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SILENT FILM SERIES

Brandon's Town Hall silent film series scores a knockout thanks to Buster Keaton's Battling Butler (1926).

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IN IT FOR THE LONG-HAUL?

Rutland Regional Medical Center shares tips on how to tell if you might have long-haul COVID.



CHEF MARI VERDUZCO of La Catrina 802 toasts some of the ingredients for Pipián (aka green mole).

Photos by Mat Clouser

Cooking, compassion y corazon:

For Mari Verduzco, food comes from the heart

BY MAT CLOUSER

SALISBURY — The path to the heart runs through the stomach, or so the English proverb goes. And when that heart is heavy with nostalgia, as it is for many of Vermont's scattered Mexican population, only the taste of home will do.

In Mexico, they also have a saying: Las penas con pan son buenas, which translates roughly as 'all grief is less with bread.'

Whether for love or loneliness, chef Mari Verduzco of La Catrina 802 in Salisbury has set a few pots to simmer in recent years, bringing her simple Baja cuisine to the eager mouths of Vermonters, native and transplants alike.

Verduzco, a former hairstylist who moved to Vermont in 2017 to be closer to her wife's family, grew up watching her grand-

mother and mother (the latter ran a restaurant) cook for family and community alike. She knew immediately when she moved that she wanted to cook for a living.

"I really love the feeling of cooking for people," she said. "The feeling of seeing someone taste something for the first time."

At first, she dreamt of a food truck, and although she says she'd still like to have one someday, she

realized how much time and effort that would take and that it might come at the expense of living her life and enjoying her time with loved ones.

She worked for a time in the kitchens at OVUHS and the Middlebury Co-op to get a feeling for how larger-scale food production works, all the while plotting pop-up dinners and catering gigs,

(See Mari Verduzco, Page 2)

Pittsford Congregational Church installs a new permanent pastor

BY STEVEN JUPITER

PITTSFORD — The Pittsford Congregational Church (PCC) is a classic New England house of worship, built in 1837 for a congregation established in 1784. The Gothic Revival structure occupies a site at the center of town, not far from the Lothrop School and Kamuda's, two other pillars of the Pittsford community.

The early establishment of the

congregation is apparent not only from the architecture of its church but also from the age of the headstones in the adjoining graveyard. People have lain in repose here for hundreds of years. Without ques-(See Pittsford Congregational, Page 10)



Vermont adopts 9-8-8 phone number for mental health support

Starting July 16, Vermont is launching the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Callers will be immediately connected to compassionate, caring counselors trained to support individuals experiencing everything from emotional distress to a mental health crisis.

While they are trained to treat and address suicidality, it is not only for those individuals in

The 9-8-8 Lifeline is also not only for those experiencing challenges with their own mental health. Counselors are trained and ready to answer your call if you are a family member, loved one, or friend of someone you believe might need help.

Beginning July 16, people (See 9-8-8, Page 3)

Mari Verduzco

(Continued from Page 1) the first of which was a collaboration with Chef Robert Baral and Café Provence in Brandon.

Today, her empanadas and enchiladas are for sale at the Middlebury Co-op; she fixes 200 meals weekly, which are distributed for free via Everyone Eats at the Rutland farmer's market to anyone in need, and she continues cooking at public and private events throughout the state. She cooks everything by herself out of her home kitchen under the name La Catrina 802.

The name comes from the sketch "La Calavera Catrina" by Jose Guadalupe Posada, although most Americans will recognize the iconography of her logo from the sugar skulls and skeleton sculptures now associated with the Mexican holiday Día de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and the vibrant, almost gleefully macabre iconography that's meant to remind us to enjoy life and embrace mortality.

Verduzco says she misses Mexico and her family immensely but that she's found community in Vermont via her wife's family—she says they're "just like Mexicans" in the way they see one another every day—as well as through her ongoing efforts to connect and advocate for the migrant Mexican and Latinx farmworkers who help power Vermont's agricultural business.

She says many workers suffer from depression, loneliness, and

isolation, and there is racism too. Sometimes the living conditions are less than humane, and the workers can be taken advantage of—often receiving pay beneath the minimum-wage threshold due to their legal status.

"I'm spoiled," she said, speaking of her access to family and free time. "Sometimes [farmhands] work 12-14 hour days, six or seven days a week," she said.

"Some only one [day off] per month."

There are issues with certain advocacy groups, according Verduzco. "[They are] not working very well,' she said, citing what she views as too much administrative over-"They head. don't put the money in the hands [of the cople who need it]."

It's not all bad, however. Verduzco says that many of the farms do provide excellent working conditions for the workers and that the workers frequently have access to much better health services than they would have at home, services that are free in some cases and offer cultural sensitivity as well as empathy.

"Addison Allies does good work," she said, urging anyone interested in helping improve the lives of migrant workers to make donations there.

Fostering community is essential to Verduzco and will always be a part of her mission. It's one of the things she loves about cook-



MARI VERDUZCO ADVOCATES for migrant workers and cures her own nostalgia by way of cooking delicious Mexican food.



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"We didn't grow up rich," she

continued, "but my mother always had enough for people. Whatever is in my hands—that's what I'm gonna do."

Mari's Pipián con Pollo y Arroz Mexicano (aka chicken in green mole with Mexican rice)

(serves 4-6)

Pipián, or green mole (from the Nahuatl 'mĐlli' or sauce), is one of the great Mexican moles. No one knows for sure where the recipe originates, but it fuses elements of Aztec and Mayan cooking with African, Middle Eastern, and colonial European influences to create a versatile sauce that keeps and freezes well.

Despite its somewhat lengthy list of ingredients, with just a bit of care, Pipián is an easy recipe that can be prepared in advance and doubles as a sauce or marinade for nearly anything, including enchiladas. It is naturally gluten free and can be made vegan simply by omitting the chicken.

Ingredients for the sauce:

2 I/2 lbs chicken breast, cubed

I cup pumpkin seeds ½ cup toasted peanuts

(in case of allergy, sub pistachios,

pecans, or pine nuts)

 $^{1}\!/_{2}$ cup sunflower seeds

I/3 cup toasted sesame seeds

4 tomatillos, quartered I bunch cilantro, washed

I white onion, large dice

I poblano pepper, large dice

I serrano pepper, stem removed

2-3 jalapeños, halved, stem removed

(remove seeds for less heat)

2 cloves garlic, slivered

I T fresh oregano, rough chop

I tsp thyme, fresh or dried

1/4 tsp whole coriander seed

1/4 tsp whole clove

1/4 tsp cumin seed

 $^{1}\!/_{\!\!4}$ tsp white peppercorn

I pinch fennel seed

I bunch red radishes, thinly sliced (for garnish, if desired)

I bunch radish greens, washed (omit if radishes aren't desired)

 $2\ T$ lard or preferred cooking oil salt

4 cups water or chicken broth

Directions:

- I. Add lard to a large, heavy-bottomed pot or casserole dish over medium heat.
- ${\tt 2.Add\ garlic\ and\ sweat\ until\ it\ browns\ slightly.}$
- 3. Add chicken and I T salt, stir and cover. The chicken should steam, not brown.
- 4. Steam chicken until fully cooked, 5-10 minutes, being careful not to overcook.
- 5. Remove chicken from pot and set aside.
- 6. Add the nuts and seeds to the pot and toast slightly.

 Stir constantly to keep it from burning. 3-4 minutes.
- 7. Add the oregano, thyme, and spices, and stir until they release their aroma.
- 8. Add peppers, cilantro, radish greens onions, and tomatillos, and sauté for I-2 minutes.
- 9. Add liquid and simmer for 15-20 minutes until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat.
- 10.Blend ingredients until smooth and creamy.
- II. Add the sauce back to the pot with the chicken and bring to a low simmer—the sauce may scorch at higher heat.
- I2. Simmer for I5-20 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Add more liquid if the sauce becomes too thick.
- 13. Season with salt to taste.
- 14. Serve with rice, sliced radishes, and warm tortillas.

For the rice:

- 2 cups white rice (jasmine or basmati)
- 2 \overline{T} lard or preferred cooking oil
- I large tomato
- I white onion, diced
- I clove garlic, slivered
- 3-4 cups water or stock

Directions:

- I. Combine onions, tomatoes, and enough liquid to make 4 cups.
- 2. Blend until smooth and set aside.
- 3. In a heavy-bottomed sauce pot, bring lard or oil to medium heat.
- $4.\mbox{Add}$ rice and garlic and sauté until slightly to asted.
- 5. Add liquid and bring to a boil.
- 6. Reduce to a simmer and cover.
- 7. Steam as you usually would, approximately 20-25 minutes, or according to the rice's packaging.

(Continued from Page 1) can access the Lifeline by calling 9-8-8. It is free, available 24/7, and confidential.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) has been working since 2019 with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Vibrant Emotional Health to build and bolster in-state Lifeline call centers in preparation for the transition to 9-8-8.

'When we started this process over two years ago, Vermonters who called the Lifeline were routed to call centers in nearby states," said DMH Deputy Commissioner Alison Krompf, the department's statewide lead on suicide prevention. "Now we have Vermonters who are

trained and ready to talk 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These are caring professionals who want to help.

The Veterans Crisis Line remains available by calling 9-8-8 and pressing 1. Callers who speak Spanish can press 2, and the national system provides interpretation services for over 150 additional languages.

"We have a strong system of care with many supports available," said DMH Commissioner Emily Hawes. "The transition to 9-8-8 is another step forward in the path to providing accessible, low barrier supports for all Vermonters who need help.'

Vermonters can also text "VT" to 741741 to get help and dial or text 833-888-2557 to connect with peer support

through Pathways Vermont.

These services were detailed at Governor Scott's press conference last Tuesday, where state officials and a mental health provider discussed the impacts of the pandemic and world events on the mental health and well-being of Ver-

Governor Scott said, "What I hope Vermonters take away from this discussion is: It's okay to not feel okay. Because you're not alone, and there's nothing to be ashamed of in getting some help or just taking some time to care for yourself. I also want people to know there is still a lot of good out there, and there is always reason for

RRMC: Signs of long COVID

RUTLAND — Most people with COVID-19 get better within days or weeks of first getting infected with the virus. Some don't have any symptoms at all.

However, millions of people are experiencing ongoing, returning, or new symptoms weeks or months after a COV-ID-19 diagnosis. These people have what medical professionals call long-haul COVID or post-acute COVID. They>re also called long-haulers.

Experts worldwide are still learning about the long-term effects of COVID-19. It is also not yet known why some people experience lingering or new health issues while others do not.

The U.S. government is investing in research, treatments, and support services for people with this condition.

At this time, long-haul CO-VID symptoms can happen to anyone who has had CO-VID-19, even those with only mild illness or even no symptoms at all. Symptoms can last weeks, months, or longer.

What are the symptoms of long-haul COVID?

These are some of the most common long-haul COVID symptoms, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Lung issues, like shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or cough
 - Fatigue
- Difficulty thinking or concentrating (brain fog)
- Rapid heartbeat or heart palpitations
- Joint, muscle, chest, or stomach pain
 - Headache
 - Changes in taste or smell
 - Lightheadedness
 - Pins-and-needles feeling
 - Sleep problems
 - Mood changes

 - Diarrhea
 - Fever
 - Rash
 - Menstrual cycle changes
- Symptoms that get worse after physical or mental activi-

People with more severe initial illnesses may also experience autoimmune-like conditions. The immune system may mistakenly attack healthy cells in the body, causing inflammation or tissue damage. Other multi-organ issues may also affect many or all body systems, including the heart, lung, kid-

(See Long COVID, Page 19)

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Guest Editorial

The Brandon Energy Committee invites you to make a difference

The Brandon Energy Committee has accomplished a good deal this past year and has ambitious goals for the coming year. This is why we'd like to invite you to volunteer with one of our working groups that strives to make Brandon a better, more resilient, and attractive town.

Our most noteworthy accomplishments this past year have been in supporting SolarFest to choose Brandon as their permanent home, supporting the establishment of the annual Davenport Fest (held for the first time this month), helping place news articles about energy conservation, supporting the town in evaluating both solar field options as well as electric police car purchases, and laying the groundwork for the establishment of a community solar project for town residents and businesses.

This coming year we have expanded our committee from five to seven members and are expanding our goals. We are establishing four working groups consisting of energy committee members and other volunteers. The focus of the four groups is as follows:

THE GENERATION GROUP

This group is working on the question: How can we produce energy more efficiently and with less environmental impact?

Its primary focus this year will be to determine which Brandon homes and businesses are suitable for solar installations and which may benefit from participating in a community solar project.

CONSERVATION GROUP

This group is working on the question: How can we use the energy we produce with less waste and cost?

Its primary focus will be determining how to motivate Brandon homeowners and businesses to take advantage of Vermont's incentive programs to 'button up' and conserve energy.

