championing the conservation of land and creating and maintaining affordable housing. Check the obituary on Page 6A for more details on his life and accomplishments.

Riley speaks for many: "I enjoyed working for him all those years and am going to miss him," she said.



FORMER LONGTIME MIDDLEBURY Selectman John Tenny, shown here with Middlebury College President John McCardell, died on Memorial Day at the age of 77. Tenny believed strongly in public service, and many prominent buildings bear his fingerprints. He also strengthened the town's ties with the college.

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Local leaders are asked to back Medicaid

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury selectboard at its Tuesday, June 10, meeting is slated to consider a citizen-initiated resolution that asks town leaders, among other things, to "express grave concern" about an FY26 U.S. House Budget Resolution proposal that calls for cutting federal Medicaid benefits by \$880 billion over the next decade.

Drafters of the resolution first were presented to the Middlebury selectboard on May 27. The board listened intently to the rationale behind it, hearing, among other things, that the U.S. House-passed resolution would — if endorsed by the U.S. Senate and signed into law — force a 26% reduction per Vermont resident in Medicaid spending.

Among the resolution's drafters is Middlebury's Dr. Jack Mayer, a former longtime pediatrician. Porter Medical Center President Bob Ortnyer is among the resolution's supporters.

While the board made no decision on the petition on May 27, they have invited the resolution advocates to return to the June 10 meeting, set for 7 p.m. in the municipal building conference room.



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Man cited with threatening police officer

MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury police cited Matthew Hall, 47, of Middlebury for two counts of aggravated disorderly conduct, one count of threatening a police officer, and resisting arrest, after responding to a disorderly conduct complaint in the Mill Street area on May 30.

In other action last week, Middlebury police:

- Responded to a noise complaint in the Cross Street area on May 26.
- Helped reunite two lost children with their mom and grandmother on May 26.
- Helped a driver free her vehicle from an uncooperative electric charging station cable in the Maple Street area on May 26.
- Responded to a report of a drunk and disorderly person in the Route 7 North area on May 26.
- Cited Ian Balcazar, 22, of Essex Junction for suspicion of driving under the influence, after responding to a report that someone had driven a vehicle off Case Street on May 27.
- Responded to a noise complaint in the Maple Street area during the afternoon of May 27.
- Arrested Kyle A. Purinton, 34, of South Burlington on an outstanding warrant on May 27.
- Received a report on May 27 about an ongoing dispute between some Jackson Lane neighbors.
- Checked on the Welfare of a Jayne Court neighbor on May 27.
- Were informed that someone had stolen a bike from a North Pleasant Street residence on May 28.
- Responded to a report of a person rummaging through trash cans on Cross Street on May 28.
- Assisted Middlebury Regional EMS at a Birchard Park residence, where a person was dealing with a diabetic emergency on May 28. Police said the patient was taken to Porter Hospital.
- Gave a courtesy ride to a drunken man found walking along Route 7 South on May 28.

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- Responded to a report of a group of people being loud and disruptive in the village green gazebo at around 6 p.m. on May 28.
- Responded to a single-vehicle crash in Court Square on May 28 that had occurred after the driver had swerved away from a squirrel and ran into a sign.
- Returned a found wallet to its owner on May 28.
- Assisted a Court Street resident who had been targeted by an online scam on May 28.
- Responded to the Halpin Road area on May 29 related to the reported death of 85-year-old David Colman. Police said Mr. Colman died of natural causes.
- Received a report on May 29 from the Peterson Terrace area about an alleged “attempt to scam a business out of a large sum of money.” Police provided no further details on this case.
- Assisted Counseling Service of Addison County officials with a person experiencing mental health difficulties in the Birchard Park area on May 29.
- Assisted an Elm Street resident who had been targeted by an online scam on May 29.
- Responded to a reported dispute between some Danyow Drive neighbors on May 29.
- Disposed of some drug paraphernalia, abandoned property and trash found in the village green gazebo on May 29.
- Spoke with a man who had been found sleeping in the entrance of the National Bank of Middlebury on Main Street at around 1:15 a.m. on May 29.
- On May 30, reunited a resident with their dog, which had gone missing from their Buttolph

- Drive residence.
- Checked on the welfare of a person shopping at a North Pleasant Street business on May 30.
- Destroyed a nicotine vape that was found at Middlebury Union High School on May 30.
- Checked on the welfare of a woman who was seen slumped over in a vehicle parked off Court Street Extension on May 30.
- Responded to the Route 7 North area on May 30 following a call from a man who had reported someone trying to break into his apartment. Police reported no break-in.
- Intervened in a dispute between two downtown residents on May 31.
- Were informed of the theft of some frying oil from a Route 7 South business on May 31.
- Received a call about alleged “suspicious activity” at an East Main Street home on May 31.
- Cited Antonio E. Johnson, 29, on suspicion of driving under the influence, following a traffic stop near the intersection of Route 7 and Boardman Street on June 1.
- Turned over, to a sober person, two drunken people who had allegedly been causing a disturbance in the Stewart Lane area on June 1.
- Helped Vermont State Police with a woman who was experiencing a crisis in the Bridport area on June 1.
- Investigated a report of illegal dumping at a Court Street business on June 1.
- Responded to a report of a drunken person walking on Route 7 South on June 1.
- Received a report of someone ramming their family member’s vehicle in the Shannon Street area and then leaving the scene on June 1.
- Patrolled downtown on foot on June 2.
- Gave two stranded men a courtesy ride to a local hotel during the early morning of June 2.

City police calm a citizen dispute

VERGENNES — Vergennes police on May 26 calmed a citizen dispute on Main Street in which a caller claimed he was “protecting himself with a rifle and requested an immediate police response,” according to a police document.

Police said they calmed the situation and provided the parties involved with information on how

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to obtain no-stalking orders, issued a no-trespass order to one party, and offered both parties advice on how to resolve a civil issue that had sparked the confrontation.

In other activity between May 26 and June 1, Vergennes police conducted one foot and eight cruiser patrols, 14 traffic stops and a VIN inspection; processed a fingerprint request; dealt with a false alarm; and also:

On May 26 allowed the police station’s parking lot to be used by a former couple to exchange property.

On May 27 issued a temporary relief from abuse order to city resident Daniel Meehan, 45. On

June 1, police cited Meehan into court for violating the terms of that order.

On May 28 took a report of two individuals shoplifting on Monkton Road. The case remains under investigation.

On May 29:

- Took a report of a two-car accident at the intersection of Battery Hill and North Street for insurance purposes.
- Dealt with a minor two-car accident at the intersection of Main Street and Monkton Road.
- Took a complaint about a noisy semi pulled off the road on West Main Street.

On May 30:

- Took a report of a two-vehicle accident that occurred the day before on Main Street.
- At the station resolved a resolved a child custody dispute between parents.

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Girls’ State delegates announced

VERGENNES — This year the Vergennes American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14 will sponsor four 11th-grade students as delegates to Green Mountain Girls’ State, June 22-27. Vergennes Union High School students chosen are Allegra de Boer, Amelia Giroux, Scout Jacobson, and Quincy Sabick. Libby Ringer will also be attending, sponsored by another American Legion Auxiliary in the State of Vermont.



FIVE JUNIORS FROM Vergennes Union High School have been selected to attend Green Mountain Girls’ State at the Randolph campus of Vermont State University this summer: Allegra de Boer, left, Quincy Sabick, Amelia Giroux, Libby Ringer and Scout Jacobson.
Photo courtesy Anne Vincent

Girls’ State will be held at the Randolph Campus of Vermont State University. Its purpose is to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age and to inform them about the

duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship, in order that they may

understand and participate in the functioning of their government.

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ADDISON COUNTY — Vermont State Police implicated a Waltham man in crimes twice in the past week.

At around 9 a.m. on May 27, troopers went to Pine Oak Park in Waltham to check out an overnight theft from a vehicle parked outside a home there. As police explain it, on the previous evening at around 8 p.m., Scott Tower, 28, of Waltham got into a car owned by Lonie Parker and stole a large sum of cash.

Police allege that Parker then vandalized someone’s vehicle and threatened Tower.

On May 29, Tower and Parker separately turned themselves into state police, who cited Tower for grand larceny and cited Parker for criminal threatening and unlawful mischief. They are both due in court July 7 to answer the charges.

Later that week, Parker found himself in hot water again. State police were told about threats being made in a separate incident involving Parker. Troopers say that Parker and Thomas George, 30, of Shelburne spoke on the phone on the evening of May 29 and both threatened to inflict injury on the other. Both Parker and George were

cited for disturbing the peace via telephone. Their court date is July 7.

In a separate case of a man apparently acting violently toward another man, troopers checked out a May 27 report of an assault in Bristol. After investigating the incident on Lower Notch Road, state police said they determined that Steven A. Hutchinson, 65, of Bristol had assaulted a 44-year-old man sometime that afternoon. Police cited Hutchinson for simple assault.

In the past week, state police also dealt with a trio of drunken driving cases that resulted in four citations for driving under the influence, or DUI.

In the first, troopers on May 31 at just before 5 a.m. were called to a one-car crash on Hollow Road near Weisenbach Road in Monkton. Police report that John Mcevilla, 28, of Greenfield, Mass., was driving a 2012 Toyota Sienna eastbound on a curve when the car left the eastbound lane and struck a tree. Police spoke with Mcevilla, who was uninjured, and ultimately cited him for DUI. They also issued him a traffic ticket that carries a \$220 fine and two points

on his driver’s license.

Mcevilla was released to a sober adult with a citation to answer the charges in Addison County Superior Court, Criminal Division.

The second case was on June 1 when, at around 7 p.m., a 2020 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by Dennis Doyle, 69, of East Newport, N.Y., crashed on Route 17 near the foot of the Lake Champlain Bridge in Addison. Police screened Doyle and cited him for DUI.

Joseph Mullen, 54, of Northport, N.Y., was not involved in the motorcycle crash, but apparently, he was driving by and stopped at the crash scene. While speaking with Mullen, troopers detected indicators of impairment. They cited Mullen for DUI-Refusal.

Finally, on June 2 at 10 minutes before 5 p.m., state police responded to a one-car crash at the intersection Lake Road and Arnold Bay Road in Panton. Police took Melissa Sorelle, 38, of Ferrisburgh to the New Haven barracks for processing, and officers allege she damaged equipment there. Troopers ended up citing Sorelle for DUI and unlawful mischief.

Stolen cattle trailer found in Bristol

BRISTOL — Bristol police on May 20 responded to a traffic hazard on Firehouse Drive, where a truck with a cattle trailer — which had been reported stolen from Brandon the night prior — was blocking the roadway. An investigation is ongoing.

Also on May 20, police received multiple calls from Bristol residents about someone entering parked vehicles and, in some cases, taking items. Police believe the incidents are related to the stolen vehicle on Firehouse Drive.

Bristol police between May 4 and 24 completed 60 foot patrols and two car patrols, conducted 67 traffic stops and checked security at Mount Abraham Union High School 21 times, at Bristol Elementary School 21 times and at local businesses 21 times.

Police also processed 23 fingerprint requests, verified one vehicle identification number, assisted Bristol Elementary with three truancy concerns and responded to one 911 hang-up call that proved to be caused by a malfunction.

In other recent activity, Bristol police:

- On May 5, Bristol’s Community Resource Specialist assisted someone with housing resources.
- On May 5, took in a lost dog and attempted to locate its owner.

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- On May 5, tried to check on the welfare of someone on North Street, but the person wasn’t there when police arrived.
- On May 7, assisted a community member in getting resources.
- On May 7, helped a person secure a no-trespass order.
- On May 7, Bristol’s Community Resource Specialist took part in group activities with students at Mount Abe.
- On May 7, helped someone access housing resources.
- On May 7, provided a lost motorist with directions.
- On May 7, responded to a domestic assault report on Firehouse Drive. After investigating, police cited Douglas Burnham, 38, of Bristol, for domestic assault.
- On May 8, ticketed a juvenile who was in possession of tobacco on Airport Drive.
- On May 8, received a report of harassing and threatening social media messages received by a Bristol resident. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 9, received a report of an incident involving harassing behavior on West Street, but determined no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 10, received a noise complaint on Main Street and found no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 11, responded to Main Street for a report of someone living in the lobby of a business.
- On May 11, responded to a family fight on West Street. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 12, completed a records request.
- On May 12, responded to a citizen dispute on South Street. Police reported no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 13, received a report of someone violating their conditions of release. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 13, assisted a motorist on Main Street.
- On May 16, received a motor vehicle complaint. Police are reviewing documentation related to the sale of the motor vehicle

- to determine if a crime has been committed.
- On May 16, received an ID and contacted the owner.
- On May 16, took a report of a fraud. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 16, received a motor vehicle complaint from a Maple Ridge Trailer Park resident. Police didn’t observe any violations.
- On May 16, responded to North Street for a citizen dispute and found no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 17, received a report of water in the road on East Street. Police determined the water wasn’t in the travel portion of the road, and there was no hazard at the time.
- On May 17, served a notice against trespass on Mountain Street.
- On May 17, received a motor vehicle complaint on Pump House Road but didn’t observe any violations.
- On May 17, responded to Red Clover Lane for a citizen dispute. Police determined there was no dispute and the individuals were playing video games.
- On May 19, responded to suspicious activity on School Street but found no action rose to the level of a criminal offense.
- On May 20, monitored traffic in a construction work zone on West Street.
- On May 20, responded to Prince Lane for a report of a citizen dispute, but found no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 20, received a report of a stolen vehicle on Orchard Terrace. An investigation is ongoing.
- On May 21, responded to Prince Lane for a complaint of suspicious activity but no action rose to the level of an offense.
- On May 21, Bristol’s Community Resource Specialist assisted with student activities at Mount Abe.
- On May 21, began investigating possible home improvement fraud case on Hermit Thrush Lane.
- On May 21, received a report of damage to a parked vehicle on Main Street.
- On May 21, responded to a minor motor vehicle crash on South Street.
- On May 21, dealt with a parking problem on Airport Drive.
- On May 22, assisted a disabled motorist in getting gas for their vehicle on Route 116 North.

Belltower marble compromised

St. Mary’s Church closes 2 entrances

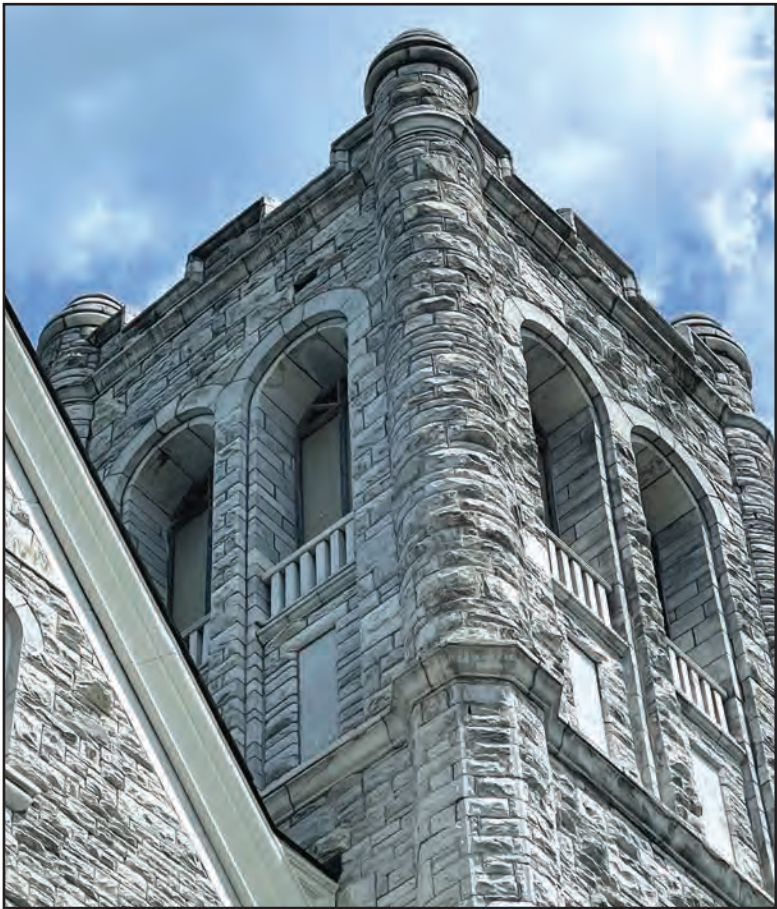
By **JOHN FLOWERS**

MIDDLEBURY — Entrance to St. Mary’s Catholic Church through its College Street and Shannon Street doorways has been suspended indefinitely for safety reasons. That comes in the wake of a recent inspection that revealed erosion of the mortar that’s been keeping granite stone attached to the historic Middlebury building’s belltower.

