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## HARVEST FEST

Brandon's annual Harvest Fest featured rides, food, a petting zoo, a Halloween preview, and more—all benefitting the Allie Mae Foundation, The Brandon Area Toy Project, and the Brandon Recreation Department.

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## NOSFERATU

Brandon Town Hall will host a screening of Nosferatu on Saturday, Oct. 22, with a live score from Jeff Rapsis.

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## VERMONT OPEN STUDIO

Brandon-area artists joined with artists across Vermont to open their studios to the public and discuss their work during the 30th year of the Vermont Open Studio weekend.

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## OUTDOOR SURVIVAL CLASSES

Outdoor survival expert and History Channel star Jesse Krebs is hosting a series of survival classes and retreats for women this month in Monkton.

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ELENA POLITANO CELEBRATES a goal with her teammates during Friday's 2-1 victory over Springfield.

Photo by Mat Clouser

Stay Connected:

## OV girls' soccer extends winning streak to four games

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — One of the hallmarks of great teamwork is communication. This is true in business and relationships, as well as in sports, and it has been a big part of the OV girls' soccer team's three-game win streak coming into Friday's showdown with Springfield—including a 7-0 lambasting of Mill River on September 28.

The OV girls' soccer team was awash in healthy chatter again this past Friday before, during, and after their 2-1 victo-

ry over the visiting Springfield Cosmos.

True to the communication style of their mascot, the river otter—who is known to communicate through whistles, yelps, growls, and screams—the OV Otters held a signature pregame huddle in which they whistled, yelped, growled, and screamed themselves, albeit with at least as much glee as ferocity.

Fun, it seemed, was every bit as important as effort—and they had the looks of a team who could turn both fun and effort

into something bigger,

They took synergy to the field, turning excellent defense—especially from junior goalie Linnea Faulkner—into multiple turnovers and break-away chances by the likes of sophomores Mallee Richardson and Randi Lancour, as well as senior striker Elena Politano.

It didn't take long for the Otters to break through, with Politano scoring off of an assist from Richardson to put the Otters up 1-0 with 31:38 remaining in the first half.

However, the Cosmos dominated much of the first-half possession after that, and it took timely defensive plays from freshman Jazalynn Madrigal, sophomore Savanna Cook, and senior Alexis Hayes (among others)—not to mention several big plays from Faulkner—to keep the Cosmos off the board.

(See OV soccer, Page 14)





# Brandon Harvest Fest

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — Scores of intrepid locals braved the fall weather on Sunday, battling little red and yellow leaves as they danced across Estabrook Park in Brandon on brisk gusts as much as 10 miles per hour or more.

Making matters worse—the sun shone but brightly enough in the cloud-dappled sky to raise the meager temperature only into the mid-50s.

The reward for those brazen enough to battle the obvious onslaught of an upcoming winter? Brandon's annual Harvest Fest, of course—where some folks dared thumb their noses at the cold à la dying them pink and blue with the errant slurps of defiant snow cones.

Once there, like the ochre leaves listing on the breeze, visitors were invited to twirl along on a bevy of

attractions, including hay rides, a petting zoo, face painting, vendors of all varieties, a mac-and-cheese smack-down, the grip of politicians pressing the flesh, a scarecrow construction station, and, not to be outdone, a station for the construction of scares—by way of a spooky horde of volunteers hell-bent on raising cash via raising pulses in anticipation of a new Halloween haunted house at Kampersville in Salisbury.

As ever, the event was a hotbed for charitable donations, with multiple vendors raising cash for causes near and dear to them—St. Mary's church, for example, was on hand with their signature bake sale—with the overall proceeds benefiting the Allie Mae Foundation, the Brandon Area Toy Project, and the Brandon Recreation Department.



## Correction

In last week's story about OV football's homecoming victory, we referred to OV running back Nate Pearsons when, in fact, his name is Noel Pearsons. Our humble apologies for the mistake.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left: Kayla Warner, Chelsie Crossman, Natushua Seagren, Dan Ciofredi, Cody Hess, and Megan Blais (from left) were on hand to get the word out about their upcoming Kampersville Haunted House (Oct. 28 and 29) benefitting the Salisbury Fire Department; Alexa Moyer painted faces for a horde of eager children; Lili (left) and Chloe Collier proved snow cones are for any season; from left, Diane Benware, Donna Swinnington, and Marilyn Chicoine represented St. Mary's Church

at their bakesale; Librarians Chandler Thomas, left, and Molly Kennedy had books and hot glue guns galore at the Brandon Free Public Library table; Tracy Rose won the Mac-and-cheese smackdown with her traditional variety; kids and adults alike lined up all day for hayrides; Republican State Senator candidates Brian Colamore, left, Terry Williams, center, and Dave Weeks were on hand to raise awareness for their campaigns (center).

Photos by Mat Clouser

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Op Ed

Proposal 5 (Article 22):  
Protecting reproductive rights through  
the "Strict Scrutiny" standard

BY REP. MAXINE GRAD

Rep. Maxine Grad is chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Vermonters will be asked to vote on Proposal 5 (Article 22), the Reproductive Liberty Amendment, on the November 8 ballot. Under Vermont law, decisions related to reproductive autonomy are currently left to the patient and their medical provider. Article 22, a proposed amendment to our state constitution, would not change that.

Still, we need the Reproductive Liberty Amendment. Voting "yes" on Proposal 5 (Article 22) will enshrine a fundamental right to choose or refuse contraception, sterilization, and abortion. It also will safe-

guard the right to become pregnant and protect access to reproductive care if medically necessary.

If Proposal 5 (Article 22) does not pass, a future legislature or state government entity could pass laws or create rules that restrict the reproductive choices that Vermonters have relied on since the early 1970s. These new laws or regulations could be challenged in court, but a court may give more deference to the government's position if Article 22 is not in the state constitution.

Without Article 22, courts would be more likely to uphold laws that restrict the rights Vermonters currently possess.

(See Protect rights Page 5)

Gov. Scott speaks to end of  
Canadian border mandates

MONTPELIER — Governor Phil Scott issued the following statement last week in response to the Canadian government removing all vaccination, ArriveCan, and random COVID-19 testing requirements for border crossings, effective September 30, 2022:

"This is another welcomed development along our northern border with Canada. Removing barriers to cross-border travel allows our border communities to return to normal social and economic activity, which is an important part of the connection between our two countries.

"As was made clear during my recent trade mission to Montreal, there is a lot of interest in Vermont as a place to vacation and do business—and this step will also make tourism and businesses travel easier, benefitting Vermont's economy.

"We hope the United States federal government will soon lift vaccine mandates on the U.S. side of the border, removing the final hurdle to finally returning to pre-pandemic border crossing levels. Our future is bright with our neighbor to the north, and we thank the Canadian government for making this change to their border crossing policy."



Rodents of unusual size?

SQUIRRELS MADE AN attack on the Addison Independent/Brandon Reporter office this week causing power to be out for over three hours—luckily Green Mountain Power was able to save the day.

Photo by Sadie Messenger

Community Forums  
Facts about the proposed Silver Lake Hut

This week's writer is RJ Thompson, co-founder and executive director of the Vermont Huts Association.

Founded in 2016, the Vermont Huts Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of creating an enriching and immersive outdoor experience for everyone. Over the past six years, we have been working with federal, state, and private land managers, as well as land conservation organizations, to build a statewide backcountry hut network for anyone seeking refuge in the outdoors.

This includes skiers, hikers, birders, mountain bikers, kayakers, hunters, writers, etc. The 11 huts in our network have hosted guests as young as three months and as old as 82. They transcend generations, abilities, and user groups to connect people with their natural environment as they share stories of their day's adventures under a warm roof.

There have been a number of misleading and patently false claims made over the past few months regarding the construction of a year-round hut in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (MNRA). Many of the statements could be interpreted as libelous, and it is disturbing to see these tactics deployed in a way that deliberately attempts to undermine the credibility of organizations that are working to create meaningful opportunities for all Vermonters.

The term "hut" can be confusing—ask 10 people what it means, and you'll receive 10 different answers. Some huts in nearby states such as Maine and New Hampshire are large, capable of hosting 30-40 or more guests. Others are tiny, with accommodations for only four guests.

The proposed Silver Lake Hut is a partnership with the Moosalamoo Association, a nonprofit that is a "friends of" organization that advo-

cates and provides trail stewardship for the benefit of the MNRA. Our two organizations worked together to identify a conceptual hut site and will cooperatively manage the structure once it is operational.

The hut design calls for a building that is 1.5 stories tall (the upper level has a knee wall, much like a lofted space) and capable of hosting up to 10 guests in a footprint that's less than 600 square feet.

There is no plumbing. Guests would use an existing vaulted privy located a few hundred yards from the hut site. The privy, which can be more precisely described as a Forest Service outhouse, has ample capacity to handle 10 new guests—which is equivalent to adding two more campsites to the Silver Lake Campground. There are currently 15 sites in the campground, each with a six-person capacity limit. We know the privy's capacity would be adequate because the same privy (See Silver Lake Hut, Page 7)

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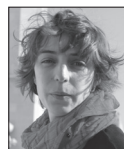
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# Letters to the Editor

## Brandon's Downtown Business Alliance thanks merchants for tending flowers

We are hearing many compliments about Brandon looking so beautiful with the 45 flower urns planted with petunias and spikes. We are grateful that you like our work.

What we want to acknowledge here is that every time we place flower urns around town, it is the MERCHANTS who care for and water them. So, hats off to the

shopkeepers, especially during the hot, dry spell we had earlier. You've done a great job!

We also want to thank Miller Hill Farm, who ordered all the flowers.