TRANSPORTATION THE **GROUP**

This group is working on the question: How can we replace fossil fuels as the basis of our vehicle infrastructure?

Its primary focus this year will be to determine how best to educate and incentivize Brandon residents and business owners to acquire electric vehicles in the near

THE EDUCATION GROUP

This group is working on the question: How can we educate ourselves and our community about renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that motivates us to action?

Our primary focus this year will be to determine how best to educate ourselves and others to plan for the future and act to save money and resources.

Please consider joining us in one or more of these working groups.

We are a results-oriented committee. Our work has been challenging and satisfying, especially as we work in harmony with oth-

You can explore what this commitment means by contacting brandonenergycommittee@gmail. com or calling me at 802 747 8906.

Jim Emerson

Chair of the Brandon Energy Committee



Nesting season

THE BOBOLINK TRAVELS 12,500 miles (20,000 kilometers) to and from southern South America every year. Throughout its lifetime, it may travel the equivalent of four or five times around the circumference of the earth. Photo by sue Wetmore

Community Forum

Racial bias and divisive blame strategies harm community safety

BY THE WHITE AFFINITY GROUP OF GENERAL ASSEM-**BLY SOCIAL EQUITY CAUCUS**

VERMONT — In an NBC5 story in May, Burlington's Acting Police Chief Jon Murad said that Burlington was seeing an uptick in crime and "disorder" caused by members of "affinity groups" who knew each other but weren't gang members.

NBC then added footage of young men of color in the streets to illustrate his statements. Murad had not identified the "affinity" groups as young BIPOC men, yet the NBC TV staff inferred Murad's meaning and chose to make the story blatantly racist.

Two weeks later, Chief Murad reported to the Burlington Police Commission that people of color are both the majority of victims and the majority of perpetrators of gun violence.

Murad's statements use coded speech to garner support from white people by drawing on conscious and unconscious racialbased fears that Black people are

This can frighten both white and

Black people about crime, lead to more aggressive police activity, and more police racial profiling.

What happens in Burlington is important to the whole state.

Racial profiling by the police is bad for Burlington and bad for the state and local police departments. It sends a dangerous message to all Vermonters, Black and white.

At the May 2022 Police Commission meeting, a commissioner said Murad's connection between crime rates and people of color makes life more dangerous for all people of color. Murad reacted with bluster and interrupted the Commissioner's comments. In a later statement, Murad implied the "affinity group members" shared one thing – their race.

Affinity groups have long been used by people who share a particular identity based on race, sexual orientation, language, gender, or other often-minoritized identities to create a safe convening space.

The number of racial identitybased affinity groups is growing in our state as Vermonters work to learn and address long-standing systems of racism and oppression

in our communities. Our affinity group is composed of white Vermonters working to support the General Assembly's Social Equity Caucus. Some of us are legislators, others are advocates, and others are community members from all over the state.

We call on Acting Chief Murad and Mayor Weinberger to stop using harmful narratives that are simply wrong. Crime statistics in Burlington actually tell a nuanced story that seldom receives our full attention.

The most significant increases in reported incidents in Burlington since 2012 are those related to mental health (91% increase), welfare checks (47% increase), and drug overdoses (72% since the beginning of the pandemic).

City data presented at the May Police Commission meeting reveal that the number of violent offenses actually fell by 13% from 2019 to 2020, continuing a 9-year downward trend of violent offenses by 28% since 2012. However, gun-related incidents, defined by the Burlington Police Department as any

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Letters to the Editor

The overturning of Roe v. Wade reaffirms the patriarchy

The Supreme Court decision on June 24 of this year, reversing Roe and Casey and effectively removing the legal protections to get a safe abortion in the United States, is about patriarchal power and sustaining economic inequality. It's about disenfranchising women, the poor, and the lower middle class

The supporting justices arrived at this decision not by looking at stare decisis - the principle of standing by the Court's own established cases - but by searching through history:

"The Court finds that the right to abortion is not deeply rooted in the Nation's history and tradition... Until the latter part of the 20th century, there was no support in American law for a constitutional right to obtain an abortion. ...Sir Edward Coke's 17th-century treatise likewise asserted that abortion of a quick child was "murder" if the "childe be born alive" and a "great misprision" if the "childe dieth in her body.

English cases dating all the way back to the 13th century corroborate the treatises' statements that abortion was a crime." (Excerpted from Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health organization)

There is no pre-modern law supporting abortion rights: how convenient. And case law from the 13th and 17th centuries, when our male counterparts ruled the world, is quite interesting indeed.

Women in the 13th and 17th centuries were treated little more than chattel. They had no rights, they couldn't hold property, and they had no economic freedom. They were bound to their husbands. And if they tried to assert their rights to property, as my own ancestor did in Massachusetts in the 17th century, they were hanged as a witch.

In fact, women's rights in this country have been garnered only quite recently. Women were not allowed to own property until the late 1800s and, in some states, not until the 1900s. Women were not allowed to vote until 1920. Birth control was illegal in most states until the 1960s. Women couldn't open a bank account without a man's co-signature until the 1960s. Women couldn't get a loan or credit card in their own name until the Passage of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in 1974. And women are still not earning what their male counterparts earn today.

This ruling will be devastating for women, especially women with little economic means. Five states currently have outright bans on abortion, eight have trigger laws that will make it illegal

following this decision, and three others may potentially revert to pre-Roe laws following this decision. In at least sixteen states, it is likely that abortion will be illegal and punishable.

These laws will not stop a woman's attempt to control her reproductive rights but rather will punish her for becoming pregnant.

Women have struggled for reproductive freedom for centuries. The struggle doesn't stop because states outlaw abortion; it merely

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puts women in jeopardy. Women will die from botched abortion attempts. They may bear children they did not want and can't financially support, perpetuating economic inequality. The latest census indicates that 23 million women in this country are living in poverty. That's one out of every nine women.

Power is garnered economically and through social constructs. The patriarchy knows this well. Keep a group economically disenfranchised, and you own them. Keep a group from having rights and decisions about their destiny, and you own them. The passage of Roe v Wade in 1973 was a first and crucial step in allowing a woman to control her own destiny. The overturning of Roe reaffirms the patriarchy. It tells women that we cannot decide for ourselves how best to handle a personal decision about our lives and our bodies. It minimizes us, again.

(See Roe v. Wade, Page 23)

Safety tips from GMP

I've been a lineworker at Green Mountain Power for 26 years. Over my career, I've worked to keep Vermonters powered up in every kind of weather you can imagine. Severe weather comes to Vermont all year round. It can be windy, wet, freezing cold, icy, or sweltering hot.

These days I help lead the line crews. For the past four years, I've been part of a team that coordinates during storm restoration. It is tough and exhilarating work but getting to help customers—especially turning the lights back on—is the very best part of the job.

Safety is critical to all the work we do-whether restoring power or working on important proactive resiliency projects—and there are steps you can take to be safe at home in case of severe weather.

It is good to have some basics on hand all year, and good weather is a great time to plan ahead. Make sure you have a charged cellphone, flashlights with fresh batteries, and some bottled water on hand. More tips that can help you get ready for storms are on the Green Mountain

Power website: https://greenmountainpower.com/safety/.

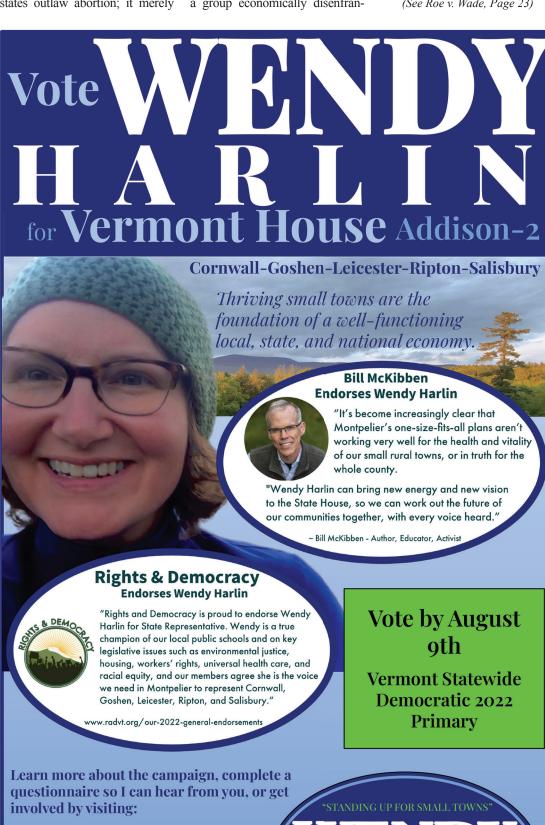
It is also important to always stay far away from any downed lines or trees. That goes for when they're down because of a storm or for when a vehicle crashed into a pole. Just stepping on the ground around a downed line could be deadly—the ground can be energized and there is no way for you to know. Always assume downed lines and trees are still energized, stay far away, and call for help.

The GMP app is an easy way to report outages and get restoration alerts, plus manage your GMP account and track energy usage. You can download it to your phone or tablet from the app store, and get more details from the GMP webhttps://greenmountainpower. com/apps-skills/mobile-app/.

Stay safe! And have a great summer season.

Glenn Johnson,

GMP, operations supervisor, who formerly led the line crews in Middlebury.



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Obituaries

Ron leaves his wife of 62

years; Juanita Hornbeck, and his

children, Jeffrey (Sue) Hornbeck

(Nicolas and Molly), Vanessa

VanDerHeyden (Jack and Ali-

son), Daphne (Stephen) Hard;

Donna (Matthew) Severy (Eric

and Ashley), Susan (Brent)

Wetmore, and Randy (Audrey)

Hornbeck (Chris, Travis, and

Robert), as well as his step-

grandchildren, John, Michelle,

Carter, and James; his great-

grandchildren, Bryce, Braelynn,

and Hudson; his sisters, Patricia

Hornbeck, Mickey Hornbeck,

and Janice MacIntyre; his broth-

er-in-law, Dwight Munger, and

sisters-in-law, Anne Hornbeck

and Carla Hornbeck. Many niec-

es, nephews, and cousins also

He was predeceased by his

parents and brothers, Edward

and James Hornbeck; his broth-

er-in-law, David Munger; niece,

Elizabeth Hogan; and nephews,

Jason Smith and Daniel Horn-

Ron joins his long-time friends

Respecting Ron's wishes, a

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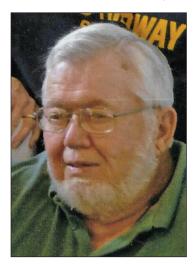
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Ronald Charles Hornbeck, 85, Whiting

WHITING — Ronald Charles Hornbeck, age 85, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at his home in Whiting. The son of Charles and Marie (McIntyre) Hornbeck, Ron was born in Fort Ticonderoga, NY, on August 19, 1936. He grew up on a dairy farm at Mount Independence in Orwell. After graduating high school, he served in the United States Army doing a tour in Korea. After his Honorable Discharge, he returned home and met his future wife, Juanita Babcock.

In 1967, he bought the family farm in Whiting, where he and Juanita raised their six children. Ron was a past member of the Orwell and Whiting Volunteer Fire Departments. He served many years on the Whiting School Board and was a member



RONALD C. HORNBECK

of Independence Masonic Lodge in Orwell. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Shelly Jean Hooker, 62, Brandon

BRANDON — Shelly Jean (Baker) Hooker, 62, passed away on July 16, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family, after a long, tenacious, and courageous battle with can-

Shelly was born on October 11, 1959, in Springfield, Ma, to Ray and Marilyn Baker. For a short time during her childhood, her family moved to Middletown Springs, Vt, to be near family before returning to Ludlow, Ma, where she and her sisters were raised.

Shelly graduated from Ludlow High School in 1977. Throughout high school until 1979, Shelly's love of animals led her to work as a small animal vet tech at Boston Road Animal Clinic. She also worked for a short time at a nursing home.

In 1979, she became the first woman hired at a local insulation company to install batt and blown-in insulation and was running her own crew within six months.

Shelly's lifelong passion for horses began in 4-H. Throughout her youth, summertime was filled with horse shows.

In 1980, she moved to live with John and Linda Crossman in Ira, Vt, and began working as a milk tester for Vermont Dairy Herd Improvement Association until 1985. During this time, she and Linda continued to show horses together.

In 1981, Shelly won the Miss Vermont Rodeo America title and traveled to Oklahoma City to compete in Nationals, an accomplishment, and adventure that forever held a special place in her heart and memories. She continued to compete in horse shows until motherhood captured her time.

While working as a milk tester for VDHIA, Shelly also bartended part-time at the Hilltop



SHELLY JEAN HOOKER

Tavern in Pittsford. It is here where she met the love of her life, Donny Hooker. The spark was instant. As she recalls, "I picked him up, took and home, and never let him go.