The Rev. Brandon C Schneider, parish administrator for St. Mary’s, St. Bernadette in Bridport and St. Genevieve in Bridport, confirmed the St. Mary’s belltower issues on Tuesday. He stressed the 118-year-old place of worship remains open both to weekday and weekend Masses, as the building can be accessed safely through other doors. The Parish Hall is temporarily closed to group activities, however, as the outside door that leads into it is located below the belltower, Schneider noted.

“We hope to reopen it in the near future once some safety measures are in place,” he said.

Last year, a marble slab became dislodged from the belltower and fell to the ground; fortunately, no one was underneath at the time. Earlier this spring, an engineering firm conducted a structural assessment of the St. Mary’s Church belltower, and the results — received by the church



AN ENGINEERING STUDY has revealed degradation of the mortar holding the marble slabs onto the St. Mary’s Church belltower at 326 College St. in Middlebury. It prompted church leaders to temporarily close two of the historic building’s main entrances while a repair plan is worked out.

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last week — confirmed “systemic deterioration of the mortar in the upper levels of the bell tower, coupled with some other factors means that there is the possibility of a fall hazard,” according to Schneider.

“We received this report less than a week ago and our primary focus right now is on safety,” he continued. “The parish is currently gathering more information and discussing short-term and long-term responses to the situation.”

MAUSD

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what we are making change for,” he told the *Independent*. “Until or unless new districts are formed and MAUSD no longer exists, our Portrait of a Learner will remain our North Star.”

The Portrait of a Learner has been developed over the course of the current school year in collaboration with UP for Learning, an educational consultant that’s partnered with the district to guide the multi-phase visioning process.

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, members of the MAUSD Portrait of a Learner team met monthly, gathered for retreats and took part in data collection activities and community engagement events. That core team included 26 students in grades 5-12, 11 district staff members, four school board members, four administrators and four local residents.

From November through January, groups collected data through a variety of methods, including conducting surveys, having sixth graders at Monkton Central School interview kindergarteners, and allowing Beeman Elementary School students weigh in through a survey during the school’s mock election.

The final document includes materials from those data collection activities, as well as much of the data collected through the process.

“Through the MAUSD Portrait of a Learner process, the community was able to construct a

vision for the future of education in MAUSD that reflects their values, priorities, and aspirations,” reads the document. “By engaging all relevant groups, the project ensured the process was inclusive, student-centered, and prioritized equity of voice.”

The document states it will be used as a “catalyst for strategic planning and future initiatives to create an equitable educational environment that equips graduates with the skills, knowledge, and qualities necessary for success in the rapidly evolving 21st-century world.”

The 37-page document outlines six characteristics of MAUSD learners, as well as different experiences and skills that correspond with those traits. For example, one attribute is that “MAUSD Learners are Safe and Inclusive,” with related skills including that pupils will be able to express their ideas without causing emotional or physical harm.

Other characteristics included in the Portrait of a Learner state that MAUSD Learners are empathetic; confident and motivated; engaged; skillful and knowledgeable; and able to think critically.

About a dozen community members turned out for a May 28 event introducing the new Portrait of a Learner. Residents were invited to the community conservation to discuss how the district can support the initiative moving forward.

“The session began with context

setting around why we felt it was important to reconnect with the staff, students and community around our ‘why’ before renewing our strategic plan. Essentially articulating the need to have a clear North Star, which this Portrait of a Learner will be for us,” Reen explained.

He noted members of the UP for Learning team then shared the process used to develop the document, highlighting youth voice throughout the effort.

“The session concluded with attendees capturing ideas about ways the community can become involved in helping MAUSD students realize the experiences and skills of the Portrait of a Learner,” Reen said.

While the document is complete, the district’s work with the Portrait of a Learner isn’t over. Reen said the MAUSD Board will now look to revise the district’s ENDS Policy to reflect the community’s feedback on what skills and experiences it wants for MAUSD students.

“Once the Ends policy is revised we will begin drafting a new strategic plan to help us achieve the Ends and the Portrait of a Learner,” Reen said. “Once the strategic plan is complete, we will focus our efforts and resources around implementing the plan.”

Reen said the Portrait of a Learner document and materials related to the process of developing it will be posted to the district’s website.

By the way

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a ceremonial ribbon cutting and remarks at 12:30 p.m. and a BBQ starting at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

More than 100 students will earn their graduation diplomas from Middlebury Union High School this coming Saturday. But Middlebury-area students who return to MUHS this fall will find something new: a cellphone-free campus. This session, the Vermont Legislature is still considering a bill that would ban cellphone use in schools, part of a growing effort to reduce digital distractions and support teen mental health. Some Vermont schools have already implemented phone-free policies. At MUHS, a group of students, staff and parents met throughout the year and created a draft “Device-Free Plan,” which has been reviewed by faculty. Acknowledging phones are a major social tool, school leaders are brainstorming ways to support real-time connection at school, including themed lunch tables, board games in the cafeteria, courtyard lawn games, “lunch bunch” meetups, craft clubs and conversation groups in other languages. Oh, and the cellphone-free school policy isn’t just for students — staff will also join the daily digital detox. More on the policy as we get closer to next school year.

It’s time again to control invasive plant species at the Creekside Trail in Starksboro. Volunteers are being sought for pulling sessions on Thursday evenings through the end of June. Helpers are asked to show up at 7 p.m. at the Cota Field parking lot off States Prison Hollow Road. Volunteer efforts in

years past have paid off, as there are far fewer poison parsnip and garlic mustard plants in some areas, but more work needs to be done to ensure they don’t spread. If you’d like to help, please wear boots, long sleeves, long pants and gloves, and bring tick repellent if you wish. The Starksboro Conservation Commission will bring the three Parsnip Predator Shovels that are available at the library for anyone to check out.

Turns out this year’s election season didn’t end on March Town Meeting Day. Voting is now open for Middlebury Dog Mayor, and there are four woof-tastic candidates. It’s all for the benefit of the nonprofit Homeward Bound, Addison County’s Humane Society. The unofficial mayor of Middlebury will spread good cheer (and paw-sitive puppy vibes) at various community functions. The four contenders are Ed, whose campaign slogan is “One paw at a time”; Reggie, who is “fully vaccinated, has no criminal record, is extremely happy-go-lucky”; Tela, who enjoys the company of everyone, including “her best cat-bud Jimmy Paige”; and Nat, a retired service dog and full-time therapy dog at the EastView at Middlebury retirement community. Online voting is open until midnight on June 13, at tinyurl.com/yc96d37v. The same website has full profiles of the four canine candidates. It costs \$5 to vote, with proceeds going to Homeward Bound.

The Vermont Gran Fondo will again welcome several hundred cyclists to Bristol and beyond for a day of riding in the beautiful Green Mountains of Vermont on Saturday,

June 28. The event will start and finish at the Bristol Recreation Club, which will benefit from a Gran Fondo contribution for every volunteer shift the day of the event, as well as the days prior (June 27) and following (June 29). Volunteers are needed for such tasks as placing course signage, venue prep, rest stop attendant, traffic control and safety signage. Last year’s Gran Fondo volunteer efforts yielded \$2,400 for Bristol Rec., dedicated to the 5-town riders’ cycling program. If you’d like to help, please sign up at tinyurl.com/yeuyu5jdp.

Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) invites public feedback on proposed changes to the Rutland Connector service, which it provides bus rides in collaboration with Marble Valley Regional Transit. TVT proposes to assume responsibility for the midday portion of the shared route beginning in July. Departure from Middlebury would be at 10 a.m. and departure from Rutland would stay the same at 11:15 a.m. This aligns with rider preferences in a recent on-board survey. It also provides more seamless travel between Burlington and Rutland via Middlebury. Additionally, TVT would discontinue its commuter runs at 5:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Marble Valley Regional Transit doesn’t plan to make any changes to its Rutland Connector commuter schedules or weekend services. To participate in the TVT feedback process, join the Zoom meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81771197721>. Feedback will also be welcome through June 19 by calling 802-388-2287 or emailing info@trivalleytransit.org.



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THE DISC-TOSSING SPORT of Ultimate was new to many on the Middlebury Union High School girls' team this spring when the school restarted a female squad after fielding a co-ed team last year and only boys the year before that. Coach Anne Murray was happy with the way her 10 players stayed positive and supported each other. Plus they had several competitive games. At this past Thursday's game vs. South Burlington at MUHS, are, clockwise from top left, Avery Hohenschau fighting for the disc; the three seniors, Anika Heppell, Jessie Bodette and Ella Kozak; Heppell passing to Hohenschau; Greta Suter looking for an open teammate; and Oprea Littlefield showing strong defense against a Wolf.

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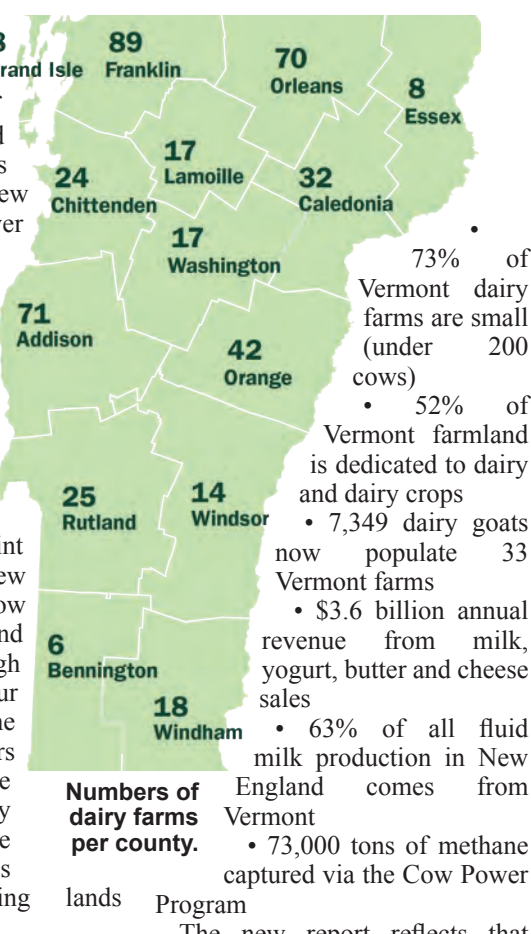
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A look a the Vermont Dairy Report

What does the dairy industry mean to Vermont? The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAAFAM) this spring introduced a new report that helps answer that question.

The report, entitled “Vermont Dairy Delivers,” identifies the annual economic impact of Vermont’s dairy industry as \$5.4 billion dollars, growing from \$2.6 billion ten years ago. This is just one data point among many in the new report, showing how dairy has evolved and sustained itself, through the hard work of our state’s dairy farmers, the producers and processors that provide and create great nutritious dairy products, and the thousands of employees keeping our working lands productive and vital.

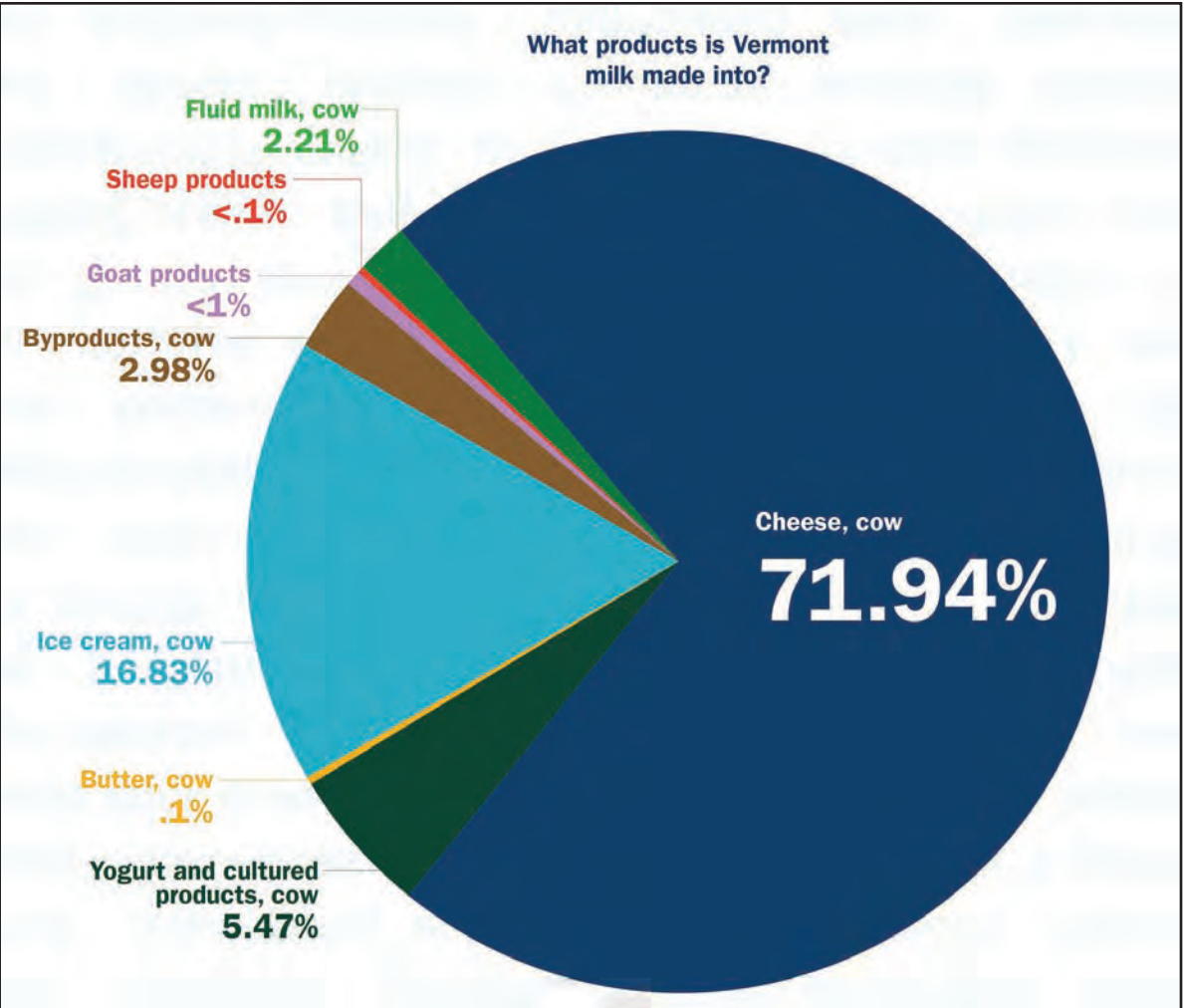
Other insights from the report include:



products has increased. According to USDA’s Economic Research Service, dairy consumption reached record levels in 2023 when the average American consumed 661 pounds of dairy products. That is up more than 40 pounds from the prior decade, and the highest rate of consumption in the United States since the late 1950s. This trend is reflected in Vermont’s dairy economy. A decade ago, Vermont had 95 processors; in 2023 Vermont had 158 dairy processors — gaining 63 processors in 10 years. More are on the way. Vermont is now exporting dairy products to Canada, Europe, Australia, and other countries around the world.

“Vermont’s farmers work hard, and we are grateful for the contributions of all those who support dairy,” said Gov. Phil Scott. “It’s my hope this report will give Vermonters a better understanding of our dairy industry. Vermont’s agriculture and working lands are not only a key part of Vermont’s economy, but also its identity.”