*Sincerely,  
Cindy Thomas, Joan Rowe, and  
Jean Somerset,  
volunteers with the  
Downtown Brandon Alliance*

## Vermont Public announces their election debate series schedule

COLCHESTER — This month, Vermont Public will host a series of debates between major party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, governor, and lieutenant governor, leading up to Election Day on Nov. 8.

Hosted by Connor Cyrus and Mikaela Lefrak, all debates will air live during Vermont Edition's radio broadcast at noon and on Vermont Public's YouTube channel. The debates will air on Vermont Public's main TV channel the same day at 7 p.m. and will be available in the Vermont Edi-

tion podcast feed.

Vermonters are encouraged to participate by sending a voice memo or email to [vote@vermont-public.org](mailto:vote@vermont-public.org), leaving a message at 802-552-8899, or sending a direct message via Twitter or Instagram.

Debate Schedule:

- Tuesday, Oct. 11 — U.S. House debate  
State Senate President Pro Tem Becca Balint (Democrat)  
Liam Madden (Republican)
- Thursday, Oct. 13 — U.S. Senate debate  
Gerald Malloy (Republican)

- Rep. Peter Welch (Democrat)  
• Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Governor debate  
Gov. Phil Scott (Republican)  
Brenda Siegel (Democrat)
  - Thursday, Oct. 20 — Lieutenant Governor debate  
State Sen. Joe Benning (Republican)  
David Zuckerman (Democrat/Progressive)
- More information on Vermont Public's debate series, including debate guidelines, is at [vermont-public.org](http://vermont-public.org).

## BFPL seeks feedback for new Brandon Publishing Club

The Brandon Free Public Library (BFPL) is launching the Brandon Publishing Club (BPC). The BPC will offer programs to help people create and self-publish their own books. In partnership with local artists and educators John Brodowski and Ethan Nelson, BFPL will offer a series of events to teach and guide people through the process of conceptualizing, creating, formatting, and self-publishing.

We are planning to create a self-publishing station and aim

to include all the resources and technology one would need to create and complete a literary work.

We are certain that you all have a lot to say.

Our town is bursting with greater-than-its-share of creative talent and energy. We imagine teens writing, drawing, and creating their own comics and zines. We imagine folks with the notion to create memoirs, a novella, a children's book, or a batch of poems who have been looking for

an opportunity.

This is your chance!

We seek feedback from you—people of all ages and backgrounds—about what services, information, and resources you would like to see included. What book ideas and projects do you have in mind? What workshops and content do you need to get started? How can we, as artists and a library team, reach you to get some excellent outcomes

Stop by BFPL, call us at 802.247.8230, or email us at

[info@brandonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:info@brandonpubliclibrary.org). We also have an interest form available on the BFPL website.

The first BPC meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on October 19th on the first floor of the Brandon Public Library. This will be an information session about upcoming programming, and it will feature guest speakers who will discuss their experiences with self-publishing.

Please look out for more information about these events (*See Brandon Publishing Club, Page 11*)

## Protect rights

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Here is the ballot language in full: Proposal 5: To see if voters will amend the Vermont constitution by adding Article 22 to read: "Article 22 [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

Vermont's Reproductive Liberty Amendment echoes a standard well known in U.S. constitutional law. This legal standard, known as "strict scrutiny," provides the strongest protection against efforts to restrict fundamental constitutional rights—in this case, the constitutional right to personal reproductive autonomy that Article 22 would

create.

The amendment declares that the state cannot deny a fundamental right unless it has a "compelling" interest in doing so. And even if it does have a compelling interest, it may only impinge upon that right using the "least restrictive means" available.

*If Proposal 5 (Article 22) does not pass, a future legislature or state government entity could pass laws or create rules that restrict the reproductive choices that Vermonters have relied on since the early 1970s.*

Article 22 would limit the ability of any future Vermont legislature—no matter what politicians are holding office—to restrict the reproductive rights that Vermonters count on.

After the passage of Article 22, if a Vermont legislature passes a law restricting reproductive rights, that law could be challenged in court. The court would then apply the "strict scrutiny" test. It would ask: Does the new law serve a "compelling" state interest, meaning, is the interest significant enough to justify in-

fringing on the fundamental right to reproductive autonomy?

If the answer is no, the court should block the law from taking effect. The court would also ask whether the law restricting the right is written in the "least restrictive" or narrowest way. If there is another way to address the state interest without infringing on the right, the court would block the law.

It is extremely difficult for a law to overcome the strict scrutiny standard. Enshrining that standard in Article 22 is the most effective way to limit a future state legislature from placing restrictions on reproductive liberty.

This does not mean our state government would be forbidden to regulate or limit those rights under Article 22. It would be able to do so if the legislature has an extremely important reason to enact a restriction, and the restriction is the only way to achieve that purpose.

How would this work? Currently, Vermont law leaves decisions on whether to have an abortion to patients and their medical providers. Those medical providers do not perform elective abortions after 21 weeks and six days.

In cases beyond that gestational age, an ethics panel at the University of Vermont Medical Center (the only provider in the state where abortions can occur at 22 weeks or later) may only approve abortion in cases involving a severe fetal anomaly, a fetal condition incompatible with life, or a dangerous, possibly life-threatening risk to maternal health.

What if, theoretically, the UVM Medical Center decided to end the use of an ethics panel and offered elective abortions after 22 weeks? If that highly unlikely event were to occur, the legislature could pass a law reinstating the restrictions that the Vermont medical community currently follows. And a court would find that the state had a compelling reason to impose those restrictions.

Voting "yes" for Prop 5 and Article 22 will ensure that it would be extremely difficult for a future legislature or government entity to take away Vermonters' reproductive rights. At the same time, it preserves the legislature's ability to impose narrowly tailored restrictions when and if it has a compelling reason to do so.

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MEMBERS OF VERMONT'S Emergency Service Worker community took part in the remembrance ceremony held on Sept. 25.

Photo by Michael Skaza

# Remembrance Ceremony for Vermont's Emergency Service Workers

BY MAT CLOUSER

PITTSFORD — Mourners gathered in remembrance of and tribute to the fallen Emergency Service Workers of Vermont on September 25 at the grounds of the Fire and Police Academy in Pittsford.

The proceedings featured bagpipes, a color guard, a reading of the names of fallen firefighters and Emergency Medical Service Providers, as well as a traditional bell ringing and plac-

ing of wreaths in addition to an invocation, a benediction, *Taps* by Debi Smith, Firefighter at the Peacham and St. Johnsbury Fire Departments, and a rendition of *Amazing Grace* by St. Andrews Pipes and Drums.

Featured speakers included Dan Batsie, Director of the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness, Response & Injury Prevention; Troy Ruggles, Battalion Chief of the Burlington

Fire Department; Haley Pero, Outreach Director for Sen. Bernie Sanders; and Rep. Charles Butch Shaw, retired Assistant Chief of the Pittsford Fire Department, among many more.

"I'm very proud and honored to have been selected to read the names of the fallen, many of whom I've come in contact with over the last several years," said Rep. Shaw, adding that he felt happy to have the Police and Fire Academy in the Rutland area.



REP. BUTCH SHAW, retired Assistant Chief of the Pittsford Fire Department, right, stands in front of the Fallen Emergency Service Workers monument with his brother David Shaw, Chief of the Middlebury Fire Department.

Photo by Mary Shaw.

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# Silver Lake Hut

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design is being used at Chittenden Brook Campground, where our Chittenden Brook Hut resides.

Just like tent campers, hut guests must gather water and disperse grey water (from activities such as brushing teeth or washing camp dishes with provided biodegradable soap) away from any nearby streams or bodies of water. This practice is standard at campsites and huts across the U.S. The proposed hut is more than 315 feet from Silver Lake's shoreline, not "on" it, as some claims have stated. It will be ADA compliant (required for any new structure on USFS land), and because it would be located along an existing USFS maintenance road, adaptive cyclists or other folks with mobility challenges could access the hut—not by motorized vehicle but via human power. The only vehicle that would access the hut would be a propane delivery truck twice per year—once in the fall and again in spring. The access road is already used by GMNF staff to manage the existing campsites.

While we'd prefer to use wood as a heat source for the hut, the risk of fire is too high, particularly as we seek to welcome newcomers into the outdoors. The operation of a wood stove is a barrier to some who are not familiar with its operation, so it is both a safety and inclusivity decision to use propane at this and other huts. Pellet stoves would require a large solar array and battery bank to operate the stove's blower, neither of which is feasible at this site or for a structure this small.

That said, the hut would have two solar panels located on the roof that supply power to four batteries located inside the hut. Those batteries would power interior low-wattage LED lights, again, for safety reasons. To reduce the risk of fire, open flames are not permitted in the huts we own and operate.

Speaking of newcomers, the Silver Lake Hut would also host our FOREST Program (Fostering Outdoor Recreation, Education, Sustainability, and Teamwork) multiple times throughout the year. The FOREST Program brings underrepresented Vermonters into our huts for multi-night stays complete with gear, food, transportation, and a field naturalist to lead educational workshops—all free of charge. The modest net revenues (roughly \$15,000 annually) generated from reservation fees and memberships help to support the FOREST Program. We believe the more folks we can introduce to the outdoors, the more likely they'll become stewards of the land.

Some folks may cringe at the phrase, "more folks outside," as we've all seen crowded trailheads across the state. This should not be seen as a problem. It is an opportunity to welcome newcomers and introduce them to the areas we love and cherish. If done correctly, we'll nurture the next generation of environmental stewards, enhance our existing recreational assets, and create new opportunities for land conservation.

If we adopt the "I was here first, go find somewhere else to play"

mentality, we will fail miserably (by the way, most of us were not here first). This applies to Silver Lake and the Green Mountain State in general.