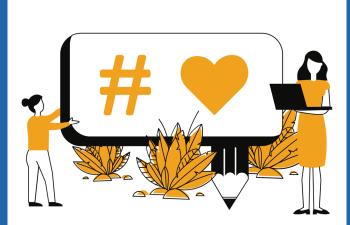
Their mutual love for dancing (and good times) kept that spark lit bright throughout their 36 years together. They settled in a cabin on Lake Dunmore Road for nearly 16 years, where they raised their children, Perry and Taress.

In 1988, Patricia's Restaurant, a.k.a. Sully's Place, officially opened, and Shelly was hired as a server, earning the notoriety of becoming one of the original "Sully's Girls." After years on the floor, behind the bar, and everywhere else in the restaurant, she began mastering the art of cooking for the masses.

She loved to cook and enjoyed learning Sully's secrets; they shared a unique connection all their own. Over the years, the Sully's Girl's crew came and went, but the bonds formed sharing life's milestones while helping raise each other's children along with many good times lasted a lifetime.

While working at Sully's, (See Shelly Jean Hooker, Page 22)

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Legislative Report

BY STEPHANIE JEROME

Investing in Childcare

Access to quality and affordable child care is a workforce and economic development issue. We cannot grow our workforce without making sure that Vermont has adequate child care and housing. It is often cited that three out of five of Vermont's youngest children do not have access to the care they need.

Without enough quality child care, Vermont cannot grow our workforce, support young families, or pave the path for our children's successful future.

Vermonters pay more of their income on childcare than any other state, with parents of toddlers spending 25% of their annual income on childcare. Even for those who can afford it, finding quality childcare placements can be dif-

To meet the demand, we need to create more than 8,000 new spots! Over the past four years, the Legislature has been working to help solve some of the problems. There is still much to do. Here is a list of some of our accomplishments:

- The Child Care Financial Assistance Program will help more families by expanding its eligibility requirements from 300 to 350% of the federal poverty level.
- All families below 150% of the poverty level will qualify for \$0

co-pays, and individual per-child co-pays will transition to one family co-pay.

- Information technology will be updated so one can pay benefits to childcare centers based on enrollment, not attendance.
- · Early educators have access to a loan repayment program (\$700,000), have access to a scholarship program, and we have expanded the TEACH programs (\$1.8
- The marketing analysis study is due December 15, 2022, with the following goals:

No family pays more than 10% of their income

Early educators are compensated similarly to teachers in K-3 public schools.

- \$27 million of Vermont's ARPA funds has been invested in childcare stabilization
- \$6 million has been added for retention bonuses in the FY22 budget, and \$1 million added for retention bonuses in the FY23 budget.
- \$800,000/year for capacity grants (to create more spots for children ages 0 to 3).
- Relaxed certification rules during COVID due to an extreme workforce shortage, especially for families needing care from 7 to 9 am and 4 to 6 pm.

- \$500,000 for Children's Integrated Services to increase provider reimbursement rates from \$600 to
- \$100,000 of one-time funds to support a pre-apprenticeship program in early childhood education.
- \$125,000 grants were given to students to pursue early childhood education careers.

There has been much discussion in the media of a recently released report on child care titled, "Vermont Child Care and Early Childhood Education System Analysis." The authors recommend that a new unit of state government be created to focus solely on early childhood programs. This will not be easy, but there are clearly changes that must be made to make our child care system more accessible and more affordable.

If you would like more information about child care - please look into Let's Grow Kids https://letsgrowkids.org/ and Building Bright https://buildingbrightfu-**Futures** tures.org/.

To find a registered and licensed child care provider in Brandon, Pittsford, or Sudbury area, please go to Vermont Agency of Human Services, Child Development Division https://dcf.vermont.gov/childcare/parents.

Racial bias

(Continued from Page 4) incident involving a discharge of a gun in a criminal manner, increased in 2021 and into 2022.

Our work lies in understanding crime statistics in the context of the pandemic and its impact on mental health, growing wealth and income gaps that have made Vermont unaffordable to many, and our relatively easy access to guns.

Most of all, it requires us to avoid easy explanations that can too often fuel bigotry and hate.

Communities all across the state and country are rethinking what public safety means. It is a good time to take a look at communities with successful communitybased public safety efforts that understand the community's needs and refuse to use divisive blaming strategies based on incorrect data. We must address bias in policing, improve de-escalation police training, hire mental health support workers, and adopt harm-reduction opioid policies.

Signed by the White Affinity

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Education

New England Commission of Higher Education grants accreditation to Vermont State University

JUNE 17 — The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) formally accepted the Vermont State Colleges System's (VSCS) plan to create a new university, Vermont State University, effective July 1, 2023

NECHE commended the VSCS for their comprehensive, multi-year planning, making special note of the realistic and extensive work the system has undertaken, the selection of Dr. Parwinder Grewal as president of Vermont State University, and the significant progress already achieved. NECHE also expressed enthusiasm for learning about the successes of the innovative hybrid operational model that Vermont State University is

Lynn Dickinson, Chair of the

Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees, said of the announcement, "Achieving accreditation for Vermont State University is monumental. Accreditation from the New England Commission of Higher Education recognizes our strategic planning work, holds us accountable for maintaining high educational standards, and ensures we make continuous quality improvements for our students.'

"This approval places high confidence in the trajectory of our unification work and the launch of Vermont State University," she continued. "Additionally, NECHE's attention to our proposed hybrid university model is notable because it is a vital component of our strategy to make our educational offerings as accessible as possible for all Vermonters."

Vermont State University President Dr. Parwinder Grewal commented, "Achieving our accreditation is a tremendous accomplishment as we move forward with the unification of Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College into Vermont State University. Launching Vermont State University will enhance the accessibility of higher and continuing education for learners across the state of Vermont."

Preparing all students for meaningful work and responsible citizenship is integral to our mission, and each Vermont State University program is being carefully designed to foster intellectual, personal, and creative growth for our learners within the accessible, caring, and inclusive community of Vermont State University" he continued. "In the coming months, we will open applications for our inaugural class of Vermont State University, creating opportunities for Vermonters to further their learning in an environment that meets them where they are and holds student success as a core value."

ABOUT THE VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

The Vermont State Colleges System provides affordable, high-quality, student-centered, and accessible education and career development opportunities for all Vermonters. In 2020, the Vermont State Colleges System embarked on a period of transformation to unify Castleton

University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College into a single accredited institution entitled Vermont State University by July 1, 2023.

When fully transitioned, the Vermont State Colleges system will be comprised of Vermont State University and Community College of Vermont (CCV). The new University will increase the reach of learning opportunities for all learners, fueling Vermont's economic pipeline and creating opportunities for learners of all ages who would otherwise lack access to affordable higher education opportunities.

Learn more about Vermont State University at www.vermontstate.edu and the Vermont State Colleges System at www. vsc edu

VLGS sets precedent

Shirley Jefferson named first BIPOC vice president

mont Law and Graduate School (VLGS) has named longtime professor and administrator Shir-

ley Jefferson JD'86 vice president for community engagement and government affairs. Jefferson is the school's first-ever vice

president of



"One of the first things I learned at

VLGS was that Shirley Jefferson is the school's heart and soul," said VLGS President Rodney Smolla, who began his tenure at the school on July 1.

"As VLGS begins its new direction, a graduate institution with both a law school and a graduate school, building strong relationships with the community will be more important than ever, and nobody is better suited to being the 'ambassador' of Vermont Law and Graduate School than Shirley Jefferson," he continued. "Her passion for educating students who want to be catalysts for change is unmatched and infectious.'

Before the promotion, Jefferson served as the school's associate dean for student affairs and diversity and is looking forward to sharing the school's programs and initiatives - including its world-renowned environmental program and first-of-its-kind restorative justice program – with the community.

"It is a very exciting time at Vermont Law and Graduate School and our mission to use law, policy, and leadership to confront some of the world's most complex challenges has never been needed more than Policy Advisory Commission. right now," said Jefferson. "Connecting our students, faculty members, and initiatives with community leaders, elected officials, and on-the-ground activists is essential to overcoming the many issues our society faces, and I can't wait to get started."

A 1986 graduate of the school and associate professor since 2002, Jefferson joined VLGS in 1999, initially serving as a special assistant to the admissions department and later as director of alumni affairs.

In her role as associate dean. she led the school's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts which will now be helmed by the newly hired associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion, Lisa Ryan - served as the school's senior student affairs officer, and advised and mentored the school's Student Bar Association chapter along with 35 other student organizations.

A nationally sought-after speaker and adviser on matters relating to race and the law and equitable access to legal education, Jefferson is a member of the Vermont State College Board of Trustees and Vermont State

She is a multiple-time winner of the Women's Law Group Phenomenal Woman Award, recipient of the Council on Le-Education Opportunity (CLEO) Edge Diversity Award, and National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair Legal Education Access & Diversity Champion award winner, among many other honors.

Prior to joining VLGS, Jefferson served as general counsel for the United Black Fund, Inc., associate counsel in the law office of Wilhelmina J. Rolark, and a legislative assistant on the Committee on Judiciary to Council Member Wilhelmina J. Rolark.

While a student at Vermont Law School, Jefferson received the Alumni Association Award and was a Debevoise Family Scholarship recipient. She also founded the Minority Student Group at VLS, and the school's Distinguished Service Award is named in her honor. A native of Selma, Alabama, she graduated summa cum laude from Southeastern University, where she was a dean's list student.



SHIRLEY JEFFERSON



SHASTA DAISIES POP alongside Bee Balm in one of Des Marais Farm's many flower gardens.

Shasta Daisies and Black-Eyed Susans are summer stars

BY LYN DES MARAIS

This is the season for the aster family of plants. In particular, two absolute gems of perennials have been blooming the past few weeks: The Shasta Daisy (Leucanthemum x superbum) and the Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia).

Both are reliable bloomers, they spread well, and most varieties don't grow out of control. Both can be planted in drifts or masses for a powerful visual effect or repeated in borders. They require very little once established and should be dug up and divided every three to four years. BLACK-EYED SUSANS



BLACK-EYED SUSANS IN full bloom.

Black-Eyed Susans are bright yellow daisy-like flowers with brown centers. Most grow in the three-to-four-foot range but can grow up to nine feet tall. They are considered native flowers, love the sun, tolerate some shade, and can live anywhere—on a bank, along a fence line, in a formal garden bed, in a field, in sand or clay soils.

They grow well from seed and then liberally self-sow. One complaint that some people have about perennials is that they don't bloom for long enough. Coneflowers, in particular Rudbeckia, bloom from late June

into September. These are hardworking perennials.

There are many varieties of Black-Eved Susans. Goldsturm is wonderful in a flower bed or on its own. It's hardy, stands tall, makes an excellent cut flower, and has a long flowering period.

Rudbeckia Hirta looks like the oldfashioned, wilder version of Black-Eyed Susans—great for a meadow effect.

American Gold Rush has a raised disk center with petals that drop away, reminiscent of the purple coneflower.

There is tall and short Rudbeckia, long and short-lived Rudbeckia, perennial and biennial Rudbeckia, Rudbeckia with huge and small flowers, and even green centered "Prairie Sun" Rudbeckia.

The Black-Eyed Susan vine is not a Rudbeckia; it only shares the name.

Pick a few varieties and have fun. See what grows. Their bloom time is June through September

What are good companion plants?

Because Black-Eyed Susans are versatile, you can plant them with many other summer flowers. Their golden coloring and long flowering season make them a perfect companion to many types of grass. This gives a wilder, meadow effect. For a meadow, plant a few coneflowers and annual blue cornflower to heighten the look.

Black Eyed Susans pair well with contrasting colors like blue and purple, so flowers like delphinium, Veronica (speedwell), Liatris, catmint, and salvias (sage) look lovely with them and cool down the warmth of the yellows.

White flowers like daylilies, Liatris, daisies, echinacea (coneflowers), and phlox will make their yellow petals pop in any setting

How to plant?

The easiest way is to plant from seed. If you buy plants, try to plant in spring and fall. Summer plantings are tricky and require a lot of watering and caretaking to ensure the plants have established themselves. If possible, try to avoid planting or transplanting when flowering. It's hard to establish roots in new soil and flower simultaneously. It takes a lot more work on the part of the plant.

SHASTA DAISIES

Daisies are a beloved flower going back centuries. Named 'day's eye' in Anglo Saxon because the common Daisy's petals close at night and open with the dawn. In Latin, the common Daisy is called Bellis perennis, which translates as 'beautiful perennial.'

The common Daisy has naturalized in the United States and has many cultivars and cousins. Like Black-Eyed Susans, the Daisy belongs to the vast Asteraceae family of plants. The family includes perennials like echinacea, asters, mums (chrysanthemums), dandelions, and annuals like zinnias and sunflowers; they all share a central disk with petals radiating outwards.

The Shasta Daisy is a 20th-century cultivar, grown to be taller and stronger, with larger flowers and a longer flowering season than the common Daisy.