Accompanying that growth is a broad commitment of dairy farmers to the stewardship of the land and environment. Ten years ago, Vermont’s farmers renewed their commitment to complying with new environmental regulations. This report reflects that those investments are working. Required agricultural practices that were put in place up to 10 years ago have earned the Vermont dairy sector the distinction of being the number one catalyst for improving water quality in Vermont. It is clear that Vermont farmers are dedicated to environmental quality, first-class



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Migrant farmworkers contribute more than they take

Vermont has an estimated 750 to 850 year-round migrant farmworkers, primarily on dairy farms, along with about 150 partners and children, according to the report “Vermont Dairy Delivers.”

In contrast, about 500 seasonal farmworkers, mostly from Jamaica, travel to Vermont each year to work through the H2A

visa program, often picking apples and other fruit.

Migrant workers fill essential roles, including milking, herd care, and equipment maintenance to help farms function efficiently. Their contributions help sustain dairy production amidst labor shortages and evolving industry demands.

Nationally, migrant labor

accounts for 51% of all dairy labor, and dairies that employ migrant workers produce 79% of the U.S. milk supply. If the U.S. dairy industry lost its foreign-born workforce, it would nearly double retail milk prices and cost the total U.S. economy more than \$32 billion, according to the Vermont dairy report.

Advocacy organizations

promote a variety of measures to help will improve farmworkers’ lives and stabilize the agricultural labor force:

- Higher wages
- Health initiatives
- Better working conditions
- Bilingual communications efforts

Vt. dairy farm sizes at a glance

- 73% Of Vermont dairy farms are small (fewer than 200 cows)
- 18% Of Vermont dairy farms are medium (200-700 cows)
- 9% Of Vermont dairy farms are large (more than 700 cows)



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Vermont farmers implement advanced strategies to handle, store, and repurpose manure generated on their farms.

Sustainable practices include Nutrient Management Plans, or NMPs, designed to balance soil nutrient requirements and

Vermont farmers implement advanced strategies to handle, store, and repurpose manure generated on their farms.

prevent over-application. These plans enhance soil health and reduce dependence on synthetic fertilizers. Meanwhile, using manure solid-liquid separation contribute to methane reduction by preventing the anaerobic decomposition of organic matter in storage lagoons. This helps cut methane emissions by 20–50%.

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Dinnertime

RUBY THE HOLSTEIN appears to be crowding her neighbor in the feeding trough at a Vermont dairy farm, though it appears that there is enough silage to go around. Eating the right foods helps a cow increase its milk production and stay healthy.

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Xavier Redmond - VUHS
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MUHS SENIOR MIDFIELDER Landon Kean bounces home one of his two fourth-quarter goals during the MUHS boys' home comeback victory vs. Mount Mansfield on this past Friday. Independent photo/John S. McCright

Tiger boys' lax roars back to OT victory in final regular season game

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — For much of the Middlebury Union High School lacrosse team's duel against Mount Mansfield this past Friday for the top seed in the Division I boys' playoffs, the host Tigers were firing blanks in what was the final regular season game for both teams.

Mount Mansfield had come to town in second place with a 12-3 record, but if the Cougars defeated the first-place 12-2

Tigers, they would flip the standings in their favor.

And for most of first three periods Tiger shots were going wide or high. Many of their passes were bouncing. Ground balls were finding Cougar sticks. And Cougar shots began finding the Tiger net after they took a 1-0 first-period lead on a Brady Morigeau score set up by Finn Haney.

And in the second period the Cougars

added four unanswered scores. Haney scored in transition. Atticus Erwin buried a nice feed from Haney. Haney netted a cross-crease setup from Morigeau. With 5:08 to go in the half, Aaron Carroll tossed in a long-range lefthanded laser, and the Cougars were up, 5-0, a score that stood at halftime.

MUHS Coach Matt Rizzo said the Tigers talked at the half about playing with more confidence and sharing the

ball, and they came out fired up.

But not much changed, at least not right away. After 5:02 had run off the clock, the Cougars had two more goals, from Erwin and Haney, and the visitors led, 7-0.

But despite all that, the Tigers improbably won the game in overtime, 10-9, when junior attacker Logan McNulty, stationed off the left post, picked up a ball a teammate had shot from the right side and had squirted through a knot of

players. And McNulty deposited it high into the net for the golden goal.

What happened to set that up?

McNulty's strike capped a comeback sparked by junior Ben Debisschop. After Haney made it 7-0, Debisschop put the Tigers on the board 40 seconds later by tossing a lefthanded bullet inside the right post from the left side. With 3:54 to go in the period, Debisschop struck again with

(See Overtime, Page 3B)

Girls' lax teams seeded; Tigers to host Rice

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — The Middlebury Union High School girls' lacrosse team received the No. 4 seed in Division I and is set to swing into action in a quarterfinal on Thursday with an 11-4 record.

Meanwhile the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperate girls' team earned the No. 6 seed in D-II with a 7-8 record and hosted in a first-round playoff game on Tuesday vs No. 11 Milton; see story on Page 1B.

The Tigers are set to play on Thursday against No. 5 Rice (13-4), which defeated No. 12 St. Albans in a first-round game on Tuesday.

MUHS lost at Rice early in the season, 12-8, but that was before the Tigers gelled. If the Tigers advance, they will almost certainly play top seed Champlain Valley in

(See Girls' lax, Page 2B)



COMMODORE REESE PAQUETTE takes a rip at a Paine Mountain pitcher's offering during the VUHS baseball team's home playoff win on Tuesday.

Photo by Mark Bouvier Photography

VUHS baseball walks to victory

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — Sometimes it's what you don't do that matters.

On Tuesday, Vergennes Union High School baseball players chose not to swing at pitches out of the strike zone. OK, to be fair, it's hard to swing a bat when ducking or jumping out of the way of a wayward offering.

In all, the No. 7 seed Commodores patiently drew 13 walks, after which 10 of them scored in their five-

inning, 13-3 victory over visiting No. 10 seed Paine Mountain.

It wasn't exactly a walk-off win. But fittingly Commodore Aiden Fuller scored the game-ending run after trotting home from third base on a wild pitch.

Regardless, style points don't count, and the Commodores are happy to advance and take another shot at No. 2 Thetford (12-2) this Thursday. They left the bases loaded three times in a 5-2 quarterfinal loss

at Thetford a year ago, and Thetford edged them, 8-7, at VUHS this season.

"We're looking forward to going back there," VUHS Coach Andy O'Brien said.

O'Brien believes the Commodores' patience at the plate and aggressive baserunning can be a winning blend.

"We're an aggressive team on the basepaths. We put the ball in play.

(See Commodores, Page 5B)

Murray wins tennis title

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BURLINGTON/ESSEX — In finals played on Saturday at The Edge club in Essex, Middlebury Union High School senior Jackson Murray won the individual boys' tennis state championship, but the top-seeded Tiger doubles team of sophomore Nate Cook Yoder and Baker Nelson came up short.

Murray defeated Oscar Andersson of Champlain Valley, 6-2, 6-3, in the singles final to claim his crown.

In their final, Cook Yoder and

Nelson were defeated by the Burlington High team of Quinn Moore and Sam Wick, 6-3, 6-2.

Most of the earlier rounds were played on Thursday and Friday in Burlington's Leddy Park, although later rounds on Friday, as well as all play on Saturday, were moved to The Edge.

Tiger sophomore singles player Charles Young reached the quarterfinal round, as did the second Tiger doubles team of juniors Spencer Copeland and

(See Murray, Page 2B)



TIGER SENIOR JACKSON Murray, seen here in a May 16 match vs. Brattleboro at Middlebury Indoor Tennis, won the boys' individual state tennis championship on Saturday.

Independent photo/Steve James

Score BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Baseball

5/29 Mt Abe vs VUHS	15-5
5/29 OV vs Rutland	7-0
5/29 Milton vs MUHS	12-10
5/29 MUHS vs Milton	5-1
5/30 Mt Abe vs VUHS	17-4
5/31 Mt Abe at N Country	Canceled

D-II Playoffs

6/3 #9 Harwood vs #8 OV	3-1
6/3 #3 Mt Abe vs #14 Lamolille	10-0
6/3 #6 Enosburg vs #11 MUHS	6-4

D-III Playoffs

6/3 #7 VUHS vs #10 Paine Mt.	13-3
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Softball

5/28 OV vs Woodstock	16-1
5/28 MUHS vs VUHS	22-8
5/29 Mt Abe vs VUHS	13-0
5/29 MUHS vs Milton	18-7
5/30 Mt Abe vs VUHS	27-5
5/30 OV vs Hartford	8-3
5/31 Mt Abe at N Country	Canceled

D-II Playoffs

6/3 #8 MUHS vs #9 Lake Region	18-4
6/3 #3 OV vs #14 Harwood	24-0

D-III Playoffs

6/3 #5 Bellows Falls vs #12 VUHS ..	13-1
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Girls' Lacrosse

5/28 MAV vs Spaulding	15-8
5/30 MUHS vs Mt Mansfield	15-10
5/31 CVU vs MUHS	20-12
5/31 U-32 vs MAV	16-11

D-II Playoffs

6/3 #6 MAV vs #11 Milton	16-5
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Boys' Lacrosse

(See Scoreboard, Page 5B)



FRESHMAN EMILY SAWYER, left, and senior Ruby Hellier, No. 15, double team a Milton player during the Commodores' first-round home playoff victory on Tuesday.

Photo by Mark Bouvier Photography

MAV girls' lax advances

Commodores topple Milton; U-32 is next

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The No. 6 seed Mount Abraham-Vergennes girls' lacrosse team had little trouble on Tuesday with No. 11 Milton in a first-round Division II playoff game, taking care of business in a 16-5 victory over the 3-12 Yellowjackets.

The road now gets tougher: The 8-8 Commodores on Thursday will take on No. 3 U-32 in a quarterfinal. The Raiders recently defeated MAV, 16-11, in East Montpelier.

And MAV will probably not be at full strength on Thursday. Senior two-way player Safi Camara was wearing a small walking boot on Tuesday, and a couple other players are nicked up.

But Coach Emiko Cruschiel saw some things to like on Tuesday, as well as some things to tighten.

"Our transition looked great, and we're moving the ball down the field nice and quick," she said. "We just have to make sure we're not telegraphing those passes and able to get those feeds into the eight. So some things to work on, and some things we've done better than today."

Another plus: "We worked hard, and I'm proud of that," she said.

Another thing to focus on: "We've been talking about those 50-50 balls, the ground balls we have to get. We get checked, and

(See MAV girls, Page 4B)

Girls' lax

(Continued from Page 1B)
a semifinal on June 11. The D-I final will be played at a time to be determined on June 15 at the University of Vermont.
REGULAR SEASON
The Tigers split their final two regular season games. On May 30 they bested host Mount Mansfield, 15-10.
Leading the attack were **Ada Weaber** (four goals, three assists) and **Izzy Quinn** and **Kenyon Connors** (three goals and an assist apiece). **Quinn Doria** scored twice, and **Sara Kent** and **Alice Livesay** added a goal and an assist apiece. Goalie **Ida Blackwell** made 10 saves.
In what was a last-minute addition to the Tigers' schedule as a makeup game from April, they also took on D-I top seed Champlain Valley on Burlington's turf field on Saturday, falling 20-12. Redhawk Bibi Frechette poured in seven goals, and Rose Bunting scored

four to pace CVU.
Weaber (three goals, two assists), Quinn (three goals, assist), and Connors (two goals) led MUHS. Four Tigers added a goal apiece, including defender **Lila Cook Yoder**.
The Commodores also split their final two games.
On May 28 MAV rolled past host Spaulding, 15-8 as **June Yates-Rusch** (five goals), **Meredith Dufault** (five goals, assist) combined for 10 goals. **Olivia Sawyer** scored twice, **Callie Rule** and **Ada Hellier** chipped in a goal and an assist apiece, **Esme Visco-Lyons** scored once, and **Ruby Hellier** set up two goals. Commodore goalie **Kendra Jackson** made five saves.
Peyton LaPerle led the Tide with three goals, and goalie Finley Boyd made seven saves.
On Saturday host U-32 outscored the Commodores, 16-11. Details from that game were unavailable.

Softball playoffs open

Eagles get bye; Tigers, Otters win

By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON COUNTY — The Mount Abraham softball team finished the regular season at 11-3 and was seeded No. 2, the highest seed among local squads, in the Division II tournament. The Eagles received a first-round bye and will host a Friday quarterfinal against No. 10 Milton (7-9) at 4:30 p.m., weather permitting.
Also in D-II, No. 3 Otter Valley (13-3 in the regular season) and No. 8 Middlebury (7-6) both easily won first-round games on Tuesday and advanced to the quarterfinal round.
Vergennes, the No. 12 seed in D-III, bowed out of the playoffs on Tuesday.
D-II Playoffs
The No. 8 Tigers on Tuesday claimed an 18-4, five-inning victory over visiting No. 8 Lake Region. Winning pitcher **Lexi Whitney** allowed three earned runs in five innings and joined **Skyler Choiniere** as having multiple hits at the plate.
The Tigers will carry an 8-6 record into a Thursday game at top seed Lyndon (10-1-1). The teams have not met this spring.
The host No. 3 Otters on Tuesday cruised past winless No. 14 Harwood, 24-0, in five innings. Pitcher **Sophie Parker** tossed an abbreviated no-hitter and struck out 10, Parker also drove in four runs with a pair of hits as the 14-3 Otters won their 11th straight game.
Also having multi-hit games were **Leann Thomas**, **Ady Humiston**, **Randi Lancour**, **Michelle Hendee**, **Kaylee Maloy** and **Ella Otto**.
Otter Valley (14-3) will host either No. 5 Hartford or No. 12 Springfield, who played on Wednesday after deadline, in a quarterfinal on Saturday at a time to be announced.
D-III Playoffs

Also on Tuesday, host No. 5 Bellows Falls improved to 10-7 with a 13-1 five-inning victory over VUHS, which wrapped up a rebuilding season at 1-14. The Commodores poked four hits and drew three walks, scoring an earned run off winning pitcher Brielle Mulverhill, but the home team did not provide further details.
REGULAR SEASON
The Eagles and Commodores wrapped up their seasons with games against each other on May 29 and 30, both won by Mount Abe.
On May 29 the Eagles blanked VUHS, 13-0, in five innings as **Gretchen Toy** tossed a one-hitter, striking out six. Among the contributors on offense were **Brooke Barnard** and **Gen Forand**, each with two hits and an RBI.
The next day the Eagles prevailed, 27-5; details were not reported.
The Eagles' Saturday game at North Country was called off due to, of course, bad weather.
Meanwhile, the Tigers wrapped up with a pair of victories to finish above .500.
On May 28, the Tigers defeated VUHS, 22-8. Details from that game were not reported.
On May 29, the Tigers outslugged visiting Milton, 18-7, to finish the regular season with a winning record. Whitney earned the pitching win and also knocked out three hits. **Meredith Cameron** slugged three doubles and drove in four runs, **Lily Dame** doubled and singled and drove in two runs, **Brianna Foss** doubled and singled and drove in three runs, and **Lillian Paquette** doubled and singled.
OV concluded its season on Friday with an 8-3 victory at Hartford, the Otters' 10th straight win after a 19-7 loss on May 1 at Mount Abe.

Murray

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Adrien Malhotra before falling to the championship-bound Burlington team.
MUHS boys' tennis will play in the Vermont team tournament on Thursday as the No. 7 seed.
The full scores of the Tiger players this past weekend were:
SINGLES
FIRST ROUND (Thursday)
Young, MUHS, defeated Milo Vinson, Mount Mansfield, 6-0, 6-0.
ROUND OF 16 (Friday)
Murray, MUHS, defeated Eli Welch, Brattleboro, 6-1, 6-0.
Young, MUHS, defeated Parker Guffey, Stowe, 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (9).
Quarter-finals (Friday)
Murray, MUHS, defeated Oscar Crainich, Burlington, 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (7).
Derin Suren, Essex, defeated Young, Middlebury, 2-6, 6-2, 1-0 (3).
SEMI-FINAL (Saturday)
Murray, MUHS, defeated Max Biedermann, Stowe, 6-3, 6-1.

