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OV Boys soccer bows out to MUHS 7-0

BY ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Three days before Saturday's Division II quarterfinal against No. 2 Middlebury, the young No. 10 Otter Valley boys' soccer team upset No. 7 Mount Abraham, 1-0. It was the OV program's first playoff win since 1999.

But the 12-2-1 Tigers, unbeaten since Sept. 14, did not allow the Otters to win their second postseason game in 23 years: They controlled play with purposeful work at midfield and launched 42 shots at goal in a 7-0 victory. Ronen Silberman, Zach Whitaker, and Ollie Anderson scored two goals apiece, and Trey Bosworth added one.

MUHS moved onto a Wednesday semifinal against No. 3 Harwood (14-2), with No. 1 Montpelier (15-0-1) taking on No. 5 U-32 (13-3) in the other semi. The winners will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday at South Burlington High School for the title. Those games were played after the deadline for this week's *Independent* print edition.

Looking at this past Saturday's game, Tiger Coach Chris George was pleased with his team's ball movement and work to create good looks on goal, and also credited the Otters' effort.

"There were a couple of things we talked about to win, and we really did those things, like not just generating chances, but generating high-quality chances," George said. "Full credit to Otter Valley for playing hard. What I appreciate about them is they just never gave up."

The Otters finished at 8-8 in what was their best season in recent memory. In Wednesday's first-round game vs. Mt. Abe, the winning strike came from Owen Thomas 12 minutes into the second half, with an assist from Lucas Politano. OV goalie Isaiah Wood made at least 20 saves as the Otters held off the Eagles, who finished at 5-8-2 and had earned a higher seed than OV due to their more challenging schedule.

First-year OV Coach Brian
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OV'S TIMOTHY BARON, left, and Tiger Ollie Choudhury chase a loose ball during the No. 2 Tigers' win over the No. 10 Otters during this past Saturday's D-II quarterfinal. Reporter photos/Steve James

Public comment dominates recent Brandon SB meeting

BY MAT CLOUSER

BRANDON — Dozens of concerned citizens filled the Brandon Town Hall basement on the night of October 24 so that their voices might be heard by members of the selectboard—and heard they were.

Dominating the conversation that night were two hot-button items: Police staffing and the

ongoing drama surrounding the composition and conduct of the board. Both issues have spilled over recently into public conversation far beyond the scope of the town offices and meeting rooms—and the scrutiny of the latter led to a board statement about its handling of the former.

Selectboard Chair Seth Hopkins began the meeting by read-

ing a prepared statement in which he outlined a procedural violation on the part of the board stemming from its Oct. 10 executive session to discuss varying police staffing level scenarios.

Hopkins said the board chose to enter into the executive session rather than hold public discussions because they felt it "would not be in the interest of

public safety in our community to make public-specific duty schedules either in place or proposed for varying levels of police staffing."

He went on to state that the board felt that to do so "would tend to advertise that our ability to respond rapidly to [the] commission of a crime would likely be compromised at that time. It

would be inviting trouble, in other words."

Hopkins said that it was his "working understanding" that the board had operated within the law. However, he went on to say that he was approached by an unnamed Brandon citizen following the meeting, who led him to believe that the board had in-

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A peek inside:

PITTSFORD CHILI COOK-OFF

Sara's Stories hosted their second-annual Chili Cook-Off and cornhole tournament on Oct. 15 with proceeds benefitting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

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HALLOWEEN

Take a peek inside, if you dare, to see what ghouls and goblins (and kids in animal suits) may yet linger there!

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ELECTION 2022

This week's election coverage features Q & A's with each of the local Vermont House and Senate candidates.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Although spooky season is in the rearview, there is no shortage of local events to pique your interest.

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WITCH WAY TO THE CANDY?



Deep into that Darkness peering

HALLOWEEN 2022 GOT off to a scream with the Brandon Spooksville trunk and treat event on Friday night and kept on howling all the way to the cavalcade of candy as be-costumed kids paraded through downtown on Monday night.



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Op Eds

The child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down just to feel its warmth: A great African proverb

[On Oct. 24], the 40th school shooting this year took place in our country. I struggle to come up with words to describe the shock and pain the students, parents, and teachers of this school are going through. It is painful just to imagine how their lives will forever be changed by this unbelievable tragedy.

We are all one race, the human race. We are all impacted. We have all lost children who will never grow into artists, doctors, chefs, entrepreneurs, computer technicians, mechanics, or teachers. Some because they died, others because they were seriously injured, and others because of the long-term effects of trauma.

