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Precious Pieces: Making Jewelry with Lorraine

By Nakita Namiot-Graham

On Monday, November 21, Lorraine Bargmann Metz brought her supplies to Grove Street and showed the students how to make jewelry. She told us how to use the tools, like pliers, which are used to open and close the jump rings. Students made bracelets, earrings, keychains, bookmarks, and necklaces.

The room was set up like a workshop. There were two tables in front with beads, chains, and hooks for the earrings. The students picked up their supplies and then went back to their workspaces, where there were four students at a table.

While students were working Lorraine walked around helping people and answering questions. Most students needed help with using the tools. Once the students learned how to make the jewelry they made beautiful gifts for their family and loved ones.

Throughout the morning it was clear that Lorraine enjoyed making jewelry. She said she has been making jewelry for 10 years. "I've always enjoyed crafts and love making jewelry for others," she said.

Lorraine's purpose for the workshop was that students would make something they are proud of. "Making jewelry has immediate results," she said. "You can create something really pretty to give to someone else that doesn't take a lot of time. Taking something you've made and giving it to someone else is a really good feeling."

Carolyn Ravenna planned this event because Lorraine, in the past, gave jewelry to Grove Street students and the students loved it. "During each holiday Lorraine dropped off a basket of earrings or something," Carolyn said. "She made one on Halloween and I told her how much the kids liked it and appreciated it. She asked if the students would have fun making jewelry sometime. That's how the idea came up."

Carolyn hoped students would see that Lorraine was willing to give up her time to help them. "I hope that kids see adults being kind and giving up their time freely," Carolyn said.

Many students enjoyed the jewelry workshop. Darrian Henry, a senior, made two bracelets and a necklace. He said, "I had fun making gifts for people."

Makayla Namiot-Graham, also a senior, said, "I liked it and thought it was pretty cool to make my own jewelry. I appreciate Lorraine for her time, the help, and all the supplies."

The students at Grove Street would like to thank Lorraine for her kindness and knowledge. The day was successful, and the students learned new things while having fun.



Lorraine shows students how to make bracelets



Darrian, Seth, and Laurie make necklaces

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Life After the Fall of Roe v. Wade

By Alexa Cary

Roe v. Wade was a landmark decision of the Supreme Court in 1973. The Court recognized that the right to liberty in the Constitution, that protects personal privacy, includes the right to have a choice to continue a pregnancy. This decision has been extremely controversial and sensitive to many people throughout the United States.

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on the grounds that the substantive right to abortion was not “deeply rooted in the Nation’s history or tradition,” and was not considered a right when the Due Process Clause was ratified in 1868.

While women have been fighting for rights and respect for centuries, they finally thought they had won just one of the many fights when Roe v. Wade was passed in 1973. The win was so short-lived that it did not even last 50 years.

Women are yet again fighting to take a stand and be heard. There is still a large debate in America on what women as human beings should and should not be able to do with their own bodies. The Supreme Court is taking a step back in women's rights, which should not be separate from human rights in the first place.

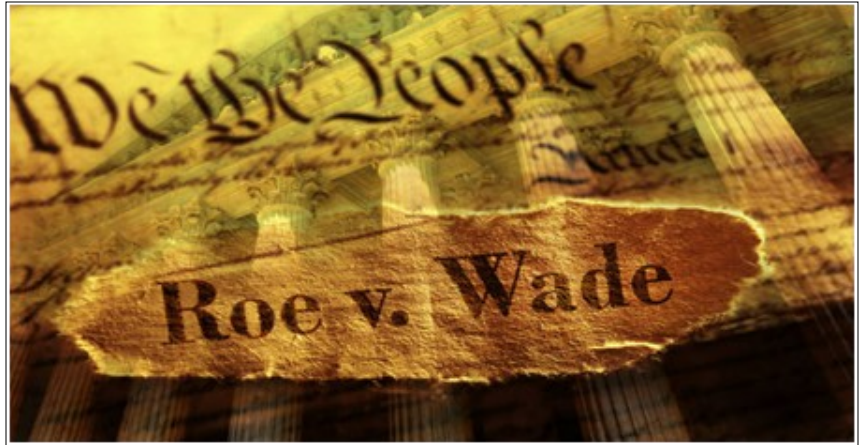
Roe v. Wade supports women’s healthcare. It is very important to at least have the option for women who need it. Survivors of sexual abuse deserve a choice in whether or not they have a child, and children should not be forced to have children just because their bodies are ready. Some adults are not even mature enough to have children as it can be traumatic mentally and physically.