Regarding the hut's permitting process, the Vermont Huts Association applied for a Special Use Permit with Green Mountain National Forest for the proposed Silver Lake Hut. There was never an attempt to, nor do we have any desire to circumvent a more stringent review process such as an Environmental Assessment. The Categorical Exclusion method of permitting on federal lands was simply how the Green Mountain National Forest's administrators chose to classify this particular project due to the abundant existing impact and infrastructure surrounding Silver Lake, which resides in a National Recreation Area—a classification that prioritizes recreation as one of the many uses that may occur on the parcel. We have gone through Environmental Assessments as part of larger Integrated Resource Projects and will inevitably go through others in the future.

We take seriously the site conditions of any hut we are proposing, and every one of our projects, whether on federal, state or private land, goes through a natural resource inventory for the identification of sensitive flora and fauna in the vicinity. Should the proposed Silver Lake Hut site be found to contain anything ecologically or archaeologically sensitive, we will work with the Forest Service to either mitigate impacts or identify an alternative location.

Like many nonprofit organizations, Vermont Huts Association has members. Any member of the

general public can become a Vermont Huts member for \$35/year or \$65/year for a family of four. Members receive a 15% discount on hut bookings and a short, one-week window in which they can make bookings prior to the general public reservation opening. These types of benefits are common among hut operators both in New England and in western states. There is nothing exclusive about becoming a member—anyone can join.

Vermont Huts uses a secure booking platform to process reservations. Some individuals have suggested we are required to use the recreation.gov website to process reservations. This is false. Other hut operators on federal lands—using the same caretaker model as Vermont Huts—use their own reservation system. The 15 tent camping sites at Silver Lake use recreation.gov for reservations.

Questions regarding the proposed Silver Lake Hut's cost (estimated at \$290,000) have also been raised and compared to the Chittenden Brook Hut's actual cost of \$110,000 (not \$70,000, as claimed elsewhere). The two huts are a bit like comparing apples and oranges. Chittenden Brook Hut was constructed by the Yestermorrow Design/Build School, which does not charge for labor—a huge cost savings as students are learning on the job. Additionally, the hut was built off-site at Yestermorrow's campus as part of their design/build semester before being transported to its final destination. This saved crew mobilization time and increased efficiencies at the work site.

Due to access constraints, the proposed Silver Lake Hut would be built on-site, likely by a Vermont

Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) crew. As part of a workforce development program, VYCC pays young Vermonters to complete meaningful projects, adding needed skilled laborers to the workforce upon completing the hut. The cost of their labor—like any construction project—is a large part of the Silver Lake Hut budget.

Chittenden Brook Hut was built in 2017 (again, with no labor costs) and completed in 2018. Since then, the pandemic has caused raw materials prices to drastically increase, adding more cost to any construction project. Anyone who has recently built something as simple as a shed or as complex as a home addition understands the pain of purchasing lumber in today's market.

Vermont Huts Association is a nonprofit organization that has worked hard to create new points of access to the outdoors for Vermonters and visitors alike. We have built our organization on strong partnerships with public and private land managers at the local, state, and federal levels who see the value in creating a more inclusive outdoor arena for everyone. We collaborate with local residents, trail chapters, land conservation organizations, and countless volunteers to create experiences that will foster a deeper appreciation of our natural environment.

Editor's note: RJ Thompson is a Stowe resident who holds an MS in Environmental Studies from Green Mountain College and serves on the board of the Moosalamoo Association alongside Board President Angelo Lynn, who also serves as Publisher of The Reporter.

## Department of Financial Regulation reminds consumers about access to no-cost contraceptive services and supplies through insurance

MONTPELIER — Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), health insurance plans must provide coverage at no cost to consumers for contraceptive services and supplies, including the full range of prescription birth control, counseling, treatment of complications, and any other related services.

Birth control can include options such as birth control pills, IUD insertion and removal, emergency contraception, and sterilization procedures such as tubal ligation.

"Contraception is crucial for helping people avoid unintended pregnancies and provides many health, social, and economic benefits," said Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Emily Brown.

In light of the United States Supreme Court's recent decision limiting access to reproductive

health care in parts of the country, the Department of Financial Regulation wants to ensure that Vermonters understand their rights to this important coverage.

Vermont now allows certain pharmacists, as well as other health care providers, to prescribe the pill, patch, ring, and emergency oral contraceptives, providing additional new avenues for Vermonters to obtain no-cost contraceptives at pharmacies.

Additionally, Vermonters have access to a full, 12-month supply of contraceptives which can be dispensed all at once, saving

individuals additional trips to the pharmacy for refills. Vasectomies for non-high-deductible health plans are also covered for Vermonters with no out-of-pocket expense.

While health insurance plans are required to cover all methods of birth control, they may only cover certain brands or generic versions with no out-of-pocket cost. DFR recom-

mends checking with your health insurer to understand exactly what is covered.

### CONSUMER RESOURCES:

• Vermonters can visit the Department of Health's website

for more information on Birth Control and Family planning: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/children-youth-families/family-planning-pregnancy/family-planning-and-birth-control>.

• The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) is a free resource for Vermonters who have questions about health insurance. If you have received an insurance denial or have questions about your insurance benefit, contact the HCA for confidential help. You can

• Call the HCA's HelpLine at 1-800-917-7787 or visit [www.vtlawhelp.org/health](http://www.vtlawhelp.org/health) to submit an online help request.

• DFR is available to assist Vermonters with health insurance issues. Vermonters are encouraged to contact the Department's consumer services team if they have any questions or issues. Call

1-800-964-1784 or email [dfc.insuranceinfo@vermont.gov](mailto:dfc.insuranceinfo@vermont.gov).

• The Board of Pharmacy and the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation published rules on how pharmacists may prescribe contraceptives. For more information, please visit Vermont Prescribing Protocols at <https://sos.vermont.gov/pharmacy/statutes-rules-resources/>

• MVP Resources: MVP Health Care members in Vermont can access additional information on their contraceptive coverage benefits by visiting [www.mvphealthcare.com/vt](http://www.mvphealthcare.com/vt) or by calling 1-888-687-6277 (Toll-Free) or 1-800-662-1220 (TTY) between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (ET) to speak with an MVP customer service representative. Vermont providers can access coding and other clinical guidance through MVP's updated (*See Contraceptive services, Page 9*)

*"Contraception is crucial for helping people avoid unintended pregnancies and provides many health, social, and economic benefits,"*

—Emily Brown,  
Deputy Commissioner of  
Insurance



# Vermont Open Studio

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — This year marked the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of Vermont Open Studio weekend. The weekend is a celebration of creation and craft that takes place all across the state and features artists both well-known and lesser shown—though no less valid or thought-provoking.

Presented by the Vermont Crafts Council with support from the Vermont Arts Council, the Point, and the National Endowment for the Arts, the event divided Vermont into “loops,” or areas for viewing, as far-flung as Readsboro and Sheldon Springs.

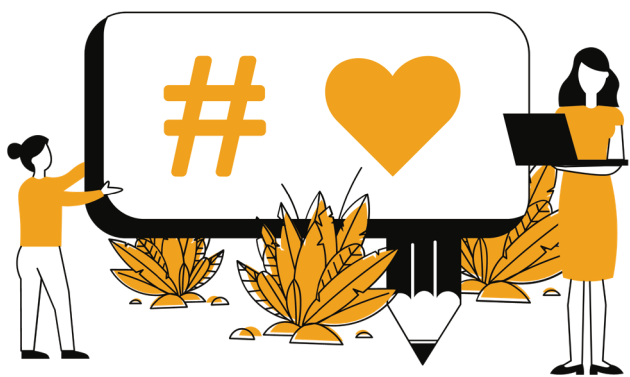
It featured 130 artists from a multitude of disciplines, each of whom opened their studio doors to guests

to show their process and engage in conversation about their art (and maybe trigger a few sales, too).

The Brandon-Orwell Loop featured nine separate stops this year across Brandon, Pittsford, and Orwell, including Jill Listzwan’s Dancing Ear Design; Caleb Kenna Photography, the Judith Reilly Studio and Gallery; The Brandon Artist’s Guild Cooperative Gallery; Joan Curtis’ mixed-media sculpture and painting studio; the Vermont Gallery of Folk Art featuring Medana Gabbard, Robin Kent, and Warren Kimble; Muffy K G Art featuring Muffy Kashkin Grollier; Mud Puppy Pottery featuring Andy Snyder; and Twin Elm Studios featuring Hallie Monroe.



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Provider Resource Manual or by calling 1-800-684-9286 (Toll-Free) or 1-800-662-1220 (TTY) between 8:30 am and 5 pm (ET) to speak with a provider services representative.

- Blue Cross Resources: For detailed information about the covered drugs for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont members, see the Blue Cross prescription drug formulary list. Blue Cross' preventative care guide has a list of covered services and extensive contraceptive methods.

- Cigna: Cigna members can access information on their contraceptive coverage benefits at:

[https://static.cigna.com/assets/chcp/pdf/coveragePolicies/pharmacy/ip\\_0036\\_coverageposition-criteria\\_contraceptives.pdf](https://static.cigna.com/assets/chcp/pdf/coveragePolicies/pharmacy/ip_0036_coverageposition-criteria_contraceptives.pdf). Members can also call customer service at 1 (800) 997- 1654 or the number on the back of their ID card for additional information about their contraceptive coverage.