FINAL (Saturday)
Murray, MUHS, defeated Oscar Andersson, CVU, 6-2, 6-3.
DOUBLES
ROUND OF 16 (Friday)
Cook Yoder/Nelson, MUHS, defeated Henry Farrell/Deven Shedd, Essex, 6-1, 7-5.
Copeland/Malhotra, MUHS, defeated Declan Coggins/Drew Zimmermann, Stowe, 6-4, 7-5.
QUARTER-FINALS (Friday)
Cook Yoder/Nelson, MUHS, defeated Semin Dervic/Tobey Bernabe, Burlington, 6-2, 3-6, 1-0 (5).
Moore/Wick, Burlington, defeated Copeland/Malhotra, MUHS, 6-2, 6-2.
SEMI-FINAL (Saturday)
Cook Yoder/Nelson, MUHS, defeated Miles Kenny/Oliver Crainich, Burlington 5-7, 7-6 (4), 1-0 (5).
FINAL (Saturday)
Moore/Wick, Burlington, defeated Cook Yoder/Nelson, MUHS, 6-3, 6-2.

Girls' tennis is ousted

By ANDY KIRKALDY
MIDDLEBURY — Middlebury Union High School girls' tennis finished its regular season play at 5-5 and on Sunday was seeded No. 6 in the Division II tournament.
The Tigers took on host No. 3 Montpelier (10-3) on Tuesday, and the Solons defeated the Tigers, 7-0.
Coach Dan Comar noted three Tiger starters were ill and unable to participate.
The individual match results were:
At No. 1 singles, Allegra Muller, MHS, defeated Sophia Boise, MUHS, 6-0, 6-0.
At No. 2 singles, Bitty Lassner, MHS, defeated Piper Farnsworth, MUHS, 6-3, 6-2.
At No. 3 singles, Finn Lofgren, MHS, defeated Anna Wolosinski, MUHS, 6-3, 6-3.
At No. 4 singles, Natalie Quinn, MHS, defeated Addy Taylor, MUHS, 6-2, 6-2.
At No. 5 singles, MUHS forfeited.
At No. 1 doubles, Mallory Supan & Lizzy Sevi, MHS, defeated Grace Ritter & Clara Chant, MUHS, 6-4, 6-4.
At No. 2 doubles, Alex Cook & Zoe Kuehl MHS, defeated Sophia Nicolai & Quinn Mackey, MUHS, 6-2, 6-1.
In the Tigers' final regular season match on May 28, they lost to visiting D-I team Colchester, 5-2. Before play began, the Tigers celebrated senior day for team members Clara Chant, Subia Khan, Piper Farnsworth, Sophia Boise and Lucy Poduschnick. Coach Comar said they will be greatly missed.
The individual match results were:
At No. 1 singles, Olivia Bodillo, CHS, defeated Boise, MUHS, 6-1, 6-4.
At No. 2 singles, Dakota Karpinski, CHS, defeated Farnsworth, MUHS, 6-3, 6-4.
At No. 3 singles, Addy Hogan, CHS, defeated Wolosinski, MUHS, 6-2, 6-3.
At No. 4 singles, Maddie O'Brien, CHS, defeated Taylor, MUHS, 6-0, 6-3.
At No. 5 singles, Maddie Dutton,

CHS, defeated Maryam Khan, MUHS, 6-1, 6-4.
At No. 1 doubles, Subia Khan & Clara Chant, MUHS, defeated Keira McCollagh & Malia White, CHS, 6-4, 7-6.
At No. 2 doubles, Grace Ritter & Quinn Mackey, MUHS, defeated Anna Marshall & Ashley Cohen, CHS, 6-4, 6-2.

Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS	
Baseball	
D-II Playoffs	
6/6 #6 Enosburg at #3 Mt. Abe.....	4:30 PM
D-III Playoffs	
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6/5 #8 MUHS at #1 Lyndon.....	4:30 PM
6/6 #10 Milton at #2 Mt. Abe.....	4:30 PM
6/7 #6 Hartford at #3 OV.....	TBA
Girls' Lacrosse	
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6/5 #5 Rice at #4 MUHS.....	4:30 PM
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6/15 Final at UVM.....	TBA
D-II Playoffs	
6/5 #6 MAV at #3 U-32.....	4 PM
6/10.....	Semifinal Round
6/14 Final at Norwich.....	TBA
Boys' Lacrosse	
D-I Playoffs	
6/6 #9 Rice at #1 MUHS.....	4:30 PM
Semifinals.....	TBA
6/15 Final at UVM.....	TBA
D-III Playoffs	
6/9 #3 MAV at #2 Montpelier.....	4:30 PM
Final at Norwich.....	TBA
Boys' Tennis	
D-I Playoffs	
6/5 #7 MUHS at #2 Stowe.....	3:30 PM
6/7.....	Semifinal Round
6/9.....	Final In Shelburne
Track	
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TIGER SOPHOMORE GOALIE Levi Nuceder makes a key overtime save during the MUHS boys' dramatic home comeback victory vs. Mount Mansfield on this past Friday.

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Overtime

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another long-range shot, this time from straight on. Erwin answered late in the quarter to make it 8-2, but MUHS had life.

“We talked about that at halftime. We just needed one to kind of get the train running,” Rizzo said. “We weren’t playing with confidence ... We needed to relax a little bit, and Ben allowed us to do that.”

McNulty echoed that message. “Ben took over the game when we needed someone to, and I’m glad it was him,” McNulty said.

The Tigers still had a big hill to climb. And low defenders, senior George Devlin, juniors Marshall Eddy and Cooke Riney, senior long-stick middle Cam Whitlock, and sophomore goalie Levi Nuceder (eight saves) made sure it didn’t get steeper. The Cougars added just

one more score in the final period, a Haney goal that made it 9-6 with three minutes to go.

“Having the best defense and goalie out there is very helpful,” McNulty said. “They won us the game.”

At the other end, the Tigers gradually cut into the MMU lead. In the quarter’s opening minute, Debisschop curled around the crease from the left side and scored high over Cougar goalie Carson Jensvold (eight saves) to make it 8-4

Midway through the period Landon Kean scored in transition assisted by Angus Blackwell: 8-5.

McNulty tossed in a long shot from the left side at 3:57, and it was a two-goal game. Haney answered to make it 9-6, but the Tigers scored three times in three minutes

to force overtime.

Angus Blackwell hit in transition to pull the Tigers within 9-7. Tiger Cal Boulanger won the faceoff, and after a couple shots sailed wide, Kean found the net at 1:24 to make it 9-8.

But this time the Cougars controlled the faceoff, and gave the ball to Morigeau to kill the clock. But Riney harassed him as he went behind the goal, and a double-team came and forced a turnover. The Tigers had the ball with 40 seconds on the clock, but more than 100 yards from the MMU goal.

They worked the ball up the field, and with seven seconds to go, sophomore middle Brady Lloyd broke into the box past a defender and whipped a 10-yard lefthanded shot home. It was onto overtime.

There, Nuceder made a key



TIGER SENIOR ATTACKER Angus Blackwell fires a shot at goal during the MUHS boys' home dramatic comeback victory vs. Mount Mansfield on this past Friday.

Independent photo/John S. McCright

save on Morigeau, the ball went the other way, and McNulty’s shot found the net for what was a pivotal win for the Tigers.

He said he was just doing his job by being in the right place.

“It was a good team effort there. I was just waiting for the ground ball,” McNulty said. “And it just came to me.”

He said it felt great afterward. “It was pretty sweet to help our team out in coming back. It was just like, whew,” he said.

Rizzo said his message to his team at the half after three quarters was to keep plugging and play the right way.

“I said to the kids in the fourth quarter, we’re down six. I’ve seen crazier things in a game. We’ve got the talent to do it,” he said. “We talk a lot about believing in ourselves, and believing in each other, and trusting your teammates. And we just kept hammering on that message ... You’ve got to trust your teammates to do their job, and you do yours. And they started doing that. And that’s when things started to roll for us.”

What does McNulty think the dramatic win means?

“Middlebury hasn’t been No. 1 in a while, and it feels pretty good to finally be there, a lot of confidence going into the playoffs,” he said. “But you never know. You’ve got to keep that energy.”

In fact, Friday’s win not only gives the Tigers the top seed, but it also sets up the bracket so that

they will not play the only teams to defeat them — No. 4 South Burlington (11-4) and No. 6 Burr & Burton (9-7) — unless one of them faces MUHS in the final.

The Tigers will open the playoffs in a Friday quarterfinal at home at 4:30 p.m. against No. 9 Rice (5-12, which upset No. 8 Woodstock in a Tuesday first-round game. The Tigers defeated Rice twice this spring.

They are likely to face either No.

4 Champlain Valley (10-6) or No. 5 Rutland (10-5) in a semifinal next week if they get past the Wasps.

Rizzo hopes the Tigers will remember the lessons of that fourth quarter during the postseason.

“We shot ourselves in the foot and didn’t play our best in the first half, especially offensively. You’ve got to play with confidence in this game,” he said. “We’re pretty good when we play with confidence.”



MUHS SOPHOMORE MIDDLE Brady Lloyd fires home the tying goal with seven seconds to go during the Tiger boys' home comeback victory vs. Mount Mansfield on this past Friday.

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Boys’ tennis nets playoff opener

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury Union High School boys’ tennis team began its postseason defense of its 2024 state championship with a 7-5 record and a No. 7 seed. On Tuesday the Tigers defeated visiting No. 10 Rutland, 6-1.

The Tigers are set to take on host No. 2 seed Stowe (10-2) this Thursday afternoon.

The Raiders have defeated the Tigers twice, 5-2 in Stowe early this spring and 4-3 more recently in Middlebury.

If the MUHS get past Stowe this time around, the tournament schedule would most likely call for a road semifinal on Saturday and the final to be played on a neutral court in Shelburne on Monday.

Against Rutland on Tuesday, the individual match scores were:

At No. 1 singles, Jackson Murray (MUHS) defeated Sebastian Pell (Rutland), 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, Charles Young (MUHS) defeated Owen Hackett (Rutland), 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 3 singles, Nate Cook-Yoder (MUHS) defeated Nate Myers (Rutland), 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 4 singles, Jackson Gilman (Rutland) defeated Kaden Hammond (MUHS), 7-5, 6-4.

At No. 5 singles, Kirin Biancosino (MUHS) defeated Byron Patorti (Rutland), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)

At No. 1 doubles, Nate Cook-Yoder and Baker Nelson (MUHS) won by forfeit.

At No. 2 doubles, Adrien Malhotra and Spencer Copeland (MUHS) won by forfeit.

In the Tigers’ final regular season match on May 28, they won at Colchester, 4-3. The individual

match results were:

At No. 1 singles, Murray (MUHS) defeated Issac Blaisdell (Col.), 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 2 singles, Young (MUHS) defeated Josh Bierer (Col.), 6-0, 6-0.

At No. 3 singles, Cook-Yoder (MUHS) defeated Nate Myers (Col.), 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 4 singles, Lucien Timmerman (Col.) defeated Hammond (MUHS), 7-5, 6-4.

At No. 5 singles, Ben Shpaner (Col.) defeated Rheäume (MUHS), 6-1, 6-0.

At No. 1 doubles, Malhotra & Copeland (MUHS) defeated Tristan Badillo & Brock Payea (Col.), 6-0, 7-5.

At No. 2 doubles, Quang Lee & Josh Kaarla (Col.) defeated Alex Andersson & Jackson Lind (MUHS), 6-4, 6-4.

MAV girls

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the ball falls, we have to regain possession,” Cruschiel said.

There will be keys at both ends of the field against U-32, she said.

“We have to make sure we’re picking up the cutters through the eight, and making sure we’re balanced on our defense. And then just working the ball around and keeping ourselves moving on offense and sending the cutters through,” she said.

Dealing with the injuries is as much a mental challenge as a physical one, Chruschiel said.

“We’ve talked about how do you come off people getting injuries,” she said. “What are those adjustments that you have to make. It’s that mindset that we’ve been working hard on, where what can you do. What one thing can you do better? What one thing can you do to improve on and work harder on rather than dwell on the injury of another teammate.”

Certainly, the Commodores took charge early on Tuesday, scoring four unanswered goals in the first 7:21. Sophomore middle Meredith Dufault scored two of them and assisted senior Ruby Hellier’s, and freshman Callie Rule scored with an assist from sophomore Thompson Davis.

Milton’s Sabrina Morari got one back before the end of the period, and the Yellowjackets made a mild push to get back in the game in the second, with two out of the first three goals. Lillian Kascha-Hare and Maddie Rose scored for Milton, with the goals sandwiched around a solo effort by MAV freshman Ada Hellier, and it was 5-3 midway through the second quarter.

No worries. Dufault continued to dominate the draws, and before the end of the period Davis scored and set up an Ada Hellier goal, and Dufault netted a late free position to make it 8-3 at the half. Milton came no closer after the break.

Dufault led MAV with four goals, Rule had three goals and an assist, and Davis scored twice and set up three goals. Olivia Sawyer and Ada Hellier each scored twice, Ruby Hellier finished with a goal and two assists, Aubrey Coffey had a goal and an assist, and Ila Crowley

added a goal. MAV goalie Kendra Jackson made five saves. Dufault controlled 10 draws, and Rule led the team with eight ground balls.

Evelyn Burney scored twice in the second half for Milton, and Yellowjacket goalie Emily Tatro made seven saves.



MAV SOPHOMORE MIDDLE Thompson Davis races upfield with the ball during the Commodores’ first-round home playoff victory on Tuesday.

Photo by Mark Bouvier Photography

MAV boys’ lax set to face Solons

By **ANDY KIRKALDY**
BRISTOL — The Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative boys’ lacrosse team finished its regular season last week by winning twice in three outings to finish with a 5-7 record and earn the No. 3 seed in the five-team Division III tournament.

The defending D-III champion Eagles will open the tournament in a semifinal against No. 2 Montpelier (7-7) on June 9. The winner for that game will play in the final at Norwich University at a time and date to be announced. Montpelier recently defeated MAV.

No. 1 seed Green Mountain Valley (10-1) is highly likely to be in that final. The Eagles defeated the Gumbies in the 2024 title game.

REGULAR SEASON

As the regular season wound down, MAV was busy. On May

29 the Eagles defeated visiting Spaulding, 12-8. Asa Pratt and Lincoln Painter led MAV with four goals and an assist apiece, and adding a goal each were Addy Halby, Sawyer Visco-Lyons, Spencer Gebo and Mason Atkins. And Chase Atkins set up five of those goals; Mazin Swebston added an assist. Connor Nason made 10 saves in goal.

Carson Lewis and Evan Peloquin scored three apiece for the Tide; Peloquin reached 100 career goals. Two Tide goalies combined for seven saves.

On May 30 Montpelier defeated MAV, 11-4. Duncan Schroder led the Solons with four goals, and Phil Hilpherty and Chase Pickel scored three apiece. Solon goalie Oren Chapman made seven saves.

Pratt scored twice for Mount Abe, and Painter and Gebo added

a goal apiece. Nason blocked nine shots.

In a Saturday game moved from Lyndon to Bristol because of field conditions, the Eagles rolled past the winless Vikings, 14-2. Halby and Kestrel Edwards scored twice each to lead MAV, and a flock of Eagles added a goal apiece: Painter, Otto Sigfried, Jake Prouty, Levi Smith, Abe Camara, Cooper Cook, Nathan Lester, Nick Churchill, Oliver Zelonis and Nason. Joe Sullivan racked up six, assists, and Chase Atkins added three.

Nason made four saves in the first half, and Mason Forand made four in the second half.

Lyndon goalie Griffin Goodhue made 34 saves, including the 800th of his career. He was presented with the ball when he made his 800th save, which came on his 32nd of the game.

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Why not us?" he said. "And the kids are starting to believe."

Paine Mountain pitcher Charlie Fitzpatrick had a rough start, allowing six runs on two hits, a Gabe Scribner RBI double and a Liam Paquette RBI single, six walks and a hit batter. He struck out the first batter he faced in the second, but walked the next two.

His coach then waved reliever Jack Keys to the mound, and he walked a comparatively fewer five in the game's remaining three-plus innings. But that number also included the first batter Keys faced, and he allowed a two-run double to the next hitter, Liam McGuire. Another run soon came home, and VUHS led, 10-2.