While some people believe there should be limits, it’s hard to put a court-imposed limit on someone's difficult decision since they may not know what the future holds or what can change. The government has no right to tell women what to do with their bodies, especially when many pro-life supporters refuse to allow the government to tell them what to do with their guns.

While many pro-life supporters like to argue that women have other options such as adoption and foster homes for children, others argue that the homes are not suitable for children, the foster care system is corrupt, and foster parents are not always suitable, which can damage children emotionally.



A group of demonstrators react to the June 24, 2022 Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade



Many pro-life supporters view the issue as a moral one. Faculty member Abby Brodowski spoke about some of her family’s personal views. “My brother is pro-life,” she said. “His reasons are primarily religious and moral. People like him believe that a fetus in the womb is a human life. This life should be valued as much as any other life. They don’t approve of killing that life when it doesn’t have a choice to try and save itself.”

While many disagree with the overall judgment of the Supreme Court, some states, like Vermont, will continue to allow abortions as women’s healthcare and continue to provide other services. This is not the best solution, though, because it will not be accessible to everyone.

Grove Street Campus Gives Back to Our Community

Fighting Hunger One Person or Family at a Time

By Caroline Thomas



Carlie, Xavier, and Lena prepare for the Food Drive

On Tuesday November 22, Grove Street students were given the task to benefit the community in some way. While one group of students collected garbage off the streets, another group, including myself, cut, wrapped and decorated boxes for this year's food drive.

Each year, since the beginning of the alternative education program, staff and students have set up and collected donations for various organizations around Rutland, including The Mission and the Rutland Humane Society.

This year, we decided to collect cans and non-perishable food items for the Rutland Community Cupboard. On December 2, the six boxes we decorated went to multiple offices around the city, the high school, and the Elks Club. Over 200 donations were collected in the span of 15 days, and all will go to the Community Cupboard.

This food drive is important. In the state of Vermont, 56,000 people will go without a meal and 13,000 of those are children. In Rutland County alone, one in four people struggle to feed themselves and their families. Each month, the Rutland Community Cupboard serves close to 1000 people and disperses

17,000 food items to people in need.

"Now more than ever places like the Community Cupboard need donations, especially since food prices are skyrocketing," says Laurie Bullock, a teacher at Grove Street. "It's also very important to make sure that schools in Vermont are handing out free meals to students, because you never know if they are going hungry at home. Schools can be one of the only places where kids in need can feel safe and comfortable asking for and receiving food."

This year's donation drive proved to be very successful. It feels good to know that the food we collected will feed many families in need and shows how we can make a positive impact one person or family at a time.



Taking Pride in Rutland

By Wyatt Rappaport

On Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Grove Street campus students and faculty walked the streets of Rutland picking up trash. The students worked in groups of between two and four students. We used work gloves to pick up the trash and put it in black contractor trash bags. Mainly we covered the area around 77 Grove Street and Rutland Middle School.

I believe that this Community Service Project is of value to the Grove Street students and teachers because it makes us feel better about helping our community. More people and schools should partake in this activity because it helps keep our community and environment clean while also giving us a break from in-class education.

Carolyn Ravenna, the team leader at Grove Street, believes the same thing. She said, "I believe that kids need to learn how to give back to their community. I think that some people take our community for granted. People feel good when they clean and help the community."

