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## HAIR CLINIC

The Rutland-area NAACP is hosting free hair clinics for BI-POC youth on September 4 in Castleton from 12 to 5 p.m.

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## SELECTBOARD NEWS:

### BRANDON SB

Monday's selectboard meeting featured a sweeping slate of items, including police wages, a five-year hazard mitigation plan, and the ongoing quest to fill its vacant board seat.

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### PITTSFORD SB

Pittsford eyed the end of its West Creek culvert project and moved ahead with plans for new sidewalks along Route 7 throughout the village during last week's selectboard meeting.

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## DEVIL'S BOWL

West Haven was alive Saturday night as two young racers, Middlebury's Justin Stone and Shaftsbury's Marty Kelly III, each scored wins on Double Feature Night.

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## How now brown cow?

THE 176TH VERMONT State Fair took place in Rutland over the weekend featuring food, games, entertainment, tractors, and cows, of course. See page 8 for more photos.

Photo by Mat Clouser

## Vermont Fire Academy in Pittsford builds new dorm

BY STEVEN JUPITER

PITTSFORD—A hundred years ago, the building that now

houses the Vermont Police and Fire Academies was a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients,

who came to the facility for the sunshine and fresh air that were once thought to help cure the disease. In fact, the building was constructed to let in as much light and air as possible, even to the point where patients begged their families to send blankets and warm clothing.

Today, however, the sleeping porches have been enclosed, and the east wing of the building is a brand-new dormitory for Fire Academy trainees. "We have trainees from all over Vermont," said Michael Skaza, the Academy's Training Program Coordinator. "We're trying to make training as accessible as possible. When you have peo-

ple coming to Pittsford from the Northeast Kingdom, you can't ask them to drive 3 hours, be in class for 8 hours, then drive 3 hours back. The new dorm will help make training easier."

The new dormitory occupies what had been office space and is designed to accommodate 24 trainees in bright, clean rooms with furniture by Brandon's New England Woodcraft. VMS Construction of Rutland carried out the renovation itself.

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A LOUNGE IN the new dormitory. The building was designed to allow students to socialize.

Photos by Steven Jupiter



# Brandon SB filled with energy, hazards, police wages, and a split vote on vacant seat

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — The Town Hall meeting room had a sizeable crowd on hand Monday night as Brandon's selectboard covered a variety of topics, including a report from Brandon Energy Committee Chair Jim Emerson and a presentation from Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Stephanie Bourque about the local hazard mitigation plan as well as a critical executive session dealing with the police union contract and filling the board's vacant seat.

Jim Emerson spoke for several minutes outlining the Energy Committee's recent successes over the last fiscal year. "We've gotten to be quite a group now," he said, "and we're excited about what we're up to." Among the items Emerson mentioned were;

SolarFest's decision to make Brandon a permanent home base for its Arts and Music festival, as well as its longer community-outreach-based endeavors; the inaugural Davenport Electric Fest, a strong presence at the independence day celebration, and regular updates via published letters in The Reporter.

"We put a good deal of effort into learning about options for solar installations for the town and its residents," said Emerson. He also cited the recent passing of the Inflation Reduction Act as a boon to the committee's potential to have even more impact moving forward.

Some discussion was had about how many opportunities the committee had had to sit down with individual families in Brandon to gauge their needs

and the committee's abilities to help them run more energy-efficient households. Emerson acknowledged that the committee had not yet sat down with any individuals but that that would be the main thrust of their next year's work.

Board Chair Seth Hopkins ended the conversation by congratulating Emerson and their committee for its ability to grow membership—the board grew from five to seven members over the last year—and participation at a time when many other committees are struggling to find enough help. "I think it's great the amount of involvement that you've harnessed for the energy committee, and I think that the model that you have there is admirable," he said.

Following Emerson was a presentation from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Stephanie Bourque on updating the five-year local hazard mitigation plan. According to Bourque, the plan differs from a typical emergency response plan in that it focuses on identifying and reducing hazards—specifically natural ones.

Outlined in the plan (which can be found online as part of the Board's Aug. 22 packet are three main factors that present the most significant risk to the Brandon area: High winds, flooding, and extreme cold, as well as numerous strategies that the town and residents can employ to minimize the effects of those hazards.

Bourque's presentation also marked the opening of the public comment phase, which will remain open until Sept. 12, when the board will convene to discuss those comments and finalize the plan.

The board went into executive session to discuss matters about the police union contract and to discuss and vote on which of its three applicants might fill Mike Markowski's recently vacated board seat. Following the session, The Reporter received an email update from Board Chair Seth Hopkins, who revealed the board's decisions.

As for the first matter, it was decided that the board would send a side letter to the police union contract increasing the starting wages for patrol officers to \$25.00 per hour.

As for the second, the board vote was split two to two on whom it would like to fill the vacant seat. By law, a minimum of (See Brandon SB, Page 23)

# Pittsford SB moves ahead with new sidewalks

BY MAT CLOUSER

PITTSFORD — The Pittsford selectboard met for nearly two hours last Wednesday night to discuss several ongoing issues with sidewalks and the West Creek culvert project, as well as to gain some clarification about the ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recently awarded to the Pittsford Village Farm.

Following up on the board's request from their Aug. 3 discussion surrounding redoing all the village's sidewalks, Brenda Fox-Howard presented the board with a new bid that included sidewalks. The board had requested a new bid to include extruded sidewalks and curbs.

However, the contractor did not include a bid for asphalt curbs, instead furnishing a bid for stone curbs in addition to stating that they did not recommend installing the extruded curbing.

"When I read what he wrote, I wanted to stick a fork in my eye. We've been over this a thousand times," said selectboardman David Mills discussing the lengthy back and forth the board has had during his tenure in an attempt to fix the sidewalks.

"I don't care whether he recommends it or not," said David Mills, "If we have to sign off saying we understand they may not be durable—we don't care—we need something there to keep people from driving down the sidewalk. If a snowplow takes a little piece out, we patch it. No big deal."

In the end, the board voted to move forward with the current bid of \$95,000 to fix the village sidewalks along Route 7 but did direct Fox-Howard to go back to the contractor and find out if they would be willing to construct the extruded curbs, provided the town sign a waiver freeing them of any liability issues.

During Fox-Howard's

Town Manager's report, she gave an update on the West Creek Culvert project stating that the concrete had been laid on Aug. 12 and was curing. She also mentioned that a crane had been procured, and the assembly process would begin on Aug. 23 at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day, noting that it would require about four hours where nearby residents would be without power.

Fox-Howard said she had every indication that the project would be completed on time and that a temporary one-way bridge would soon be constructed to allow residents and businesses access to West Creek Road.

In another discussion stemming from the Aug. 3 meeting, members of the Pittsford Village Farm board, as well

as Isaac Wagner, their CDBG development consultant, were on hand to alleviate some of the misunderstandings the board had expressed about additional unanticipated work hours the town now has to dedicate to completing the grant process.

—David Mills  
selectboardman

At the crux of the matter was the town's need to create an updated financial policy, a certificate of insurance, and a secondary bank account to act as a pass-through for the \$60,000 in grant funds, all of which would happen at the town's expense.

"When this was brought to us, we were assured that we would have to have nothing to do with it. All we were going to do was be a pass-through," said David Mills. "I think that is where the rub is coming here. Now we're finding out, no, you've got a little bit more you've got to do."

"I see this a lot with these grants," said Mr. Wagner discussing his role in helping facilitate the process for rural areas that typically don't have the infrastructure to dedicate more personnel to

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# Dorset Theatre Festival closes season with world premiere of Ronán Noone's *Thirst*

DORSET — The Dorset Theatre Festival's 45th Season of professional summer theatre will conclude with the world premiere of *Thirst*, written by Irish-American playwright Ronán Noone and directed by the Festival's resident play-

wright, Theresa Rebeck.

Set during Eugene O'Neill's classic *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, failure, denial, and passion roil as two Irish servants, and an American chauffeur pass the day in the kitchen of the Tyrone family's resi-

dence in 1912. As tensions rise and the past rears its head, a search for love and belonging becomes the search for "home."

"I read a lot of new plays, and this one spoke to me instantly," said Dorset's artistic director, Dina Janis. "The language, humor, and depth of feeling absolutely stunned me, and it is an honor to be presenting the premiere. What a great way to conclude our return to the playhouse main stage season," Janis said.

The cast features Meg Hennessy as Cathleen, who has been seen Off-Broadway in five shows with the Irish Repertory Theatre, including *Plough and The Stars* and *Shadow of a Gunman*. Her television debut in the series *Archive 81* was released on Netflix.

David Mason plays Jack, and his previous Dorset credits include *Table Manners* (2016) and the world premiere of *Dig* by Theresa Rebeck (2019). His Off-Broadway credits include

Theresa Rebeck's *Seared*, directed by Moritz von Stuelpnagel (MCC), and *Trick or Treat* (59E59).

Kathy McCafferty plays Bridget and has been seen in the Broadway tour of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and Off-Broadway at Lincoln Center Theater and 59E59.

Playwright Ronán Noone's plays have been produced at Huntington Theatre Company, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and internationally in the UK (London and Edinburgh), Spain, Canada, the Philippines, and Ireland. *The Smuggler* won the Best Playwright award at the 1st Irish Festival of New York in January 2019. *The Second Girl* (*Thirst*) was the inaugural winner of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) Excellence in Playwriting Award (2015) and an Edgerton Award winner in 2014.

In New York, Noone's *The*

*Atheist* was co-produced by The Culture Project and Ted Mann's Circle in the Square productions, receiving Drama Desk and Drama League nominations for acting.

Director Theresa Rebeck is a widely-produced writer for stage, film, television, and novels, whose work can be seen and read throughout the United States and internationally. With four plays produced on Broadway, Rebeck is the most Broadway-produced female playwright of our time. The two-time Emmy-nominated writer returns to Dorset on the heels of co-writing the spy ensemble thriller, *The 355*, starring Jessica Chastain.

As the festival's resident playwright, Rebeck has developed more than seven productions at Dorset Theatre Festival that have gone on to other stages around the country, including 2017's *Downstairs* starring Tim and Tyne Daly.

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**THIRST DIRECTOR THERESA Rebeck is also the festival's resident playwright.**

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## BRANDON REPORTER

## Guest Editorial

## The inflation reduction act just shattered the ceiling for clean energy in Vermont

BY PETER STERLING

Incredibly and finally, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has begun the shift to a clean energy America. For the first time, the massive resources of the U.S. Government will be mobilized to move our country off of climate change-causing fossil fuels and onto renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and hydropower.

We are finally looking at a future where renewable energy and other pro-climate technologies will benefit from a level of government support comparable to what the fossil fuel and nuclear industries have received for decades. For the first time, there will be an energy storage tax credit, a comprehensive EV tax credit, a long-term commitment to a solar tax credit for homeowners, and extra incentives for renewable energy businesses that pay prevailing wages and help to build solar equipment in the U.S.

What does this mean for Vermonters? A lot. First, if you are looking to go solar, you will now get 30% off through a tax credit. Tax credits and rebates will also be available for those who want to make their homes more energy efficient and get rid of their fossil fuel-burning cars and appliances in favor of electric alternatives.