There are many varieties of Shasta Daisy. Check any gardening catalog, and there are at least five on offer. They are bred to bring out various characteristics, such as color, size, flowering times, and longevity as a cut flower.

Luna has creamy double blooms, so it looks more like a Mum than a Shasta Daisy.

Shasta Daisy Becky is another hard-working perennial. It's a good cut flower with the classic single petal and a dominant yellow center.

Real dream and Belgian lace look very similar with layered petals on top of each other, giving a fluffy look with a central dominant yellow center.

You'll be spoiled for choice in daisies. Pick what you like, but double-check the hardiness zone, as some cultivars may be annuals here.

What are good companion plants?

For contrast, the spikiness of Liatris, lupine, iris, drumstick allium, and salvia (May Night). Any colored echinacea will be great with the daisies too.

How to plant?

Shastas can be planted from seed or by buying the plants. They aren't fussy and need very little once established. I always recommend fall planting if possible.

Lyn Des Marais is a selftaught gardener who has been gardening in Brandon, Vermont, and other hardiness zones for over thirty years.

Pittsford Congregational

(Continued from Page 1) tion, PCC is an old institution.

It is fitting, then, that PCC's new permanent Pastor, Michael Dwyer, is an historian.

Dwyer is an esteemed genealogist (he's the only Vermont fellow in the American Society of Genealogists), a member of the Pittsford and Rutland Historical Societies (he hosts a monthly program on PEG TV called "Historically Speaking" in association with the Rutland group), and was a Social Studies teacher for many years at Mount St. Joseph in Rutland and at Otter Valley.

He's right at home in a congregation that prides itself on its history and continuity. While helping set up a reception on a recent morning at the Church, Dwyer said, "There are four generations of one family in the building right now. The parishioners here have deep roots."

Dwyer will be formally installed as the settled pastor at PCC in August, after three years of interim service. We met at the Church to discuss the PCC faith community and his approach to ministry.

"I try to be modern and fresh but retain the traditional elements that people take comfort in," he said. For example, Dwyer eschews new translations of the Bible in favor of the traditional King James Version that most American Christians grew up with and can quote. "'The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.' has a lot more power than 'The Lord is my Shepherd. I lack nothing," Dwyer said with the literary discernment of a man who has an M.A. from Middlebury College's Breadloaf School of English.

"Comfort" is a word that comes up often in our conversation. "A large component of my work here is making sick calls, hospital calls, and comfort calls for the dying," Dwyer said. He sees personal connection to members of the congregation during "key transitions" as a fundamental function of his position. During the worst of COVID, he continued to visit with the ill, even when it required donning a hazmat suit to enter a hospital ward.

Congregationalism was one of the dominant forms of Protestantism in early New England. Yet, today's Congregationalist churches are generally far removed from the Puritan extremes of colonial New England. A core tenet of the denomination is the emphasis on self-governance by each congregation (hence the name Congregationalist). Many "Congo" churches (as they are often affectionately called) these days would generally be seen as liberal. In fact, Dwyer has been living in Pittsford with his husband, George, since 1999, and the last two Pastors at the Brandon Congregational Church have also been LGBT. The Mission Statement of the United Church of Christ (Congregationalism's parent body) states, "We welcome all."

Dwyer affirms, "This community has been extremely welcoming to me and George."

But Dwyer does not preach politics from the pulpit. He said, "My job is to preach Gospel and prepare meaningful worship that transcends the complexities of life. An essential element of Congregationalism is responsible freedom to act within the dictates of our individual consciences."

And this approach appears to be working. Despite the demographic challenges that most faith communities face in Vermont – the state has been deemed the least religious in the country – Dwyer is proud that PCC's congregation recently added six new parishioners who joined after researching the various churches in the area. But there's still much work to be done to keep PCC vital and thriving.

"Not a lot of younger people want to get involved in church

function. They see less need for the fellowship that church provided historically. People's social networking needs changed. And we lost Sunday," Dwyer added. "Sunday used to be set aside for church. Most everything else was closed. Now we compete with all the other activities in modern life."

To combat these trends, Dwyer makes a special effort to provide a sense of community at PCC. "I make sure I greet everyone by name. I make sure I remember what's going on with everyone personally. A recurrent message from me is the importance of our common worship, fellowship, and praying together," he said.

In service to fellowship, PCC offers Bible study and community suppers (both to resume in the fall after a hiatus during COVID). And the church deacons serve dinner monthly at Village Manor. PCC even sponsors music concerts like EnerJazz on the Village Green on August 6th.

"I believe in what I'm doing and am positive. It makes a difference," Dwyer said. "I think people are seeking meaning. Church will make a comeback."



MICHAEL DWYER STANDS in the foyer of the Pittsford Congregational Church, the sanctuary visible through the doors behind him.

Photo by Steven Jupiter



THE CURRENT PITTSFORD Congregational Church was built in 1837 for a congregation established in 1784.

Sports



TROY AUDET CELEBRATES next to his No. 13 car after scoring his second series win at Devil's Bowl on Hometown Heroes Night.

Photo by Bill McGaffin

Troy Audet snags second checkered flag of the season at Devil's Bowl

West Haven — Healthy crowds cheered on the Devil's Bowl Speedway competitors on Saturday, including Sunoco Sportsman Modified driver Troy Audet who earned his second win of the season in the 30-lap main event. Cody O'Brien, Tim Aldrighetti, Adam LaFountain, Logan Dennis, and Matt Wade also earned victories on a 'Hometown Heroes' night honoring first responders and military.

Troy Audet and Brent Warren led the 28-car Sunoco Sportsman Modified field to the high-flying green silk flown by Bob Bigelow. The two drivers swapped the lead early, with Audet securing the top spot for good on lap eight with his G. Stone Commercial number 13A.

Jimmy Davis gave chase in the East Coast Rubbish Removal 24 car racing from tenth to second before he ran out of time. Johnny Bruno, driving his Bruno's Towing 22 Bicknell, did some moving and shaking as he raced forward from his ninthplace starting spot to finish in the top five. The same goes for the Back Road Hair Styles Hair Salon 60W of Anthony Warren, who also battled his way inside the top five. But it all happened behind Audet, who earned his second win of the season.

Jimmy Davis, Johnny Bruno, Walt Hammond Jr., and Anthony Warren completed the top five finishers. Troy Audet, Austin Comes, and James Hanson were heat race winners. Marty Kelly III earned Elmo's Pit Stop Bonus Bucks worth \$100 via random draw at the pit meeting, while Vince Quenneville earned the CJ Richards Memorial Hard Charger honors and a \$100 bonus from Ed 'Elmo' Allen and Elmo's Pit Stop. Quenneville started 23rd and raced his way to ninth.

Twin 20's for the O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman division meant double the action. Springfield driver Cody O'Brien raced from his fifth starting spot to the win in Twin 20 number 1. He was followed by 'Santa' Bob Kilburn, Gary English, Jason Quenneville, and Randy Ryan in the top five.

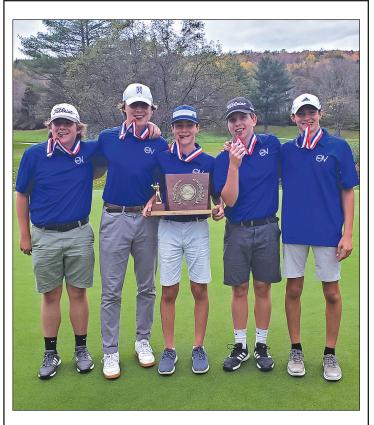
In O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman twin 20 number 2, Bethel driver Tim Aldrighetti raced his way to victory lane after starting sixth. He was followed by John Gosselin, William Duprey, Hunter Nutter, and Alex Layn in the top five. Mike McGinn, Cody O'Brien, and Josh LeClaire earned heat race victories. Adam LaFountain won the 20-lap Hoosier Daddy Racing Rookie Sportsman main event. The Starksboro racer started fourth and took the lead on lap four, never looking back. Kamden Duffy, Daryl Gebo, Josh Bussino, and Holden Bass

would round out the top five. Holden Bass and Adam LaFountain were heat race winners. Matt Wade claimed victory in the 15-lap Mini Stock A-Main. It was his first win this season and came at a good time as the Fair Haven driver is currently third in the championship point standings. Adam Mahoney, Chris Sumner, Chase Allen, and Jake Barrows completed the top five finishers. Griff Mahoney, Chris Sumner, and Austin McKirryher were heat race winners.

Nick Melotti won the 10-lap Mini Stock B-Main.

Current point leader Logan Dennis raced his way to another Friend Construction 15-lap 500cc Mini Sprint feature win. It was his second victory of the season and helped the Whiting driver extend his point. Rounding out the top five were Chayton Young, Lane Saville, Chris Lennox, and Kevin Smith. Lane Saville and Gage Provencher were heat race winners.

Next up for Devil's Bowl Speedway is CCV (Community College of Vermont) night, including an appearance by the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series. All weekly divisions will be in action, with pit gates opening at 3 p.m., grand-stands opening at 5:30 p.m., and racing scheduled to start at 7 p.m.



THE OTTER VALLEY boys' golf team, celebrating their Division II State title in October. From left, are team members Jordan Beayon, Hayden Bernhardt, Lucas Politano, Matt Bryant and Thomas Politano.

Reporter photo by Angelo Lynn

OV boys golf team holes out on a heck of a season

BY MAT CLOUSER

PINEHURST, NC — The Otter Valley high school boys golf team wrapped up what was arguably the greatest golfing season in the school's history last week with the NHSGA High School Golf National Invitational Tournament at the famed Pinehurst Golf Course in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The boys snagged OV immortality last fall and qualified for the 53-team national tournament by absolutely crushing the Vermont Division II state tournament—winning their first title since 1969 by 22 strokes over second place Stowe—a victory that the ever-swaggy swingin' Otters had predicted before the season even began.

Ace golfer and team leader Lucas Politano ('25)—last seen winning the New England Junior PGA Championship in June—shot a +17 for the three-day tournament, finishing 27 strokes back of the tourney's winner, Virginia's red-hot Jake Albert (-10), good enough to tie for 83rd place out of more than 330 competitors from all over the country.

Joining Politano on the historical team were his older brother Thomas Politano ('23, T294th, +67), Matthew Bryant ('23, T294th, +67), Jordan Beayon ('23, 312th, +84), and Hayden Bernhardt ('22, 327th, +116). The team finished in 47th place overall.

Though they may have liked to place higher in the national tournament, the future is bright for the Otters as Bernhardt is the only member of the team not due back next season to defend its title.

Next up for Lucas Politano will be the Junior PGA Championship at the Cog Hill Golf Course and Country Club in Chicago, Il, August 2-5.

Calendar of events

Chess Club

Join us every Tuesday evening for a fun night of chess from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer Street, Rutland.

Brandon Public Library Pins & Needles Crafting

The club will meet 5:30-7 p.m.

Brandon Public Library Teen Advisory Group This advisory group meets every first Tuesday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m.

Brandon Public Library Book Discussion Group Starting at 6 p.m., this group also meets every first Tuesday of the month.

Brain Club: Virtual Weekly Community Education

Brain Club is a weekly community education series (6-7PM $\,$ ET - resuming July 12) where we will be joined by professionals from various fields to teach us about different ways that brains of all types navigate everyday life, followed by Q&A from the audience. Each week will have a presenter or panel about a different topic, oriented around a monthly theme. All webinars are recorded for on-demand viewing.

Wednesdays:

Brandon Public Library Meditation Group Meet us for an hour of calm from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Music At The Riverbend Summer Concerts

July 21, U.S. Attorney, Vermont Attorney General & Rutland Area NAACP to co-host 'Hate Free Vermont' forum

RUTLAND - The United States Attorney's Office, the Vermont Attorney General's Office, and the Rutland Area NAACP will be co-hosting a Hate-Free Vermont Forum in Rutland on July 21, 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

'The Forum aims to bring policymakers, stakeholders, and community members together for productive and difficult conversations that will work to reduce animus, discord, and misunderstandings," said Co-facilitator Etan Nasreddin-Longo. "When we began this series of fora back in 2019, its intent was to take the pulse of Vermonters' experience of discrimination. Much has happened since that time, and our hope is to engage and to listen to our historically-disadvantaged communities about what they view as the continuing and new problems in 2022.'

Community members are encouraged to join us for a conversation on understanding and addressing bias, discrimination, and hate crimes in Vermont.

When: Thursday, July 21, 2022, 5:30pm-7:30pm Where: The Forum will be hosted in-person and

Physical location: Leahy Community Health Education Center, 160 Allen St, Rutland VT

Remote registration link: https://bit.ly/Hate-FreeVTRutland

For physical attendance, masks are required. Registration is required for remote attendance.