When will we learn that we can and must do something to prevent these devastating events? What could possibly be more important? Exactly what does it mean to be embraced by the village?

I believe it means that we must have a well-supported childcare workforce. Schools need to have the resources to attract and retain dedicated and able faculty and staff.

All parents of newborns and children up to age five must have access to free home visitation. We all need to have fully funded family leave, accessible mental health services for children, teens, and adults; sensible

gun laws set by our nation; more time for health education in our schools; a welcoming culture for refugees and new Americans; and an end to divisiveness along with clarity about who benefits from hate-mongering.

I know I am an idealist, but I also know that prevention works! The cost of prevention is drastically less than the cost for injury.

We each can play a part in bringing about a safer society by voting, caring for our neighbors, and learning how freeing it can be to love one another, and sharing responsibility for those who are challenged physically and or emotionally.

How about this for another old American quote? “War is harmful to children and other living things.” It is the simple truth that being at war within our families, communities, and among states leads to disaster for all of us.

I hope you will all join me in doing something to honor the fallen children, teachers, school staff, and police officers we lost this year across America.

*Linda E. Johnson
Executive Director
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont*

**Editor’s note—The expression “war is not healthy for children and other living things” comes from the artist and anti-war activist Lorraine Schneider.*



Otter Stan

94-YEAR-OLD OV SUPERFAN Sanford Rouse posed with OV running back Keevon Parks following a recent game at Markowski Field. Photo by Eric Pearsons

Vermont’s performance declines again for some student categories

MONTPELIER — The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) recently released the nationwide performance results from the 2022 assessments in reading and mathematics. The NAEP is administered every two years to students in grades Four and Eight across the nation.

This administration comes after the postponement of the 2021 NAEP due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While still navigating pandemic conditions, 202 schools in Vermont participated in the assessment.

Grade 8 students in Vermont scored above the national average in reading and math, and Grade 4 reading and math performance was not significantly different from the national average.

However, while Vermont students continued to perform at or above the national average, students showed a decline in average scale scores compared to Vermont’s 2019 results. While it is fair to conclude that the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are reflected in student performance, that explanation does not tell the whole story. Vermont students’ performance on NAEP has generally been declining for over a decade.

“This year’s scores reinforce a longstanding trend,” said Secretary

of Education Dan French. “They are an important reminder that, before the pandemic, we weren’t where we wanted to be. Our task with Education Recovery is not to return our education system to where it was in 2019, rather to build the 21st Century education system, grounded in quality and equity, that Vermont and Vermonters need to succeed, compete and thrive in the future.”

Nationally, average reading and math scores declined compared to 2019. Reading scores for Grade 4 and 8 students decreased nationwide by three points, and math scores decreased by 4 points in Grade 4 and 8 in grade 8. Compared to 2019, average reading scores for Grade 8 declined in 33 states and were not statistically different in 18 states. Average scores for students with disabilities were relatively stable across the nation compared to other categories.

In Vermont:

- Grade 4 and 8 reading and math average scores have declined since 2019.
- Grade 8 reading and math scores were higher than the national average.
- Grade 4 reading and math average scores (217 and 234) were not significantly different from the national average (216 and 235).

In terms of proficiency, a greater percentage of Grade 8 students (34%) scored at or above NAEP proficiency than at the national level. Still, the percentage of students who performed at or above NAEP proficiency has decreased since 2019 (3% for reading and 8% for math).

NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas. NAEP provides state and national-level results but does not report results for individual students, classrooms, schools, or school districts. Not all students participate in NAEP nationwide, though the proportion of Vermont students who participate is higher relative to many other states.

Because NAEP results are state-level averages, the U.S. Department of Education cautions against using them to make causal inferences.

“It’s important to recognize what NAEP can and cannot tell us,” said Deputy Secretary Heather Bouchev. “These results are a useful general barometer but can’t tell us specifics as we work to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, they remind us that we aren’t where we want to be, and there is work to be done to make sure all Vermont students achieve their educational goals.”

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Letters to the Editor

Why I support Stephanie Jerome

The residents of Brandon are so very lucky to have Stephanie Jerome as our Representative in Montpelier. Stephanie's hard-working ethic, integrity, and genuine desire to help people make her the perfect legislator.