Maybe the biggest game changer of all is that energy storage is now much more affordable. Here in Vermont, we make a lot of solar power when the sun is shining. Sometimes,

so much that this solar power is sent back out on the New England-wide power grid for other states to use. But when the sun goes down, we end up having to buy power back from this grid, power that is predominantly generated from natural gas and nuclear but also from coal and oil, especially during energy use spikes. With newly affordable energy storage, Vermont should be able to “save” our excess solar, which we make during the day, and tap into it at night or during peak usage periods.

Another benefit from the adrenalin shot of the IRA, Vermont should be able to receive 100% of its electricity from clean energy by 2030, including a doubling or even tripling of our in-state production from renewable sources. This brings with it the benefits of even more well-paying jobs, increased tax revenue, and less vulnerability to the price spikes of fossil fuels from wars and political turmoil.

Vermont’s existing law governing renewable energy, the Renewable Energy Standard (RES), was written in 2015. This was a lifetime ago in terms of the climate crisis and what is necessary to solve it. The RES calls for Vermont utilities to get only 75% of their energy from renewables by 2032, with a meager 10% of that generated in-state.

But a new opportunity is upon us. President Biden and the US  
(See *Clean energy*, Page 22)



## A rare bird

THIS FEMALE EASTERN towhee was seen by Sanderson’s covered bridge. The song of the species is “drink your tea.”  
Photo by Sue Wetmore

## Community Forum

## Vermonters voted for a smarter justice system

BY JAMES DUFF LYALL,  
Executive Director, ACLU of Vermont

Our communities are still struggling through the pandemic and its harmful impacts on mental health, substance use, and affordable housing. It’s clear that we still need to do far more to support one another and to build healthy, safe, and vibrant communities.

Vermont voters know this. If there had been any doubt, last week’s 2022 primary election results established conclusively that voters expect their elected officials to reform our criminal legal system by investing in people over prisons.

For example, in the Chittenden County State’s Attorney race, the incumbent—Vermont’s first and only elected prosecutor to reform our wealth-based bail system and take action to address persistent racial disparities in traffic stops—was challenged by a so-called “tough on crime” candidate.

In the end, voters in each of Chittenden County’s thirty-six districts sent an emphatic mes-

sage in favor of criminal justice reform, reiterating their support for humane, equitable, and community-based solutions.

And it wasn’t just Chittenden County. In other local and statewide races, candidates who advocated for reimagining public safety prevailed, while those who sought to turn back the clock did not.

The message is clear: The people of Vermont have long since turned the page on the failed “tough on crime” policies of the past. They want their elected officials to reduce our reliance on prisons and reimagine public safety for the sake of our communities.

As one local commentator said, the 2022 primary election results represent a “big win for criminal justice reform.”

Now is the time to come together and work on solutions. And we know what those solutions are. We know we need to significantly expand investments and strategies for addressing a mental health crisis—Burlington police alone reported a ninety percent increase in mental health inci-

dents over the past decade. That’s not something the police can or should be expected to solve.

We know we need to improve access to drug treatment and expand harm reduction strategies. More Vermonters died of overdoses last year than ever before, and it’s time to respond with the bold and compassionate ideas Vermont is known for.

We know we need long-term investments to address the severe shortage of affordable housing—the number of people without permanent shelter doubled during the pandemic, and people are turning down jobs in Vermont for lack of housing. The short-term investments and initiatives Vermont has pursued have not been up to the task—it is obvious we need to do more.

And, we know we need to adopt commonsense gun laws. Law enforcement voices calling for those reforms should be at the table in the coming legislative biennium.

These are the things that ensure safe, thriving communities, and that’s what Vermont  
(See *Smarter justice*, Page 10)

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# Letters to the Editor

## Brandon continues to rally in times of crisis

It is no secret that our town has been under significant stress for nearly two months now due to verbal threats made against one of our library's employees by a mentally ill individual. It has caused no end of disruption, concern, lost time, frustration, and even financial resources.

As difficult as this experience has been, I'd like to draw attention to a ray of hope that has emerged. When an individual, an institution, or a town is put under stress, it can be viewed as a test to see what we are made of. The collective rallying of the entire community around our library and our librarians says that we are made of very good stuff indeed.

Last Wednesday, Library Di-

rector Molly Kennedy put out a call for volunteers to take one-hour shifts as security watchdogs, to sit outside and act as an early warning system to detect possible approaching trouble.

The first eight days of the big, empty form she circulated consisted of 54 one-hour shifts for volunteers, a seemingly daunting challenge to meet.

I should not have been surprised, but I was deeply moved when, within about 24 hours, 52 of those 54 shifts were filled by 26 different people (16 of them women).

Basically, our community immediately formed a swarm of protection around our beloved institution with this message: Don't mess with our li-

brary or our librarians!

Brandon has risen to the challenges of damages from Irene, multi-year disruptions of the Segment 6 project, the health and economic effects of COVID, and now this threat to our library.

Time and again, we are tested and come through better than before.

I could not be more proud of our community, and I thank the many volunteers and supporters throughout all of Brandon and surrounding towns for always rising to the occasion and making this such an extraordinary place to live.

Gary Meffe  
Brandon

## Conventional dairy is ruining Lake Champlain

Vermont has known for at least 60 years that it is not meeting its water quality standards in Lake Champlain and that the major contributor to the problem is conventional dairy.

Conventional farming was designed in the years following World War II when fossil fuels were cheap and abundant. The Haber-Bosch process, invented by two German scientists in the early 1900s, converted the nutrients in petroleum into fertilizer, making ages-old and time-consuming crop rotation and mechanical weed control obsolete. The protocol does produce mountains of cheap food, but roughly half the nutrients applied remain in the soil and eventually flow into the lake. They cannot be 'managed' once deployed.

The protocols that cause conventional dairy to pollute the lake are the same as those that pollute the atmosphere, and they are in their order of importance:

1. The importation and feeding of around 600,000 tons of conventionally grown grain;

2. The importation and application of tons of artificial fossil fuel-derived fertilizer

3. The housing of more than one cow for every three acres under management on which

that cow's feed is harvested and her manure is spread.

Vermont has a long history of sweeping pollution from dairy under the rug. Today we realize that farming, like transportation and heating, must greatly reduce its dependence on fossil fuels. Consequently, in 2021 the Vermont legislature passed the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates that the state reduce GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions 26% by 2025, 40% by 2030, and 80% by 2050. Vermont cannot sweep pollution from conventional dairy under the rug because Vermont must comply with its own law, but it cannot meet its targets without severely restraining or even banning the three conventional practices listed above.

Apparently oblivious to this fact, the Climate Council has decided that the dairy industry has the potential to sequester carbon and should, therefore, be provided Payments for Eco-Services, i.e., not be expected to lower its dependence on fossil fuels but be paid to continue farming conventionally.

The GWSA was enacted by large majorities in both the house and the senate and then over the governor's veto, which means it has, by definition, the support of the majority of Ver-

monters. Yet the Climate Council's preliminary guidelines for "agriculture" were not written to reduce dairy's 16% contribution to GHG emissions.

They were written—in keeping with Vermont's history—to shield the dairy industry from the kinds of regulations that would. In fact, the Climate Council's preliminary guidelines do not mention, let alone regulate, dairy's dependence upon fossil fuels; they do not mention, let alone regulate the three practices listed above. Neither are fossil fuels or the three practices mentioned, let alone regulated in the so-called Required Agricultural Practices rules.

Conventional dairy's responsibility for 45% of the pollution flowing annually into the lake (and 16% of the GHG emissions into the atmosphere) is not a "label." It is a hard fact.

It would be nice if Vermont's conventional dairy farmers and their apologists at the state spent as much time and energy actually reducing the industry's contribution to lake pollution and GHG emissions as they spend trying to repair their image as one of its leading causes.

James H. Maroney Jr.  
Leicester

# Brandon Energy Committee

The Inflation Reduction Act will pay you to save energy and use clean energy



BY JIM EMERSON

The energy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act have three central goals:

- Decrease the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases we emit into the atmosphere.
- Make the effects of climate change, pollution, and the transition to clean energy less impactful on people, particularly the most disadvantaged.
- Make the United States an industrial center of the clean technology revolution.

Several key provisions provide money to reduce the upfront costs required to reduce energy waste and to convert to clean energy sources.

The following are three ways in which the act can help pay for more sustainable choices:

### 1. MONEY FOR EFFICIENT ELECTRIC APPLIANCES AND THE HOME UPGRADES NEEDED TO SUPPORT THEM.

Homeowners who front the cost of energy-efficiency improvements, from new doors and windows to more efficient appliances, would be able to claim up to \$1,200 per year or 30% of the total cost at tax time. This provision applies for all of 2022 and the next two years.

The act sets aside over \$8 billion for two rebate programs that assist lower- and middle-income households.

One rebate program incentivizes replacing old appliances with new energy-efficient ones and the home upgrades necessary to support them, such as upgrading wiring.

These will take time to be set up, as states must apply for the money and establish systems to implement the rebates. However, unlike tax credits, the bill allows the rebates to take effect at the point of sale as a discount.

Buyers who make 80% or less of the regional median income will benefit the most, while those making up to 150% will receive a smaller benefit.

The rebates are set as follows:

- Up to \$1,750 for a heat pump

water heater.

- Up to \$8,000 for a heat pump for space heating or cooling.
- Up to \$840 for an electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven; or an electric heat pump clothes dryer.
- Up to \$4,000 for a breaker box upgrade.
- Up to \$1,600 for insulation, air sealing, and ventilation.
- Up to \$2,500 for electric wiring.

Modern electrical appliances are cheaper to run than fossil fuel-powered ones. They are closer to being powered by renewable energy as more is added to the grid. The more efficient your appliances are, the cheaper your power bills become.

A second rebate program pays households between \$2,000 and \$8,000 for undertaking full-scale upgrades that significantly reduce their energy waste, such as new insulation or air sealing.

### 2. MONEY FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PANELS AND ENERGY STORAGE.

The Act would bulk up existing tax credits for residential solar and offer them for home energy storage systems. Together, generating solar and storing the energy will reduce a building's draw on the electric grid during peak use, strengthening the grid for everybody.

Homeowners will get up to 30% of the cost of home solar, and battery storage returned at tax time. This provision is retroactive to the beginning of 2022 and runs through 2032, with the amount tapering until the end of 2034.

3. Money for purchasing new or used electric vehicles.

Electric-vehicle tax credits (up to \$7,500 for new EVs and \$4,000 for used ones) are offered to help low- and middle-income buyers and businesses replace vehicles powered by fossil fuel.

The act makes it more attractive for moderate-income individuals to purchase EVs. The money cannot apply to cars that sell for more than \$55,000 or trucks/SUVs/vans priced higher than \$80,000. The tax credits can be transferred to car dealers to apply at the time of sale, which is especially helpful to those with more modest tax burdens. Eligible buyers can't make more than \$150,000/year on an individual tax return.

However, the provisions exclude many vehicles and offer a mixed bag of requirements. One such requirement is that the EV be assembled (See Energy committee, Page 21)



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# Obituaries

## Manuel Leigh Ricard, 59, Brandon

Brandon — Manuel Leigh Ricard, age 59, passed away Thursday, August 18, 2022, at his home in Brandon. The son of Byron and Carla (Schroeder) Ricard, he was born in Middlebury on November 26, 1962.