Back in the first inning, Paine Mountain had nicked Scribner for two runs, one earned. Scribner walked Fitzgerald, the leadoff hitter, and Chase Wilkin singled. An error and a groundout scored the runs.

Paine Mountain threatened to get back into the game in the third inning, when Scribner momentarily lost his command. He hit the leadoff hitter, walked the next, and an Issac Sweet infield hit loaded the bases. But Scribner got his curveball working to mix in with his fastball and struck out the next three hitters to leave the bases loaded. The visitors did not threaten seriously again.

Scribner finished by allowing four hits, two walks and two earned runs while striking out five.

"Gabe did a heck of a job, bases loaded in the top of the third, getting out of that without a run," O'Brien said.

The Commodores scored three times off Keys in the fifth to end the game on the 10-run mercy rule. Ryan Wright and Scribner walked and ended up on second and third after stolen bases and a wild pitch. Fuller singled in Wright and stole second, and two more wild pitches scored both runners.

O'Brien was happy with what he called a team win.

"Everybody contributed today. The whole team got into the game," he said. "The guys sitting on the bench who got into the game did their jobs. I can't ask for any more than that."



SENIOR GABE SCRIBNER went the five-inning distance on the mound on Tuesday as the Commodore baseball team won a first-round Division III playoff game in Vergennes.

Photo by Mark Bouvier Photography



VUHS JUNIOR RYAN Wright is safe at the plate during the VUHS baseball team's home playoff win on Tuesday.

Photo by Mark Bouvier Photography

Baseball playoffs start

Mt. Abe nets bye; Tigers, Otters out

By ANDY KIRKALDY

ADDISON COUNTY — Mount Abraham and Vergennes were winners in the first round of high school baseball playoffs on Tuesday, but defending Division II champion Middlebury and Otter Valley each were ousted.

D-II Playoffs

The No. 3 Eagles opened with a 10-0, five-inning win over visiting No. 14 seed Lamoille (3-14).

Evan Corrigan earned the five-inning shutout, allowing one hit and striking out 10; he also poked two hits on offense. Cam Castillo drove in two runs with a pair of hits, Aricin Griffin picked up three RBI, and Riley Coffey also had a pair of hits.

The Eagles improved to 12-3 and are scheduled to host No. 6 Enosburg on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the quarterfinal round.

The Tigers were seeded No. 11 with a 4-12 record, and came up short, 6-4, at sixth-seeded Lake Division rival Enosburg. Hornet hurler Grady Gervais tossed a complete-game three hitter, and Sawyer Bentley doubled home two runs as Enosburg improved to 10-6 heading into a showdown with the Eagles.

Senior Tucker Morter took the pitching loss for MUHS, allowing six runs, but only two earned, over four innings, Tucker Wright poked an RBI double for MUHS.

The host No. 8 Otters were shut down by Harwood hurler Nick Casey, who struck out 11 and allowed three hits over six innings as the Highlanders defeated OV, 3-1, and improved to 8-8. OV's Nolan Tripp scored his team's only run on a passed ball. Jackson Howe and Jacob Worrell threw well while sharing mound duty for OV, but a couple miscues in the field proved costly. Noel Pearsons, one of only three seniors on the OV team, led the offense with two hits. The Otters wrapped up at 7-8.

D-III Playoffs

Vergennes (7-8) earned the No. 7 seed and defeated visiting No. 10 Paine Mountain (4-10) on Tuesday; see story on Page 1B.

REGULAR SEASON

The Eagles wrapped up with a pair of wins over the Commodores, one at VUHS on May 29, and one at home on May 30.

On May 29, the Eagles prevailed, 15-5. Producing for the Eagle attack were Castillo (two doubles, single, five RBI), Griffin (two hits, two RBI), and Clark Clary, Abe Ready and Brody Barnard (two hits apiece).

Ryan Wright had two hits for the Commodores.

The final score favoring the Eagles on May 30 was 17-4. Details were not reported.

On May 29 the Tigers wrapped up their regular season by splitting with visiting Milton, losing the continuation of a game suspended on May 17, 12-10, and prevailing in the other, 5-1.

In the 5-1 win, Gabe Velez tossed a complete game six-hitter, allowing only one unearned run and striking out five. A triple by Morter sparked the attack.

In the loss, the Tigers scored 10 runs, five earned, but came up short. Senior Alex Sperry doubled, singled and drove in a run, and Ryan Brouillard doubled and drove in two runs for MUHS.

Scoreboard

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5/28 MAV vs Spaulding.....	12-8
5/30 Montpelier vs MAV	11-4
5/30 MUHS vs Mt Mansfield.....	10-9 (OT)
5/31 MAV vs Lyndon	14-2
Boys' Tennis	
5/28 MUHS vs Colchester.....	4-3
D-I Playoffs	
6/3 #7 MUHS vs #10 Rutland.....	6-1
Girls' Tennis	
5/28 Colchester vs MUHS.....	5-2
D-II Playoffs	
6/4 #3 Montpelier vs #6 MUHS.....	6-0
Girls' Ultimate	
5/29 S. Burlington vs MUHS	9-7
Boys' Ultimate	
5/28 Mt Mansfield vs MUHS.....	15-5
Playoffs	
6/4 #13 MUHS at #4 Milton.....	Late

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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 UVMHNP/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.

“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.

SATURDAY

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 great local pottery at the same time. A portion of the proceeds will benefit MSS education programs.

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 Ilsley 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 Ilsley Library programs for all ages as well as staff development opportunities. Come check us out!

Vermont Lake Monsters Addison County kick-off in Middlebury. Saturday, June 7, noon, Notte, Two Brothers Tavern, 86 Main St. Free food, several Lake Monsters baseball players, and Tom Messner, who is a partner and “chief cheerleader” for the Vermont-based ball club. Proceeds from the event will go to the Vermont Children’s Hospital.

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.

Taste of Summer festival in Ferrisburgh. Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., town green. The Friends of the Union Meeting Hall’s annual kick-off to summer, family-friendly event, featuring over 20 market vendors, kids carnival with games and prizes, a 50/50 raffle and delicious eats from El Gato, 3 Squares and Rainbow Ice. Live music by the Kervick Brothers and Mike Scott and a visit from Ferrisburgh and Vergennes fire departments. V.A.R.S. will be onsite giving out free bike helmets for kids as well as information about the W.H.A.L.E. program and there will also be an open house inside the Union Meeting Hall to view restoration progress.

MONDAY

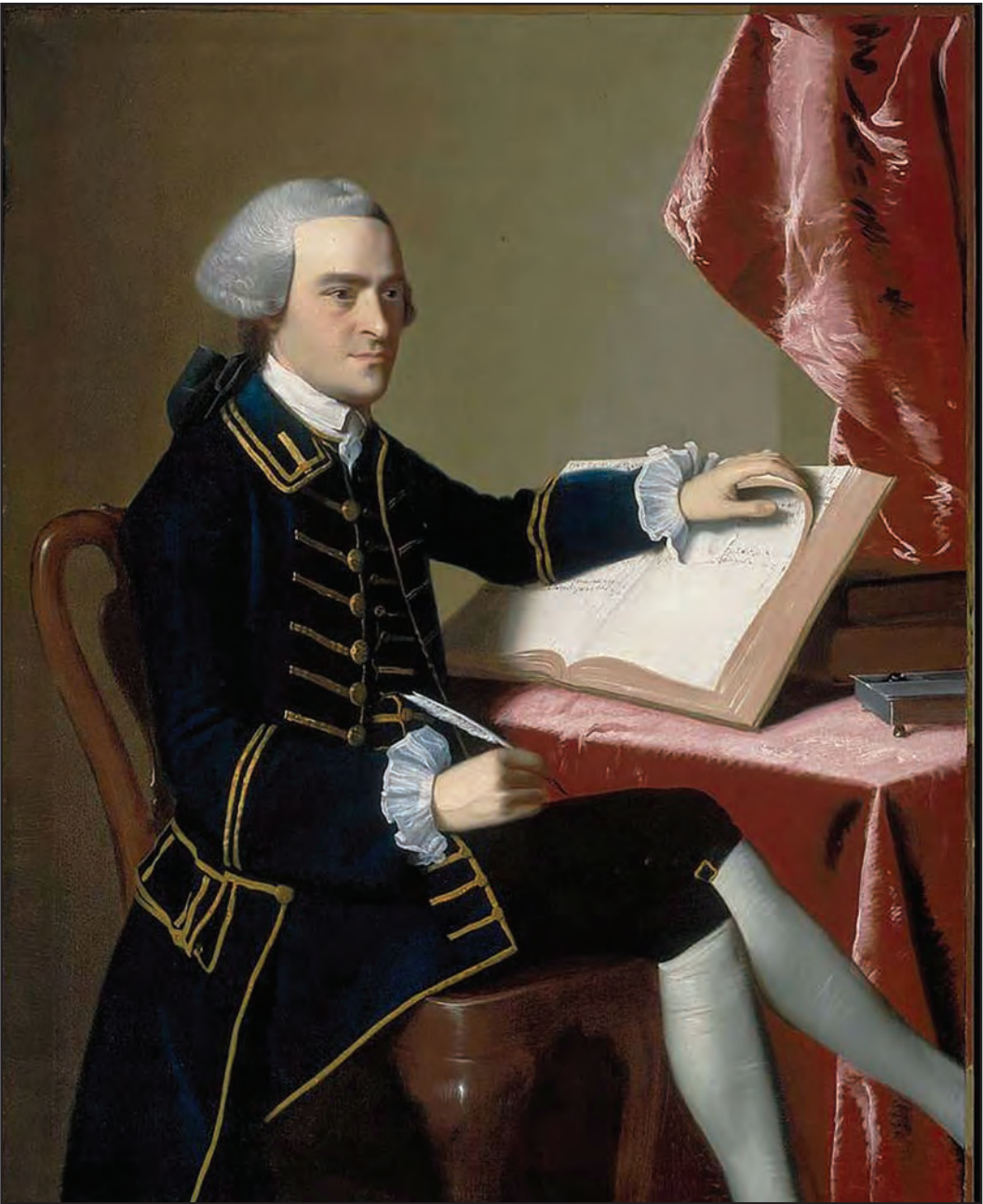
Cribbage Night in Bristol. Monday, June 9, 7 p.m., Libanus Lodge, corner of North and Elm Streets.

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.

Read with Therapy Dog Charlie Girl in Starksboro. Thursday, June 12, 3:30 p.m., Starksboro Public Library, Route 116. Read with Charlie Girl and Ms. Myriah (RES kindergarten teacher).

“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.



More than a signature

IN “JOHN HANCOCK: First to Sign, First to Invest in America’s Independence,” Saturday, June 14, 1-2 p.m., at Mount Independence State Historic Site, noted historian Willard Sterne Randall will speak about John Hancock, whose bold signature was the first on the new Declaration of Independence in 1776.

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.

Prize Bingo in Leicester. Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m., Senior Center, Leicester Four Corners. Sponsored by the Leicester Historical Society. Refreshments served and all are welcome. Final Bingo until Sept. 13.

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 vtfishandwildlife.org.

Used book sale in Vergennes. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bixby Memorial Library, 258 Main St. Stock up for summer reading. Browse through the selection of used books for sale in the Otter Creek Room downstairs. Enter from the back parking lot. Choose from a large variety of fiction, non-fiction and children’s books, some on orderly shelves and the more recently donated in boxes and on carts. Not priced – sold by donation.

Midd Summer Market in Middlebury. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Triangle Park corner of Main Street and Merchants Row. In conjunction with the Sparrow Art Supply Plein Air Festival, come see what’s on offer from 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/midd-markets.

No Kings rally in Brandon. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-noon, Central Park. Indivisible Brandon will hold a local rally. Bring your signs and flags and good cheer. Let us know you’re coming by registering online. A number of Vermont Indivisible groups have scheduled a flag relay on Route 7 to run concurrently with the rallies planned for the 14th. Help if you can.

Bridport Day in Bridport. Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., town green, 82 Crown Point Rd. Activities for kids, games, live music by Jim Shaw, Judd Markowski, and O’HAnleigh, craft/ vendor tables, dunk tank, Bridport community group information tables, Andrea Warren line dance instruction and dance. Plus there will be food, including creemees. If you have any interest in donating to this event or are willing to volunteer, please email bridportevents@gmail.com.

“John Hancock: First to Sign, First to Invest in America’s Independence” in Orwell. Saturday, June 14, 1-2 p.m., Mount Independence State

Historic Site, 472 Mt. Independence Rd. Noted historian Willard Sterne Randall will speak about John Hancock, whose bold signature was the first on the new Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Puccini’s “La Bohème” in Middlebury. Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. See June 12 listing.

Bingo in Vergennes. Saturday, June 14, 5 p.m., St Peter’s Parish Hall, 85 S. Maple St. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. A family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by the St. Peter’s Historic Preservation Committee to benefit the ongoing restoration efforts for the bell tower and the church.

Takeout-only chicken and biscuit supper in Vergennes. Saturday, June 14, 5- 6 p.m., Vergennes United Methodist Church, Main St., across from the Vergennes Opera House. Chicken and gravy over biscuits, stuffing, vegetable, cranberry sauce and dessert. Adults \$12. Take out preorder only. Must place order by 7 p.m. Thursday, June 12. To order call 802-877-3150.

SUNDAY

Vermont Days Weekend. Sunday, June 15, Mount Independence, Chimney Point, and Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Sites. See June 14 listing.

MONDAY

Addison Branch of the Vermont Railroad presentation in Shoreham. Monday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Old Stone School House, Route 22A. Shoreham Historical Society hosts Ed Barnard, who will speak on this subject and share his thoughts on the creation of a walking trail along this historic route.

WEDNESDAY

Home: “Gather” and Fair Housing in Middlebury. Wednesday, June 18, 6 p.m., NBM Meeting Room, Mini Ilsley Public Library, 30 Main St. In Ken Cadow’s book “Gather,” Ian loses his home through no fault of his own, illustrating how Vermont’s housing landscape can be unfair and exclusive. Kahlia Livingston and Jess Hyman of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity discuss the roots of Vermont’s lack of affordable housing and describe potential approaches to reduce housing discrimination. A Vermont Humanities Speakers Bureau Program. The meeting room at the back of the library, down Printer’s Alley.

Strawberry Festival in Shoreham. Wednesday, June 18, 6-8 p.m., Town Gazebo, on the green. Shoreham Congregational Church will offer its famous Strawberry Shortcake with fresh Vermont strawberries, biscuits, and real whipped cream. Generous portion \$7/smaller portion \$4. Bottled water \$1. Afghan raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

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NEWS

MONKTON — Russell Memorial Library continues with its regular activities with a few special events included.

On Tuesday, June 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be an Art FREE-for-All for an evening of low stress activity. Adults are invited to join Julie McGowan a local Monkton artist, who will guide you in art journaling activities. The library will supply basic art supplies, but if you have favorite supplies, by all means bring them. Come join in on the fun! If you haven't guessed, this program is free.

On Thursday, June 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the library will host a program sponsored by the Porter Medical Center Palliative Support Services called the Death Café. There are a limited number of free tickets available for this event. To secure your spot go to tinyurl.com/death-cafe-june. To learn more about Death Café, go to www.DeathCafe.com.

On Sunday, June 15, Stitch and Spin continues from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the monthly fiber project circle with guidance from Assistant Librarian Kat. Bring your crochet, knit, mending, sewing, stitching, weaving, spinning, felting or any other project to work on while enjoying the comradery of other crafters. Stitch and Spin will continue on the third Sunday of each month.

Heads up for the Strawberry Festival coming June 22! The library will welcome any donations of books you may want to give for their book sale. Please remember that the library cannot accept encyclopedias, religious, damaged or moldy books, textbooks, VHS or cassette tapes, music CDs, dictionaries, magazines or Readers Digest editions. Books that have been highlighted in or written it also cannot be accepted. For more information, contact the library at russellmemlibrary@gmail.com.

Donations will be accepted through June 17 during open hours.

Don't forget to bring your child to Toddler Tuesday on June 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. Your child will have the opportunity to play with others, explore the library to play with toys, games and check out books. Hang out at the library. It's loads of fun!