The warmth of the late-day sun on your face \dots the swell of music and the smell of popcorn carried on an evening breeze . . . Brandon's wonderful summer concert series have attracted over 100 folks to each performance and over 200 to some of them!! Every Wednesday night in July and August, the beautiful grounds behind the Brandon Inn is the site of free concerts for our community. We have an eclectic line-up of bands on tap. Join the folks who come out and relax with some quality music with their friends and neighbors. The kids have fun running around the pretty grounds next to the Neshobe River, and we all enjoy free popcorn! Adult beverages are served up by the Brandon Inn, available in the outdoor lounge area, so you don't miss a note of the music. At this time rain outs will NOT be held inside the Inn. We'll try to put a sign out that states "No Concert Tonight". Thanks for your support in our fundraisers and for coming out to support the great bands we have year after year. It's great to be part of live community music! Make a secure online donation here

Thursday Night Live: July 21, D. Colin Performs Spoken Word

Bennington, - The Better Bennington Corporation's 8th Thursday Night Live event features D. Colin with Spoken Word on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm at Merchants Park's Thomson Family Stage at 119 North Street. Bring your lawn chairs. The rain location is Mission City Church; we'll make that call the day of the performance if necessary. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Gift baskets from downtown businesses are raffled off at the end of the performance. Raffle tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6. You can pick up food from any of our downtown eateries to eat during the performance or go out downtown

D. Colin is a multidisciplinary artist of Haitian descent. Her work has appeared in Trolley, Ink & Nebula, Jaded Ibis Press, and Porter Gulch Review. She is the author of Dreaming in Kreyol and Said the Swing to the Hoop. She has

been featured on PBS, Write About Now, and NPR. She has also performed throughout the United States and internationally.

Beyond poetry, D. Colin has navigated the stage as an actor performing in productions with Black Theater Troupe of Upstate NY and Creative Action Unlimited. Her one woman show, Simone, appeared at the Capital Rep Theater and she has spent years performing reenact-

ments - most often as Sojourner Truth.

With an educational background in English and Africana Studies, D. Colin, no matter the medium, discusses the human condition, creates visibility, and uses history and activism as its foundation. She is the 2022 Excellence in Arts & Letters Award recipient for UAlbany's Alumni Association.

Colin believes in Nina Simone's words that "an artist's duty is to reflect the times." She often says, "if the art didn't move you, then I didn't do my job."

to help support the Brandon Summer Concert Series. Many thanks to the generosity of the Brandon Inn for sharing their space with us! For more information, contact the Chamber at 802-247-6401 or info@brandon.org

Thursdays:

Open Mic Nights

The Clear River Inn & Tavern in Pittsfield hosts weekly open mic nights. Sign-up starts at 8:00 p.m., the show

Wizards, Witches & Muggles, Rejoice! Potterpalooza Comes to Rutland

Come Alive Outside and Partners for Prevention are celebrating the magical wellness benefits of nature with Harry Potterthemed activities and events at Rotary Park in Rutland. From

10am-1pm, wizards, witches and muggles of all ages can delight in free activities led by community organizations and businesses. Make your own wand, create a horcrux or even play a game of water-balloon quidditch. Would-be wizards can also walk the muggle mile and see how many items on the marauder's map they can find. Costumes are encouraged for everyone, and the best costume will win a prize at the end of the event. There is no entry fee for participants. Food trucks will be on hand to serve hungry Hogwarts houses and butter beer will flow freely. Just a note: the butter beer is non-alcoholic, meaning that it is "beer" in name only, so kids can have a cup or two. Food and beverages are an additional fee. This event is rain or shine. Questions? Please contact Arwen Turner at Arwen@comealiveoutside.com or visit www.comealiveoutside.com for more information

Pittsford Historical Society Huge Annual Tag Sale From 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Museum on Main Street. 70+ year collection of knick knacks & decorations, household, camping, Civil War book collection and so very much

Rochester Chamber Music Society closes their 28th season

Starting at 4 pm at the Federated Church in Rochester. The afternoon concert features the well-known Heliand with guest percussionist Thomas Kozumplik. Heliand's 15th anniversary season draws to a close with a compelling new program for oboe, bassoon and piano called "Cool of the Day." Continuing their mission to make classical music meaningful and accessible through purposeful programming and vivacious performances, Heliand combines music of Franz Josef Haydn, Jenni Brandon, Padma Newsom, Clémence de Grandval, and Chick Corea. They will also present the world premiere of "Nuts", a piece commissioned by Heliand from composer Molly Leach. The program title was inspired by the song "Now is the Cool of the Day" by Jean Ritchie, which the trio will be singing in an arrangement by Moira

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will be a Map of Brandon to help out, but plan on your GPS and smart phones to input the complete sses provided on the listings sheet!

gister fee of \$10, sellers get their name and address on ficial listings sheet and a bright colored sign to draw ion to your sale. \$15 will buy an enhanced listing, gets the seller 25 words to describe specialty items vill grab buyer's attention, and increase your traf-

w! Fill out the registration form at Carr's Gift Shop nt one here. Registration deadline is July 30th. The is sponsored by the Brandon Area Chamber of Com-

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Loggers Get Paid and Why it Matters" workshop rs play an important role in the forest industry. To learn more the way in which loggers are paid, consider attending the vorkshop "How We Pay Loggers and Why it Matters." Brad on of Third Branch Horse Logging will be leading the event. orkshop will cover a wide range of topics on this subject ning with the pros and cons of traditional stumpage and itage pay systems, and also Third Branch Horse Logging's ative by the thousand payment system. The presentation will t logging goals, outcomes, financial ramifications, and imon woodlot ecology. Finally, Brad will discuss the short- and erm ramifications of an industry wide switch to an alternative ent model for loggers, with a particular emphasis on evolving ot management goals held by today's Vermont landowne workshop is open to loggers, landowners, foresters, and e else who is interested in this topic.

ent will be from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. and will take place d's home and woodlot located at 652 Stony Brook Road, ield, VT 05663. Please note this is not the address of Third h Horse Logging, even though the business is sponsoring the The event will take place rain or shine. Participants should a 30 min. - 1 hour-long walk in the woodlot with the discusfollow. Participants should bring some kind of portable

chair if they do not wish to stand for the discussion portion of the workshop. The site does not have bathrooms (beyond the woods), so participants should stop before arrival.

The Leicester Democratic Caucus

Will be meeting at, 7:00 pm. at the Leicester Senior Center at the

Four Corners with the purpose of nominating Justices of the Peace. For more information contact Joseph Watson at 802-247-3171.

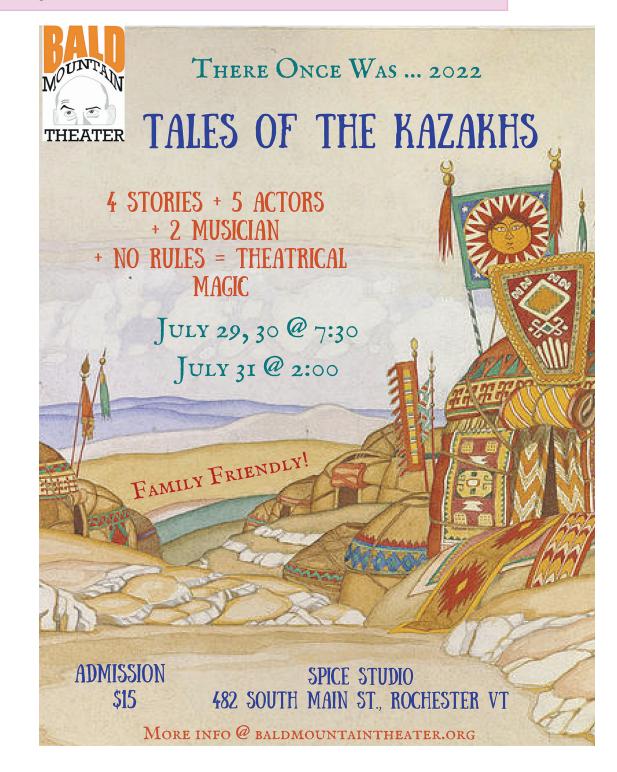
Goings on around town

Mutual Friends' to play on July 22 at Sheldon Museum Fridays Series

Middlebury...On Friday, July 22, the Sheldon Museum's garden will be filled with music beginning at 5 pm as part of the Museum's Summer Fridays Series. Mutual Friends, a band made up of Middlebury College students Bri Beach, Kai Fukuda, Andrew Grossman, Hans Kindstedt, and Jon Jon March will perform indie funk, jazz, pop, and classic rocks songs. There is no charge for the garden event and the Museum will



be open free to the public from 4-7 pm. Stop by for this informal evening of music -- attendees are welcome to bring a picnic supper, and are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. The Sheldon thanks Table 21 for supporting the Summer Fridays Series. The Sheldon Museum is located at One Park Street, Middlebury. For more information, visit www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org or call the Sheldon at 802-388-2117.





Concerts are outside on the Village Farm grounds, weather permitting. Rain venue is Lothrop Gym, 3447 US-7, Pittsford, VT 05763. This event is free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

PANHANDLERS - Steel drum band - Come tap your feet and sway your hips to the sound of calypso, reggae and samba as Vermont's largest steel band performs a mix of island favorites and upbeat tunes.



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Arts & Culture

Brandon's silent film series scores a knockout with *Battling Butler*

BRANDON—Henever smiled on camera, earning the nickname "the Great Stone Face." But Buster Keaton's comedies rocked Hollywood's silent era with laughter throughout the 1920s. Acclaimed for their originality, clever visual gags, and amazing stunts, Keaton's films remain popular crowd-pleasers today. See for yourself with a screening of *Battling Butler* (1926), one of Keaton's landmark feature films, on Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall.

Battling Butler tells the story of pampered millionaire Alfred

Butler (Keaton), who tries to impress the girl of his dreams (Sally O'Neil) by pretending to be a championship boxer with the same name.

The masquerade leads to knockout comedy both in and outside the ring, giving Keaton ample opportunity to display his gifts for physical and visual comedy.

In the 1920s, boxing rivaled baseball as the nation's most popular sport. Different neighborhoods, communities, and ethnic groups all rooted for their favorite fighters. Heavyweight champion

Jack Dempsey was an international celebrity.

Because of this, boxing stories were also popular with early movie audiences.

Keaton, along with Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, stands as one of the silent screen's three great clowns.

critics Many regard Keaton as the best of all. Roger Ebert wrote in 2002 that "in an extraordinary period from 1920 to 1929, [Keaton] worked without interruption on a series of films that make him. arguably, greatest actordirector in the history of the movies."

But while making films, Keaton never thought he was an artist, but an entertainer trying to use the then-new art of motion pictures to tell stories and create laughter.

All those talents are displayed in Battling Butler. which is the top-grossing title of Keaton's silent features.

The program will open with another Keaton comedy, *Sherlock Jr.* (1924), in which Keaton plays a movie projectionist who dreams of being a detective.

Live music for *Battling Butler* and *Sherlock Jr.* will be provided by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer and composer specializing in scoring and presenting silent films.

"As an elemental contest between two opponents, boxing inspired early filmmakers to do some great work," Rapsis said. "It's a visual sport that doesn't require a lot of dialogue or commentary to understand, and so was perfect for silent movies."

The screening of *Battling Butler* and *Sherlock Jr.* is sponsored by Kathy and Bill Mathis in memory of Maxine Thurston.

All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Admission is free, with donations accepted in support of ongoing Town Hall renovations.

For more about the music, visit www.jeffrapsis.com. Other films in this year's Brandon TownHallsilentfilmseriesinclude: • Saturday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.: Blood and Sand (1922) starring Rudolph Valentino in his first starring role as a sexy bullfighter in this romantic thriller. Celebrating its 100th anniversary! Sponsored by Edward Loedding and Dorothy Leysath, the Hanson Family in memory of Pat Hanson and Sally Wood.
• Saturday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.: The Flying Ace (1926) is a rare example of a silent movie produced for black-only theaters in segregated parts of the nation. It was added to the National Film Registry in 2021. Sponsored by Nancy and Gary Meffe. · Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.: Nosferatu (1922). Just in time for Halloween, celebrate the 100th anniversary of F.W. Murnau's original adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula. Sponsored by Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. • Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.: Her Sister from Paris (1925) starring Constance Talmadge and Ronald Colman. An effervescent comedy about the battle of the sexes

among wealthy Europeans. Spon-

sored by Harold & Jean Somer-



FROM LEFT TO right: Rusty Wescott, Cameron Wescott, Glenn Giles, Bill Brislin, Rob Zollman, Dave McKenzie, Todd Jonz, Jen Murdock, Martha Welch, Harry Drum, Ellen Sutherland, Zachary Trepanier, Steve Sawyer, Paul Sutherland, and Jeff Rusik. Not pictured: Mike Durkee, Bruce Choen, Mike Lenox, and Michael Corn.