It is well-known that Stephanie has the education, intelligence, and experience to do the job. But what Stephanie also has

is the compassion, the resourcefulness, and the drive to kick it up a notch.

Stephanie is running unopposed this year, so you might wonder why I felt inclined to write a letter of support. As a small business owner in Brandon, I appreciate everything Stephanie has done in the past to support the business community,

both large and small. Placing a checkmark next to Stephanie's name is a recognition of her hard work and dedication, both for our town and our state.

I'm proud to call Stephanie a friend, neighbor, and my Representative to Montpelier. She will have my vote in November.

Janet Mondlak
Brandon

The Eric Grenier story could have used discretion

We appreciate the reporting on the Grenier matter in your October 26 edition. Unfortunately, the article contains numerous profanities, including the "f-word," in un-redacted form. For a front-page article in a local

newspaper, perhaps some discretion could be employed.

Whatever happened to standards or class? If we would like our students and young folk to read the newspaper, maybe redaction would be ap-

propriate. If it said, instead, "die m#\$%@&*k%R, die," I think that most people would get the idea.

Mitchell Pearl
Brandon

Brandon selectboard

(Continued from Page 1)

advertently violated open meeting law.

"The Brandon citizen who engaged me in a dialogue beginning on October 14—based on that person's superior professional education and experience—raised the view that the provision of the law we used applies only to an individual and not to a group of employees," read Hopkins.

As part of the statement, Hopkins also moved that the board would acknowledge its violation, agree to provide written proof that they had re-read the expanded and elaborated guide to Vermont open meeting, and render void any action taken or resulting from the executive session. The board voted unanimously to accept Hopkins' motion with no further discussion.

Hopkins' did not mention any particular actions that may or may not have been rendered void by that statement; however, following the October 10 meeting, he indicated to *The Reporter* via email that no action had been taken during the session.

"There was no action resulting from the executive session," he wrote, "it was simply [an] examination of several different staffing schedule scenarios the police chief had provided us at our request, with an eye toward understanding what different levels of staffing would look like before we embark upon budget-writing season with the budget advisory committee, town manager, and

department heads."

During the public comment of the meeting, several townspeople spoke up to air their displeasure at the recent scrutiny of the board's composition, including the accusations of sexism and impropriety.

Among the many who spoke in support of the board was Sharon Stearns, who thanked the board for their work. "It's very, very important work," she said. "I've been in this community, I think, for close to 35 years... I trust your efforts and your work."

"I want you to know that as you face what I see as criticisms," she continued, "I think it's

unfortunate because I think that most of us are pretty darn happy. We don't have to come out to these meetings all the time, and we trust that you're doing the right thing—and you have been."

Stearns went on in an attempt to minimize the recent criticisms of the board. "One person or five people is not the voice of the whole community... there's at least 4,000 more," she said, adding that she hoped her statements would encourage the board to move ahead despite the criticism.

Among the speakers who fol-

lowed was Claire Astone, who has been among the vocal critics of the selectboard. Astone addressed Stearns directly. "I'm one of those five people that you think you're talking to," she said, "and I'm happy to see your face because I can have a dialogue with you," adding politely that she had an email prepared to that end.

Astone then distributed and discussed the literature she had recently given board members outlining varying forms of gendered micro-aggressions and reiterating her position that the board's recent adoption of the Declaration of Inclusion could be better upheld through meaningful action.

"You're going to get a lot more of these," she said, speaking of the handouts. "Gender is the easiest one to start with—you

spend all of your lives... with women. You have wives, mothers, and daughters, so you ought to check it out with them."

Additionally, Astone mentioned a previous public complaint involving an unresolved issue with an unnamed public figure from sometime in the spring of 2021. Astone specifically mentioned that Town Manager Dave Atherton had recently agreed to help her with the process of resolving that issue, but she did not mention any other specifics, stating only that she

Agency of Transportation announces second annual "Name a Plow" program

BARRE — The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is once again inviting Vermont schools to name the state's big orange snowplows.

Last year, participating public and private schools, home-schooling students, and nursery schools named 163 of the State's fleet of full-sized plow trucks. This year, AOT is asking Vermont's students to name the remaining 87 trucks in the fleet.

"This program was a great success last year, and now we're asking students across the state to name the rest of the plow trucks," said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. "Naming the plows is exciting

and fun for students and for us, and it's also an effective way to teach young people about the important work we do to keep the roads safe for travel throughout the winter."

To enter the Name a Plow program, the school's principal or director should complete the online form on the AOT website at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/name-a-plow>.