He grew up in Forest Dale and received his early education in Forest Dale and Brandon schools. He was a 1980 graduate of Otter Valley Union High School. Following graduation, he worked various jobs, including Metro Mail. He was forced to retire, due to disability, in December 2021, from the custodial department at Otter Valley Union High School, following more than 20 years of service.

He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed computer games, and



**MANUEL RICARD**

was a die-hard Miami Dolphins fan.

He is survived by three sisters, Laura Kenyon of Forest Dale, Lorna Morrison of Hubbardton, and Amy Frederick of Brandon. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive

him. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Darla Ricard. The memorial service “In Celebration of His Life” will take place on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Forest Dale Christian Fellowship Church. Rev. Barry Tate, pastor, will officiate.

The graveside committal service and burial will follow in the family lot at Forest Dale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in his memory to the Forest Dale Christian Fellowship Church Benevolent Fund, 1895 Forest Dale Road, Brandon, VT 05733.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon.

## Gale B. Parmelee, 87, Brandon

BRANDON — Gale B. Parmelee, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 12, 2022, surrounded by family in Brandon.

He grew up in Brandon and graduated with the class of 1954 from Brandon High School. Following high school, Gale enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. Upon his return to the States, he attended the Vermont School of Agriculture (now Vermont Technical College) in Randolph, VT. He married Elaine LaPorte on February 23, 1957.

Following a short time of dairy farming and breeding cows for Curtiss Breeding Service, Gale spent most of his working life in the bulk hauling business while raising beef cattle to graze the family farmland. He formed Gale B. Parmelee, Inc. and was well known and loved by farmers in Rutland and Addison counties.

Gale hauled milk for several major dairies, including HP Hood, Seward’s Dairy, and Agri-Mark. He also built a very



**GALE PARMELEE**

successful bulk water hauling business that he would transition to full-time after stepping back from the milk business in the late 80s.

He formed many wonderful friendships through the water business and was very fond of his regular customers. Gale had an amazing sense of humor in addition to his incredible work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit. He was always there to lend a hand to friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his three

children, Charlene M. Parmelee of Brandon, Gale L. Parmelee of Sebago, Me., and Beth A. Rawson, of Biddeford, Me.; his grandson, Tristan K. Parmelee of Pittsford, and great-grandson, Roman K. Parmelee.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the Rutland County Humane Society at 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, Vt., 05763.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 8th, at Sanderson Funeral Home, located at 117 South Main Street, Middlebury.

The funeral service will be Friday, September 9th at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Of Good Help (St. Mary’s) on Carver Street in Brandon, VT. The burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Brandon.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home in Middlebury. Online condolences can be made at [www.sandersonfuneralservice.com](http://www.sandersonfuneralservice.com).

# Time Machine: A peek into our past

*\* This article contains an image of an 1873 newspaper clipping that includes historical language that some may find offensive.*

**BY STEVEN JUPITER**

BRANDON—A notice in The Brandon Union on August 16, 1873, announced that a group of students from the North Carolina Institute had performed a “Jubilee” concert at Town Hall on the previous Monday. Though a small announcement on one of the back pages of the paper, it documented a much larger phenomenon in American life of the era.

After the Civil War, millions of formerly enslaved African-Americans sought to create new lives for themselves as free citizens. A new education system had to be constructed from scratch since segregation was the norm and white educational institutions were not accessible.

Some of the earliest universities founded specifically for the black community were Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, established in 1866, and Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, established in 1868. Both these institutions are still in operation.

But the founding of a university is an expensive undertaking, and funds were always in short supply. Students from these schools performed “Jubilee” choruses and toured the U.S., performing spirituals and gospel songs to raise money. The Fisk Jubilee Singers were the first such group to

form, beginning their career in 1871 to great acclaim.

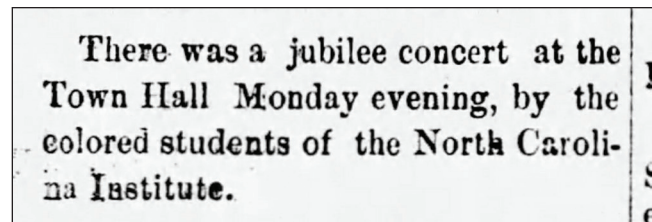
By the mid-1870s, there were dozens of “Jubilee” groups, some affiliated with universities, others with churches, and still others with greedy promoters eager to make a buck off of white audiences’ desire to hear “authentic black music.”

Not much is known about the ensemble that performed in Brandon—most “Jubilee” groups did not receive any great attention—but these choruses generally sang famous “plantation” songs like “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.”

Brandon was a bustling, prosperous town on a main railway line at the time. It had also had a vocal abolitionist community before the war. No surprise, then, that such a group would’ve found its way here.

Though some Jubilee choruses are still active today, such as the Fisk singers, the Jubilee phenomenon mostly petered out by the 1890s, as tastes changed and the general public lost interest in the musical traditions of the formerly enslaved.

However, much of this music would eventually be revived during the 1950s and 60s, when songs like “We Shall Overcome” became rallying cries for the civil-rights movement. We tend now to think of these songs as “protest music,” unaware that there was a period when scores of choruses performed this repertoire as entertainment for white audiences around the U.S., including here in Brandon.



**A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING from the Brandon Union circa August, 1873.**

## Obituary Guidelines

The Reporter will publish paid obituaries and free notices of passing. Paid obituaries cost 25 cents per word and will be published, as submitted, on the date of the family’s choosing. For those who do not wish to purchase an obituary, the Reporter offers a free notice of passing up to 100 words, subject to editing by our news department. Photos (optional) with either paid obituaries or free notices cost \$10 per photo. Obituaries may be emailed to [news@brandonreporter.com](mailto:news@brandonreporter.com).

Submissions must be received by 11 a.m. on Monday for publication in the Wednesday paper.

**Like all things vintage?**



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# Fire Academy

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In addition to the double-occupancy dorm rooms, there are spaces for dining and socializing. “The goal was to provide common space for students to network outside of class,” said Skaza. When the dining hall is closed on the weekend, food is often brought in from Kamuda’s, Keith’s, and the Brandon House of Pizza.

All the work was covered by a \$2,000,000 grant from the Vermont Legislature. It’s hoped that the new facility will increase the number of people who train to be firefighters. Training at the Academy is at no cost to the trainees; funding for the training programs comes from a small assessment levied on homeowner’s insurance policies in Vermont.

“Recruitment and retention have been issues for quite some time,” said Skaza, echoing a sentiment voiced by Brandon’s

emergency services. “Volunteer agencies have had staffing problems for a while but now we’re starting to see it creep into career agencies. Society puts so much value on free time now. People feel like they have to choose between volunteering and going to their kids’ baseball games.”

“You’d be hard pressed to find a service in Vermont that isn’t looking for help. You used to have waiting lists of people wanting to volunteer, but not anymore. Some regions are struggling more than others. Rutland County could be better,” said Skaza, who is also Chief of the West Rutland Fire Department.

Skaza also pointed out that some municipalities have evolved from volunteer services to full-time paid career agencies as they attempt to resolve their staffing issues. “Towns like Williston, Killington, and Woodstock have the tax base to make that transition. And a lot of people who move to those towns from out of state expect to have 24/7 service and are willing to pay for it. But smaller towns



THE VERMONT POLICE and Fire Academy in Pittsford.

Photos by Steven Jupiter



ACADEMY TRAINING DIRECTOR Michael Skaza shows off one of the new dorm rooms. Brandon’s New England Woodcraft made the furniture.

still have to rely on volunteers,” he said.

“The first step for anyone interested in getting trained is to associate themselves with a local fire department,” he continued. “That department will set them up with gear and insurance and then send them to us. If a department can hook them in, we can get them trained.”

The COVID-19 pandemic altered how the Academy delivers training, forcing it to rely heavily on technology. Now that restrictions are easing, the

Academy plans to continue offering hybrid live/online classes. “We’re seeing good enrollment now. The hybrid class is very popular. Students in that class attend a virtual session every week and come to campus nine times to practice hands-on skills. There’s less travel, less time away from home,” said Skaza.

The new dormitory will also benefit the local economy, bringing more trainees to Pittsford. “We try to be good neighbors. We have over 1,000 students per

year. They definitely go to local stores and restaurants. And our support staff is all local hires. The Academy definitely helps boost the town,” said Skaza.

“We’re trying to knock down as many barriers to service as possible,” he continued. The bulk of our training is on the road, at local departments. But this new dormitory makes it even easier for people to commit to our training programs. If travel is no longer an issue, we hope we’ll see more people signing up.”

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# VERMONT STATE FAIR

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**THERE WAS PLENTY** to see at the 176th Vermont State Fair in Rutland over the weekend, including fun for kids and critters of all kinds.



# Pittsford SB



FROM LEFT, DAVID Mason, Meg Hennesy, and Kathy McCafferty star in the Dorset Theatre production of *Thirst*.

## Dorset Theater

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This season, she returns to direct after previously directing the Festival's 2019 award-winning world premiere of her play, *Dig*, and the 2016 World Premiere of her play *Way of the World* starring Kristine Nielsen.

Rebeck's Broadway credits include *Bernhardt/Hamlet* starring Janet McTeer, *Dead Accounts* starring Katie Holmes, *Seminar* starring Alan Rickman, and *Mauritius* starring F. Murray Abraham.

Other notable plays include *Poor Behavior*, *What We're Up Against*, and *Omnium Gatherum* (co-written), a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2013.

Her latest play, *Mad House*, is currently playing a critically acclaimed world premiere on London's West End starring David Harbour and Bill Pullman.

Rebeck made her NYC directorial debut with Rob Ackerman's play *Dropping Gumballs on Luke Wilson* at The Working Theatre and her new podcast play, *Nightwatch*, starring Norbert Leo Butz and Krysta Rodriguez, produced by Dorset Theatre Festival, is now available on The Broadway Podcast Network.

Rebeck is joined by scenic designers Christopher and Justin Swader, costume designer Fabian Fidel Aguilar, lighting

designer Mary Ellen Stebbins, sound designer Fitz Patton, casting director Judy Bowman, C.S.A., and stage manager Avery Trunko.

*Thirst*, which runs about two hours with a 15-minute intermission, began performances on Thursday, August 18, and runs through Saturday, September 3.

Dorset Theatre Festival's box office may be reached by calling (802) 867-2223 ext. 101, Wednesday through Saturday, 12 to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. For more information or to purchase subscriptions and tickets online, visit [www.dorsettheatrefestival.org](http://www.dorsettheatrefestival.org).

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this project last year. I kind of wish I was," he continued, explaining how the grant process is the same for \$60,000 or \$500,000. "I can totally understand how you feel a little side-swiped by this, actually."

The board eventually agreed to move forward with the process, citing its outstanding need to create a better financial policy regardless of the situation, and Mr. Wagner said that he'd do everything in his power to see the project move along to the next phase in anticipation of that policy.

In other news, the select-board also:

- Discussed the new municipal Park-and-Ride grant program, noting that the parking lot of St. Alphonsus Ligouri Church might be a good location for both a Park-and-Ride

and a potential EV charging station.

- Agreed to look into adopting a Cannabis Review Policy at the recommendation of Brenda Fox-Howard.