**Photos by  
Mat Clouser**



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left: An example of Judith Reilly's textile-based artwork; One of Caleb Kenna's drone photographs of a local quarry; Caleb Kenna in his studio in Brandon; Warren Kimble's artwork at the Vermont Gallery of Folk Art in Brandon; Medana Gabbard, left, and Rob-

in Kent pose at the Vermont Gallery of Folk Art in Brandon; Judith Reilly demonstrates her process at her studio in Brandon; "And She Lives Their Still," by mixed-media artist Joan Curtis, was on display in her studio in Brandon.

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# Vermont Outdoor Guide Association hosts survival classes for women

BY MARIN HOWELL

MONKTON — The beautiful foliage this time of year draws many people into the Vermont woods from some leaf peeping and maybe a little exercise in the crisp autumn air. Monkton-based Vermont Outdoor Guide Association (VOGA) is inviting women into the woods next month for something a little more strenuous than just enjoying the fall colors.

In October, it will host two weekends of survival classes designed to equip women with the skills and confidence they need to survive emergency wilderness situations. The classes, scheduled for Oct. 7-9, 15, and 16, will be led by wilderness survival expert Jessie Krebs.

The courses are part of VOGA's Survival Doe Camp, an initiative that marks the resumption of outdoor retreats and programs for women in Vermont. For over 20 years, VOGA hosted a multitude of these retreats for women through its Vermont Outdoors Woman program. These retreats were called "Doe Camp" and offered campers outdoor activities and training they might not otherwise experience.

The success of these retreats

led VOGA to form a nonprofit in 2018 fully devoted to organizing Vermont Outdoor Woman programming. Unfortunately, the well-loved retreats did not survive this transition, and there was a high demand to bring them back.

"We were contacted by a large number of women and instructors who requested that we rebuild the program. VOGA still owns the trade name 'Doe Camp,' so as a test, we developed

a women's private community on Facebook called 'Doe Camp Nation,' and in 10 months, we have had 700 individuals join," said VOGA Executive Director Graydon Stevens.

With support from the outdoor recreation industry and a long list of Vermont women eager to learn outdoor survival skills, the association was able to restart this program under the name Survival Doe Camp.

"Survival Doe Camp is just the beginning of our efforts to bring back the original retreats," Stevens said. "Although our first effort failed, we are starting over due to encouragement from the public."

Krebs, a former U.S. Air Force

*"It's a fun and safe environment for people to learn these skills, without all of the man-splaining,"*

— Jessie Krebs



**JESSIE KREBS MODELS** rope working techniques for students in a previous outdoor survival class hosted by the Vermont Outdoor Guide Association. VOGA is hoping to offer more of these classes, starting with two courses taught by Krebs next month, to women throughout the state in the future.

Photo courtesy of Graydon Stevens

S.E.R.E (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape) specialist and survival skills expert, will be leading three outdoor skills classes next month to kick off the return of this program. Krebs has appeared on National Geographic TV's "Myigrations" and the History Channel's "Alone," demonstrating her expertise in

survival skills. She is also the founder of Outdoorsy Women Learning Survival (OWLS) Skills, a Denver-based school that teaches women and other underrepresented demographics tools for surviving emergency wilderness situations.

She's been leading outdoor survival classes sporadically for

the past 18 years and aims to encourage and educate women through her teaching.

"I hope they walk away with a larger sense of confidence and empowerment and feeling like they know how to take care of themselves and what to do in an emergency," Krebs said.

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# Survival classes

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She also hopes to offer a positive environment for her students to learn.

“I usually pack a lot of information in these classes, and I want them to be fun. We’re laughing and having a good time. It’s a fun and safe environment for people to learn these skills, without all of the mansplaining,” she said.

VOGA has collaborated with Krebs for classes in the past, and Stevens said the association is excited to welcome her back for the relaunch of Doe Camp retreats.

“Bringing Jessie back to Vermont is always a treat for myself, our organization, and the women who attend her classes. Survival skills are important to anyone who enjoys outdoor activities, and Jessie’s infectious style of teaching keeps her students captivated while they learn important skills,” he said.

The classes offered in October

will focus on general survival skills like staying warm, how to get found as soon as possible and rope-working techniques. These skills will be taught in three different courses:

- Oct. 7-9: A stand-alone course designed for more hands-on practice and coaching through lectures, demonstrations, and student practices. The weekend of camping addresses a survivor’s five basic needs: staying warm, health concepts and techniques, what to do if you are lost or disoriented, finding and consuming food and water, and how to get found quickly.

- Oct. 15: An eight-hour rope-working class that focuses on different knots, hitches, and lashings. Hands-on application will allow students to practice rope-working in scenarios like shelter-building, making tripods, and emergency ascension or rappelling.

- Oct. 16: An eight-hour crash course in basic wilderness sur-

vival skills. Made up on mostly lectures, this course will offer training on how to stay warm, build fires, and using navigation concepts.

There is no upper age limit on the classes, which are open to women of all ages, though Krebs recommends students in the overnight class be 10 years or older as the stand-alone course is geared toward adults, and some of the concepts may be harder to grasp for younger children. Those interested in signing up for a class can find more information at [tinyurl.com/Survival-DoeCamp](https://tinyurl.com/Survival-DoeCamp).

And for those who can’t make it to next month’s classes, Stevens said VOGA is committed to bringing Doe Camp back for many years to come.

“This program marks a new beginning for what we hope will be a continuance of women’s outdoor programming throughout the state,” he said. “We are in the process of forming a new nonprofit with a new board of directors in order to achieve this goal.”



**WILDERNESS SURVIVAL EXPERT** Jessie Krebs teaches a group of Vermont women at a Vermont Outdoor Guide Association class how to stay alive and get found in an emergency, outdoor situation. Photo courtesy of Graydon Stevens



**STUDENTS AT A** previous Vermont Outdoor Guide Association Doe Camp retreat learn how to build a shelter in an emergency wilderness situation. VOGA is bringing back outdoor survival classes like this one for Vermont women next month with two weekends worth of outdoor survival courses taught by Jessie Krebs. Photo courtesy of Graydon Stevens

# Brandon Publishing Club

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# Calendar of events

## October

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### Song Circle at Godnick Adult Center

A song circle will be held at the Godnick Adult Center in Rutland from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. The song circle welcomes singers, players of acoustic instruments, and listeners. Admission is free.

Those taking part will need to fill out a form with basic information once a year. For further information, call Jack Crowther at 775-1182. You may also email Gus Bloch, song circle leader, at gusbloch@gmail.com.

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### Cocoon brings true stories to the stage

The Mahaney Arts Center hosts the live performance event Cocoon, inspired by the popular storytelling phenomenon The Moth, at 8:00 p.m. at Robison Hall.

This year's 10th-anniversary edition, on the theme of "Lost and Found," will feature storytellers drawn from the on- and off-campus community, including Middlebury College students Seth Brown '24, Frankie Shiner '23, and Grace Sokolow '24; Associate Professor of Religion Ata Anzali; and two community members: Marlon Hyde of Vermont Public, and Rainwalker Winterpainter. A public reception in the lobby will follow the presentation.

Middlebury Moth-Up producers Elissa Asch '24.5 and Kristen Morgenstern '24 will host, with Mahaney Arts Center Technical Director Mark Christensen providing the musical interludes.

This community-wide event is a cooperative effort between the Mahaney Arts Center and the Middlebury Moth-UP, a student storytelling organization. Since 2010, the Moth-UP has brought students, professors, alumni, and members of the greater Vermont community together to tell stories on a given theme.

Cocoon will take place on Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall. Vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) are required; masks are optional (except under certain circumstances) but welcome! For mature audiences.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for Middlebury College ID card holders, \$8 for youth, and \$5 for Middlebury College students.

The Mahaney Center is located on the campus of Middlebury College, at 72 Porter Field Road, just off Route 30 south/S. Main Street. Free parking is available curbside on Rt. 30 or in the MAC parking lot, in rows marked faculty/staff/visitors. This event will also be streamed, with access priced at \$10 or \$5 for Middlebury College students. For tickets, health and safety protocols, and information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or go to <http://go.middlebury.edu/arts>.

### Sheldon Museum "Bop-by-the-Barn" and auction

You are invited to a lovely fall evening party in the Sheldon Museum's Garden and Barn with music by Atom and the Orbits, a fall barbecue buffet provided by Lucky Star Catering, and an onsite bar with beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks, including refreshments donated by Aqua Vitae and Shacksbury Cider.

Event runs from 5–7:30 p.m. Tickets include access to a fun, live auction featuring local products and art and entry into a drawing for a "Vermont local" gift basket. Attendees must purchase tickets in advance for this event. Tickets are \$50 per person and are Will Call only. Bop by the Barn & Auction benefits the Sheldon's general operating costs. <https://www.henrysheldonmuseum.org/events/bop-by-the-barn>

## "Whom We Honor," Oct. 8



Brandon Congregational Creatives (BCC) is a newly established art group from the Brandon Congregational Church.

On Saturday, October 8, of Indigenous Peoples' Weekend, BCC is presenting "Whom We Honor" to celebrate those who were here before us. There will be images of landscapes, objects, and abstractions, but no pictorial images of the people themselves.

The event will be held at The Brandon Inn ballroom on Saturday, October 8, 2022, with Coffee Gathering and readings at noon.

Free and open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

England against the British in 1776-77 and then was occupied by the British and Germans from July to November 1777.

Zeoli, a former caretaker at the site, is one of the editors of the Coalition's recent book, *Strong Ground: Mount Independence and the American Revolution*, and author of the short book, *Mount Independence: The Enduring Legacy of a Unique Place*. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and dress for the weather.

Mount Independence is located at 497 Mount Independence Road, Orwell. A National Historic Landmark, it is one of the best-preserved Revolutionary War archaeological sites in America. The site is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm through October 11. Call (802) 948-2000 for more information. For information on the Vermont State-Owned Historic Sites, visit [www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov).