EnerJazz keeps summer cooking with upcoming shows

For the last 14 years, fans of music and dancing in Rutland County have been lucky enough to shake a leg to the smooth but jumping sounds of the big band, EnnerJazz.

According to band leader Harry Drum, the 18-member, high-energy big band formed in 2008 and had their first-ever concert in Fair Haven Park, where they will play again this July 28. "EnerJazz started as a need to fill a void for big bands in Rutland County even though we're representative and play the state of Vermont," said Drum.

Drum says the band is dedicated to playing Swing Era hits in their original style, using the original arrangements whenever possible. All told, the band has about 170 tunes in its musical arsenal

In addition to the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie,

Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and others, the band's repertoire includes arrangements by contemporary big bands from Maynard Ferguson to Gordon Goodwin and jazz interpretations of popular tunes from other genres.

"The strength of our band is duplicating the songs of yesteryear and today," said Drum, "with 18 talented musicians playing in harmony, using dynamics and all the musical tools to create beautiful music for our audience."

In addition to the Fair Haven show, EnerJazz will perform in Brandon for Music at the Riverbend on July 20 from 7—9 p.m. and in Pittsford at the Pittsford Congregational Church on August 6th this year from 6-7:30 p.m.

More information about Ener-Jazz we can be found on Facebook or www.EnerJazz.net.

The Vermont Blues Retreat boogies into Brandon for second straight year

BRANDON — Following the success of the first Vermont Blues Retreat in 2021, Brandon Music and The Compass Music and Arts Center are partnering again with Hands On Music to offer master classes and workshops, concluding with a faculty concert at Brandon Music on Saturday, August 6th at 7:20 p. 2020.

The faculty features several of

Vermont's finest working blues musicians:

Dennis Willmott. Willmott's mastery of acoustic and electric styles emanates from early experiences in the 1950s listening to Leadbelly, Mance Lipscomb, Lightning Hopkins, Brownie McGhee, and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown.

By 1963, Willmott was perform-(See Vermont Blues Retreat, Page 15)



Vermont Blues Retreat

(Continued from Page 14) ing acoustic blues in the Piedmont tradition and the Delta and Texas twelve-bar styles.

Transitioning to the more urban style of electric blues in the early 1990s, Dennis played with Big Joe Burrell in the last three years of his life and formed his well-known band Left Eye Jump.

He has an encyclopedic knowledge of blues history and sub-styles, which he conveys in an articulate and entertaining manner. He furthers his mission to bring the blues to more musicians and broader audiences by serving on the board of directors of the Vermont Blues Society.

Paul Asbell. From his early years playing blues on Chicago's South Side to his present multi-faceted career based in northern Vermont, Paul Asbell is a true 'musician's musician.'

A Vermont resident since 1971, Asbell has played and recorded with a diverse array of artists, including Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf, Lightnin' Hopkins, Otis Rush, Magic Sam, Earl Hooker, Lightnin' Slim, Paul Butterfield, Sam Lay, Pops Staples, Donny Hathaway, Big Mama Thornton, singer-songwriters Paul Siebel, Jim Ringer, Mary McCaslin, and Rosalie Sorrells, as well as jazz greats Jon Hendricks, Bobby McFerrin, Sonny Stitt, and Nick Brignola.

Asbell formed Kilimanjaro in 1978, recording two award-winning albums and touring internationally. In 1981, Kilimanjaro joined with legendary saxophonist and singer Joe Burrell to form Big Joe Burrell and the Unknown Blues Band.

Asbell has taught guitar for over

45 years. He currently teaches at Middlebury College and the University of Vermont.

Kenny B. Kenny was born in Harlem, NY, and was surrounded by music from early childhood. He played piano from four to 8 years old and became a Funkateer at nine years old when he started playing bass. His early influences were Larry Graham, Bootsy Collins, and Charles Mingus.

Kenny spent time hanging out

Rob's mission is to

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with Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers in his teenvears and age learned from Art that the rhythm section steers the band. Kenny has played with James Cotton, Koko Taylor, and Sleepy LaBeef, among others.

For the last 27 years, Kenny has played with Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson and performed in 12 countries from Canada to Europe, the Pilsner Blues Fest, and across 18 cities in Turkey. They also played extensively throughout the United States, headlining and receiving co-billing with the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Van Morrison, James Montgomery, Taj Mahal, Levon Helm, and Junior Wells

Chuck Eller. Eller has been a keyboardist and music producer for over 40 years. In addition to his role as keyboard player for the internationally known pop-jazz group Kilimanjaro, he has also performed with numerous blues artists over the years, including a US tour backing

legendary blues icon Paul Butterfield, along with the other members of Kilimanjaro.

Together with Butterfield, they performed across the US and appeared at the prestigious Montreal Jazz Festival and the Roskilde Festival in Copehagen, Denmark. In addition, Kilimanjaro has backed up blues greats W.C. Clark, New Orleans own Kenny Neal and Marva Wright.

For 27 years, Chuck was a mem-

ber of the popular Vermont-based group, The Unknown Blues Band, which featured B.B. King alumnus Big Joe Burrell. During that time the band spreads its unique sound by performing at the Kool Jazz Festival (Newport), the Yaroslav Jazz Festival in

the Soviet Union, and The Utrecht Blues Festival in the Netherlands.

Jeff Salisbury. Salisbury has played professionally since the 1960s, performing, touring, and recording with numerous blues, R&B, and jazz artists Albert King, Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Linda Tillery, and Cold Blood, among others. He recently retired after 25 years as the Drum Set Artist/Teacher at the University of Vermont.

He is an original faculty member of KoSA International Percussion Workshops and is the author of Melodic Motion Studies For Drumset, published by Hal Leonard Music.

Jeff has studied with George Marsh, Peter Magadini, Bob Moses, and Max Roach. He endorses DW drums and Aquarian Drumheads

He maintains an active playing schedule with four bands, including the Jeff Salisbury Band and Left Eye Jump.

Rob Zollman. Since the mid-1980s, Rob has produced concerts, events, and studio recordings. As a musician for over 50 years, he's played small and big band jazz, blues, rock, Brazilian, and klezmer music.

He has a classical and contemporary background and has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Harry Partch Ensemble, and jazz bassist Jamaaladeen Tacuma at New Music America.

In Vermont since 2003, Rob has played regularly in several bands and numerous musicals at the Paramount and Middlebury Town Hall

Theaters. He occasionally subs in Dennis Willmott's band, Left Eye Jump

Rob is a passionate, life-long teacher. His studies with noted music learning theorist Professor Edwin Gordon inspired him to write his book Whole Music Drumming.

His students have included Ari Hoenig, Ken Every (Jacksonville Symphony), Gene Jackson (Herbie Hancock), and Mike Shapiro (Flora Purim).

Rob's mission is to offer musicmaking opportunities to anyone regardless of age and ability. He believes everyone can make music.

For more information about the concert, contact Edna Sutton on 802 282 8655 or to enroll in the workshops, contact Rob Zollman at 802 247 2700 or visit them online at www.vermontbluesretreat.com.



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Bear conflicts are escalating in Vt., Fish & Wildlife urge proactive coexistence

MONTPELIER — High-risk bear conflicts such as home and vehicle entries are being reported more frequently this summer than in previous years, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

"Vermont's black bears are learning to connect humans and food, and becoming bolder," said wildlife biologist and Black Bear Project leader Jaclyn Comeau. "The number one cause of this dangerous, escalating behavior is Vermonters failing to secure food sources that attract bears. This failure is putting people and bears in danger."

Bear incident reports to the department have been on the rise for a

decade, from 135 reports in 2011 to 650 in 2021. This year, over 700 reports have already been submitted.

"We are receiving more bear incident reports, and more concerning we are also receiving more reports of truly high-risk behavior by bears," said Comeau. "In a typical year, we receive just two or three reports of bears breaking into homes. This summer, we are hearing of two to three attempted or successful home entries per week."

The department urges individuals, towns, and businesses to be proactive in keeping bears from seeking food near people. Securing garbage, taking down bird feeders, locking vehicles and making sure

not to store food in vehicles, composting properly, and protecting backyard livestock with an electric fence are necessary.

"Coexisting with our healthy bear population requires all Vermonters to remove potential sources of conflict before problems start," said Comeau. "Preventing a conflict is much easier than resolving an ongoing conflict and is the safest option for both bears and people. Once a bear has learned truly high-risk behaviors like home entry, lethal control may be needed to protect human safety. No one wants to have to resort to that measure."



Can you identify any of the people in these vintage photos from Mim Welton's Dateline Brandon newspaper archives? Let us know!



E-mail ads@ brandonreporter.com if you can identify someone in these photos. Or call us at 247-8080





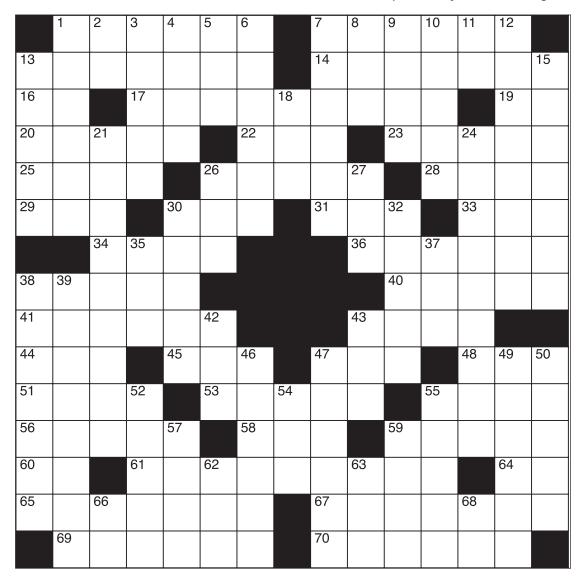
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Eurasian shrubs
- 7. Strikes and rebounds
- 13. Group of advisers
- 14. Modern necessity
- 16. Top lawyer in the land
- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I
- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29 Ad
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad"
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- 60. Northwest Territories
- 61. Can be made suitable 64. A professor's helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse
- 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces

CLUES DOWN

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- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)
- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer's tool
- 66. Midway between north and east
- 68. Atomic #3



RCHS to host a Clear the Shelter Event!

Have you been thinking about adding a furry friend to your family? Are you considering adopting a pet? If so, RCHS needs your help! Our shelter is full of wonderful animals waiting for their forever homes. Help us find loving homes for them and give everyone an opportunity to adopt. If you have been on the fence about adopting, now is the time to add a new member to your family. The length of time that animals are sitting in shelters is up across the country, and we want to do our best to help get that number down, but we need your help! So, in honor of the Clear the Shelter's Movement, we will be offering a 75% discount on adoption fees July 26-30. This excludes puppies and kittens as they get adopted quickly, and we want to focus on the adults who have been with us for longer. Please help us find homes for the animals at RCHS, and help us clear the shelter! For more information or to schedule an appointment (we are appointment only), please call the Adoption Center at 802.483.6700.

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MEET TEVA - 6-MONTH-OLD. MALE. MASTIFF/LAB MIX. WHITE WITH BRINDLE.

Teva is a sweet boy who takes a little time to warm up to new people. He loves to be outside and romp around with his toys. He isn't fond of being restrained, so it will be important to work with him on that for vet visits. He is crate trained and has lived with both dogs and cats. He did great with dogs, but he is very curious about cats, so we aren't sure how he would do it. Teva will need a family who can work on his socialization, as he is very unsure of strangers. Teva has a heart murmur and although it isn't an issue at the moment, his family will want to get him into a cardiologist in the near future. Teva is currently looking for a foster family until his neuter appointment. If you are looking for a goofy guy to join your family, give us a call at 802-483-9700!

MEET KAT KAT - 4-YEAR-OLD, NEUTERED MALE, GREY TABBY.

Greetings all! I'm new to the area and happy to have arrived from Philadelphia. So far, I am really enjoying being here in Vermont. I was surrendered by my owner in Pennsylvania and now I'm ready to find my new family. My foster family said I was quite a guy who loved a good lap and a soft bed. I am known to be quite sweet and affectionate once I settle in. Well, there's plenty more I can tell you, but perhaps it would be best to cover it in person. I hope you call to make an appointment soon.





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Sudoku

Here's how a sudoku puzzle works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku every row, every column and every box must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each number must appear only once in each row, column and box. Figure out where to fill in the missing numbers by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers that are filled in, the easier it gets to

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Adult Biographies

Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, **British Spy** by Damien Lewis

Prior to World War II, Josephine Baker was a music-hall diva renowned for her singing and dancing, her beauty and sexuality; she was the highestpaid female performer in Europe. When the Nazis seized her adopted city, Paris, she was banned from the stage, along with all "negroes and Jews." Yet instead of returning to America, she vowed to stay and to fight the Nazi evil. Overnight, she went from performer to Resistance spy.