Community Yoga continues on Saturday, June 7, from 8 to 9 a.m.

News from the Monkton Scouts

The Monkton Scouts are sponsoring the Monkton Town-wide Yard Sale this year on June 21st. Get your yard sale location put on the Monkton Map for \$15. Contact Karen at puccidog@live.com or call/text 802-999-5145. More info to follow later.

Coming up

The 5th anniversary of Monkton's Dog Park celebration on June 14. Check next week's news for more info.



WALKERS WILL ENJOY a discovery station at a wooded spot along the Wright Park trail.

Let's go birding walk on June 21

MIDDLEBURY — Nature enthusiasts of all ages are invited to take part in a beginner's bird walk through Wright Park, a segment of the Trail Around Middlebury. This annual event will take place 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, and is hosted by the Otter Creek Audubon Society and Middlebury Area Land Trust.

Walking through Wright Park is a pleasant way to enjoy a summer's day and to sample the diverse natural landscapes of Addison County. The route begins in a shrubland then leads into a forest, passing the evidence of beaver activity. Walkers will enjoy their exploration in small groups led by local expert birders. There is much to explore: an



WALKERS ON THE Beginner's Bird Walk enjoy all of nature's surprise, turtle sightings.

Photos by Josh Phillips

unusual footbridge, woods dotted with birdsong, the peaceful banks of the Otter Creek, and the rich

diversity of trees and ferns. Along the way local naturalists will offer a station with a discovery activity. There will even be a "trail appropriate" snack available for hungry hikers.

Walkers may bring binoculars or borrow a pair from OCAS. The walk is family-friendly and suitable for all ages, but not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Wright Park parking lot north of Pulp Mill Covered Bridge. (Go northwest from the Middlebury Green on Seymour St., then just before Pulp Mill Covered Bridge turn right on Seymour St. Extension to the parking area at the end.) The walk will go rain or shine, but if you have questions, please call 713-818-7033.

Leave fawns alone, their mom is close

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. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost or needing to be rescued.

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.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

Champlain College announces spring honor lists

BURLINGTON — Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., has released its honors lists for the spring 2025 semester. The following students all of whom have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters, have been named to the Champlain College trustees' list for the Spring 2025 semester: **Tyler Chasse** and **Ezekiel Savage** of Bristol, **Kenneth Moran** and **Akiva Nugent** of Starksboro, and

ADDISON COUNTY School Briefs

Isaiah River of Vergennes.

With GPA's of 4.0 or higher only for the spring 2025 semester, the following students have been named to the Champlain College online President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the Spring 2025 semester: **Natasha Shepard** of Brandon,

Hillary Desilets of Bristol, **Matthew Troiano** of Lincoln and **Nicole Haury** of New Haven.

Dean's list students, with GPA's of 3.5 or high for the spring semester include: **Weston Allred**, **Shane Catella** and **Jesse Thomsen** of Bristol, and **Bowie Berloso**, **Lili Boe** and **Wu Dong** of Middlebury. **Maegan Conrad** of Bristol was named to the Champlain College online dean's list for the spring 2025 semester.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Every year we at the Addison Independent marvel when the school year ends and another batch of talented high school students graduate and move on to the next stage in their life journey. The time between when the first Students of the Week are published and the last seems to fly by so quickly, and this year is no exception. Congratulations to all of these outstanding humans on their accomplishments in the past year and best of luck as they venture out on their own. Below is a full list of Middlebury Union High School and Vergennes Union High School Students of the Week and their destinations in the fall.



What's next? Middlebury Union High School

Sarah Benz — Harvard University, Mass.
Matthew Berg — Macalester College, Minn.
Angus Blackwell — Endicott College, Mass.
Elsa Burrows — Whitman College, Wash.
Avery Carl — Bridgewater State University, Mass.
George Devlin — University of Notre Dame, Ind.
Indy Fetteroff — McGill University, Quebec
Subia Khan — Simmons University, Mass.

Ella Kozak — University of Toronto, Ontario
Sophia Lawton — Syracuse University, N.Y.
Beth McIntosh — Middlebury College
Emma Morrissey — University of Connecticut, Conn.
Luke Nuceder — Gap Year
Margaret Orten — Davidson College, N.C.
Gabe Schmitt — Employment: EastView
Ethan Spritzer — Vassar College, N.Y.
Kyle Stearns — Salve Regina University, R.I.
Leila Stillman-Utterback — Williams College, Mass.

What's next? Vergennes Union High School

Mary Cosgrove — Russel Sage College, N.Y.
Rory Couture — University of Vermont
Ethan Croke — Dartmouth College, N.H.
Luke Davis — Tufts University, Mass.
Axel de Boer — University of Denver, Colo.
Hailey Dusablon — Working
Grey Fearon — Vassar College, N.Y.
Spencer Gebo — Lasell University, Mass.
Torrey Hanna — Saint Michael's College
Kendra Jackson — University of Vermont
Sophia Johnson — Providence College, R. I.
Mia Kutchukian — Middlebury College
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Students of the Week from all area high schools are entered into a raffle to win a \$100 gift card to The Vermont Book Shop. The winner will be chosen at the end of the school year. Students of the Week are chosen by school teachers and administration.

Best of luck to all Addison County students!

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TOWN OF BRISTOL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bristol Development Review Board will hold the following hearings on June 24, 2025, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The hearings will be held in person at the Town Office, located at 1 South Street. The hearings will also be available via Zoom and login information is below.

Permit #24-402: Calihan Butler of South 116 RD (Parcel #110141-001) is requesting final plat review for a 3-lot subdivision subject to Bristol Unified Development Regulations to Article IX.

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

Remote Access: via Zoom

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Public Notices

can be found in this
ADDISON INDEPENDENT
on Pages 11B and 12B.

TOWN OF ORWELL HEARING NOTICE ATV/UTV Hearing

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6:00 PM, Orwell Firehouse.

To consider the Proposed Orwell ATV/UTV Ordinance, for the purpose of public comment for the use of ATVs/UTVs on Town Highways. Copies may be obtained at the Orwell Town Clerk's Office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, or on the town website at townoforwellvt.org.

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Monday - 8:30am to 4:00pm
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Thursday - 12:30pm to 4:00pm
Friday - 9:00am to 12:30pm

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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.

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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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.

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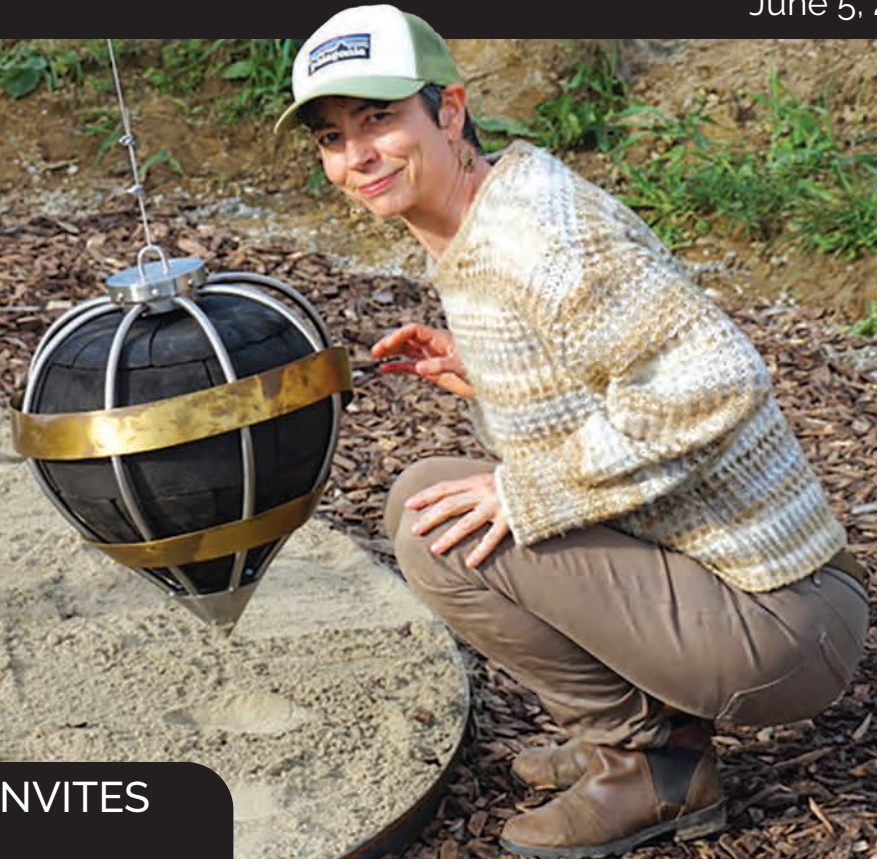
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The Addison Independent

June 5, 2025

THE ART OF DIRECTION

A SWINGING SCULPTURE IN MONKTON INVITES REFLECTION ON WHERE WE'RE HEADED



Rosalie D. Gagné releases her newest sculpture "Field Pendulum" during an opening reception on Friday evening at the Gordon Sculpture Park on the Willowell land in Monkton. The piece is the third and final installation of a six-year partnership between the Neuberger Museum of Art in New York and The Willowell Foundation. PHOTO / TASHA BALL

A pendulum swings — back and forth, back and forth. Sometimes a pendulum is used as a metaphor to explain large shifts: Democrats one year, Republicans the next... environmental stewardship one year, drill-baby-drill the next... Back and forth we go... you get the idea. Now if you put a point on that pendulum and let it draw, what shape would you see?

BY **ELSIE LYNN PARINI**

Not a line, no. The shape, as French physicist Léon Foucault found, is circular. The first Foucault pendulum experiment took place in Paris in 1851, and scientifically demonstrated the Earth's rotation.

A cycle. A pendulum connects us to a cosmic cycle. Woah.

Thanks to artist Rosalie D. Gagné and The Willowell Foundation, there's now a pendulum in Addison County that we can visit and make such a connection. Just last Friday, a crew of helping hands permanently installed Gagné's

"IN HER ART SHE GIVES SPACE FOR NATURE TO TALK BACK, TO INFORM, AND TO BE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE VIEWER."

— Matt Schlein

most recent work, "Field Pendulum," at the Gordon Sculpture Park on the Willowell grounds in Monkton.

This kinetic piece of art is suspended between three 20-foot, custom-made metal poles (thanks Nop's MetalWorks) and as it swigs it inscribes its lines on a round of sand. It "invites viewers to look at the complex interplay between personal perception and the larger macrocosmic motions of the Earth," reads a description from Willowell.

"I remember three years ago Matt (Schlein) introduced me to the project and we walked the land and he showed me the previous

artists' installations that were here, then he invited me to add something," Gagné recalled, addressing a friendly crowd gathered at the sculpture opening on Friday evening. "As an art educator myself, I thought 'OK I would like to bring something that will be nice to look at, but also something between an old scientific instrument and an art piece...' This was an opportunity for me to bring a work of art into the open air; it was a way for me to go back to my more traditional sculpture practice."

A strong, rounded cage of stainless steel binds "bob" of "Field Pendulum" in the shape of a reverse teardrop; dripping sharply to a solid steel point. A puzzle of charred cedar-wood pieces are sculpted and fit together inside the steel bob. It sounds harsh, and almost is... but what might feel too tense, is offset by a carefree brass band that holds the piece with a delicate elegance, and then... the movement.

The movement of this pendulum just might be everything.

Gagné pulled the bob hanging from a long

SEE PENDULUM ON PAGE 3

THE MONTH IN POETRY

IN JUST A FEW WORDS



Susan Jefts is a poet, editor, and writing mentor from the southern Adirondacks. Her poetry book, **"Breathing Lessons,"** was published fall of 2023 by Shanti Arts Publishers of Maine and can be found on the publisher's site, the usual online outlets, and in local bookstores. Her poems have been published in many anthologies and journals throughout the country. She is currently taking new clients for editing manuscripts and individual works, and offers workshops using poetry to explore our connections to the vital wisdom of the natural world. Her website is SusanJefts.com.

I am drawn to the pacing of this poem by Jim Bourey, who is a poet from the Adirondacks. The poem starts out as a discussion of a service for hire, but opens into one of connection and grace among people who don't really know each other. Because of one person's kind awareness and the other's receptivity, a moment becomes elevated to something beyond a transaction.

Sometimes a thoughtful word or a gesture made at just the right moment, can grow beyond itself and travel far. In this case, those words and gestures help to ease uncertainty and reach across a divide. The interaction between the young Amish father and the speaker's mother begins to feel a bit like a prayer itself; spiritual practice made visible and palpable.

How many times have we been in a situation where there is an opportunity to reach across that imaginary line that keeps us apart from another because we seem so different. It's easy to think "how could we ever relate, why bother, I'm running late." Yet, when we push aside doubt and reach out, it can shift a heart, which can begin to shift a community.

Jim Bourey is an old poet who lives on the edge of the Adirondacks. His books include **"Out There and Back Again"** and **"The Distance Between Us,"** both from Cold River Press. He co-wrote **"Season of Harvest"** with poet Linda Blaskey, published by Pond Road Press. His work has appeared in many journals and anthologies, and he is an associate editor of *The Broadkill Review*. He also runs a popular reading series at DAC in Malone, N.Y. Jim resides in Dickinson Center, N.Y., with his wife Linda.

SETTING THE PRICE

In high-summer evening-light four barefoot Amish kids bend, pulling weeds from their garden. My mother looks at them from the car window, smiles at the young woman on the porch who holds a baby close.

I lean on my car and talk to the man of the house. I want him to build our garage. He notices Mother, walks to her open window. She pulls back in her seat, afraid. He speaks softly to her, calls his children,

lifts each one ~ almost sings the names of Sarah, Esther Malachi and Ruth. He calls his wife. She comes, and her husband says -

This is Johanna and our new son David

Mother reaches out, strokes the infant's silken skin
Baby, Baby she says - soft, yet clear. Her first words in months.

The father and I set a price.

As we leave, Mother raises her hand and waves.
Soon the family will be inside praying,
turning down kerosene lamps,
quenching candles.

— Jim Bourey



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PENDULUM

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metal wire, set it free and then began to speak at Friday's opening.

"This is 'Field Pendulum,'" she said. "It's inspired by

the Foucault pendulum... This isn't a classical Foucault pendulum obviously, but referring to it. The intent of this experiment is to prove that the Earth is spinning... For me it's a way to connect the human scale to the more cosmological scale... My wish is that people will interact with this; use it as a tool for experimentation and learning."

"This is the first gathering of what I suspect will be many in this space," said Schlein, the founder and director of The Willowell Foundation.

"It's the perfect kind of space, on the right kind of day, for a classroom," added Willowell's Pond Brook Project director Eric Warren, who's been teaching 7- to 9th-graders there for the past 24 years, and was what Schlein called "herculean" in the installation of the new piece.

"On Sunday we had a vision for how it was going to be and on Monday we had a different vision for how it was going to be," Schlein said, alluding to the deluge of rain that came during installation week. "There was a lot of creative thinking to bring this piece here, but now it is rooted in its home and solid."

"I am so surprised and happy to see it here," said Patrice Giasson, Alex Gordon Curator of Art of the Americas for the Neuberger Museum of Art in Purchase, N.Y. "It's miraculous!"

Giasson discovered Gagné's work more than two decades ago in Mexico, where they both lived at the time.

"I was studying there as an art historian," explained Giasson who, like Gagné, originates from Quebec. "One day I met her and discovered we have so many things in common."

Giasson has followed Gagné's work closely and is the curator responsible for her 2024 exhibition at the Neuberger.

What's the connection between the Neuberger Museum of Art and The Willowell Foundation?

Turns out this installation is the third and final one of a six-year partnership between the two institutions. Gagné's "Field Pendulum" has now joined previous works by Engels the Artist and Nicolás De Jesús in the sculpture park.



A crew worked to set up Rosalie D. Gagné's "Field Pendulum" metal structure by hand on Friday last week.

PHOTOS / ERIC WARREN

Schlein highlighted The Willowell Foundation's commitment "to consilience of arts, education and the environment" in the forward of a book published for Gagné's exhibition. "In her art she gives space for nature to talk back, to inform, and to be in dialogue with the viewer... Now, more than ever, we need the tonic of nature to remind us and help us re-vision the direction we are heading as a species. Rosalie's work helps us to do this very thing."