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### Brandon Senior Center bake sale

The Brandon Senior Center is having a bake/soup/yard sale on October 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is inviting all to stop by for a huge selection of items at 1591 Forestdale Road in Brandon.

### Brandon Has Talent

The 8th Annual Brandon Has Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. This Town Hall favorite continues to showcase the multi-talented community members from Brandon and the surrounding areas.

Singing, dancing, and lots of fun for the audience, as well as the performers, are hallmarks of this popular event. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students. Children five and under are FREE. Sponsored by Hayes Pallets, Ronnie, Carolyn, and Ricky Hayes.

### Clayton Stephenson, Piano, at the Mahaney Arts Center

Fresh from the Van Cliburn Competition finals, young American pianist Clayton Stephenson makes his Vermont debut with an opulent program, including Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and Beethoven's "Appassionata" sonata.

7:30 p.m., Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall. Tickets: \$25/20/10/5. Streaming tickets \$15/5

### Mount Independence October Hike into History

Enjoy autumn in Vermont with a hike into history at the Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell, Vermont from 1–4 p.m.

Stephen Zeoli, president of the Mount Independence Coalition, will be your guide. The hike is included in regular site admission of \$6.00 for adults and free for those under 15 and rounds out the 2022 season—which ends on Sunday, October 9.

Stephen Zeoli is known for his special knowledge of Mount Independence history and his storytelling. He will show you many points of Revolutionary War interest as the site and the nation gear up for the 250th anniversary in 2026 of the Declaration of Independence and the building of Mount Independence.

This defense was named in honor of the Declaration of Independence. It was an important American defense of New

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### Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival

Chaffee Art Center's 61st Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival will take place October 8 and 9 in Rutland's Main Street Park at the Junction of Routes 4 and 7. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A voluntary donation is appreciated.

Juried fine artists, craftspeople, specialty food producers, live music, kid's activities, and demonstrations of works in progress will be on display throughout the weekend.

The visual arts are represented by a wide selection, including oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, and photographs. A full array of crafts will be featured: pottery, fiber items such as handmade clothing, quilted items, hand-dyed clothing; stained glass sun catchers and mobiles; stone candle lamps; a variety of jewelry; copper and stainless steel garden art; wooden furniture, bowls, lamps, cutting boards, birdhouses, fairy houses; aromatherapy and herbal products; hand-lettered cards, prints, apparel, and stickers; and more.

Volunteers are very much needed to help during the event, from set-up on Friday to gates on Saturday and Sunday. Exhibitor applications are still being accepted. Please send an email to [info@chaffeeartcenter.org](mailto:info@chaffeeartcenter.org) to sign up or call 802.775.0356.

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### Pumpkin Princess and Prince of Vermont Pageant

Join us in a family-friendly fun event. Contestants will model one outfit and then change into a Halloween costume to model. Poise and personality are the basis of this pageant. People of all ages and sizes are welcome to compete. We pride ourselves on being the pageant series that lifts people up—bullying is not allowed.

We will also be having a fun pumpkin design contest. Pageant contestants will bring a decorated pumpkin which will be raffled off, with a contestant sash for the pumpkin that gets the most bids.

Raffles, prizes, sashes, and crowns—the fun way to begin your pageant dreams or keep them going forward!

The event will take place at the Brandon American Legion on October 9 at 1 p.m.

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### Chittenden Historical Society: Finding Jesse

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nesday, October 11, at 7 p.m., the Chittenden Historical Society featuring speaker Jane Williamson for a Vermont Humanities Council program at the North Chittenden Grange Hall at 3 Lower State Road in North Chittenden.

Topic, "Finding Jesse: A Fugitive from Slavery in Vermont," focusing on Jesse's life from enslavement in North Carolina to freedom in Vermont.

Story is told through letters in the collection at Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburg, Vermont, and documents at the North Carolina State Archives.

Illustrated talk brings the narrative of one enslaved person out of anonymity and explores his life and pursuit of freedom. Dessert will be served.

Admission is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information, contact Karen at (802) 483-6471.

Program is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or Vermont Humanities.

### Vanco at the Maclure Library in Pittsford

Wheelmen, The New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920

Vanco explores the early history of the bicycle in Vermont, including important changes in industrial production, consumerism, and new cultural ideas about auto-mobility and effortless speed. Sponsored by Vermont Humanities.

Noire makes music that "will entrance and surprise you."

Performing as the original quartet, Swing Noire features David Guskov on violin and viola, Rob McCuen on solo guitar, Jared Volpe on rhythm guitar, and Jim McCuen on double bass.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Concert tickets are \$25. A pre-concert dinner is available for \$35.

Reservations are required for dinners and recommended for the show and can be made online at <https://www.brandon-music.net/>. The venue is BYOB.

Call (802) 247 4295 or e-mail [info@brandon-music.net](mailto:info@brandon-music.net) for reservations or more information.

### Volunteers needed for Storywalk at Neshobe School

The Neshobe school and PTO are looking for volunteers to help install the Storywalk around the Neshobe School.

A Storywalk can be temporary or permanent. The posts at Neshobe will be made of 4" x 4" pressure-treated wood set in concrete for a secure permanent footing.

Each laminated page will be protected from the elements using a sheet of plexiglass screwed down into a plywood base.

Special thanks to LaValley's Building Supply and the Home Depot for donating all the materials needed to build the Storywalk.

The teachers and staff of Neshobe School are collaborating with the Neshobe PTO to create this wonderful Storywalk on Saturday, October 15, 2022, starting at 8 a.m. The holes will be dug with a tractor (thanks to parent TJ Dickinson).

Volunteers will be tasked with placing the post in the hole and filling it with concrete. We will have a school-wide ribbon-cutting

historic marble complex in the coming months.

For many in the Marble Valley, the Vermont Marble Company's plant and the exhibition has been well-visited cultural, historical, and industrial landmarks.

In 2012, when the building and museum collections were at risk of being sold piecemeal, the Preservation Trust of Vermont stepped in to purchase the building and its collections and moved to secure the museum's future. With their successful purchase of much of the collection and the historic marble exhibit, PTV helped usher in the non-profit Vermont Marble Museum to advocate for the collection and the building's long-term preservation.

With careful management and plans to respect the site's historic buildings, Zion Growers will begin the reuse of the building as part of their fiber-based hemp processing. This new use is a compatible one that honors and continues the industrial use of this historic mill complex.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont will continue to own the collections, maintain a 99-year lease for the museum's benefit, and co-hold a protective historic preservation easement on the entire building in partnership with the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

At the October 15 event and moving forward, the Vermont Marble Museum welcomes the community to share its thoughts and insights about the direction that the retooled museum and its future programming should take and how it can become a more meaningful community cultural institution; one that recognizes both the past and present roles of marble in the valley, and works to tell the stories of the people who have labored here for centuries in the marble trades.

## 18:

### Michael Lange at the Maclure Library in Pittsford

The Many Meanings of Maple

Michael Lange discusses maple sugaring, focusing on why maple has become so important to Vermont's identity and how it helps us shape who we are as Vermonters.

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### The Champlain Philharmonic

The Champlain Philharmonic (CPO) is back to their regularly scheduled programming and will perform their Fall Concert Series on Saturday, October 22nd at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 23rd at Town Hall Theater in Middlebury at 4:00 p.m.

The concerts will feature works that reflect all the different ways we have love in our lives—passion, joy, beauty—the stories that love can tell, and love for our family and community.

The orchestra will perform Bernstein's Selections from West Side Story, Elgar's Salut D'amour, and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture. The program will also feature works by Vermont composers Su Lian Tan and CPO's Matt LaRocca. Su Lian Tan is a much sought-after flutist and composer. Tan has been commissioned by groups such as the Grammy-winning Takacs String Quartet, Da Capo Chamber Players, and the Vermont Symphony. Also a dedicated teacher, Tan is a professor of music at Middlebury College, where she continues to be a mentor to talented young musicians. She has given seminars and master classes at Oberlin College, Boston University, and the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore, to name a few.

CPO Music Director Matt LaRocca is on the faculty of the University of Vermont and is also the Director of Music-COMP, an organization that teaches composition to students throughout Vermont and facilitates live performances of their music by professional musicians. LaRocca is the Artistic Advisor and Project Conductor for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and curates their Jukebox concert series.

Tickets are \$15 for General Admission, \$10 for Seniors (60+), and \$5 for Students.

For the Saturday performance, tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.champlainphilharmonic.org](http://www.champlainphilharmonic.org). For the Sunday performance, there will be a \$1 preservation fee for all online and in-person sales. For tickets, call the Town Hall Theater box office at 802-382-9222 Mon-Sat, noon-5 p.m., or visit [www.townhalltheater.org](http://www.townhalltheater.org).

For more information, please visit [www.champlainphilharmonic.org](http://www.champlainphilharmonic.org).

## Forest Immersion Workshop with Lynn Levine, October 15

Lynn Levine of Nature Connect will lead a Forest Immersion workshop on Saturday, October 15 (the actual date is October 16), from 1 to 4 p.m. in Dummerston.

Join naturalist and forester Lynn on a journey to connect with the forest, ourselves, and each other. Explore the sounds of birds, the smells of flowers, the magic of ferns, the strength of trees, and much more through science and storytelling.

A forest is a place that provides the opportunity to be calm, creative, and curious. For Lynn, "When the sun hits up a leaf, my mind stops, and I'm present again." In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to find what speaks to them.

Lynn is a naturalist and environmental educator and is the author of the recently published book, *Identifying Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide to Common Ferns of the Northeast*.