Young Adult Fiction

by Akwaeke Emezi

Bitter is thrilled to have been chosen to attend Eucalyptus, a special school where she can focus on her painting surrounded by other creative teens. But outside this haven, the streets are filled with protests against the deep injustices that grip the town of Lucille. Bitter's instinct is to stay safe within the walls of Eucalyptus . . . but her friends aren't willing to settle for a world that the adults say is "just the way things are.

Adult Fiction

Did you know?

Drag Queen Story Hour is back! Join us Saturday July 23rd at 11 a.m. as Miss Mermaid herself, Anita Cocktail, and Mama Dukes share stories of under the sea fun and friendship!

Dark Earth by Rebecca Stott

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Juvenile Fiction

All Four Quarters of the

Moon by Shirley Marr
The night of the Mid-Autumn Festival, making mooncakes with Ah-Ma, was the last time Peijing Guo remembers her life being the same. She is

haunted by the magical image of a whole egg yolk suspended in the middle like the full moon. Now adapting to their new life in Australia, Peijing thinks everything is going to turn out okay as long as they all have each other, but cracks are starting to appear in the family.

Magazines

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"The Hidden One" by Linda Castillo in memory of Maxine

I'll be Seeing You" by Robin Lee Hatcher in memory of Marie Butterfield

Where there's smoke, there's fire; except when it's air conditioning

BRANDON—The were kept busy with several unique calls this past week, including a case of missing French luggage, a potentially larcenous fly, a dog at large, and a report of smoke in a building that turned out to be something much, much cooler.

On July 11, a French citizen appeared at the police station to file a missing property report after his luggage disappeared during his trip from Europe to the Newark International Airport. However, as the exact location of the disappearance was unknown, a courtesy report was put on file so that he could file a claim with his insurance company. No word was given as to why the Frenchmen elected to report the missing goods in Vermont instead of New Jersey.

Two days later, police assisted the Brandon Fire Department with a report of smoke in a building on Franklin Street. Upon arrival at the scene, it was determined that what was thought to be smoke was actually just condensed air escaping from an air conditioning unit.

The next day police responded to a motion alarm triggered at Union Street Grocery that was ultimately determined to have been caused by an unidentified

On July 17, police responded to a call of a dog at large in the area of Franklin Street. The perambulating pooch was eventually located and promptly returned to its owner.

In other activities, police:

Brandon

Police Report

On July 11

- Took fingerprints for school employment, summer employment, and teaching licenses on Forest Dale Road.
- Assisted a French citizen on Forest Dale Road in filing a missing property report after his luggage came up missing between his flight from overseas and the Newark International Airport. Due to the unknown location of the loss, a courtesy report was put on file so that he could file a claim with his insurance com-
- Served a stalking order on Mulcahy Drive.
- Responded to reports of littering on Carver Street by Willy's Bow. An investigation is ongoing due to repeated complaints of trash being discarded in the

On July 12

- Directed speed enforcement on Franklin Street using laser ra-
- · Assisted the Brandon Area Rescue Squad on a medical call on Steinberg Road.
- Confronted two suspicious individuals walking around the Walgreens on Union Street late at night. It was determined that the individuals were there deliv-

(See Police report, Page 19)

VEEKLY HOROSCOPE



ARIES March 21-April 20

This week you may find yourself taking on a teaching or mentoring role, Aries. It is one way to volunteer in the community and pay it forward.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

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GEMINI May 22-June 21

It's possible you will find people to be This week you may consider furthering extra aggressive this week, Gemini. Try not to react to what they are putting out. Instead, deflect that negative energy.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Get together with others this week SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21 because you can use some extra support, Cancer. Otherwise, you may find yourself floundering in an uncomfortable situa-

LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, self-control is important for you most this week, especially as it pertains to shopping. Do not buy every item you see.
Rather, think through purchases before taking the plunge.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22 This is a good week to look at things

in a new way. All it may take is viewing something from a new angle or with a Aquarius, even though you would like to revised attitude to have an entirely new perception.

Aquarius, even though you would like to spend most of your time planning fun activities for the future, this week you have

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Take a break and get some exercise in the process, Libra. Visit a nearby park and take an extended bicycle ride or jump in the pool to swim a few laps. Enjoy fresh air and breathing room.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

your education or learning new skills. Try volunteering if you're not ready for a financial commitment or if you don't want a firm schedule...

Spend time with people who care about you, Sagittarius. They can help brighten your day when things feel overwhelming July 25

July 26

July 27

Mick Jagger, singer (79)

July 27

Myar Rudolph,

and provide advice when you need it

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Hold your tongue as much as possible, Capricorn. Even a slight criticism may put a person off you for a while and that can cause friction that is tough to overcome.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18

to hunker down and focus on business.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20

You may be more sentimental now than in the past, Pisces. Feelings evolve and there is no wrong way to feel. Go with the

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

July 21 Robin Williams, comedian (d) July 22 John Lee Hooker, blues musician (d) July 23 Alison Krauss,

singer-songwriter (51)

actor and comedian (50)

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Police report

(Continued from Page 18) ering newspapers.

- Received a complaint that a resident of Mulcahy Drive had abandoned her apartment in Park Village and left her cat behind. It was determined that the complaint was unfounded, and no police response was necessary.
- Conducted a property watch on Wheeler Road while the homeowners were away on vacation.
- Directed foot patrol at the Brandon Public Library.
- Directed speed enforcement on Grove Street. Three vehicles were stopped, and all were issued warnings.
- Conducted foot patrol on Center Street and aided EMS with a medical call.
- Conducted a traffics stop on Champlain Street for speeding and issued a warning.

On July 13

- Conducted routine business checks at 802 Spirits on Conant Square and the Green Mountain Garage, American Legion, and Hawk Hill Gun Store on Franklin Street.
- Directed foot patrol at the Brandon Public Library.
- Took fingerprints for summer employment on Forest Dale Road.
- Responded to a complaint of a black truck doing burnouts on Forest Dale Road near the senior center. The vehicle was not located upon the officer's arrival.
- Issued a final stalking order to a resident on Franklin Street
- Conducted two traffics stops on Franklin Street; one warning was issued for speeding.
- Conducted speed enforcement on Forest Dale Road. One vehicle was stopped for speeding, and a warning was issued.
- Arrested John P. Radosta of New Orleans, La, and charged him with DUI. Radosta was released on a citation to appear in Rutland Superior Court, criminal division, on August 1 at 11 a.m.

On July 14

- Took fingerprints for school chaperones and summer employment on Forest Dale road.
- Responded to a reported larceny on Franklin street where four tires were thought to be stolen over the Fourth of July weekend.
- Directed foot patrol at the Brandon Public Library for an ongoing stalking/harassment is-

sue.

- Responded to a property watch request on Richmond Road while the owners were on vacation.
- Responded to a report of a vehicle being operated in a negligent manner at Estabrook Park, but the vehicle was not found.
- Assisted BARS on Franklin Street with a report of smoke in the building. It was determined that there was no fire and that the reported smoke was actually condensed air coming from an air conditioning unit.

On July 15

- Responded to a report of a man in the middle of the road waving down cars on Franklin Street. Upon arrival at the scene, the officer determined that the man in question was having a diabetic episode that resulted in an altered mental state. EMS was contacted, and the man was taken to Porter Hospital in Middlebury for treatment.
- Assisted with a report of a male having chest pains on Conant Square. The man was transported by Rutland Regional Ambulance to the hospital for treatment.
- Responded to a motion alarm at Union Street Grocery that was later determined to have been set off by a fly.
- Issued a restraining order to a resident on Mulcahy Drive.
- Directed foot patrol at the Brando Public Library.
- Responded to a complaint on Franklin Street from a resident who said she and her partner had argued with her partner's son, who had been in town for a funeral and had left behind his bicycle and defecated next to her vehicle. The complainant asked that the issue be documented, and it was determined that no criminal violation had occurred.
- A motor vehicle crash on Grove Street was reported where one of the operators allegedly became unruly and aggressive towards the other driver.
- Responded to a mental health issue on Franklin Street where police advised a citizen of the parameters of the trespass order and stalking notice that had been placed on them.
- Received a report of an ATV driving erratically in the area of McConnell Road and Burch Hill Road but were unable to respond due to high call volume.
- Responded to a report of a man sitting in the middle of

Franklin Street. The subject was transported to RRMC for psychiatric evaluation.

- Directed patrol at the Jiffy Mart on Grove Street. One vehicle was stopped and issued a ticket for speeding.
- Conducted a traffic stop on Conant Square, and a ticket was issued for speeding.
- Conducted a routine property watch at Olivia's on Forest Dale Road.

On July 16

- Conducted a property watch at New England Woodcraft on North Street.
- Received a found credit card at the police station on Forest Dale Road.
- Conducted a traffic stop on Pearl Street for defective equipment, but no ticket was issued.
- Conducted a traffic stop on Center Street for failing to yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk.
- Assisted BARS with a medical call on Mulcahy Drive.
- Conducted two traffics stops on Grove Street for no tail lights, but no tickets were issued.

On July 17

- Arrested Nicholas D. Pecor for driving with a criminally suspended license. Pecor was cited to appear before Rutland Superior Court, criminal division, on August 22.
- Responded to a neighbor's complaint of intoxicated and disorderly behavior on Franklin Street. An investigation is ongoing, and possible criminal charges may be issued in the future.
- Conducted speed enforcement at Virgil and Constance on Franklin Street.
- Received notice of an alarm activation on Town Farm Road. No police response was needed due to an alarm cancellation by the alarm company.
- Responded to an untimely death on Carver Street.
- Responded to a late report of a possible attempted burglary on Franklin Street. An investigation is ongoing.
- Responded to a dog at large in the area of Franklin Street. The dog was located and returned to its owner.
- Conducted a welfare check on the complainant's daughter, who was thought to be at the Pine Hill Cemetery following an altercation with her boyfriend. Police could not locate the subject at the cemetery or her residence.

Long COVID

(Continued from Page 3) including the heart, lung, kidneys, brain, and skin.

If you were in the hospital or were severely ill, you may also experience severe weakness, exhaustion, problems with thinking and judgment, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). These symptoms may not be caused by long-haul CO-VID but instead may be a result of your hospitalization or severe illness.

What should you do if you have long-haul COVID symptoms?

You may need to see a doctor depending on your symptoms and severity. Since symptoms vary widely, so will the type of doctor you see. It's best to start with your primary doctor. After reviewing your symptoms and your medical history, you may be given a treatment plan or will be referred to a specialist as needed.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO BROWNFIELDS REUSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT PROGRAM

Please take notice that 59 Franklin LLC whose mailing address is 317 Leicester Whiting Rd., Whiting, VT 05778, is applying to the Vermont Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Program (10 V.S.A. §6641 et seq.) in connection with the redevelopment of property known as 59 Franklin St., Brandon, VT 05778 in the Town of Brandon. A copy of the application, which contains a preliminary environmental assessment and a description of the proposed redevelopment project is available for public review at the Brandon town Clerk's Office and at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Montpelier.

Comments concerning the application and/or the above referenced documents may be directed to Rob Farley at rob.farley@vermont.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 1, Montpelier, VT 05620; attention: Rob Farley.

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BOBBI-JO PISCOPO A/K/A BOBBI-JO PISCOPO SUNDSTROM A/K/A BOBBI-JO SUNDSTRUM A/K/A BOBBI JO SUNDSTROM

OCCUPANTS OF: 45 Carver Street, Brandon VT

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER 12 V.S.A. sec 4952 et seq.

In accordance with the Judgment Order and Decree of Foreclosure entered December 22, 2021, in the above captioned action brought to foreclose that certain mortgage given by Bobbi-Jo Sundstrom to Summit Financial Center, Inc., dated May 25, 2005 and recorded in Book 175 Page 439 of the land records of the Town of Brandon, of which mortgage the Plaintiff is the present holder, by virtue of the following Assignments of Mortgage: (1) Assignment of Mortgage from Summit Financial Center, Inc. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated May 25, 2005 and recorded in Book 175 Page 454; (2) Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated March 19, 2010 and recorded in Book 206 Page 462; (3) Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated April 2, 2012 and recorded in Book 215 Page 753; (4) Assignment of Mortgage from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Citibank, N.A., not in its Individual Capacity, but solely as Trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust VI dated April 1, 2016 and recorded in Book 231 Page 612; and (5) Assignment of Mortgage from Citibank, N.A., not in its Individual Capacity, but solely as Trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust VI to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust dated February 15, 2022 and recorded in Book 253 Page 792, all of the land records of the Town of Brandon for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 45 Carver Street, Brandon, Vermont on August 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

Being all the same lands and premises conveyed to Bobb0-Jo Piscopo Sundstrom by Quitclaim Deed of Richard C. Sundstrum, dated March 3, 1998 and recorded in Book 131 at Page 39 of the Town of Brandon Land Records, described as follows, viz:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Bobbi-Jo Piscopo Sundstrum and Richard C. Sundstrum by Warranty Deed of Bobbi-Jo Piscopo Sundstrum dated April 17, 1992 and recorded at Book 110, Page 163 of the Brandon Land Records and in which deed said lands and premises are described as follows:

"The premises conveyed herein are known as 45 Carver Street, Brandon, Vermont.