Each school may submit only one name. This is not a contest; every school that submits a name will participate. (First come, first served to name the remaining trucks.)

Schools that participated last year may not submit another (See *Name a Plow*, Page 23)

did not wish to re-hash the details publicly.

"There hasn't been closure, and that's important to me," Astone said before discussing her work at the Brandon Restorative Action for Victims and Offenders program (BRAVO). (Restorative Justice is a system of criminal justice that focuses on rehabilitating offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large as opposed to more punitive legal means.)

Astone mentioned an incident during a relatively recent selectboard meeting in which someone who had been through BRAVO in the past had their confidentiality breached by an unnamed board member, adding that she would like to see that individual's name removed from public record.

"It is not okay," said Astone. "All the business of restorative justice in this town is confidential. If people hear [that the selectboard] is putting the business [of BRAVO's clients] out, we are not going to be trusted—and trust is absolutely important to the process of restorative justice."

Following the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard additional public input from the community concerning the police staffing conversation it had previously been holding in executive session.

The board described the difficulty that the Brandon Police Department (BPD) has had in recent years in finding and retaining enough officers to meet a level of 24-hour patrols, stating that it often sees officers leave for more attractive and lucrative positions

elsewhere.

It was also discussed that in recent years the town had lowered the department's budget from around \$900,000 to \$700,000 due to repeated budget surpluses stemming from an inability to meet the staffing levels outlined in the budget.

Unlike the earlier public comment period, there was unity and cohesion among those who spoke, as not one person who spoke gave anything other than support for BPD, with nearly all participants stating that they would like to see the town maintain 24-hour coverage and do whatever it could to make Brandon as attractive as possible to potential and current law enforcement officers—as well as to avoid burnout among the current officers that might come with being understaffed relative to their current workload.

The board thanked the public for their input, stating that it would consider it as it moves into upcoming budget workshops.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD:

- Set the dates of the upcoming budget workshops as Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19, to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

- Accepted a Patch Electric bid for heat pump installation at town hall for \$20,600 and the police station at \$19,800 to be paid for from the town's cash reserves.

- Discussed rates and potential maintenance costs for the town's electric charging station, ultimately deciding not to make any changes until more data about usage could be collected.

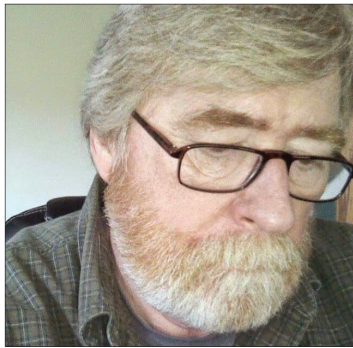
Obituaries

Thomas H. Nickerson, 70, formerly of Brandon

NEWPORT, TN — Thomas H. Nickerson passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022. He was born in Middlebury, Vt. on October 3, 1952. Tom was the son of Rollin and Evelyn Nickerson.

Tom grew up in Brandon on the family dairy farm. He received his early education in Brandon and graduated from Otter Valley Union High School. After graduation, he served in the Coast Guard.

On Feb 14, 1982, Tom married Paulina Barrera and they had two daughters, Maria and



THOMAS H. NICKERSON

Barbara. They lived in Florida for many years with some spent in Vermont. Most recently Tom

lived in Tennessee.

He was predeceased by his wife Paulina, his parents Rollin and Evelyn, and his sister, Linda.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Maria and husband Aaron Smith, and Barbara and husband Jared Moneyhun; four grandchildren; his brothers, Donald Nickerson and wife Susan, Charles Nickerson and wife Joan; and his sisters, Alice Sutherland and husband Andrew, and Sally Nickerson.

No services are planned according to his wishes.

Barbara Ruth Sherman, 90, formerly of Brandon

ROCKLAND, MA — Barbara Ruth Sherman of Rockland, Ma., formerly of Brandon, Vt., passed peacefully on October 29, 2022, at the age of 90.

Born in Everett, Ma., Barbara was the daughter of Clarence (Pat) and Elsie Mae West and sister of John Charles West.

She lived most of her life in Weymouth, Ma. She worked at the Telephone Company as a switchboard operator and later was a home health care aid.

She loved crafting, quilting, crocheting, and gardening and was an avid reader. She par-



BARBARA SHERMAN

ticipated in a local Prayer Shawl Ministry and was a member of her local Congregational Church in Brandon.