- Reviewed costs on a new mower attachment for the town's existing loader but did not agree to purchase one, citing insufficient make and model data in the documents provided.

Heard from Chairman of the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (OCWICD) Doug Perkins, who urged the board to find a replacement for one of the town's board members who has not been attending for the past six months. Selectboard Chair Alicia Malay volunteered to serve as an alternate to the OCWICD board until a new replacement could be found.

## Anniversary

Congratulations are in order for **Phil and Chrissy Grimes** of Pittsford, who will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on August 26, 2022.

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# Smarter justice

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voters rightfully expect their elected officials to prioritize.

They are also calling for further progress in reforming our criminal legal system with evidence-based, data-informed policies. These include ending our wealth-based system of bail, reducing barriers to successful community re-entry for people leaving prison, and prioritizing community-based justice programs over traditional, punitive systems that have not made our communities safer.

Finally, Vermonters also expect the police to be accountable for their actions and to serve all our communities equitably and with integrity. We still don't have the policies in place to foster a stronger culture of accountability in law

enforcement, and all of us—law enforcement officials included—should have a strong interest in changing that.

The fact remains that we as a society have drastically underfunded our social safety net for generations. We can't expect police and corrections officers to make up for that or to fix it for us—and we can't keep ignoring the disproportionate harm done to BIPOC communities, particularly black Vermonters when we do.

We invite everyone who calls Vermont home—including those in law enforcement who recognize the necessity of moving forward together—to join us in ensuring that communities have the resources and reforms they need to thrive.



## Vermont bear hunting season starts in September

VERMONT — The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says bear hunting season starts in September and wants to remind hunters about bear hunting regulations.

Vermont has two bear hunting seasons. The early season, which requires a special bear tag, starts September 1 and continues through November 11, with one exception. Nonresident hunters using dogs cannot start bear hunting until September 15. The late bear season begins November 12 and continues through November 20. A hunter may only take one bear during the year.

In addition to a hunting license, a bear hunter using a bow or crossbow must have a prior or current bow license or a certificate proving completion of a bow hunter education course.

The hunter must field dress the bear before taking it to a reporting station. It is also legal to skin the bear and cut it up to carry it out of the woods. Although the bear must be reported within 48 hours, Fish and Wildlife urge do-

ing so quickly to cool the meat.

The hunter must also collect and submit a pre-molar tooth from the bear at the time the bear is reported or within 30 days. The tooth provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population.

Upon the request of a game warden, a person harvesting a bear is required to return to the kill site with a game warden.

"Bears will be feeding along power lines and in forest openings and old fields where berries and apples can be found as well as in forested beech and oak stands," said Vermont's Director of Wildlife, Mark Scott. "They also are likely to be feeding on standing corn."

Scott says Vermont's regulated legal bear hunting seasons help manage the state's population. "Fifty years ago, Vermont had less than 1,500 bears, and they were found mostly in the mountains and northeastern quarter of the state," he said.

"Bears are now found statewide except in Grand Isle County," he continued, "and although

we have successfully increased bear numbers close to 6,000, the human population also has increased, resulting in more encounters between humans and bears. Carefully regulated legal hunting helps control the growth of the black bear population and allows for their sustainable use while decreasing interactions with humans."

Scott says with bears being so abundant; this is a great opportunity for hunters who have never hunted bears to do so this year. He says properly prepared bear meat is highly nutritious.

The key to successfully securing good meat is to skin the bear as soon as possible and process it immediately if you do not have access to a large cooler.

Scott recommends that hunters refrain from shooting a bear with cubs and bears observed in groups as they are usually made up of sows with cubs.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to download and read the 2022 Black Bear Hunting Guide from its website.

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# BIPOC hair clinics seek to fill a need

BY MAT CLOUSER

CASTLETON — Following the success of their Juneteenth hair clinic, the Rutland area NAACP recently announced dates for a back-to-school hair clinic for local BIPOC youth on Sunday, September 4, from 12-5 in Castleton.

Offering both braiding and barber appointments for BIPOC youth under 18 in Bennington, Addison, and Rutland counties with space for more than 30 kids, the clinics filled up within hours. “It’s clearly something the community needs,” said Media Committee Chair Caitlin Gildrien.

“Many of these kids have biracial parents or foster parents who may not know how to do their hair,” said La’Keiah Batista Sánchez, Chair of the Health Committee, speaking of the difficulties some kids face in a community that is frequently unprepared for the nuances of their beautification.

But the benefits are more than just aesthetic according to Batista Sánchez, who says many BIPOC children can experience painful feelings of isolation, exclusion, and otherness, particularly when even finding the right hair products in local stores is an issue. “When you look good, you feel good,” she said. “And it fosters a sense of community.”

Batista Sánchez acknowledged the need for more time slots at the clinics, saying she’s always looking for volunteers to join the current group, some of whom come from as far away as Albany, NY.

She also said she’d like to see the clinics expand to “Teach and Learn” sessions with parents and that she is working to help see an ethnic hair course offered at the Stafford Technical School in Rutland to help expand the number of capable stylists in the area.

“I [have to] do my own hair,” said Batista Sánchez, speaking

of the need for stylists, adding that she hopes to open her own salon one day. “But we’d do all types of hair, too.”

In addition to the community building and “glow-up”—a term popularized by musician Chief Keef to refer to a positive change in one’s appearance over time—the clinics will also be offering backpacks with school supplies to participants.

All appointments are free and supported by community donations, said Batista Sánchez, who pointed out that the Rutland-area NAACP needs new members. “It’s only \$30,” she said, also noting that all ethnicities are welcome to join.

For more information and a sign-up link (with more slots added as volunteers are located), head to [www.naacprutland.org/hair-clinics](http://www.naacprutland.org/hair-clinics). To become a member, volunteer, or donate, visit: [www.naacprutland.org](http://www.naacprutland.org).



KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS came from all over Rutland, Bennington, and Addison counties for the NAACP’s free hair clinics this past Juneteenth—clinics which they are hosting again on September 4th in Castleton thanks in large part to organizer La’Keiah Batista Sánchez, above, who also serves as the Rutland-area Health Committee Chair.

# Calendar of events

## August

### Tuesday:

#### 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 Group

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 Series

Brain Club is a weekly community education series (6–7 pm 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

The warmth of the late-day sun on your face . . . 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 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:

#### Summer Storytime Playgroup with Sophie

Join us at 10 am at the Maclure Library. for stories, crafts, snacks and free play!

### 24:

#### You are invited to BARN OPERA's Open House!

From 7p.m.–9p.m. join Artistic Director, Joshua Col-

lier, members of the BARN OPERA artistic team, and the Board of Directors of BARN OPERA for the first public open house in the new BARN OPERA House, in advance of our production of Ariadne auf Naxos in September.

Come see the Barn, have a glass of wine, take pictures in the beautiful space, make sure you have tickets to the show, and see all the projects that we have in the works and where you might be able to be a part of the BARN OPERA story. The BARN OPERA House is located at 1321 Pearl Street, Brandon, Vt, 05733.

#### Shoreham Congregational Church hosts presentation by Age Well VT

Starting at 1:00 p.m. Age Well Vermont focuses on the lifestyle, happiness, and wellness of the elderly in Addison County and several other counties in Vermont. This nonprofit organization works to reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care, and community programs. They have many options to help both caregivers and individuals who want to remain in their own homes as long as possible. They also act as a clearinghouse for information about a variety of agencies to help our aging population. They will give a presentation of their programs and activities at the Shoreham Congregational Church. This program is free and open to the public. It will be useful for all elderly people and those caring for them. Please come and learn about this tremendous resource.

### Kennedy Park Concerts

August 27 Melissa Moorehouse

September 10 Jim Shaw

September 24 Patrick Fitzsimmons

All shows 11a-1p in Kennedy Park.

Sponsored by the Downtown Brandon Alliance.

### 26:

#### Blueberry Hill Inn: Patti Casey & Colin McCaffrey

Casey and McCaffrey are two of Vermont's most beloved musical treasures, having created individually and together an artistic landscape as ruggedly beautiful as the Green Mountains of Vermont, where they both grew up. Gorgeous vocal harmonies and rock solid acoustic instrumental work – both are internationally known as award-winning songwriters and singers – together their ease and humor onstage give you a chance to catch your breath from the last song, which may just have taken it away.

Reservations for each pizza night will open the Monday prior to the event. We appreciate advance reservations. We do not offer a music-only rate. Pizza and live music are \$35 per person, \$25 for kids 11 and under, and kids 5 and under are free. Includes pizza and inn-made lemonade or iced tea and live music. Hearty Salad, LuLu Icecream, and Blueberry Hill Cookies are available to purchase on-site!

#### 40th Annual Vergennes Day

The weekend kicks off on Friday, August 26, with a street dance on the City Green featuring music by "The Hitmen" and sponsored by One Credit Union. The street dance runs from 7 to 10 p.m and features food from the 3 Squares Café Food Truck. Activities continue Saturday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The day begins with a pancake breakfast at the Vergennes Fire Station from 7 to 10 a.m. The "Little

City Races" 5K, 10K, and 15K's kickoff at 8:30 and 9 a.m., with on-site registration available at 7:30 at Vergennes Union Elementary School. Other activities include free wagon rides sponsored by Vermont Federal Credit Union and events hosted by the Bixby Library and Vergennes Rotary.

The bandstand will feature music throughout the day. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the City Green will host more than 55 craft and vendor booths offering fine hand-crafts, locally made products, food, and more.

### 27:

#### Poultney Habitat Improvement Tour at Birdseye Wildlife Management Area

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and the National Wild Turkey Federation are excited to announce an upcoming tour to highlight land management practices to improve wildlife habitat for game species at Birdseye Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Poultney on Saturday, August 27, from 12 to 3 p.m. The tour will be led by Travis Hart and Andrea Short-sleeve, wildlife habitat biologists with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, and Matt DiBona, a wildlife biologist with the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The group will walk through large patch cuts, a prescribed burn area, released apple trees, and other recently completed habitat projects while discussing how these projects benefit deer, bears, turkeys, and other wildlife and how they can be implemented on your property. While game species will be the focus of the discussion, these habitat practices also benefit many nongame species, including pollinators. Birdseye WMA is a 3,600-acre property owned by the Fish and Wildlife Department and is managed to benefit wildlife while providing opportunities for the public to access and enjoy the area. The property ranges from level former farmland to the steep talus slopes of Birdseye Mountain and provides a habitat for diverse wildlife.

The group will meet at the snowplow turnaround at the end of Birdseye Road in Poultney. Please dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Participants are encouraged to bring water, a journal for notes, and a desire to learn more about improving habitats

## Brandon's 'Slide out of summer,' Aug. 28, 3–5 p.m.

Slide out of summer in style at Estabrook Park in Brandon with a giant water slide, slip and slide, pie eating contest, hot dogs, cotton, candy, snow cones, music, and more. Bring your chair and say goodbye to summer vacation!

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**Origami box making**

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J tent in the Sheldon Museum’s garden.

un family morning at the Sheldon is a drop-in event  
nted by the Vermont Children’s Museum, a non-profit  
ng toward opening a children’s indoor play space and  
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o create an origami box out of paper for storing their  
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ctivity is free, and all are welcome; reservations are  
quired. The Sheldon Museum is located at One Park  
c, Middlebury. For more information, visit [www.Hen-  
SheldonMuseum.org](http://www.Hen-<br/>SheldonMuseum.org) or call the Sheldon at 802-388-2117.