Carolyn was pleased with the way this project went. She said, "Overall I thought that this whole project was a very successful learning experience. It was interesting reading student reflections about their contributions. It was a great way to get students out of the classrooms."

Crazy enough, I had a lot of fun picking up trash on the roads because it gave me time to hang out and converse with my friends, while also working and learning.



GSC students making a difference in their community

Editorial Page

What Kind of Pet Do You Want?

By Parker Curavoo



Scrappy

What kind of pet do you want? To this question, most people might say a cat or dog because they're better known. But there are some people, like me, who want a reptile or something along those lines.

Currently I own a cat and dog. My dog's name is Scrappy. He is a Pitbull, Boxer, Aussie Shepherd mix, and is roughly 13 weeks old. Then there's my 4-year-old cat, Oliver, an orange tabby cat.

Though I enjoy my two pets, I really want a bearded dragon, lizard or even a snake. I know some people do not like reptiles because of their own fears, but I think they're cool. And as much as I love how fluffy my cat is or how soft my dog's ears are, I really like the feeling of scales.

Reptiles are also a bit easier to take care of. Even though all pets require responsibility, reptiles will be fine as long as they have food and water. They also require less attention than cats and dogs. If my cat is not getting the attention he wants he will walk over to me. My dog does

the same but also whines and barks.

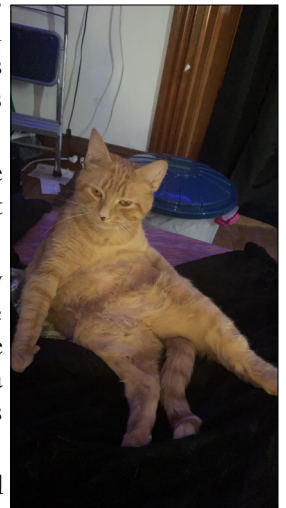
Most reptiles need heat lamps, a cage, water and food. The kinds of things they eat are crickets, vegetables, such as bell peppers, and fruit like strawberries. They also occasionally eat dandelions.



My Dream Pet

Though I really want a bearded dragon, they are very expensive. Most of them cost between \$60 to \$100 from a pet store and \$40 to \$80 from a breeder. The ones from the breeders are likely to be healthier and better cared for. Other expenses include a tank. I would get a double-door terrarium which costs approximately \$160, and a heat lamp is approximately \$40.

After knowing all of this, would you own a non-traditional pet?



Oliver

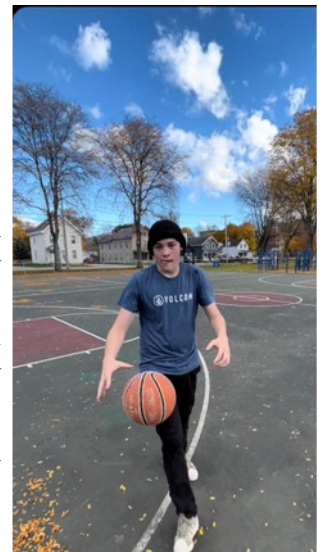
Meadow Street Park: Hallowed Ground for Pickup Basketball

By Rosario DaCosta

Life in Rutland, Vermont, can be very uneventful. There are few opportunities, especially for young people. This includes myself because I am often bored. To help pass the time, I usually go play basketball at Monsignor Thomas Connor Memorial Park, otherwise known as Meadow Street.

There are usually many people who play basketball at Meadow Street. We often play half-court games of three-on-three or sometimes, with more players, we play full-court. Sometimes the games get very intense and also very fun. Many people who come to Meadow Street love to play basketball and they get better each day. I have seen many people improve in my time playing at Meadow Street. I like to be challenged by good players because playing with them makes me a much better player.

Though overall there is not much opportunity for people here in Rutland, I find entertainment in playing basketball at Meadow Street Park.



Class of 2023

Advice from our January Graduates



"In the words of Earl Hickey, 'do good things and good things happen.' That applies to your education and opportunity at Grove. Final words: Later gator."