In later years, she enjoyed spending time with her family, conquering modern technology, and using her iPad to fulfill her love of reading, games, and puzzles.

Lovingly remembered by her family, she is survived by four daughters, Leah Murray, Marissa Hickey, Elyce Chuilli, and Marcia Birmingham, and her husband Robert; and two Step Children, James and Judy Sherman.

Barbara had six grandchildren Alyssa Bosse, Thomas Hickey Jr, Matthew Hickey, Evan Hickey, and Robert and Nicholas Birmingham. She was also the great-grandmother of five, including four great-granddaughters, Jenna, Makayla, Karlie, and Everleigh Hickey, as well as her great-grandson Nolan Bosse. Foster mother to many children in Vermont.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence E. Sherman. A private family service will be held at the Peck Funeral Home in Braintree, Ma. The graveside committal service and burial will occur on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to the Pat Roche Hospice Home, 86 Turkey Hill Ln., Hingham, Ma. (NVNA.ORG)

Local arrangements are under the care of the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon.

Vermont Community Broadband board approves \$26.5 million in grants to expand service

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved three grants totaling \$26.45 Million to bring broadband to more than 4,000 underserved Vermont addresses.

\$9.1 million has been awarded to the Maple Broadband/Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) partnership to expand fiber-optic broadband into parts of rural Addison County, including Bridport, Ferrisburgh, New Haven, Panton, Waltham, and Weybridge. The source of the grant funding is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

This project will extend WCVT's fiber-to-the-home network to approximately 2,000 additional customers in parts of Addison County in the Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom service areas.

The network can deliver symmetrical broadband speeds of up to 1 Gigabyte to residents.

The first phase of the newly funded project began in the spring of 2022. Engineering, design, and preliminary fieldwork are currently in progress.

"Building a fiber-to-the-home network in rural areas is extremely expensive and takes time to engineer, construct and build. We would like to thank the Vermont Community Broadband Board for working with us to help expand our fiber-optic network to more customers. Each and every day, our team has been busy building more fiber in our communities and converting customers to high-speed fiber optics. These grant funds will complement our own capital construction budgets and allow us to build fiber faster than we would otherwise be able to do," said Eric Haskin, President and CEO of WCVT.

"2023 will be a great year for broadband in Addison County. Recent construction grant awards to WCVT and Maple Broadband will enable both parties to build concurrently and bring fiber internet to residents and businesses in Maple Broadband member towns," says Ellie de Villiers, Executive Director of Maple Broadband.

"WCVT has been a great partner in terms of getting Vermonters connected to fiber-optic broadband. The Maple Broadband relationship with WCVT is an example of the public-private partnerships that will result in every Vermonter getting the opportunity to connect to reliable high-speed Internet. The VCBB is excited about the forward

progress that Vermont is making in terms of Universal Service. This progress is made possible by the partnerships like this one," added Christine Hallquist, Executive Director of the Vermont Community Broadband Board.

\$8.35 million has been awarded to WCVT to start the first phase of their build-out to bring broadband to 1200 underserved addresses in towns that are not part of a CUD. WCVT is adding a full build-out in the town of Charlotte and a full build-out in the town of Bolton. WCVT will also begin partial build-out work in seven other towns.

\$9 million has been awarded to Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD). It is partnering with Consolidated Communications to bring broadband to 6,412 addresses across southern Vermont, 1300 of which are currently underserved.

The CUD, in partnership with Consolidated Communications, who will build, maintain, and operate the network, expects all unserved and underserved residents in 14 towns in the CUD to have access to multi-gigabit speed internet in 2023 at competitive prices. Service will be delivered by Fidium Fiber, Consolidated Communication's residential fiber brand.

Eric Hatch, Chair of the SoVT CUD, spoke of the benefits of this grant which many groups and individuals worked on to win. "In true Vermont fashion, our communities came together to solve a long-standing problem that held back our state from competing in today's marketplace. With access to fiber, all 14 towns in the district will have the infrastructure to retain and attract people to southwest Vermont."

"The VCBB and the CUDs are proud to be working closely with these private telecommunication partners. This collaboration results in much lower construction costs which frees up funding for the harder-to-serve areas of the state. These grants included agreements that will provide ongoing public oversight and accountability," said VCBB Executive Director Christine Hallquist.