**Grace Coolidge Musicales features “Eloquent Expressions”**

resident Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in  
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# September

**Don Town Hall: The Silverbacks Blues & Rock Band**  
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**Don Town Hall: Beekeepers Statewide Conference**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Vermont Beekeepers will hold  
mmer membership meeting for the second year in a row.  
not an FOTH event. If you think you might want to take  
ekeeping or just learn more about it, you can register  
e meeting at the door. Registration for non-members is  
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## Goings on around town

## Sept. 17, Forests, Fields, and Floodplains workshop 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Looking to learn more about your forest? Does a waterway travel through your property? Consider attending a Vermont Woodlands Association workshop titled Forests, Fields, and Floodplains on Saturday, September 17. This multi-organization event will feature presentations and demonstrations from members of the VWA, Vermont River Conservancy, White River Partnership, and Vermont Coverts.

The workshop will feature several break-out sessions throughout the event. There will be a portable sawmill on site and Phil Sweet will give demonstrations using ash, cherry, birch, and spruce logs. Consulting forester and VWA president Allan Thompson will speak on Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) in regard to an area of 40-year-old spruce forest on the property. Vermont River Conservancy’s Steve Libby will share on the topic of floodplains and the importance of river easements. Greg Russ of the White River Partnership will give a session on riparian zones, speaking on how the planting of these



zones can improve river quality and help control erosion. Also, a representative of Vermont Coverts will present on the topic of woodlands and watercourses and the role they play in wildlife habitat and migration.

The free event will be hosted by Ron and Chris Millard at Hancock Mountain Farm in Hancock from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hancock Mountain Farm is located at 2333 VT Route 100 N., Hancock,

VT 05748. Look for the Red Barn on the property. The site is flat and accessible, but proper footwear and apparel should be worn. There are no restrooms on the property.

The event is free, however advance registration is required. If you plan on attending email Ron Millard at [rmillard@fuse.net](mailto:rmillard@fuse.net) expressing your intent to attend along with number in your party.



## The Ecology of Ticks and Tick-borne Disease Sept. 9, 12 p.m. at the Sheldon Museum

The Henry Sheldon Museum presents, “The Ecology of Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases,” a talk by David Allen, Associate Professor of biology at Middlebury College.

Allen studies the ecological, climate, and landscape factors which determine tick-borne disease risk. He uses a mix of fieldwork, lab-based and modeling methods.

Over the last two decades, tick populations and cases of tick-borne

diseases (like Lyme disease) have increased dramatically in Vermont. Tick populations are influenced by a complex set of biotic (e.g., deer and mouse populations) and abiotic (e.g., climate) drivers. As a result, it is hard to say what is responsible for the dramatic change to tick populations.

This talk will present a brief introduction to tick biology. Allen will also discuss his research trying to understand what drives tick-borne dis-

ease risk in Vermont.

The talk will take place in the Sheldon’s barn and is free and open to the public. Seating is limited; first come, first served. Bring a brown bag lunch if you’d like. The Sheldon Museum is located at One Park Street, Middlebury across from the Ilsley Library. For more information about upcoming Friday talks, visit [www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org](http://www.HenrySheldonMuseum.org) or call the Sheldon at 802-388-2117.

## Sports

## Stone, Kelly score on Double Feature Night at Devil's Bowl

WEST HAVEN—Young racers Justin Stone and Marty Kelly III held serve at Devil's Bowl Speedway on Saturday, August 20, as The Stove Depot presented the annual Double Feature Night. The busy, 10-race card was also highlighted by a 50-lap Enduro Series race and a backpack giveaway at intermission that benefitted the more than 200 students in attendance.

Middlebury's Justin Stone won

the opening 25-lap feature for the headline Sunoco Sportsman Modified division. The third-generation driver earned his second win of the season, and his cousin, rookie Troy Audet, finished as the runner-up.

Marty Kelly III took third place, veteran Elmo Reckner was fourth, and sophomore Shawn McPhee continued a recent stretch of success in fifth. Brian Whit-

Hammond Jr., Jimmy Ryan, Vince Quenneville, and Jimmy Davis.

Kelly was hot all night, winning the second Sportsman Modified feature for his maiden victory of 2022. The second-generation Shaftsbury racer held off defending champion Tim LaDuc after a restart with four laps remaining.

LaDuc placed second ahead of Anthony Warren, Frank Hoard III, and Allan Hammond. Ryan was sixth, followed by Todd Stone,

Whittemore, Tanner Siemons, and Justin Comes.

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Limited Sportsman division welcomed a pair of popular new winners in twin 20-lap features, shining some light on both ends of the age spectrum.

Second-generation driver A.J. Munger, 21, of nearby Benson Landing, pulled off the first points-paying victory of his young career in the first race. Alex Layn scored a career-best runner-up finish, followed by Bubba McPhee, Anthony Ryan, and Fred Little.

Fair Haven's "Santa" Bob Kilburn scored his first-ever Devil's Bowl win in the Limited Sportsman nightcap. The 66-year-old was up front all race long and held off the field through a pair of restarts, including one with just two laps left. Josh LeClaire threaded the needle in traffic to take second. Bubba McPhee was third for the second time of the night, followed by Bill Duprey and Steve Pope.

Mount Holly's Josh Bussino picked up his first win in a Modified car in the first 15-lap race for the Hoosier Daddy Racing Rookie Sportsman division. Stock car veteran Don Williams scored his best open-wheel finish in second place, with Kamden Duffy, William Lussier Jr., and Tyler Travis completing the top five.

Travis has wasted no time in making his presence known at Devil's Bowl, picking up his first victory in the second Rookie Sportsman feature. The Hartland racer made just his third and fourth starts in a Modified on Double Feature Night after making just four starts in the Mini Sprint competition earlier in the season. Adam LaFountain finished second ahead of Lussier, Randy Edson, and Duffy.

Rookie Logan Denis of Whiting kept his hot freshman campaign going in the Friend Construction 500cc Mini Sprint division, scoring his fourth win of the season in the first 12-lap feature. Vern Woodard was a career-best second ahead of defending champion Ray Hanson, Lane Saville, and Chay-

ton Young.

Young, also a rookie, brought his second career victory home to Wynantskill, NY, in the second Mini Sprint race. Saville was the runner-up, followed by Denis, John Smith, and Woodard.

The Mini Stock division saw its program rearranged after a disastrous start. With no laps completed in 18 minutes in the first of two planned 12-lap features, the entire division was sent to the pit area to regroup, and the decision was made to hold a single 20-lap race later in the evening.

Ripton's Chris Sumner didn't mind the change, as he had extra time to move from the 21st starting position to score his track-high sixth win of the year. Craig Kirby, Adam Mahoney, and leading rookie Matt Wade each came from deep in the starting field to run two-three-four. Chase Allen finished fifth.

Whiting's Eric Leno won the 50-lap Enduro Series race to close the evening. The win was Leno's third of the year and his fifth overall.

Devil's Bowl Speedway returns to action on Saturday, August 27, at 7 p.m., as Friend Construction presents the annual "Win & You're In!" automatic qualifier "draw race" for the upcoming Vermont 200. The program also includes Kids Racecar Rides at intermission. All five weekly racing divisions will be in action. Grandstand general admission is \$12 for adults and free for children aged 12 and under, and Infield drive-in parking is \$20 for adults and free for children. Tickets are available at the speedway on race day.

Devil's Bowl Speedway is located on Route 22A in West Haven, Vt., four miles north of U.S. Route 4, Exit 2, and just 20 minutes from Rutland, Vt. For more information, visit [www.DevilsBowlSpeedwayVT.com](http://www.DevilsBowlSpeedwayVT.com) or call (802) 265-3112. Devil's Bowl Speedway is on Facebook at [facebook.com/DevilsBowlSpeedway](https://facebook.com/DevilsBowlSpeedway), and on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat at @DevilsBowlSpeed; follow the action using the #DevilsBowl hashtag.



YOUNG DRIVERS JUSTIN Stone, above, and Marty Kelley III each won on Double Feature Night.

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# Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival announces winners for cross-cultural filmmaking in conjunction with the Bali International Film Festival

MIDDLEBURY — The Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival announced the second pair of winners of the American-Indonesian Cultural & Educational Foundation (AICEF) Prize for Cross-Cultural Filmmaking as part of its rela-

tionship with Indonesia's highly regarded Bali International Film Festival.

The AICEF Prize is presented to a pair of first or second-time feature filmmakers whose work robustly embraces cross-cultural themes in the narrative or documentary genre.

One Indonesian filmmaker has been selected by the Bali International Film Festival (Balinale) to present their work at the 8th Annual Middlebury

New Filmmakers Festival (MNFF), and one American filmmaker has been selected by MNFF to present their work both at MNFF8 and at the 2023 Bali International Film Festival next June. All the funding for this exchange of filmmakers is provided through a generous grant from the AICEF.

The selected films tackle a subject that crosses cultural lines and advances our understanding of the issues, challenges, and realities that people face in living in countries, communities, or cultures unfamiliar or resistant to them.

The Bali International Film Festival selected Preman as its second AICEF Prize winner. Directed by Randolph Zaini, a

first-time feature director, Preman tells the story of Sandi, a deaf thug who works for a gang disguised as a non-government organization. Nominated for eight awards at Festival Film Indonesia, winning two, Preman speaks eloquently to issues of class across the Indonesian culture.

Preman will screen at MNFF8 on Friday, August 26 at 11:30 a.m., at Town Hall Theater, as the first of two films celebrating the winners of the AICEF Prize. Mr. Zaini will attend that screening and participate in the Q&A that follows. Additionally, a delegation from the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, based in New York, will attend the screening.

The American winner of the AICEF Prize for Cross-Cultural Filmmaking is Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest. Directed by Nancy Svendsen, a first-time feature filmmaker, the documentary tells the remarkable story of Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, the indigenous trailblazer who battled racism, gender discrimination, and political opposition in her quest to become the first Nepali woman to summit Mount Everest.

Pasang: In the Shadow of Everest will screen at MNFF8 on Friday, August 26 at 2 p.m., at Town Hall Theater, as the second of two films celebrating the winners of the AICEF Prize. Ms. Svendsen will attend the (See MNFF, Page 22)



A STILL FROM *Preman*, directed by Randolph Zaini, one of two international award winners.

# Rutland NAACP pushes to ban sale of racist items after slavery-era shackles sighted at local gun show

BY ELLA RUEHSEN/ VTDigger

Rutland — A local branch of the NAACP is denouncing the sale of what appeared to be slave shackles at a gun show held last weekend at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland.

The Rutland Area Branch of the NAACP wrote a letter to the fairgrounds' board of trustees Tuesday night criticizing the organization for permitting the sale of such items and circulated a petition Wednesday morning calling on it to prohibit similar sales in the future.

"As defenders of freedom and teaching the truth about the history of the United States and racism, The Rutland NAACP does not condone the selling and profiting of artifacts that represent the repugnance of the enslavement of Black people," the organization wrote in its letter.

The fairgrounds are run by the Rutland County Agricultural Society, which hosted the 176th annual Vermont State Fair at the site last week. Members of the fairgrounds' leadership team could not be reached for comment.