Cole Bushee

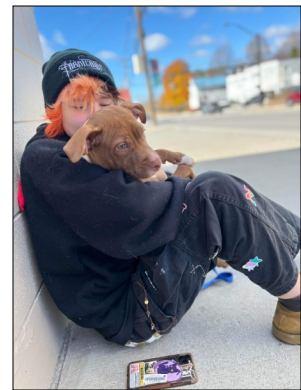
"Life may seem hard at the beginning but if you keep telling yourself that it's not that bad, things will get better."

Parker Curavoo



"Always get your work done as soon as you get it or else you have to spend a lot of time here on Friday."

Rosario DaCosta



"You need to come to school and you need to use your time wisely and show that you want to succeed. Another thing you need to understand is that the teachers do not play around. You either come here, listen and get stuff done or you are on your own. This is a great program and not many people get this opportunity so show your teachers respect and show them you can be responsible and follow the rules."

Wyatt Rappaport



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Advice from our January Graduates

"By keeping your dreams and things you want to achieve alive, you will have a strong enough mindset to fulfill the things that bring joy to you."

Naudia McAuley



"The schoolwork may get hard but if you want to graduate, you have to do it to get out of here for the rest of your life."

Damien Duckett

"When you enter this program my advice is to try and stay on your work and try not to fall behind. You should also use your time wisely when you are here. This program is a fresh start. They try their best to help you get ahead. You shouldn't take this program for granted because this is a great place."

Makayla Namiot-Graham

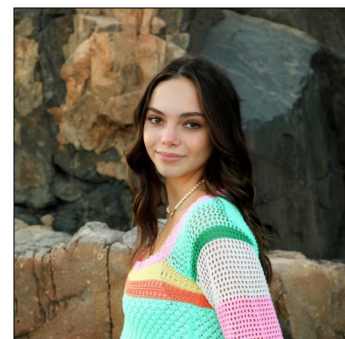


"Keep on pushing to success. Grove Street Campus will make sure you'll make it through to the end. They'll help you as long as you're willing to learn, so always be nice to everyone and cooperative. If you follow the rules, you'll surely become a great young adult."

Victoria Cann

"Do not take this opportunity for granted. Push through the hard days and always try your best. The more you attend, the more successful you will feel. This program was the best thing I have ever done for myself."

Carlie Thomas



School-to-Work

Freshly Baked Goods at a “Fast Food” Price

By Rosario DaCosta



Have you ever wondered how certain “fast food” places make their food? It's like they always seem to have perfect, ready to serve food at all times. It makes you wonder if the food is all mass produced in some factory somewhere and shipped to all the store locations in a refrigerated truck, or if they make the food on a smaller more personalized scale with the freshest ingredients and experience for the customer.

Well if that is what you are looking for then Dunkin Donuts is the place for you. I work at the Dunkin Donuts on Main Street in Rutland and can vouch for their freshness. The dough is made fresh right at the store mixed with the best ingredients. The dough is then stretched through this machine and cut into the different donut shapes. The shapes are then cooked in the oven for 45 minutes and then deep fried. The donuts are now ready to be finished with the different frostings and fillings.

Once they are completed, usually around 11:00 p.m., delivery trucks arrive to distribute them. We make approximately 5000 donuts each night for 13 separate Dunkins, from Granville, New York, to Randolph, Vermont. After the donuts are delivered they are ready to be served to customers!



School-to-Work

My Love of Animals: Why I Want to be a Veterinarian

By Makayla Namiot-Graham

I became interested in becoming a veterinarian because I have always loved animals. When I was three or four years old I got my first dog. His name is Tonka and he is a Boxer mix. After getting Tonka, my family has always rescued animals.

Growing up with all these animals made me realize that medical attention can be very expensive. Even though I know there will be difficult parts of the job, like putting animals down, it will be okay because plenty of others will be saved. I know there will be light at the end of each darkness.