*Identifying Ferns the Easy Way* was the Winner of the 2019 Informational Nonfiction Book Award from the Independent Publishers of New England (IPNE). Levine is also the author of two popular tracking field guides and two children's books.

This workshop is limited to a maximum of 10 people. As part of the \$20 registration fee, each participant will receive their own copy of *Identifying Ferns the Easy Way*. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 12. Pre-registration with payment is required.

Please complete your registration no later than Wednesday, October 12, at this link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=qo4r6ef>

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For questions or assistance with the registration process, please call the VWA office at (802) 747-7900. This workshop is sponsored by the Vermont Woodlands Association.



### Church of Proctor game night

The Church of Proctor will gather in the parish house for board games and a Cornhole tournament on Saturday, October 15, at 7 p.m.

In the past, they ask that you bring a dessert to share. Everyone is invited to bring forward to the desserts. See you there!

### Noire performs at Brandon Music

Brandon Music is delighted to welcome Swing Noire back on Saturday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. to perform their inimitable jazz. Great energy, soul, sophistication, and improvisation are the trademarks of a Swing Noire performance.

Swing Noire invokes the energy of a swingin' jazz club and can transport their audiences quickly back to the early days of jazz with their unique take on Hot Swing in the spirit of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli.

Swing Noire's best-known acoustic, Hot Club style quartet, Swing

ceremony to introduce the Storywalk to the community in the fall, featuring the book *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*, a science-related picture book by author Kate Messner.

Please email Craig Davignon at [cdavignon@mesu.org](mailto:cdavignon@mesu.org) or the PTO President, Andrea Quesnel, at [anquesnel@mesu.org](mailto:anquesnel@mesu.org) to sign up or ask any questions.

We hope to start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, and be completed by noon. In case of severe thunderstorms, the alternative date will be Sunday, October 16, at 8 a.m.

### Marble Museum Open House

The Vermont Marble Museum and the Preservation Trust of Vermont [PTV] invite the public to an open house and exhibition at the historic home of the Vermont Marble Company, 52 Main Street in Proctor, on October 15 from 4-7 p.m.

The public can enjoy films, artifacts, and food before the Museum moves and refines the collection into a new space within the





LINNEA FAULKNER DOVE for one of many critical saves during Friday's 2-1 win over Springfield.

Photos by Mat Clouser

## OV soccer

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Faulkner, one of the team's most vocal and influential players, never seemed to stop moving or talking from her position in goal. The whole squad fed effortlessly off of her shrewd eye and timely directions—all

of which led the Otter's defense into forcing the Cosmos to settle for long scoring attempts—which Faulkner gobbled up easily.

"We had lots of shots from outside the box," said Springfield Coach Ray Curren, "which

is never going to get it done."

The Otters began to turn the tables on time of possession in the latter portion of the first half, with the offense ratcheting up the pressure in the waning minutes, thanks to a number of nifty moves by Richardson, Lancour, and Politano—the latter of whom had a nasty deke on a Cosmos defender that elicited a chorus of oohs and aahs from the crowd.

A penalty with just two seconds to go in the half led to an Otters free kick that Politano buried in the back of the net with a wicked display of power and accuracy, leaving the crowd and the Cosmos in awe and disbelief—and giving OV a 2-0 lead at halftime.

"That goal was a killer," said Cosmos Coach Ray Curren after the game.

Otters coach Tammi Blanchard didn't have to do much talking at the half as her team was more than willing to step in and congratulate one another for the crisp passing and connected defense they displayed in the first forty minutes—all the while maintaining an eye on staying humble and ready for what figured to be a rededicated Cosmos attack in the second half.

Despite the first-half letdown and a general air of frustration at the break, the Cosmos did



FRESHMAN JAZZALYN MADRIGAL played clutch defense against the Cosmos in Friday's game.

come out strong in the second half, once again dominating the ball for long stretches, only to be turned away repeatedly by the Otters' defense.

For their part, the Otters' offense turned stagnant in the second half. The crisp passing and aggressive runs by their forwards became more turnovers than attacks, and the Cosmos seemed to gain momentum at turning them away, as had been the opposite case in the first for-

ty minutes.

As the game went on, the Cosmos got deeper and deeper pressure on their attacks, yielding several stronger (and closer) shot attempts, leading to multiple close calls for the Otters and forcing Faulkner into making a few big saves.

However, with 5:48 remaining in the game, Springfield was able to put the ball in the net on a breakaway by Springfield junior Meadow Murchie, who scored

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# OV soccer

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 her first-ever varsity goal.

The Otters shook it off quickly, however, and were able to put the clamps down to run out the clock and secure their fourth-straight victory.

“We played smart; everyone played hard,” said OV Coach Tammi Blanchard, lauding her team for their passing and over-

all connectivity despite being down two injured starters.

When asked how she felt about the team’s winning streak, Blanchard smiled. “The girls are starting to come together,” she said.

Up next for the now 4-3 Otters is a home game vs. Fairhaven on Wednesday at 4 p.m.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left:** The Otters celebrate after one of Elena Politano’s two goals against Springfield; Mallee Richardson displayed some nifty footwork on her way to pick up an assist in the first half vs. the Cosmos; Linnea Faulkner made several key saves to help OV extend their winning streak to four games; Elena Politano pushed the ball ahead on one of OV’s many attacks; Randi Lancour broke away from the defense during the second half of the Otters 2-1 victory over Springfield.

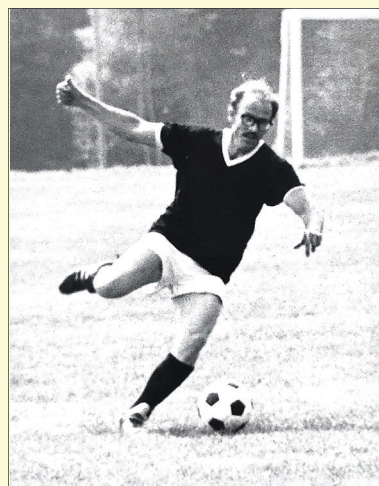


# Mim's Photos

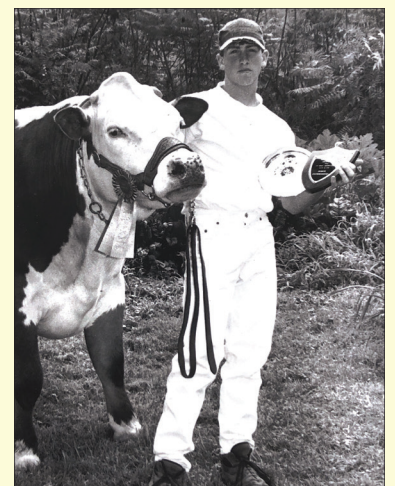
Can you identify any of the people in these vintage photos from Mim Welton's Dateline Brandon newspaper archives? Let us know!



## Recognized



Terry Ferson called to recognize Gene Barrows, who lived in Brandon. The photo is from either the late '70s or the early '80s when the area had an adult soccer league.



Sandy Martin got in touch to identify Jesse Martin. The cow's name is Pumba; it was his Addison County Field Days entry; for which he won Grand Champion in approx. 1994. He was about 14 years old in this photo. Jesse still lives in Brandon.

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# Crossword

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay Area humorist
5. Hurt
10. Icelandic poems
14. A taro corm
15. Metaphorical use of a word
16. It fears the hammer
17. Excessively quaint (British)
18. Laid-back California county
19. Cook in a microwave oven
20. Not late
22. Go from one place to another
23. Peoples living in the Congo
24. Popular pasta
27. Available engine power (abbr.)
30. Popular musician Charles
31. Angry
32. Spelling is one type
35. One who makes a living
37. Indicates location
38. Imperial Chinese dynasty
39. Small water buffaloes
40. Hungarian city
41. Fabric
42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
43. Precursor to the EU
44. Philly footballers
45. Female sibling
46. "When Harry Met Sally" actress
47. Magnetic tape of high quality
48. Insecticide
49. Apparatus to record and transmit
52. Some is considered "dog"
55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Ottoman military title
61. Wise people
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. Administrative district
66. A way to reveal
67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

## CLUES DOWN

1. Small town in Portugal
2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle
3. German river
4. Christmas carols
5. Cash machine
6. Rough and uneven
7. Rumanian round dance
8. Widespread occurrence of disease
9. A place to relax
10. Feeling of listlessness
11. Coat or smear a substance
12. Wild mango
13. Brews
21. Belgian city
23. Confined condition (abbr.)
25. Swiss river
26. Small amount
27. Part of buildings
28. Vietnamese capital
29. Sailboats
32. Shelter
33. Terminated
34. Discharge
36. Snag
37. Partner to cheese
38. A container for coffee
40. Spend time dully
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Jewish spiritual leader
52. "To \_\_ his own"
53. North-central Indian city
54. Greek alphabet characters
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

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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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	3		5					
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		5		1	3			
	2						8	1
4					9			

Level: Intermediate

## Puzzle solutions

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## RCHS's Trails for Tails- Calling all sponsors!

Now that fall is near, the Rutland County Humane Society's annual **TRAILS FOR TAILS** is underway! The event is at Northwood Park, Sunday, October 23rd, at 9 am. We are looking for businesses like yours to sponsor our event! There is a level for everyone.

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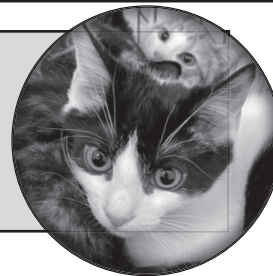


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He is very true to the breed as he is goofy, chill, and loves people. Although he doesn't go for long walks, he does enjoy shorter walks with his people. An important thing to note about him is that he does not get along with other dogs or small animals, and he will need to be the only pet in the home. This breed is prone to skin infection and allergies, as he is currently on medication for it. It is important to understand that this may be something that will need to be addressed on a regular basis. Since he is on medication, he is available to foster to adopt. He is a happy and goofy guy who will be your shadow. He seems to settle in fairly quickly and likes everyone he meets.