The NAACP's letter encouraged fairgrounds leadership to "take immediate action" in reviewing policies with vendors at the Vermont State Fair in an effort to prevent similar occurrences last week and in the future.

This isn't the first time the NAACP has called on the fairgrounds to crack down on certain

sales on its property. In 2018, the Rutland branch circulated a petition calling on the fairgrounds to ban the sale of Confederate flags.

"We've been down this road with the Vermont State Fairgrounds in terms of demanding that they have stronger policies," said Mia Schultz, president of the Rutland Area Branch of the NAACP.

According to Schultz, who penned the latest letter and petition, the fairgrounds did not heed its call in 2018, though the fair's current policies disallow weapons and "vulgar, hateful or distasteful items from being offered for sale or put on display." (In 2016, the Addison County Fair & Field Days' board voted to ban the sale of Confederate flags and merchandise bearing the symbol.)

Rutland City, where the fairgrounds are located, and West Rutland have both adopted a Declaration of Inclusion condemning racism and discrimination.

"I think that our officials in our town need to speak up, and this is their moment to really enforce that Declaration of Inclusion as not mere words but actually action," Schultz said. "Sale and profiting over the remnants of America's original sin of slavery is abhorrent."

Al Wakefield, a Rutland area resident who works to promote the adoption of the Declaration of Inclusion through-

out Vermont, said he shared the NAACP's view. The apparent sale of the shackles is "not helpful" to the region's efforts to change the narrative, he said.

"That's obnoxious — in some instances is perhaps even emotionally traumatic — for people to see that kind of thing marketed with abandon in our community," Wakefield said.

In its letter, the local NAACP branch said it recognizes the importance of historic preservation and that such items may be considered antique collectibles. But, the organization continued, "careful consideration must be taken when displaying tools and weapons used in the oppression, torture, and captivity of Black peoples."

Schultz said selling these items for adornment in a house or other facility without contextualizing it promotes the legacy of slavery and the "horrors" that come with it.

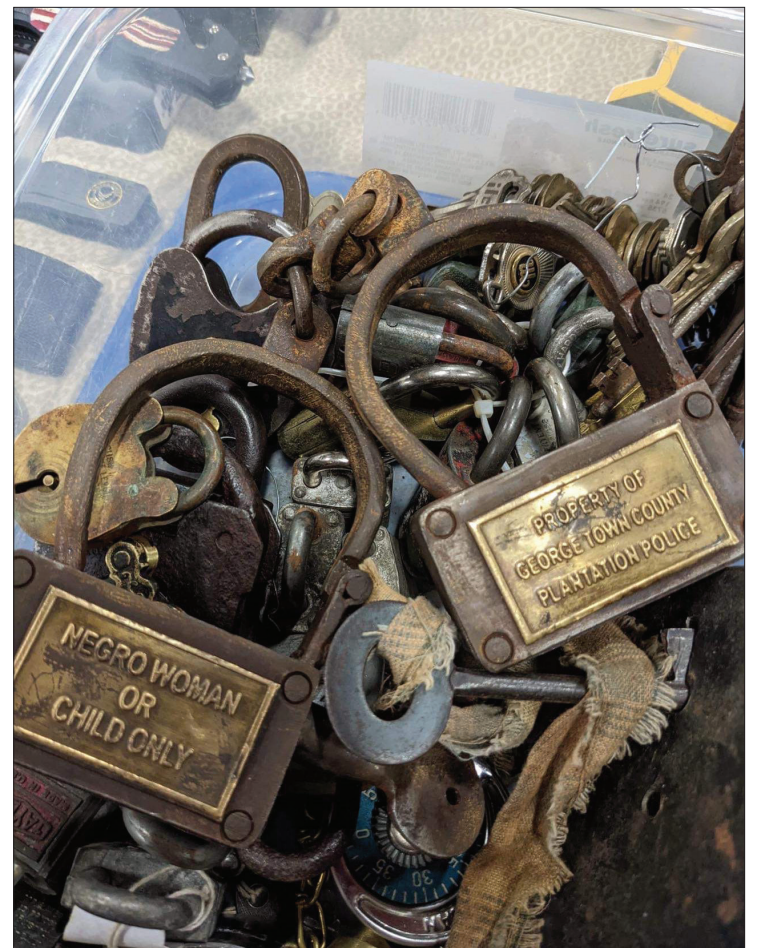
"These artifacts, they belong in museums, they belong in ethical educational institutions and places in which proper education is addressed regarding this abhorrent time in our nation's history, and to sell them actually just perpetuates profiting off of this legacy," Schultz said.

Given the "racial reckoning" the nation has undergone in the years since a white police officer murdered George Floyd in Minneapolis in May 2020, Schultz said she is hopeful the latest pe-

tion will lead to change.

"I hope," she said, "that they may have a different perspective this time and make the necessary changes to their rules and

be brave enough to say, 'We're not going to allow these things to happen in our town because we want all people to feel welcome and safe.'



THE RUTLAND AREA NAACP wrote a letter to the Vermont State Fairgrounds' board of trustees criticizing the organization for permitting the sale of what appeared to be slave shackles.

Photo courtesy of the Rutland NAACP



# Mim's Photos

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



## Recognized



Terry Ferson recognized the picture of the Old Fox Little League Team of Brandon; the man in the back row on the left is Mark Bryant of Brandon. The man in the back row on the far right is Dick Haverlick of Middlebury. The girl in front of Dick is Amy Bryant who is Mark Bryant's niece.

Jude Bryant called in to recognize some of these people as well. The photo of the Old Fox Little League team, was taken about 39 years ago. The man on the left is Mark James Bryant. The girl to Mark's right is Lisa Stevens. Next in the back row is Dick Rouseau and the man to his right is Dick Haverlick. The girl in front of these two men is Amy Bryant. Amy is the daughter of Jude and Patrick Bryant. The photo was taken in Sudbury, Vermont at the Bryant's house.



Terry Ferson of Brandon called to recognize Connie Lee of Brandon on the far right in the pink shirt.

Harold Adams called in to identify his mother as the lady seated front and center of the the photo. Florence Adams, who lived in Brandon. The gentleman directly to her left, with his hand on the chair, is Harold Adams of Brandon. Harold is now 96 years old.



E-mail [ads@brandonreporter.com](mailto:ads@brandonreporter.com) if you can identify someone in these photos.  
Or call us at 247-8080



# Crossword

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. One point north of due west
4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
9. Popular California/Nevada lake
14. Go quickly
15. Fatty acid in soaps
16. Brand of fuel stations
17. State of fuss
18. Romance novelist
20. Members of a household
22. Asserts to be the case
23. Type of infection
24. With metal inlays
28. Chinese philosophic principle
29. Early multimedia
30. Employee stock ownership plan
31. He investigated Clinton administration
33. Shells
37. Six
38. Snakelike fish
39. Capital of Kenya
41. Influential group (abbr.)
42. Used to chop
43. It comes as a case
44. Challenges
46. Small amounts
49. The Golden State
50. Peyton's little brother
51. For walking in Alaska
55. Buddhist honorific titles
58. Lively ballroom dance
59. Capital of Albania
60. Late night host
64. Draw from
65. A way to utilise
66. One who is not native Hawaiian
67. A power to perceive
68. Bulky
69. Horse mackerels
70. Proclaim out loud

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Hits
2. Bathroom accessory
3. Young
4. Beef cattles
5. It's often in soap
6. For each
7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
8. A way to leave
9. Emaciation
10. Punish with a fine
11. Steeds
12. Having eight
13. Greek goddess of the dawn
19. Mature reproductive cells
21. Armadillo species
24. Ancient country in what is now Romania
25. Extreme greed
26. Stars
27. Poems
31. Places to sit
32. One from the Lone Star State
34. Small rails
35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
36. Where coaches work
40. Indicates position
41. Mammals
45. Resembling a wing
47. Beliefs
48. Hindu male religious teachers
52. Mischievously
53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
54. Large, deep-bodied fish
56. Horned squash bug genus
57. Excessively sentimental
59. Shared verbally
60. You can put it on toast
61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
63. Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano

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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 solve.

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## Puzzle solutions

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## Visit the Rutland County Humane Society's Website!

Do you want to keep up-to-date on upcoming events at the Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS)? Do you want to make an online donation? Are you looking for a complete list of all of the adoptable animals? Are you searching for pictures of adorable alumni animals? All of this and lots more can be found at the Rutland County Humane Society's website, [www.rchsvt.org](http://www.rchsvt.org). The website is updated nearly every day and there's terrific information about every aspect of RCHS including donations, volunteers, adoptions, stray animals, links to other shelters and more. For quick and easy access, add [www.rchsvt.org](http://www.rchsvt.org) to your list of favorites! Check us out - you'll be happy you did!

### I COULD BE THE NEW FRIEND YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



#### MEET MIA

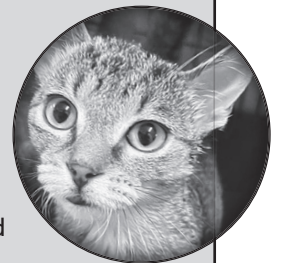
7-YEAR-OLD. FEMALE. PUG MIX. BRINDLE.

Mia may be small, but she makes up for it with her sweet and spunky personality. She is very playful and loves to be around people. She seems to love everyone she meets and loves to bring you her squeaky toys. She is a very vocal dog and likes to bark when she hears people or other dogs barking. We do not have a history of her with kids or cats. She has lived with other dogs, did fine, and loved to play.

#### MEET CRIMSON

4-MONTH-OLD. SPAYED FEMALE. DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. GREY TIGER.

If you are looking for an energetic ball of energy, please consider checking out Crimson and our other kittens. They are goofy and playful and ready to keep you entertained. They have all been spayed/neutered and have received their age-appropriate vaccines. It will be important to get them into your vet shortly after adoption to ensure they stay up to date on their vaccines. They are all using the litter box well at the shelter. They play with toys and their friends' tails! They enjoy being handled and are anxious to find their forever homes.



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# Off the Shelf

New books at the Brandon Free Public Library

## Adult Fiction

### The Foundling by Ann Leary

When Mary Engel turns 18 in 1927, she gets a job as a secretary at the "Nettleton State Village for Feebleminded Women of Childbearing Age." She's immediately enthralled by her new employer, Dr. Agnes Vogel, who was the only woman in her class in medical school. Mary soon learns that a friend from the orphanage she stayed at for a time is one of the inmates. She remembers Lillian as a free-spirit, but not troubled. Lillian begs Mary to help her escape, alleging the institution is not what it seems. What happens next sets off a series of events with life-altering consequences. A dark study into the history of Eugenics, inspired by true events relayed by the author's grandmother.

### Where the Sky Begins by Rhys Bowen

London, 1940. Bombs are falling across the country. Josie's overbearing husband is unreachable, having been called to service. Her home, in ruins. Her boss, killed. When Josie's injured with no place to go, she finds herself evacuated to the country home of aristocratic Miss Harcourt, who's reluctantly agreed to house her and other displaced survivors. Struggling to find a place in the world, Josie convinces

### Did you know?

Reading logs for kids and adult bingo sheets are due back August 31st and prizes will be drawn September 1st. Lots of time to get your sheets in!