Take a moment to visit "Field Pendulum" in the Monkton sculpture park (open dawn to dusk on weekends and afternoons during weekdays); and consider your direction.

Editor's Note: For more information about Rosalie D. Gagné and the sculpture park, contact info@willowell.org.



Emma Sekercan and Ian Gramling provided tunes at the opening reception, while Owen Griffith (left) and Theo Prescott – Ruell (right) helped rake the sand for the pendulum.

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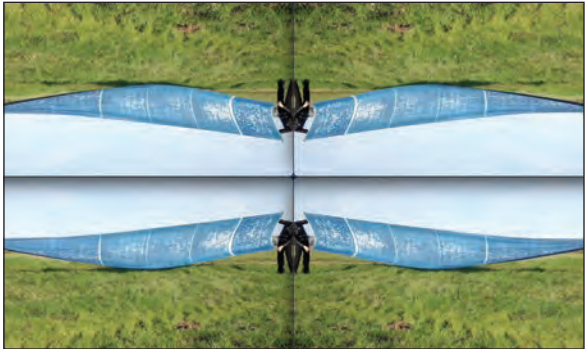
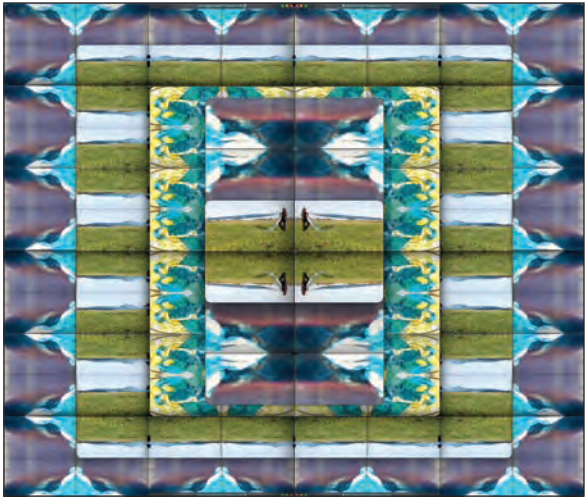
ART ON EXHIBIT

Alumni present 10th reunion exhibit at Johnson Gallery

The Johnson Gallery on the campus of Middlebury College will open a new exhibit on June 9. "Making It" is an exhibition that showcases work by studio art alumni who will be returning to campus for their 10th reunion. Featured artists: Jane McCabe, Robbie

Seltzer, Shirel Lebovich, Chloe Wilwerding, Isa Cuglievan, and Emily Knapp.

On view June 9-Sept. 26. Johnson Exhibition Gallery summer hours: M/W/F 1-5 p.m., and T/Thur. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



JANE MCCABE



Stills from Shirel Lebovich's animations and stop motions will be part of the exhibit opening June 9 at the Johnson Gallery in Middlebury.



Hey Rob, what's for Sunday Supper?

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EDGEWATER AT THE FALLS

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For more info visit edgewatergallery.com, call 02-458-0098 or email info@edgewatergallery-vt.com.

"Pastoral Impressions," featuring the landscapes of local artist Joe Bolger. Bolger's paintings are characterized by his commitment to plein air painting, a practice that allows him to observe and depict the transient effects of light in real-time. Join an artist talk and brunch on Saturday, June 14, at 11 a.m., where Joe Bolger will share insights into his inspiration, artistic process, and painterly techniques. Coffee and light fare served. On view June 7-July 27.

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.

"Dreams and Imagined Realities." Featuring photographs that embody the spirit of dreaming — images that are deeply personal, ethereal, mysterious, or even unsettling. These images capture the blurred line between reality and fiction, bringing forth the magic, wonder and complexity of the mind's eye. Juror Emma Powell (a Middlebury native!) selected approximately 35 images for exhibition in the Middlebury gallery, and 40 more for the online gallery. On view June 6 - June 27.

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Cosmic Forecast

ARIES: March 21/April 20. This is a terrific time to get a grasp on your inner emotions and thoughts, Aries. You may feel extra sensitive and loving towards others, especially your partner.

TAURUS: April 21/May 21. Taurus, you may come across some rough spots that need to be ironed out this week. It may not be easy, but if anyone can handle it, that would be you. Make some firm choices.

GEMINI: May 22/June 21. It's easier to express how you feel to someone important in your life by doing so in person, Gemini. Set up a meeting where you can get things off of your chest.

CANCER: June 22/July 22. Cancer, there may be a day this week where you feel like you're all ready to go somewhere but you have no invitation. Make your own plans and get something started.

LEO: July 23/Aug. 23. Elements of your life seem to be falling into place, Leo. This is happy news for you. Enjoy this well-earned change.

VIRGO: Aug. 24/Sept. 22. It could be one of those weeks when your head is in the clouds and you can't focus, Virgo. Make an effort to organize your thoughts and take the week one task at a time.

LIBRA: Sept. 23/Oct. 23. Libra, you are receptive to different creative or recreational outlets this week. Think about a trip to a

museum or even a botanical garden. You can use a respite from the grind, anyway.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24/Nov. 22. Some health issues have you feeling less like yourself, Scorpio. You're eager to get to the bottom of things. Make your well-being a priority and don't worry about anything else until then.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23/Dec. 21. No one really knows what they will get with you this week, Sagittarius. Your mood is in flux. Focus your attention and try to avoid getting too up or too down.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22/Jan. 20. It may be difficult for you to connect with others this week, Capricorn. Your mind is running in a million different directions and this can make it challenging for you to make plans.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 21/Feb. 18. Aquarius, the clouds are parting and the sun is about to come bounding through. Bask in this

shift and make plans to get up and go.

PISCES: Feb. 19/March 20. Pisces, be mindful that you may not have the commitment to finish any project you start this week. But give it your best shot.

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JUNE 8 — Frank Lloyd Wright architect (d)

JUNE 9 — Anoushka Shankar, musicians (44)
JUNE 10 — Howlin' Wolf, Blues musician (d)
JUNE 11 — Peter Dinklage, actor (56)
JUNE 12 — Anne Frank, diarist (d)

CALENDAR

JUNE 5-14
2025



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 www.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.

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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 TRAIL WORK IN RIPTON. Saturday, June 7, Bread Loaf Wilderness. (Rescheduled from May 31.) 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.

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

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.

KING PEDE CARD PARTY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, June 7, 6:30 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. Evening begins with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and games. King Pede is challenging in that it involves "trick-taking" such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking!

"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.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8

PUCCINI'S "LA BOHÈME" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. See June 6 listing.

MY DENTIST'S SON IN FERRISBURGH.

Sunday, June 8, 3-4 p.m., Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center, 3279 Route 7. Some of the most beautiful moments in life — the ones we immediately know are special — tend to defy explanation. My Dentist's Son is a place for stories that don't fit. A space where we can share the mystical experiences we are graced with — big or small — and have them held and anchored by community. This is a space where these cherished moments are met with acceptance, awe, respect and gratitude. Questions? Email connect@mydentistsson.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

FIBER ARTS CIRCLE IN STARKSBORO.

Monday, June 9, 1-3 p.m., Starksboro Public Library, Route 116. Explore the world of fiber arts. Join us for a weekly gathering dedicated to the Fiber Arts. All fiber arts welcome. You do not need to be an expert to come knit, crochet, weave, embroider, sew or quilt with us. All levels welcome. Bring a friend or two and come learn a new stitch or technique and share your current projects! No registration required. Drop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m.

"THE SPITFIRE GRILL"

AUDITIONS IN MIDDLEBURY.

Monday, June 9, 7-9 p.m., Middlebury Fitness, 175 Wilson Rd. The Middlebury Community Players will hold open auditions for this heartfelt musical by James Valcq and Fred Alley, based on the 1996 film. Callbacks on Saturday, June 14.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

BLUEGRASS EXTRAVAGANZA

TOP PICK

Vergennes Parks & Recreation is hosting a free evening of music, food and a raffle on **Friday, June, 13**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The fundraising event is called the **"PUSH TO THE PAVILION MUSIC CONCERT"** and will be held at Veterans Memorial Park in Vergennes. Live music will be provided by the Pavilion Rock Band, with food from Rockers Pizza, lulu Ice Cream and Weird Window Brewery. Raffle tickets will be sold onsite or you can email adminassistant@vergenne.org to get them in advance. An Adirondack chair and side table from Woodware (value \$600) will go home with the winner (not necessary to be present to win).

IN BRISTOL. Wednesday, June 11, 5-8 p.m., The Tilleran, 1868 North 116 Rd. Music is free. Food and beverages available for purchase.

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"A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT" ON SCREEN IN MIDDLEBURY.

Thursday, June 12, 1 p.m., Marquis Theater & Café, 65 Main St. Join Ilesley Public Library and Marquis Theater for a screening of this 1992 film, followed by a short discussion. A memoir of two very different brothers — one reserved, the other a hell-raiser — angling for the attention of their preacher father, who uses fly-fishing as a metaphor to teach his Cain and Abel offspring about life in early 20th-century Montana. As always, the popcorn is on us.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 13

ATOM & THE ORBITS IN BRISTOL.

Friday, June 13, 5-8 p.m., BCC Botanicals, 140 North St. Noah Hahn has spent the last decade playing in two-step bands from Vermont to Louisiana. Atom & the Orbits is the rocket ship he has assembled to launch those danceable rhythms in the form of two-minute old-school power pop songs a la Chuck Berry. Live, the Orbits blast off from the early rock 'n roll universe, expanding and exploring the outer reaches of what it means when they say, "Let's Rock!" More info at www.bristolcollaborativecampus.com/gathering#freshie-Friday.

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.

HARD SCRABBLE IN NEW HAVEN.

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ART OPENING RECEPTION

IN BRANDON. Friday, June 13, 7-8:30 p.m., Brandon Artists Guild, 7 Center St. An opening for works by artist David Munyak. Refreshments served.

PUCCINI'S "GIANNI SCHICCHI" IN MIDDLEBURY.

Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Anderson Studio, Town Hall Theater, 72 Merchants Row. Come experience the Opera Company of Middlebury Young Artist Program's fully-staged production of this one-act comedy sung by a talented group of 2025 Young Artists from around the country. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

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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 vtfishandwildlife.org.

WILDLIFE WALK IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, June 14, 7 a.m., Otter View Park, intersection of Weybridge St. and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. Otter Creek Audubon and the Middlebury Area Land Trust invite community members to help us survey birds and other wildlife at Otter View Park and the Hurd Grassland. Birders of all ages and abilities welcome. For more information, call 802-388-6019.

PLEIN AIR ART FESTIVAL IN MIDDLEBURY.

Saturday, June 14, all day, locations around Middlebury. Sparrow Arts Supply invites all to join them for a choose-your-own-adventure weekend of outdoor art making. Whether you're a seasoned plein air painter or new to painting outside, this two-day festival is designed to inspire creativity in the great outdoors. Middlebury will come alive with artists at scenic spots around town —

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Attention Fiddlers!

Free Youth and Adult Fiddling Workshops and Concert with composer/fiddler Dan Trueman and the Bergamot Quartet

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Youth Workshop (ages 5-15): 2-3pm

Adult Workshop (ages 16+): 2-3:30pm

Concert: 4pm at Bread & Butter Farm
200 Leduc Farm Road, Shelburne



All events are free, but pre-registration is required.

Visit

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to learn more and register!

CALLING ALL ACTORS: Try out for ‘The Spitfire Grill’ next week

The Middlebury Community Players will hold open auditions for “The Spitfire Grill,” a heartfelt musical by James Valcq and Fred Alley, based on the 1996 film. Auditions are scheduled for Monday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 11, from 7-9 p.m., at Middlebury Fitness, with callbacks on Saturday, June 14.

After serving a five-year prison sentence, Percy Talbott seeks a fresh start in Gilead, Wisconsin, a picturesque town she discovered in a travel book. She takes a job at the Spitfire Grill, run by the tough but weary Hannah Ferguson, and sparks a bold idea: raffle off the grill to someone with the best story. The plan reshapes the town and its residents in unexpected ways. At its heart, the musical explores themes of redemption, second chances, and the quiet resilience of community in the face of hardship.

This ensemble-driven production offers rich roles for four women and three men, with

AUDITION DETAILS

WHERE: Middlebury Fitness, 175 Wilson Rd, Middlebury

WHEN: June 9 & 11, 7-9 p.m. (Check-in at 6:30 p.m.)

DETAILS: Please park in the lower parking lot. Attend one session only. To arrange an alternate time, email jfenner@auraquest.com.

a focus on strong acting and singing. Cold readings and vocal selections will be provided. Movement will be part of auditions; please dress comfortably.

ROLES AVAILABLE

Percy Talbott (20s-30s): Troubled yet strong. Soprano with strong folk-country belt.

Hannah Ferguson (60s-70s): Gruff exterior, tender heart. Alto.

Shelby Thorpe (30s-40s): Shy, blossoms over

time. Soprano with strong mix.

Caleb Thorpe (30s-40s): Bitter and proud. Baritone.

Joe Sutter (20s-30s): Local sheriff, earnest. Tenor.

Effy Krayneck (40s-60s): Town busybody. Mezzo-alto; comic timing.

The Visitor (40s-50s): Silent but powerful role. Strong physical acting required.

REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

Rehearsals begin the week of July 7, typically two weeknights and Sunday afternoons. Performances run Oct. 16-26, at Town Hall Theater, Middlebury.

MCP encourages inclusive and diverse casting. Actors of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, and backgrounds are welcome.

Visit MiddleburyCommunityPlayers.org or find us on Facebook for more information and audition resources. Questions? Contact info@middleburycommunityplayers.org or call 802-377-3540.



Pictured from left to right: Tamara Hilmes, EJ Kavounas, Carolyn Kuebler, Emily Lee Luan, and Lauren Markham. These authors will read selected works on Saturday, June 7, in Middlebury. Free and open to all.

NER alumni reading at this weekend’s Middlebury reunion

In celebration of Middlebury’s reunion weekend, New England Review will host a reading for five alumni authors on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m., in Axinn Center 229.

The featured readers are writer and design director Tamara Hilmes (2010), science fiction writer EJ Kavounas (1990), novelist and editor Carolyn Kuebler (1990), poet Emily Lee Luan (2015), and writer and journalist Lauren Markham (2005).

This event is free and open to the public. Print and e-book subscriptions and a coveted selection of New England Review merch will be sold onsite.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Tamara Hilmes (2010) is a fiction writer

and design director. She holds a BA from Middlebury in English, and an MFA in Fiction from the Bennington Writing Seminars. She attended the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference in 2009, and began her career writing for *The Middlebury Campus* and *Addison County Independent* newspapers. Since graduating, she’s managed teams of writers and product designers at Foursquare, Vimeo, and now Spotify. She’s currently revising and seeking representation for “My Bias,” a literary K-pop novel. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

EJ Kavounas (1990) is a Los Angeles-based writer whose grounded brand of science fiction appears in *Infinite Worlds* and *Amazing Stories*, with his latest piece, “Vagabond,” forthcoming in *Penumbra*. An investment banker turned producer, his credits include

the feature film “Hero Mode” (now streaming on STARZ) and the audio drama “Broken Road,” which can be found on Apple and Spotify. He earned a BA in English Literature from Middlebury College and an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of the Odyssey and Bread Loaf workshops. With a penchant for outdoor adventures, you can catch him on the trails in the Santa Monica mountains or at recursor.tv/about-ej-kavounas.