#### MEET IRIS -

Iris arrived with his siblings back in June and has grown up in a foster home. Now he is back at RCHS and looking for a home of his very own. Give us a call to schedule a time to meet him or one of his friends today!



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# Off the Shelf

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## Upcoming Events:

### October 8th, 10:30 am, Seed Saving workshop

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of local food systems, as interest in gardening has exploded. With higher demand, many experienced difficulties in accessing seed, which illuminated the critical role that seeds hold in food systems and generated increased interest in seed systems. To respond to the increased interest in seed saving, we have connected with a team of University of Vermont (UVM) researchers and seed saving expert and Vermont resident Sylvia Davatz to offer a seed saving workshop.

### October 15th, 11 am- Author Ashley Wolff

Ashley has published 50+ children's books and will delight a young audience with an engaging presentation to promote early literacy and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. She will share her love of literature with families through the reading of some of her most recent books and a lively drawing demonstration.

### Did you know?

We've got some great programs coming up this month! See below for more info.

### Also October 15th - Final day of our Friends Book Sale!

Come help us empty the basement- all sales by donation.

### Story time is back!

Thursdays at 11 am through October 27.

We have a number of internet education courses on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 802-247-8230 for more information or check out our website for more details.

### New in for check out:

#### The Munsters (DVD, 2022

From Rob Zombie, the director of Halloween, The

Devil's Reject, and House of 1000 Corpses comes a different kind of love story. Lily is just your typical 150-year-old, lovelorn vampire looking for the man of her nightmares, until she lays eyes on Herman, a seven-foot-tall, green experiment with a heart of gold. It's love at first shock as these two ghouls fall fangs over feet in this crazy Transylvanian romance. Unfortunately, it's not all smooth sailing in the cemetery as Lily's father The Count has other plans for his beloved daughter's future, and they don't involve her bumbling beau Herman.

#### Theodore Roosevelt (DVD, 2022)

An exploration of the breadth and depth of one of history's most interesting men—a cowboy, soldier, statesman, conservationist, adventurer, reformer and author who suffered profound personal loss and became at age 42 the youngest president of the United States, having a monumental impact that is still felt today

New issues of the Smithsonian, Real Simple, Wired, HGTV and Good Housekeeping magazines are available as well.

# Lapdog causes rollover crash on Grove Street

## Brandon Police Report

BRANDON — At about 7 a.m. on Sept. 26, Brandon police responded to a report of a deer that had been struck on Route 7 in Brandon. Further investigation revealed that the accident had occurred not in Brandon but Pittsford near Duke Lane. Vermont State Police were notified of the correct location.

Police received a call from Community Health of Brandon on Sept. 27. The staff was concerned about an intoxicated patient at the Grove Street offices, whom they feared would attempt to drive upon finishing her appointment. The responding officer obtained a voluntary breath sample from the woman, showing her to have a BAC (blood alcohol content) of .117%. The woman was left in the care and custody of the clinic's staff and a family member.

On Sept. 28, police received a complaint from an East Prospect Street resident, who said a contractor was harassing her and coming onto her property because he did not like that the smoke from her wood stove was occasionally blowing towards his work site across the street. The responding officer advised the contractor to cease and desist from coming onto the complainant's property and to avoid any further contact with her, as it was her right to use her stove as she saw fit. The subject was also told that if he came back onto the property again, he might be subject to having a trespass notice issued against him.

A few hours later, police checked on an elderly resident on North Street at the request of her family. The resident, who had been ill, was not answering her

phone. Police contacted another family member, who told them that the elderly subject was fine and sleeping due to an illness and did not wake up when the phone rang.

The next day police responded to a one-car rollover accident on Grove Street where the operator and his dog sustained minor injuries. The crash is believed to have been caused when the operator's dog jumped into his lap while driving. The distraction caused the driver to drive off the road, rolling the vehicle onto the passenger side after going down an embankment. The car was totaled in the crash.

Later, a resident on Grove Street called in, suspecting that someone in a vehicle in his driveway was preparing to break into his home. Upon discovering that the person in the vehicle was his landlord, the resident called the police again to cancel the complaint.

On a Center Street foot patrol on the morning of Oct. 1, the patrolling officer received a report by a clerk at a local business that a female had been pulling stakes out of a garden in the area. Police later determined that the subject in question was also found looking through people's mailboxes at Smoke Rise Campground later in the day. The woman was located by the responding officer and determined to be dealing with mental health issues, and she was (See Police report, Page 19)

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

**LEO July 23-Aug. 23**  
Leo, rather than shouting from the rooftops how much you love a person, it may be better to take a more subtle approach. Reel in your excitement for the time being.

**VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22**  
Keeping secrets is not the way to go, Virgo, especially when they are kept from someone close to you. Why all the smoke and mirrors? Be open and honest with yourself and others.

**LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
A financial situation may be worked out this week or even inflamed, Libra. The only way to stay ahead is to keep careful track of your expenditures.


**SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
Be honest with yourself about your needs, Scorpio. If you don't feel like socializing in a loud and public manner, organize a group to come over for some more quiet R&R.

**SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
Getting involved with chores and other tasks can occupy your mind with some busy work, Sagittarius. After a brief mental break, you can return to more serious tasks.

**CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
Finances may get a boost this week as a new income stream falls into your lap, Capricorn. Investigate it fully before getting deeply involved.

**AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
Opening up about your personal life may relieve some pressure and stress that you have been feeling, Aquarius. Find someone who doesn't have a close stake.

**PISCES Feb. 19-March 20**  
Don't spread the word about a big idea until you are sure about it and ready to move, Pisces. Don't let others steal your thunder.



### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 6 Fannie Lou Hamer, community organizer, women's rights activist (d)
- Oct. 7 Desmond Tutu, archbishop, Nobel Peace Prize winner (d)
- Oct. 8 Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London (52)
- Oct. 9 Marie Kondo, organizing expert (38)
- Oct. 10 N.K. Narayan, author (d)
- Oct. 11 Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk (96)
- Oct. 12 Bode Miller, alpine skier (45)

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# Police report

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sent on her way without further incident.

In other activities, Brandon police:

## On Sept. 26

- Conducted a business check at Brandon Community Health Center on Grove Street.
- Patrolled Center Street on foot.
- Served a restraining order to a defendant at the Brandon Police Station.
- Investigated the report of a struck deer on Route 7.
- Took fingerprints for foster care parents, school employment, and teacher licensing.

## On Sept. 27

- Took fingerprints for school employment and adoption.
- Responded to a report of a minor two-car motor vehicle crash in Conant Square near the Brandon Post Office. Both operators advised the police dispatcher that they exchanged insurance information and that no police response was necessary.
- Responded to the report of an intoxicated patient at Community Health of Brandon Clinic on Grove Street.
- Conducted a directed patrol on Grove Street.
- Enforced the speed limit on Franklin Street in the vicinity of the Brandon Area Rescue Squad ambulance bay. No activity was observed.

## On Sept. 28

- Responded to a complaint of harassment from a Prospect Street resident.
- Conducted a welfare check on North Street
- Investigated a hold-up alarm at Neshobe Family Health on Court Drive. The alarm was determined to be an accidental activation by an employee.
- Made motor vehicle stops on Franklin Street for speeding. Issued one warning and one ticket.

## On Sept. 29

- Patrolled Center Street on foot.
- Responded to a rollover accident on Grove Street.
- Attempted to assist a parent with online harassment.
- Responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the driveway of a residence on Grove Street.
- Took fingerprints for school employment.
- Conducted a directed patrol on Carver Street.
- Stopped a vehicle on Champlain Street for a moving and issued a warning.

## On Sept. 30

- Assisted in the recovery of a dog at large, running through traffic in the Forest Dale area.

The dog was safely returned to the owner.

- Served a subpoena to a resident on Basin Road for the Addison County Superior Court, Family Division.
- Investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle on Mulcahy Drive; attempts to contact the owner have been unsuccessful. The case will be re-opened if contact is made.
- Enforced speed on Grove Street.
- Made traffic stops on Grove Street and Franklin Street for speeding and operating without headlights. Two warnings were issued.

## On Oct. 1

- Made traffic stops on Franklin Street, Forest Dale Road, Champlain Street, and Center Street for speeding, defective equipment, illegal use of license plates, and an illegal left-hand turn. Issued multiple tickets and

two warnings.

- Patrolled Center Street on foot and investigated a report by a local business of a female pulling stakes out of a garden.
- Received a report of a female going into people's mailboxes at the Smoke Rise Campground on Grove Street.
- Patrolled traffic at the intersection of Ella Dean Road and Union Street. No activity was reported.

## On Oct. 2

- Conducted directed traffic enforcement on Center Street.
- Investigated a late-reported suspicious vehicle in the area of Park Street that was overloaded with property inside. The area was searched; however, the vehicle was not located.
- Enforced speed on Grove Street and Franklin Street and stopped two vehicles.
- Made motor vehicle stops on Grove Street and Franklin Street and issued two warnings.

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# Brandon Town Hall to screen Nosferatu Oct. 22

BRANDON — Get into the Halloween spirit with a classic silent horror film celebrating the 100th anniversary of its release. *Nosferatu* (1922), the first screen adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*, will be shown with live music on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Town Hall and Community Center, 1 Conant Square, Route 7 in Brandon. Admission is free, and donations are welcome to help support ongoing Town Hall renovation efforts.