Miss Harcourt to let her open a tea shop for the locals and the lonely soldiers stationed at the nearby RAF base. It's then that she meets Mike, a handsome pilot from Canada who's harboring a secret. Her husband returns, and a series of events leads them to discover there may be a traitor in their midst. A story of love, loss and hope set against the backdrop of WW2.

### Hide: A Novel by Kirsten White

An abandoned amusement park, and a ton of cash. Spending a week there hiding doesn't seem too hard, and the prize is enough to set up her dream future. Mack is sure she can survive the week, she's an expert at that— it's the reason she's alive and her family isn't. But as her competitors begin to disappear one by one, she realizes there's something sinister going on, and the only way to survive may be to team up with her competitors.

## Young Adult

### Heartstopper- graphic novels by Alice Oseman

Charlie and Nick attend the same school, but have never met. One day they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realize. A story of love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness.

## Junior Fiction

### Endlessly ever after : pick your path to countless fairy tale endings!

A story of Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, Hansel, Gretel, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, a wolf, a witch, a goose, a grandmother, some pigs, and endless variations by Laurel Synder Grab your basket and your coat. Put on some walking shoes. Turn the page and begin: Which story will you choose? Readers become Rosie (aka Little Red Riding Hood) and through a series of choices will try to save her fairy tale friends. A number of endings and decisions will make this a favorite with kids and parents alike.

# Police wrangle renegade cows on Champlain Street

BRANDON — The week of Aug. 15 brought a series of incidents involving suspicious activity, intoxication, and domestic violence to the Brandon Police Department, along with some renegade cow activity.

After a few traffic stops on the morning of July 15, police received a report of a suspicious drone hovering near a residence on Deer Run. Callers described the drone as white, 24 inches wide/long, with four rotor blades. It disappeared shortly after the resident made the complaint.

A woman came into the station midday to speak with an officer about an ongoing abusive relationship she had been in. More suspicious activity was reported in the afternoon at Café Provence on Center Street, where juveniles were reportedly jumping on the business's roof. Police determined to increase patrols in the area to dissuade further incidents.

In the evening, Jiffy Mart on Grove Street reported that a possibly intoxicated woman had defecated on the business floor. She had departed by the time police arrived and was not located. A few hours later, police returned to Café Provence, where juveniles were reportedly throwing rocks off the roof. The responding officers checked the area but could not locate the juveniles in question.

Around 7 a.m. On August 17, a motor vehicle left the scene of an accident after crashing through a fence on Forest Dale Road and driving through the back yards of three homes on Spellman Way. The incident is being investigated.

Two separate requests for aid in domestic violence situations arose On August 18. First, a couple came into the Police Department request-

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ing information on how to apply for a restraining order against one of the party's ex-spouses. The subjects were directed to the Rutland County Court in Rutland City to apply for the order. Soon after that, a woman came into the station requesting information on how to apply for a restraining order against her ex-husband.

Later in the day, police were called to a parked SUV on Center Street because of a dog left in the car. The responding officer located the vehicle and determined that all the windows and sunroof were open for ventilation for the dog, and the dog was not found to be in any distress. The dog's owner was located inside the restaurant and was advised of the complaint. She then removed the dog from the vehicle and brought it to the cafe.

In a seesaw of intoxication and domestic violence calls during the early morning of July 20, police arrested Brianna Brayton, 22, of Castleton, for domestic assault after police were called to an apartment on Mulcahy Drive for a report of a woman allegedly assaulting her boyfriend. She was released on a citation and court conditions to appear before Rutland County Superior Court, Criminal Division, on Aug. 22, at 12:30 p.m.

Close to noon, police received a report of a male with mental health and alcohol abuse issues who asked a female acquaintance for help in pushing his vehicle out of a ditch on

(See Police report, Page 19)



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

**LEO July 23-Aug. 23**  
Leo, seek the path not often taken this week, even if it seems long and winding. Sometimes the most direct way to go is not the easiest – even if it seems that way.

**CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
Capricorn, let your emotions rather than your intuition guide you this week. That's not something you hear often, but it's for the best right now.

**VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22**  
Virgo, you have a strong urge to start one project or another that can be used as a steppingstone to a promotion. Run your ideas by someone you trust.

**AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
Aquarius, even though you have little to no work to do this week, the stars indicate you will be busy nonetheless. Enjoy any down time you can muster.

**ARIES March 21-April 20**  
Listen to the people around you as well as your inner voice this week, Aries. With all the information at hand you can make some difficult decisions with confidence.

**PISCES Feb. 19-March 20**  
Few signs understand the importance of building a strong foundation as well as you, Pisces. Start crafting a new relationship this week.

**TAURUS April 21-May 21**  
Taurus, it may prove challenging to figure out where inspiration will come from next. Rather than seeking it out, wait for things to unfold more organically.

**SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
Scorpio, you can be effective and efficient when you're in your element. Others will attest to that this week after they see you in action. Enjoy the attention.

**GEMINI May 22-June 21**  
Gemini, do not be afraid to think outside the box this week. The stars are spurring you in a particular direction that could influence various components of your life.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
Sagittarius, professional motivation is easy to muster this week. Embrace your extra energy and put it to good use at work. Others will take notice.

**CANCER June 22-July 22**  
Ideas come from where you least expect them this week, Cancer. Keep your eyes wide open and pay attention to all conversations so you can be attuned to any clues.

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### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 25 Elvis Costello, singer-songwriter (68)
- Aug. 26 Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician (d)
- Aug. 27 César Milan, dog trainer (53)
- Aug. 28 Ai Weiwei, artist, (65)
- Aug. 29 Temple Grandin, scientist (75)
- Aug. 30 Mary Shelley, author (d)
- Aug. 31 Itzhak Perlman, violinist (76)

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# Police report

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Carver Street. The male was evaluated by EMS for possible injuries and refused transport.

In the afternoon, a male advised police of an alleged verbally abusive domestic relationship in Brandon. The male refused to provide any names of the parties involved. Still, he advised that he would contact the police department if he received any further information or if he felt the matter needed further police investigation.

A little more than two hours later, police received a call from a resident of Carver Street advising that her neighbor, possibly intoxicated, was screaming for help. Upon investigation, police determined that the neighbor needed a lift assist and ultimately refused rescue evaluation or transport to the hospital.

Renegade cows struck in the late afternoon of July 21. Having escaped their pasture, the cows were wreaking havoc on Champlain Street. Police managed to wrangle their home without further incident.

In other activities, Brandon Police:

## On August 15

- Made motor vehicle stops on Grove Street for speeding and defective equipment. Warnings were issued in both cases.

- Received a late report of a drone hovering over a private residence on Deer Run Road.

- Assisted a woman who came into the station to speak with an officer about an ongoing abusive relationship she had been in.

- Took fingerprints for school employment and a soccer coaching position.

- Responded to suspicious activity reported at Café Provence on Center Street regarding juveniles jumping on the business's roof.

- Conducted drone deployment training at the Brandon Police Department.

- Responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated individual at the Jiffy Mart on Grove Street.

- Responded to a report of a vehicle swerving on Route 7 traveling north past Champlain Farms. The vehicle had recently been stopped in Pittsford, and the operator was reported sober. Officers attempted to locate the vehicle, but it was gone upon a check on the area.

- Responded to a report of juveniles throwing rocks off the roof of Café Provence on Center Street.

## On August 16

- Assisted Colchester Police in issuing a citation to a suspect involved in an investigation they were conducting.

- Took fingerprints for school employment and a nursing school student.

- At a family member's request, a welfare check was made on a juvenile female residing at a residence on Morning Dove Lane. An active investigation was opened involving the child's welfare.

- Made a property at a residence on Wheeler Road.

- Received report that an individual's tires were stolen by the neighbor. The case is still under investigation.

## On August 17

- Conducted routine property checks at Union Street Grocery on Union Street, a residence on Wheeler Road, 802 Spirits in Conant Square, and Hawk Hill Bait and Tackle on Franklin Street.

- Responded to an accident on Spellman Way in which a vehicle had left the scene.

- Assisted Castleton Police in the service of a citation on a juvenile residing in the Town of Brandon.

- At the request of a father, made a welfare check on his children, who are currently residing with his ex-wife on Morning Dove Lane. Contact was made with the mother and the children, and they were all found to be okay.

## On August 18

- Made a motor vehicle stop for a stop sign violation on Center Street and issued a warning.

- Received a report of an alarm activation at Neshobe Golf Club on Town Farm Road. The alarm company canceled the alarm, so no police response was necessary.

- Investigated an untimely death reported at a residence on Brookdale Street. The cause of death is believed to be of natural causes.

- Received report of theft of a handgun and backpack from a vehicle parked in Conant Square.

- Took multiple sets of fingerprints for school employment.

- Assisted a couple wishing to apply for a restraining order.

- Assisted a woman who requested information on how to apply for a restraining order.

- Responded to a report of a dog left unattended in an SUV on Center Street.

- Served multiple court orders on behalf of the Addison County Family Court at a residence on Morning Dove Lane.

- Documented a report of a temporary registration plate taken off a vehicle on West Seminary Street.

- Made a motor vehicle stop for failure to yield to the right of way in traffic on Franklin Street at Park Street and issued a warning.

- Responded to a motor vehicle complaint on Wood Lane. A vehicle was stopped for an equipment violation, and the operator was issued a

warning

- Made traffic stops on McConnell Road at Birch Hill Road for failing to display a rear license plate and possible DUI on Park Street. The driver was sober and struggling with directions to a location.

- Took a complaint from a business on Grove Street. The incident is open and presently under active investigation.

## On August 19

- Received report of a burglary in progress at the vacant Cattails Restaurant on Grove Street with possible suspects inside. The responding officers found a glass/screen window removed from the screened-in porch on the side of the building. The building was checked. No evidence of a break-in was found, and no one was located in the area.

- Received report of suspicious activity on Grove Street at Brandon Self-storage. The investigation is ongoing.

- Responded to a report of a motor car operating without lights on at night on Route 7 heading southbound through Brandon. The vehicle was located and stopped by an officer on patrol. The operator was an elderly female who didn't realize that her lights had been off and did not have the headlight switch turned on while driving. The officer instructed the operator to adjust her lights so they came on automatically and then sent her on her way without further incident.

- Conducted a foot patrol around Grove Street due to a recent theft in the area. No out-of-the-ordinary activity was observed.

## On August 20

- Assisted Rutland City Police, Rutland County Sheriffs, and Vermont State Police with a vehicle pursuit originating in Rutland City that ended in Pittsford. The operator was stopped and taken into custody without further incident.

- Arrested Brianna Brayton, 22, of Castleton, for domestic assault at a residence on Mulcahy Drive

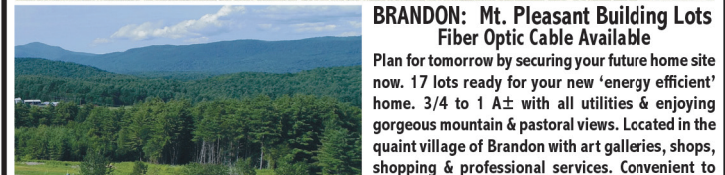
- Received a report of suspicious vehicles parked on the front lawn of the Forest Dale Wesleyan Church on Forest Dale Road. The vehicle belonged to a neighbor and was moved with no issues.