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Bobbi-Jo Piscopo by Warranty Deed of Bernard T. Greene and Melanie A. Greene dated July 7, 1991 and recorded in Vol. 107 at Page 335 of the Town of Brandon Land Records.

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Bernard T. Greene and Melanie A. Greene by Warranty Deed of Charles E. Greene, Jr., and Bonnie L. Greene dated November 10, 1977 and recorded in Vol. 83, Page 364 of the Town of Brandon land Records.

The premises are more particularly described by the deed in the record chain of title recorded in Vol. 75, Page 436 as follows:

The brickyard house and lot, so-called, situated on the westerly side of Carver St. in the Village of Brandon and being bounded as follows: on the north by lands of Thaddeus A. Denton, on the east by said Carver Street and on the north and west by the so-called brickyard pasture now owned by George Knapp. It is believed that the "north" in the last quoted line is a typographical error, and should read "south".

Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid deeds and their record and to the reference therein contained and their records. All in further aid of this description."

Reference is hereby made to the above instruments and to the records and references contained therein in further aid of this description.

Terms of sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a bank wire, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date the Confirmation Order is entered by the Court. All checks should be made payable to "Bendett & McHugh, PC, as Trustee".

The mortgagor is entitled to redeem the premises at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the mortgage, including the costs and expenses of the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

DATED: June 23, 2022

y: /s/ Rachel K. Ljunggren
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SASKADENA SIX

"Suicide Six" nixes name in favor of honoring the Abenaki

WOODSTOCK — The Saskadena Six Ski Area introduced a new name and logo, retiring the "Suicide Six" name from the historic ski resort in South Pomfret, VT, owned and operated by the Woodstock Inn & Resort. Honoring the ancestral land of the indigenous western Abenaki people, the word "saskadena" "standing mountain," symbolizing a deep connection to the original inhabitants, the land, and the nearly 90-year legacy of this community

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"The time has come to change name of our historic ski area to better reflect its rich tradition of family fun," said Courtney Lowe, president of the Woodstock Inn & Resort. "We embrace the need for the increasing awareness of mental health and share growing

treasure.

concern about the insensitivity of the word and the strong feelings it evokes on those in our community who have been touched by the tragedy of suicide."

"Much time, care, and thought has been invested in the process to choose a name more representative of our values, one that celebrates its 86-year history, honors the Abenaki tradition, and will welcome future generations," he continued. "While the name might be changing, the experiences offered on this beloved mountain are not."

Approaching the name change with consideration and respect for

its historic roots, the process began in 2021 with outreach to members of the community to participate in a focus group. All understood the need for a name change, and the discussion centered around the goal of meaningfully uphold the mountain's legacy.

The resort team explored several options in the research and discovery phase of the naming process. One line of exploration culminated in a working partnership with Chief Don Stevens of the

Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation to lend his counsel and insights on the land, its heritage, and current use. Said Lowe, "We are deeply grateful to Chief Stevens for his invalucounsel and partnership throughout the naming cess."

Chief Stevens commented, "As a place-based

people, the Nulhegan Abenaki tribe appreciates the opportunity to work with the Woodstock resort team to rename this place and recognize its historic context as part of the land. This 'standing mountain' has been used by thousands of Abenaki ancestors for over 11,000 years and hopefully many more in the future. By acknowledging the original language of this place, the name Saskadena Six will honor the ancient legacy of the Abenaki alongside that of the generations who have loved it over the past 90 years and into the future."

"This is more than renaming

this place; this is recognizing the original stewardship of this land and providing cultural education to those who visit this standing mountain. I truly value the partnership that connects our past, present, and future stewardship in protecting this special place," he continued.

WHY SASKADENA?

In the Abenaki language, "sas-kadena" (sahs-kah-deena) means "standing mountain." It was chosen by the resort team to honor the land's original inhabitants and the mountain's multi-generational legacy and values of community, inclusion, adventure, discovery, and fun. The name sends a powerful message of connection both to the deeper history of the mountain with the Abenaki nation and to the present-day community at large.

Recognized as one of the oldest ski areas in the country, the Saskadena Six has a storied past that lays claim to several ski industry firsts. America's first rope tow, introduced on nearby Gilbert's Farm in 1934, evolved into the opening of Suicide Six in 1936. It is home to the longest-running ski race in North America, The Fisk Trophy Race, which started in 1937 and continues today.

One of Vermont's leading family-friendly ski resorts, Saskadena Six features more than 100 acres of skiing on 24 trails served by three lifts with terrain suitable for all abilities. In the summer and fall, the mountain's biking and hiking trails are open to the public and free to use.

Visitors can find seasonal activity information and prices, along with the history of Saskadena Six, at www.saskadenasix.com. Information on winter ski passes, which go on sale on August 1, 2022, can be found on the website.

Shelly Jean Hooker

(Continued from Page 6)
Shelly obtained her CDL license and drove a school bus part-time. She loved the OV kids and made the ride to and from school 'Rockin," (as she put it) filled with music and singing.

She realized that she enjoyed driving a big rig and, in 2003, was hired as a driver for Markowski Excavating, Inc.

Shelly loved driving a triaxle dump truck and earned the respect of coworkers as a hardworking woman who could "drive a truck" and wasn't afraid to run a shovel either.

She was appreciative of how welcoming and accepting her co-workers were. She said she never felt discriminated against or held back because she was a woman.

While she says she was not an 'operator' of heavy equipment, she was excited to be given opportunities to 'play with' (run) excavators, loaders, and bulldozers.

Over the last 19 years, the Markowski family wholly supported Shelly and her family in any way possible throughout her fight with cancer. She said they were amazing to her, and she was truly thankful for all they did.

Shelly loved coffee. She loved to read and to 'reinvent' furniture. She loved to dance. But, most of all, she loved watching her grandchildren grow and spent time engaging with them by doing the things they loved the most, whether arts and crafts, riding horses, or playing with trucks.

She was especially thankful to Lexi Rosen, who, over the last several years, allowed her to do one of the things she loved most and get back into horse shows with her grand-daughter Maggie.

She enjoyed watching Maggie's mom, Erynn Doaner, 'bloom' and was thankful for the special relationship they shared that continued to grow over the years.

Shelly was deeply fond of a one-of-a-kind camp on Lake Dunmore where a close group of lifelong friends shared extraordinary memories filled with laughter, great food, cocktails, sunshine, and rain while raising and watching their children grow up together.

Her annual summer traditions were held as treasured memories: Each year, for 'girls' vacation,' her sisters and daughter would travel somewhere new to explore. These wonderful times were filled with great food,

laughter, and many fun stories to reminisce, and the annual 'girl's kayak adventure' was exactly that. They always scoped out a new kayak spot on a lake or river, and it was filled with hilarity, some mishaps, and belly-rolling laughter.

Shelly was an inspiration to many. This past May, a Kentucky Derby-themed party brought many women in Shelly's life together to celebrate her fortitude, hard-working 'badass' approach to life.

Over the years, many people often joked to and about Shelly that people were afraid of her. She was a force—a solid rock to so many throughout her lifetime. She was there when you needed her in the middle of the night, no questions asked.

This admiration also showed in a recent (very touching) parade organized by the Markowski family, featuring miles of heavy trucks and cars (even some antique ones) filled with co-workers, friends, and family, driving by Shelly's house, beeping and tooting horns and showering her with love as she waved them on.

Throughout her fight against cancer, she was "deeply touched by her children." She was truly thankful for how they "stepped up" and were there when, where, and whenever she needed them. She grew to admire them, not only as her children but as her friends and her anchors in life. She was so grateful for them and how they have grown into amazing people.

Shelly leaves behind her loving husband, Donny; son Perry Hooker; daughter Taress and her husband Cody Poquette; grandchildren Maggie Mae and Jameson Hooker, and McKenzie and Wade Poquette; Sister Tammy and Tim Baker; sister Wendy and Paul Santucci; nieces Rachel and Gabrielle Contois; nephews AJ and Jake Santucci; uncle Tony Caporale; aunt Judy Daigle; cousin Christie Caporale; brotherin-law Bob Roucolet, whom Shelly described as a being a rock throughout the last several years, and his wife Darlene; family friends John and Linda Crossman, and dear, lifelong best friends Tracy Bruce and Thomasina Magoon.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Shelly's life on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 11a.m – 2 p.m. at the Brandon American Legion Post 55. Donations in her memory may be made to the Rutland County Human Society.

Triple Play Job Fest brings opportunites to Vermont baseball games in July

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) and State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) have partnered with prominent baseball teams in Vermont to host Triple Play Job Fest this July. Job Fest hiring events will take place in partnership with the Upper Valley Nighthawks in White River Junction (Friday, July 22), the Vermont Mountaineers in Montpelier (Wednesday, July 27), and the Vermont Lake Monsters in Burlington (Thursday, July 28).

"We are excited about the opportunity these events provide jobseekers and employers," said Commissioner Michael Harrington. "Recruiting at a traditional job fair is more challenging than ever and we're hoping this concept will provide employers with a new way to recruit in front of larger audiences. This is just one of the ways our teams are working to expand Vermont's workforce and help employers fill jobs."

Job Fest events in all locations are free to attend. By registering, attendees have the chance to speak with employers in some of Vermont's most in-demand industries, including health care, education, construction, manufacturing, and more. Attendees will be able to track their conversations with employers with a 'scorecard' provided by the Department. By speaking with at least four employers, attendees will earn additional incentives sponsored by VDOL and SWDB,

including free game admission and concessions vouchers.

To register in-advance for Triple Play Job Fest events, visit https://labor.vermont.gov/event/triple-play-job-fest or call 802-828-4394. Additional details can be found below.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION: Friday, July 22 with the Upper

Friday, July 22 with the Upper Valley Nighthawks

Maxfield Sports Complex, 120 Lesle Drive, White River Junction, VT 05001

Hiring Event Time: 5:00 p.m. (first pitch at 6:00 p.m.)

Participating Employers: Chippers Inc., Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Milne Travel, Nolato GW, Springfield Hospital, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont Department of Corrections, and Vermont Packinghouse

Details: All attendees are provided with free admission to the game, plus a complimentary concessions voucher for participating in the job fair.

MONTPELIER:

Wednesday, July 27 with the Vermont Mountaineers

Montpelier Recreation Field, Baseball Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602

Hiring Event Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm (game at 6:35 p.m.)

Participating Employers: Barry Callebaut, Ben & Jerry's, Cabot Creamery/Agri-Mark, Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, Darn Tough Vermont, Gifford Health Care, Kingsbury Construction, LLC., Nolato GW, S.D. Ireland, U.S. Postal Service, Verizon Wireless, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont Creamery, VSECU, and Washington County Mental Health

Details: Job Fair participants will receive a free ticket to the Mountaineers game on 7/27 at 6:35 p.m. against the Upper Valley Nighthawks. VDOL staff will be at the game to provide information on resources and services.

BURLINGTON:

Thursday, July 28 with the Vermont Lake Monsters

Centennial Field, 98 University Road, Burlington, VT 05401

Hiring Event Time: 5:30 p.m. (first pitch at 6:35 p.m.)

Participating Employers: Barry Callebaut, Cabot Creamery/Agri-Mark, Dairy Farmers of America, Dynapower, Essex Westford School District, GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Husky Technologies, Perrigo, S.D. Ireland, Unilever/Ben & Jerry's, UVM Medical Center, U.S. Postal Service, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and Vermont Air National Guard.

Details: Pre-register to guarantee free admission. Walk-up registration will also be accepted as available. Participants in the job fair will receive a complimentary concessions voucher.

For additional information on the Vermont Department of Labor and its resources for jobseekers and employers, visit Labor. Vermont.gov.

Roe v. Wade

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Women must be vigilant about birth control, often subjecting their bodies to difficult side effects such as migraines, hormonal changes, mood changes, blood clotting, and infections. The onus of birth control falls on the woman. And the onus of child-rearing falls on the woman.

Women make up over 50% of the US population, but our representation in state legislatures is just barely 30%, up from 10% in the 1980s. In forty years, we have gained a mere 20%. What is the best way of keeping us away from the table? Take away our most basic

right of reproductive choice.

We must show up at the table to make change happen. And our voices must ring across the country with our votes. Am I a single-issue voter? Absolutely! Anyone who does not support abortion rights will not get my vote. I urge my fellow Vermonters to support Proposition #5, securing the right to abortion in the Vermont constitution. It will be on the ballot in November. And I urge all my fellow women across the country to vote. And let those that do not support your right to reproductive freedom know that they have no business making laws.

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