Carolyn Kuebler (1990) was an English major with an Italian minor at Middlebury, and much later got her MFA at Bard College. She is the author of the novel “Liquid, Fragile, Perishable,” published in May 2024 by Melville House. Her

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PUZZLES

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ACROSS

- 1. Marsh plant
- 6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
- 10. Fogginess
- 14. Home to Fools' Day
- 15. Absence of the sense of pain
- 17. Popular November holiday
- 19. Consume food
- 20. Buddy
- 21. Long-haired goat-antelope
- 22. Japanese honorific
- 23. Actor Malek
- 24. One point south of southeast
- 26. Illegal acts
- 29. As fast as can be done
- 31. Prevents harm to

- young
- 32. Exclamation of satisfaction
 - 34. African nation
 - 35. Slow-moving animal
 - 37. Oh, goodness!
 - 38. A team's best pitcher
 - 39. Cleanser
 - 40. Radioactivity units
 - 41. Expecterated matter
 - 43. Cover a wide range
 - 45. The central area of a church
 - 46. California capital (abbr.)
 - 47. Dutch painter Klaver
 - 49. 007's creator
 - 50. Impression of dishonesty

- 53. Northeastern sports rivalry
- 57. Cloths
- 58. Stalin's police chief
- 59. Hostelryes
- 60. Bitterly regret
- 61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

DOWN

- 1. Satisfy
- 2. European health advocate
- 3. Expression of annoyance
- 4. Strong liquor
- 5. Large red deer
- 6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
- 7. West Indian shrub
- 8. Family of proteins
- 9. Wealthy, influential

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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

business leader

- 10. Low spirits
- 11. Approves food
- 12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
- 13. Mary __, cosmetics
- 16. Expressed in pithy maxims
- 18. Relaxing spaces
- 22. The NFL's big game
- 23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
- 24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
- 25. Indicates near

- 27. Minneapolis suburb
- 28. Herring-like fish
- 29. Doctors' group
- 30. Pouches
- 31. Bread dipping in sauce
- 33. Commercials
- 35. A reminder of past events
- 36. Affected by injury
- 37. Geological time
- 39. Stationary part of a motor
- 42. Brings together
- 43. Of sound mind
- 44. Personal computer

- 46. Without (French)
- 47. A bank might give you one
- 48. Agricultural testing organization
- 49. A small island
- 50. Type of gene
- 51. Murres
- 52. Card game
- 53. A measure of human health
- 54. Australian airline (abbr.)
- 55. One point south of due west
- 56. Affirmative

This week's puzzle solutions can be found on Page 12.

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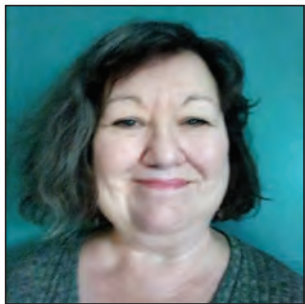
Planting time is almost here. While some crops will be directly sown, many others will begin as starter plants that have been grown from seed at home or purchased locally. The trick is to successfully move those plants from the controlled environment where they've been nurtured to the great outdoors.

BY **DEBORAH J. BENOIT**

The first thing to decide is when you'll be moving those starter plants into the garden. There's more to consider than waiting for a warm, sunny day. We all know how fickle Mother Nature can be: temperatures in the 70s one day, dropping below freezing at night the next, maybe snow a few days later. Springtime in New England can be tricky.

To help decide when to put in your garden, first determine your location's average last frost date. While anything is possible weather-wise, the average last frost date will tell you when the chances of freezing temperatures have diminished sufficiently for you to put in your garden without worrying that a killer frost will wipe out your efforts.

You can find the average last and first frost dates for your location here: garden.org/



Deborah J. Benoit is a UVM Extension Master Gardener from North Adams, Mass., who is part of the Bennington County Chapter.

apps/frost-dates. Enter your zip code to find the chance of freezing temperatures from April to June.

For example, in Middlebury there is a 50 percent chance of temperatures falling to 36 degrees on May 26, but by June 7, the chance of a frost falls to just 20 percent. A week later, it's just 10 percent.

Two weeks prior to that date, begin "hardening off" your plants to prepare them for the transition. During that time, you'll introduce them to conditions outdoors: sunlight, changing temperatures, wind and perhaps rain.

When daytime temperatures are above 50 F, temporarily move plants to a protected location outdoors, such as a covered porch or an area of dappled shade. Begin with an hour or two the

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Wait to plant peppers and other tender transplants in the garden until overnight temperatures are above 50 F, keeping an eye on the weather forecasts as a late-season frost is always possible.

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Voting is open through midnight on June 13. The dog with the most votes wins, and the winner will appear for a swearing-in ceremony at the town offices at 11 a.m., on Monday, June 16.

The local humane society has a goal of raising \$10,000 with this campaign. Cast your votes for \$5 each (unlimited voting). Let the 'pup-ular' vote decide!

Vote for the Next Dog Mayor of Middlebury



Ed



Nat



Tela



Reggie

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Barney



Barney is a friendly 9-month-old. He is a playful little tabby and can turn anything into a toy. After playtime, he is ready for pets and purrs, always eager to be near his human. He loves to sleep in his cat tree and look out the window. He enjoys his food and especially loves his churro treats; in fact, he will stand up and hold the packet himself! He takes some time to warm up to new humans but once he does, he will be your best friend.

Enola



Enola is a 1-year-old survivor with a heart full of love. Enola's story is one of resilience. She was rescued from a Miami trailer park just before it was demolished, losing the only home she'd ever known. But through it all, Enola held onto her gentle spirit and loving heart. This beautiful Abyssinian-tabby mix is graceful and sleek, with striking features—pointy ears, defined cheeks, and a svelte body that gives her an elegant, one-of-a-kind look.

Steven



Steven is a scruffy-looking, but handsome guy! He is estimated to be around 3 years old. Originally found as a stray, Steven was believed to be feral but has proven otherwise. He is super affectionate! Steven can be a bit nervous around male cats but seems to have no problem with females. He loves sunbathing on the screened-in porch and chowing on his dry food.

Xena



Xena is a playful and affectionate girl that we estimate to be 6 years old. Her favorite things include being pet and eating treats. She has been an indoor-only cat and has lived with other cats. Xena has some experience with dogs.

Bella



Hi! I'm **Bella**, a 7-pound Chihuahua mix. Life's been hard for me lately. My owner passed away, and I've felt lost in the world. I'm scared of a lot of things, and it's taking me a long time to warm up to new people. Currently, I'm in my comfortable foster home. My foster mom says I'm slowly warming up to her but still have ways to go. I absolutely love cats and would love a feline companion.



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GARDEN

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At this point, don't worry that your plants won't get enough light. Direct sunlight is far stronger than a grow light or natural light through a window and can burn tender leaves accustomed to less intense light. By the end of two weeks, the plants can be placed in the area where they'll be planted.

Be aware that wind can break tender stems. Wind and sun can also dry out pots faster than if they were inside, so adjust watering as necessary.

After a week or two (depending on the weather), your plants will be acclimated to their new environment

first day, gradually increasing the amount of time they're outdoors over the next two weeks.

and ready to take their place in your garden.

Moving plants in and out each day for two weeks may seem like a lot of bother, but by slowly introducing plants to life outdoors, you can lessen their stress adapting to stronger light, wind and varying temperatures that they didn't experience indoors.

When it's time to put in your garden, overnight temperatures should be above 50 F, but watch the weather forecasts. A late-season frost is always possible.

Have a plan in mind to protect plants if needed. An old sheet, blanket or tablecloth work well. Avoid using plastic because it can cause damage to foliage it touches.

It won't be long before those tiny starter plants will be flowering and bearing veggies for your table.

NER

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stories and essays have appeared in *The Common* and *Colorado Review*, among others, and "Wildflower Season" (*Massachusetts Review*) won the 2022 John Burroughs Award for Nature Essay. She was a co-founder of the literary magazine *Rain Taxi* and an associate editor at *Library Journal*, and for the past eleven years she has been the editor of the *New England Review*, published at Middlebury College.

Emily Lee Luan (2015) is the author of "Return," a winner of the Nightboat Poetry Prize, and "I Watch the Boughs," selected for a Poetry Society of America Chapbook Fellowship. A 2025 National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellow and the recipient of a Pushcart Prize, she has published her work in *The Best American Poetry 2021*, *American Poetry Review*, *LitHub*, and elsewhere. She is a Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Adelphi University and on the teaching faculty of Adelphi's low-residency MFA.

Lauren Markham (2005) is a writer based in California whose work regularly appears in outlets such as *Harper's*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *VQR*, where she is a contributing editor. She is the author of the award-winning "The Far Away Brothers: Two Young Migrants and the Making of an American Life," the California Book Award-shortlisted "A Map of Future Ruins: On Borders and Belonging" (2024), and the recently released "Immemorial" (2025).

CALENDAR

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parks, river overlooks, sidewalks, and gardens — capturing the beauty of Vermont on the spot. One Day Pass: \$35. Two Day Pass: \$50, artists age 15 and younger participate for free with registration. Spectators welcome. More info at sparrowartsupply.com/plein-air-festival.

ABENAKI HERITAGE WEEKEND IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 4472 Basin Harbor Rd. Join Vermont's Native American community for Abenaki Heritage Weekend and Arts Marketplace. Explore Abenaki perspectives on life in the Champlain Valley. Activities include storytelling, craft demonstrations, drumming, singing, and more. Bring a picnic basket for your lunch. Free. Learn more at the abenakiart.org.

ELECTROSTATIC CATS IN BRANDON. Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Park, off Center

Street. Come hear a small band with a big sound. Free. Part of Bandon's Live at Kennedy Park series.

ARTIST TALK WITH JOE BOLGER IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 14, 11-12:30 p.m., Edgewater Gallery at the Falls, 1 Mill St. Free.

SHEEP AND WOOL DAY IN FERRISBURGH. Saturday, June 14, noon-3 p.m., Rokeby Museum, 4334 Route 7. Live sheep, weaving demonstrations, food, live music, John Vincent (A Revolutionary Press) and his monotype printing press, and the Instrument Petting Zoo, presented by Vermont Folklife. Free. More info at 802-877-3406, rokeby.org.

LADIES DAY ON THE NEW HAVEN RIVER: INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING IN BRISTOL. Saturday, June 14, 1-4 p.m., Sycamore Park, Route 116. Learn the art of the cast, knots, flies and, of course, lots of water ecology and ethics. Try your hand at wading and catching that trout. Enjoy a fun afternoon and leave with new friends and a new favorite sport. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing for being outdoors. Waders will be provided. Register at tinyurl.com/LCMM-Ladies-fly-fishing.

PUCCINI'S "LA BOHÈME" IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., Main Stage, Town Hall Theater, 76 Merchants Row. See June 12 listing.

"PAUL REVERE RESISTS" DRAMATIC READING IN MIDDLEBURY. Saturday, June 14, 2:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the green. Indivisible Middlebury hosts this dramatic reading on No Kings Day. Written for Writers for Democratic Action and Based upon the classic Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem "Paul Revere's Ride," the play runs around half an hour with audience discussion to follow taking up the critical question of rescuing our democracy. Directed by Rebecca Strum. Free.

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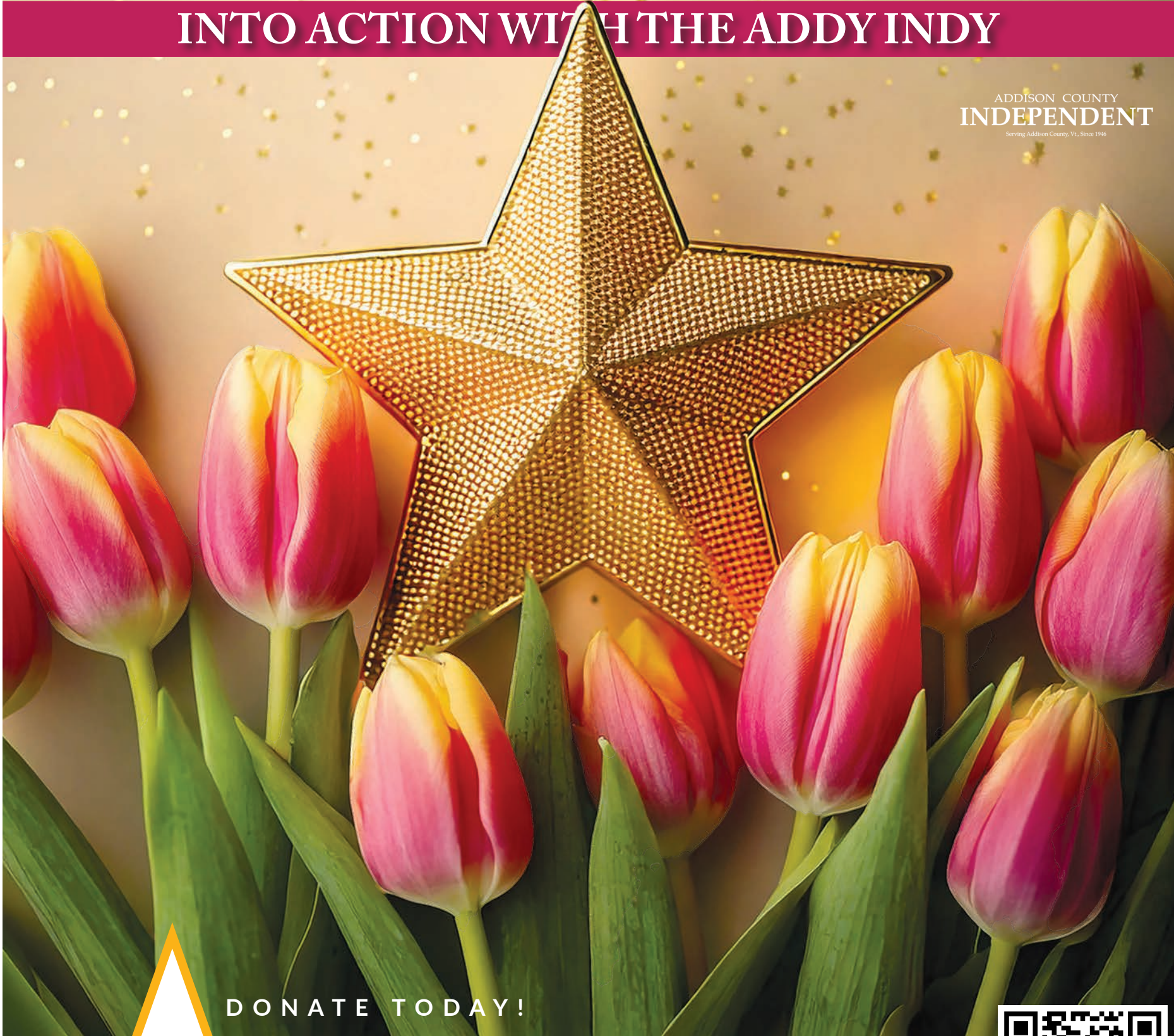
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EXHIBITS

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ROKEBY MUSEUM
4334 Route 7,
Ferrisburgh
For more info visit
Rokeby.org or call
802-877-3406
“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 sssllllllooooooowwwww

doooowwwwnnnnnnnnn 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.

SPARROW ART SUPPLY
44 Main St., Middlebury
For more info visit sparrowartsupply.com
“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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Grand Opening Celebration!

New Wing & Performing Arts Center

Friday June 27th & Saturday June 28th



Join us for this **HISTORIC** event, fun for the whole family!
Most events are free and open to all!

Friday June 27th 5-8pm

5-6pm: Rock & Roll String Quartet – THT steps

6-7:30pm: Twiddle's Mihali – Maloney Plaza, Tilly Stage

7:30-8pm: Samulnori Drums & Cirque de Fuego – THT steps

Food trucks in the plaza including James-Beard Nominated A Taste of Abyssinia
Ethiopian & Eritrean Cuisine, Pratt's Classic Grilling, and
outdoor bar throughout the evening!

All events are free, but registration is required for Mihali's performance.



Saturday June 28th 1-4pm

1-1:30pm: Ribbon Cutting – Maloney Plaza

1:30-2:30pm: Face Painting

1:30-2:10pm: The Real McCoy Stunt Show- Maloney Plaza

1:30-3:30pm: The Jazz Collective- Anderson Studio

2:30pm: Tom Verner Magic Show- Seligmann Center for Learning & Engagement

Treats and fun for the whole family all afternoon: lu•lu ice cream, Adagio chocolate
tasting, scavenger hunt, costume photo booth, and tours of the new wing!



Grand Finale Concert

Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass

Saturday June 28th 7:30-9pm Rothrock Main Stage, Historic Theater

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The performance will wrap up with a Prosecco toast
and small dessert bites after the show!



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