- Received a request for assistance from the manager of the Neshobe Golf Club on Town Farm Road in escorting a male from the premises due to past threatening behavior to other players at the club. The matter was handled civilly between the manager and the individual when he arrived for his tee-time. No police action was needed.

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# Energy committee

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bled in North America. Then, half of the tax credit amount is restricted to EV manufacturers that use gradually increasing critical minerals used in making EV batteries from North America or the U.S.'s free trade partners. This cannot be met now and might be a difficult hurdle for EV manufacturers as these mineral requirements start to apply.

There are two other provisions that may affect our town quite favorably:

One is that municipalities and non-profit organizations that have previously been unable to benefit from tax-credit programs on solar installations will be able to get equivalent cash rebates on solar installations that they pay for.

Second, funding will be available for innovative local community conservation and renewable energy projects. It has been projected that the criteria for these grants will take a few years to be developed, but we will be preparing to take advantage

of this funding for Brandon when the time comes.

One bonus note: The State of Vermont has approved the issuance of \$250 to \$400 rebates on the purchase of e-bikes by Vermonters age 16 and over. This opportunity will last as long as the \$100,000 allocated for this has not been used. In addition to e-bikes being a highly affordable mode of transportation, the State sees this as positive for the environment and health in general.

# Police report

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- Responded to the report of a male with mental health and alcohol abuse issues needing help pushing his vehicle out of a ditch on Carver Street.

- Received information about an alleged verbally abusive domestic relationship in Brandon.

- Received a call from a resident of Carver Street advising that her neighbor was screaming for help.

- Received a report of a scam on Facebook Marketplace selling puppies out of a residence on Indian Springs Drive.

- Received a complaint of a barking dog on Barlow Avenue.

The dog was not located, and no further calls were received regarding the barking.

Fire Department determined the alarm to be false.

## On August 21

- Returned escaped cows on Champlain Street toothier enclosure.

- Made a traffic stop on Union Street at the intersection of Twin Oaks Drive and issued a warning to the operator.

- Assisted Middlebury EMS with a medical incident on Sunset Drive.

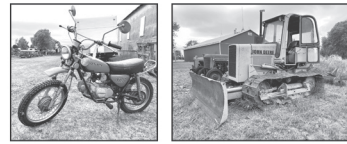
- Along with Brandon Fire Department, responded to a fire alarm activation on Bryant Circle. The

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# Clean energy

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Congress have kicked the door wide open for Vermont to re-establish itself as a climate leader by making renewable energy, weatherization of our homes, and non-fossil fuel-burning consumer goods so much more affordable. It's now up to Governor Scott to agree to work with the Vermont Legislature to take the important next step in 2023: committing Vermont to reach a 100% renewable energy goal, with much of this generated right here in Vermont. This

action would revitalize the once thriving in-state clean industry jobs while ensuring we met our critical clean energy goals and, importantly, make Vermont once again a leader in the fight against climate change.

*Peter Sterling is the Executive Director of REV, the voice of Vermont's renewable energy business community who, are working to eliminate our reliance on dirty fossil fuels by increasing the use of renewable energy and building a clean energy economy.*



**PASANG: IN THE Shadow of Everest**, directed by Nancy Svendsen, was one of two international film award winners at the Middelbury New Filmmakers Festival.

## MNFF

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AICEF is a New York City-based 501[c][3] not-for-profit corporation founded in 1971.

The Foundation is devoted to fostering closer cultural and educational ties between the people of the United States and the Republic of Indonesia.

As part of its mission to bridge this cultural gap, AICEF supports film screenings, music performances, art exhibitions, and symposiums by organizations of distinction whose programs benefit and appeal to a wide range of audiences. The AICEF provides overseas research grants in addition to its cultural grants. More information about the organization can be found at <http://www.aicef.org/>.

The 8th Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival will take place August 24-28, 2022, in Middlebury, Vermont. Information about the Festival is available at <https://midfilmfest.org/>. MNFF is a 501[c][3] non-profit organization. The 16th Annual Bali International Film Festival will take place in June 2023, and information is available at <https://www.balinale.com/>.



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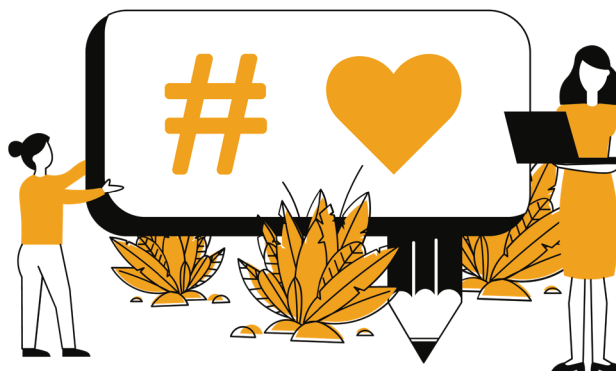
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# Opioid maker Endo settles for up to \$450 million

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Attorney General's Office has reached an agreement in principle with opioid maker Endo over its role in promoting the opioid crisis. Endo, an Ireland-based drug maker with U.S. headquarters in Pennsylvania, makes generic and branded opioids, including Percocet and Endocet, and Opana ER before it was withdrawn from the market in 2017.

The settlement will require Endo International plc and its lenders to pay up to \$450 million to participating states and local governments, turn over millions of documents related to its role in the opioid crisis for publication, and bans the marketing Endo's opioids forever.

The announcement regarding Endo marks the third settlement the Attorney General's Office has reached with opioid makers since July, when it announced agreements in principle with Teva and Allergan. To date, the Office has negotiated more than \$100 million in opioid settlements for Vermont.

"Every Vermonter has been touched in some way by the opioid crisis," said Attorney General Susanne Young. "No settlement amount will ever be enough. The Attorney General's Office will continue to do everything in its power to hold the bad actors who promoted and profited from this crisis accountable."

The agreement in principle with Endo, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Tuesday night in the Southern District of New York, resolves allegations that

Endo boosted opioid sales using deceptive marketing that downplayed the risk of addiction.

The resolution, which is contingent on final documentation and Bankruptcy Court approval, includes the following:

- Requires payment of \$450 million in cash over 10 years to participating states and subdivisions.
- Requires Endo to turn over its opioid-related documents for publication online in a public document archive and pay \$2.75 million for archival expenses.
- Bans the marketing of Endo's opioids forever.

In addition to Vermont, the ne-

gotiations are being led by Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The settlement is also joined by the attorneys general of Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

# Brandon SB

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three votes is required to make a decision, and Mr. Hopkins noted that the next step would be to reach out to the Secretary of State's office for guidance.

In other news, the selectboard:

- Accepted an invitation to join IDEAL Vermont, a state program focused on inclusion, diversity, equality, action, and leadership that will "create a coalition of Vermont municipalities dedicated to advancing racial and other forms of equity... through shared learning and tangible ac-

tions." According to Vermont's Executive Director of Racial Equity Xusana RT. Davis, Brandon was invited because "it has demonstrated a willingness to confront and overcome inequity, through actions such as the adoption of the Declaration of Inclusion." Brandon was among the first towns in Vermont to adopt the declaration, which can be read in full at <https://vtdeclarationofinclusion.org/read-the-declaration/>

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This is a year-round, part-time position (15-20 hours/week) with the majority of the work between October and March. Qualified applicants should have ski racing experience and need to be able to work well with children. This position requires strong organizational skills and attention to detail. Interested applicants should have good communication, leadership and motivational skills along with the ability to Interview, hire and assist in training new coaches. This is an excellent opportunity to become part of a robust skiing and ski racing culture that fosters a family and community connection at one of New England's most intimate and respected mountains.

**Link to Position on Middlebury Ski Club website:**  
[www.middleburyskiclub.org/director\\_of\\_operations](http://www.middleburyskiclub.org/director_of_operations).  
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# Several local organizations among American Rescue Plan Act grant recipients in support of older Vermonters

RUTLAND — Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) announced Monday, Aug. 22, that it had awarded more than \$66,000 in supportive grants to 12 different aging services community organizations throughout Bennington and Rutland counties recently made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”).

“SVCOA, along with the other Vermont Area Agencies on Aging, was able to offer ARPA grant funding intended to support community projects and initiatives that align with the core objectives of the Older Americans Act and will make a positive impact on older Vermonters throughout our service area,” said Chris Adams, Development and Communications Director with SVCOA. “We fielded a strong, diverse collection of grant applications and are very pleased to be able to support all 12 applicant organizations with grant funding.”

To be eligible for ARPA funding, proposed projects and activities needed to meet Older American Act requirements that funds

be used to support: low-income older individuals; low-income minority older individuals; older individuals with limited English proficiency; older individuals residing in rural areas; focused development of resources to help build greater service capacity and advance the development and implementation of comprehensive, coordinated systems of service to older adults; and initiatives that are able to provide quality, data-based outcomes in correlation with grant investment.

The following organizations and initiatives have been awarded grant funding via the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging and the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021:

**Bennington County Meals Program**—information technology infrastructure upgrades to better support meal coordination and delivery for older Vermonters in Bennington County.

**Bennington Free Library**—creation of a dementia-friendly book collection to be accessible to families, skilled nursing and long-term care fa-

cilities, and other community organizations serving memory-challenged adults.

**Bennington Project Independence**—information technology infrastructure upgrades to support the hybridization of adult day services and increase participant accessibility to adult day programs and activities from both home and congregate settings.

**Brandon Senior Meals by Brandon Senior Center**—continuation of free community lunches and monthly brunches that support older Vermonter nutrition and socialization needs.

Castleton Senior Center and Castleton Community Seniors—handicap accessibility building improvements to encourage increased attendance at Castleton Senior Center for those with mobility issues, as well as greater attendee satisfaction.

**Come Alive Outside**—further development of the Mile-A-Day walking program available to 2,000 older Vermonters in Rutland and Bennington counties. Mile-A-Day is a walking challenge that

encourages individuals to establish and track healthy walking habits, creates a stronger social network for older Vermonters, and helps participants become more comfortable utilizing technology.

**Neighbor to Neighbor**—further development of assistance for older Vermonters in southwestern Vermont around transportation to medical appointments, help with shopping and errands, assistance around the house and yard, friendly visits and phone calls, and monthly social gatherings to keep residents engaged in their community.

**Poultney Young at Heart Senior Center**—facility improvements around refrigeration and food management, and delivery infrastructure to increase service capacity and meet rising demand on Poultney Young at Heart Senior Center.

**RSVP & The Volunteer Center**—creation of a walking club in each town in Rutland County to support the overall wellness and socialization of older Vermonters across the Rutland County region.

**Rutland Free Clinic**—increased provision of influenza, pneumonia, and shingles vaccinations to vulnerable older Vermonters residing outside of healthcare-assisted facilities throughout Rutland County and lack the ability to pay for this important preventative care.

**Rutland Housing Authority (SASH)**—increased monthly breakfast and lunch meal support for residents of Rutland Housing Authority and the SASH program.

**Vermont Farmer’s Food Center**—development of “Eat at Home,” a new pilot project that will target older, low-income, nutritionally at-risk Rutland County residents who have limited access to fresh food but can still cook for themselves. As a locally-sourced food program, “Eat at Home” will distribute fresh, local produce to participants to help improve their overall health and wellness and will also assist with meal preparation and planning through recipe suggestions and additional advisement.

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