Now that I'm graduating I have to begin taking steps to become a vet. First I will take core classes at CCV to get them finished. Then I will have to find a veterinary technician school. The one I am thinking about is Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont. This is a four-year program that offers important courses like Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Once this is finished I will apply to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program to earn my DVM degree. This degree will take four years to complete. Then I will have to pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

Ideally, once I am licensed, I plan to open a vet business with my sister Nakita. She wants to own her own business because she believes she can help more animals. Nakita said, "If we open our own business I think we can make it more affordable and help more animals than a traditional vet clinic."

We also promised our dad that if somebody came in with a hurt animal and could not afford the high costs, we would only charge for our supplies, and not our time. Also we both want to be our own bosses.

Though we have a long road ahead of us, this will be a great adventure. See you all in 2031.



Makayla with Tonka



Hanging out with the dogs



Mila

Campus Chatter

By Alexa Cary

What do you hope for in the new year?

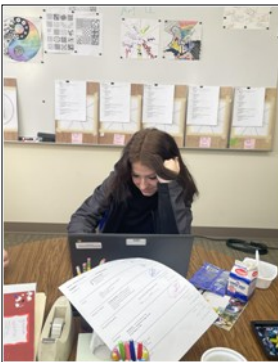


"Tuh make the greatest cake of all time" (Openly admits to being unable to bake).

-Austin Carey

"To not run into skiers on the mountain while snowboarding."

-Damian Duckett



"I want to keep working with little kids."

-Makiya Jackson

"I hope that the economy starts to turn around. I know a lot of mom and pop businesses are really struggling, and I hope my kiddos don't get sick with the new viruses."

-Heather Pedroza



Spotlight on Grove Street Artists

We are excited to share more of the amazing art created by Grove Street Campus students.

Greek Pottery

Artist: Connor Lemons

Connor Lemons did a wonderful job depicting Greek pottery in Art I.



Ocean Scene

Artist: Parker Curavoo

Parker Curavoo took Joseph Mallord William Turner's work to a whole new level by adding a unique creativity to the ocean scene.

Ocean Theme

Artist: Lena Flanders

Lena Flanders showed off her work making an ocean theme painting inspired by Joseph Mallord William Turner for Art II.



Important**Dates:****MLK Day:**

January 16, 2023

February Break:

February 20-24, 2023

April Break:

April 17-21, 2023

SAT: March 11, 2023

May 6, 2023

June 3, 2023

ACT: February 11, 2023

April 15, 2023

June 10, 2023

July 15, 2023

Birthdays



February

Darrian Henry—February 16

Taylor Clark—February 29

Nakita Namiot-Graham— February 29

April

Kade Bissette— April 3

Naudia McAuley—April 4

Seth McCutcheon—April 5

Victoria Cann—April 11

Parker Curavoo—April 13

Naudia's Pick: Top Places to Have Fun Outside

By Naudia McAuley

These are some of my favorite things to do outside. My favorite place to hike is Pine Hill Park. I like it there because it isn't crowded as I prefer quiet places when I hike. Another reason I like the park is I can walk there from my house, and it's also pretty. My favorite season to hike is late spring because it's not too warm to be uncomfortable. I like to go in the mid-afternoon because it's a good time for me.

Often I take my little cousins with me. When we get to the pond they like to find little salamanders and frogs to catch and release them. They also like to hurry in each direction we walk. We also like to walk to the Stone Crusher so they can explore.

Other places I enjoy visiting are some nearby lakes and ponds. I go to the Beaver Pond in Proctor, Emerald Lake in East Dorset, and Kent Pond in Killington. I like to swim at Emerald Lake because I like to be able to see in the clear water. At the other ponds I go fishing from the shore, and I usually use worms as my bait. Though I have a hard time catching anything, I still like to go to get out of the house.

I also like to go mudding at High Ledge, which you can get to from West Rutland and Proctor. The best time to go is right after all the snow melts and when everything turns to mud. I like going because it's when me and all my friends get together and have fun.

Teens sometimes don't realize that there are things to do around here; you just have to go outside to see what there is.