The screening will feature live accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based composer who specializes in creating music for silent cinema.

*Nosferatu* (1922), directed by German filmmaker F.W. Murnau, remains a landmark of the cinematic horror genre. It was among the first movies to use visual design to convey unease and terror.

The passage of time has made this unusual film seem even more strange and otherworldly to modern viewers. It's an atmosphere that silent film accompanist Jeff Rapsis will enhance by

improvising live music on the spot for the screening.

"The original *Nosferatu* is a film that seems to get creepier as more time goes by," said Rapsis, a resident of Bedford, N.H., who accompanies silent film screenings at venues across the nation. "It's a great way to celebrate Halloween and the power of silent film to transport audiences to strange and unusual places."

In *Nosferatu*, actor Max Schreck portrays the title character, a mysterious count from Transylvania who travels to the German city of Bremen to take up residence.

In the town, a rise in deaths from the plague is attributed to the count's arrival. Only when a young woman reads "The Book of Vampires" does it become clear how to rid the town of this frightening menace.

Director Murnau told the story with strange camera angles, weird lighting, and special effects, including sequences that were deliberately sped up.

Although *Nosferatu* is suitable for all family members, the over-

all program may be too intense for very young children to enjoy.

Modern critics say the original *Nosferatu* still packs a powerful cinematic punch. "[The] early film version of *Dracula* is brilliantly eerie, full of imaginative touches that none of the later films quite recaptured," Leonard Maltin wrote recently.

Critic Dave Kehr of the *Chicago Reader* called *Nosferatu* "...a masterpiece of German silent cinema and easily the most effective version of *Dracula* on record."

Despite the status of *Nosferatu*

as a landmark of early cinema, another scary aspect of the film is that it was almost lost forever.

The film—shot in 1921 and released in 1922—was an unauthorized adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel, with names and other details changed because the studio could not obtain rights to the book. Thus "vampire" became "Nosferatu," and "Count *Dracula*" became "Count Orlok."

After the film was released, Stoker's widow filed a copyright infringement lawsuit and won—all known prints and negatives were destroyed under the terms

of the settlement.

However, intact copies of the film would surface later, allowing *Nosferatu* to be restored and screened today as audiences originally saw it.

The image of actor Max Schreck as the vampire has become so well known that it appeared in a recent *Sponge Bob Squarepants* episode.

In screening silent films at Brandon Town Hall, organizers aim to show early cinema as it was meant to be seen—in restored prints, on a large screen, with live music, and with an audience.

"All those elements are important parts of the silent film experience," said Rapsis, who will accompany the film. "Recreate those conditions, and classics of early cinema such as *Nosferatu* leap back to life in ways that audiences still find entertaining."

Rapsis performs on a digital synthesizer that reproduces the texture of the full orchestra, creating a traditional "movie score" sound. He improvises the complete score in real-time during the screening.

"Creating a movie score on the fly is kind of a high-wire act, but it can often make for more excitement than if everything is planned out in advance," Rapsis said.

For more about the music, visit [www.jeffrapsis.com](http://www.jeffrapsis.com).



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## Take time out for turtles: Volunteers needed for nesting beach clean-up day

NORTH HERO — Vermont Fish and Wildlife's annual spiny softshell turtle beach cleanup day is Saturday, October 15, and the department is looking for volunteers to help.

Participants are asked to arrive at North Hero State Park at 10 a.m. After finishing at North Hero, the group will carpool to another site in Swanton.

Volunteers will pull up vegetation on nesting beaches to prepare turtle nesting sites for next year. They may also find a few hatchlings that occasionally remain in nests underground this late in the year. In addition to threatened spiny softshell turtles, these nest sites are also

used by map turtles, painted turtles, and snapping turtles.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologist Toni Mikula will have hatchling spiny softshell and other turtles on hand and will talk about the department's long-term turtle recovery efforts. Some of these hatchling turtles will be raised in captivity by the ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain while they are small and most vulnerable to predation. They will be released back into Lake Champlain next spring.

"This is a great way to help conserve threatened wildlife right here in Vermont," said Mikula. "It's also a fun way to

learn more about the turtles and to see some recently-hatched baby turtles."

Participants are asked to dress in layers of warm clothes and to bring water, work gloves, a leaf rake, short-handled tools such as trowels, and their own lunch. Families and kids are welcome. The cleanup may run until 4 p.m., although participants can choose how long to assist.

"This has turned into a very popular annual event for people interested in conservation," added Mikula. "We're always glad to see so many people care about wildlife."

To get to North Hero State Park, follow Route 2 north past Carry Bay in North Hero. Take a right on Lakeview Drive, just before Route 2 swings west toward Alburgh. Follow Lakeview Drive almost to the end until you reach the North Hero State Park entrance sign on the left. Drive to the end of the road, always bearing right.

For more information, please contact Toni at [Toni.Mikula@vermont.gov](mailto:Toni.Mikula@vermont.gov).

This event is outdoors, and there is enough space for social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Some hand tools will be provided, but attendees are also encouraged to bring their own.

## Public hearings to be held on proposed rule to update Vermont wetland maps

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will hold public hearings in October and November on a proposed rule to adopt edits to the state's wetland maps.

The DEC has a map which identifies the general location of some protected wetlands (Class I and II) called the Vermont Significant Wetlands Inventory (VSWI). From 2020 to 2022, the DEC completed more mapping of wetlands in the northwestern portion of Vermont in the Missisquoi River Basin. The new maps more accurately reflect wetland locations and need to be officially added to the VSWI.

"Wetlands—such as swamps, marshes, and bogs—are found throughout Vermont. They store flood water, protect clean water, and provide homes for wildlife," said DEC Commissioner John Beling. "By updating these maps, we can help landowners avoid impacts to significant wetlands."

From May to July 2022, the DEC received public comments on the updated VSWI. The DEC then reviewed comments and provided a responsiveness summary ([bit.ly/3CK5IA0](http://bit.ly/3CK5IA0)). By late August, the DEC decided to start rulemaking to formally adopt the edits to the VSWI. The Secretary of State placed the rulemaking filing on formal public notice on September 28, 2022.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments by November 12, 2022, to [Laura.Lapierre@vermont.gov](mailto:Laura.Lapierre@vermont.gov) and attend the upcoming public hearings:

- October 31, 2022, at 5 p.m.: Welcome Center, 51 Depot Square, Suite 100, St. Johnsbury. Register to participate virtually ([bit.ly/3UGJDZK](http://bit.ly/3UGJDZK)).

- November 1, 2022, at 5 p.m.: Damon Hall, 1 Quechee Rd, Hartland. Register to participate vir-

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- November 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.: RRPC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 67 Merchants Row (Opera House), Rutland. Register to participate virtually ([bit.ly/3xSoK40](http://bit.ly/3xSoK40)).

- November 4, 2022, at 5 p.m.: 120 First Street, Swanton. Register to participate virtually ([bit.ly/3dK6H9h](http://bit.ly/3dK6H9h)).

"If the State formally adopts the updated wetland maps, we can better protect these special places and their benefits," said Beling. "However, even with the updates, we know not all protected wetlands will be mapped. You should still contact your District Wetlands Ecologist if you are proposing construction activities near a wetland, whether the wetland is mapped or not."

Members of the public can find contact information for their District Wetlands Ecologist online ([bit.ly/contactwetlands](http://bit.ly/contactwetlands)). They can also use the interactive map ([bit.ly/draft-wetlandmap](http://bit.ly/draft-wetlandmap)) to view the updated VSWI.

Landowners can use the DEC's Wetland Screening Tool ([bit.ly/wetlandscreeningtool](http://bit.ly/wetlandscreeningtool)) to find out if they might have a wetland on their property. Farmers, realtors, non-profits, and towns are also encouraged to use the screening tool when making land management decisions.

Activities within protected wetlands and their 50-foot buffers often require a permit. Any unauthorized activity or construction in a significant wetland prior to its mapping is still a violation of the Wetland Rules ([bit.ly/VTwetlandrules](http://bit.ly/VTwetlandrules)).

To learn more, view the rulemaking webpage ([bit.ly/wetlandrulemaking](http://bit.ly/wetlandrulemaking)). If Laura Lapierre is not available, contact Julie Follensbee at [Julie.Follensbee@vermont.gov](mailto:Julie.Follensbee@vermont.gov) or 802-490-6177.



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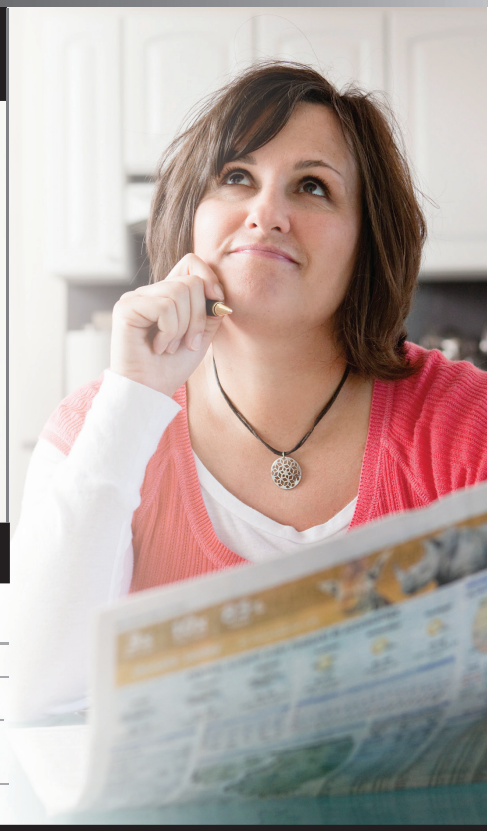
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