The VCBB has awarded \$90.25 million in construction grants to date. More information on the distribution of the funds is available at <https://vcbb.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/75eb5dd3e4454c18a31ef25d97b3d3da>



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Tree lighting with singing will take place on Sunday, November 27 at 3:30 pm in front of the **Town Hall**.

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Like all things vintage?

Mimi's Photos
 are on page 16!

Special election coverage

Election Day 2022:

Some things old, some things new, some things red, some things blue

BY MAT CLOUSER

RUTLAND COUNTY—Last week, The Reporter focused its election coverage on Vermont’s US Senate and US House races. This week’s focus will turn to local affairs—specifically the state senate and house races—where voters will get to choose from various new and old faces in their quest to keep Vermont running at its best.

Six candidates (three Democrats and three Republicans) vie for the three Rutland County sen-

ate seats, while the house races (Districts 8 and 9) are decidedly less competitive—with each race featuring one incumbent running unopposed: Butch Shaw (R) and Stephanie Jerome (D), respectively. Shaw seeks his seventh term, while Jerome seeks her third.

There is only one incumbent in the state senate race, Brian Collamore (R). Collamore has served in the state senate since 2015 and is well known throughout the region for his lengthy career in radio and his involvement as a youth and

college hockey official.

He is joined by Republicans Dave Weeks and Terry K. Williams. Weeks is a Wallingford native and Proctor resident with a lengthy military background who bills himself as a “fiscally conservative, politically moderate, consensus builder.” Williams does not appear to be fielding an active campaign.

The three Democrats joining them in the senate race seek to help the Dems gain a veto-proof super majority. Each of the three—

Joshua Ferguson, Anna Tadio, and Bridgette Remington—are Rutland natives and residents who boast a relatively youthful exuberance alongside their extensive legal and civic accomplishments.

Tadio and Remington currently work as lawyers—Tadio as an immigration attorney and Remington in private practice—while Ferguson is an environmentalist and sailboat restorer with a history of community outreach with Project VISION and youth sports involvement.

This year, The Reporter asked each of the aforementioned candidates to state their position and rationale surrounding the issues of Prop 5/Article 22, mental health services, workforce development, equity and inclusivity, public education, gun control, business development, agriculture, immigration to Vermont, and police reform.

Each candidate’s complete response (wherever possible) has been included with only minimal edits for clarification.

Senate candidates

BRIAN COLLAMORE (R)

Incumbent Brian Collamore (R) of Rutland Town was born on November 28, 1950, in Detroit, Mi., where he completed his elementary education. He attended high school at Jesuit Xavier School in Concord, Ma. He moved to Vermont in 1968, attended Middlebury College, and received a BA in sociology/anthropology in 1972. He and his wife, Christina, have one son, Brian.

He has a long broadcast career in Middlebury and Rutland, with over 45 years on the radio and over 35 years in sales. He is currently the general sales manager for five radio stations for Catamount Radio. He was the winner of the Distinguished Service Award from the Vermont Association of Broadcasters and was also inducted into the Association’s Hall of Fame.

When asked why he felt he deserved to be elected, he said he thought that he had done a “good job answering people’s concerns,” adding that while those concerns “haven’t been many,” he felt his constituents had a “right to an answer” from him.

**Editor’s note—Mr. Collamore’s responses were taken from the notes of a previous employee of The Reporter, who was unavailable for consultation at the time of publication.*

Prop 5/Article 22

Stated that he felt it was appropriate for the voters to decide.

Mental-health services

Stated that he would work with the legislature to acquire more funding.

Workforce development

Stated that he felt an emphasis on housing could help attract new members of the workforce and that ARPA money could be used to facilitate that.

Equity/Inclusivity

Stated that he felt Vermont was the most inclusive state and that he supports gay marriage.

Public Education

Supports school choice.

Gun control

Stated that some new legislature would be introduced but that he felt “we’ve done enough” when it came to any new bans.

Business development

Would like to see Act 250 streamlined to make development easier.

Agriculture

Stated that he was concerned at how many farms are forced with closing or diversification.

Immigration to Vermont

Stated that he supports foreign immigration to Vermont as a potential means of increasing the workforce.

Police Reform

Supports law enforcement and efforts to attract new officers.

JOSHUA FERGUSON (D)

Joshua Ferguson was born in Rutland City, Vermont, and is a lifelong and multi-generation Vermonter. He was raised in Castleton and Fair Haven in a “working, blue-collar family with a rich history of service to the nation, tracing to the Green Mountain Boys and patriots in every subsequent generation.”

He graduated from Fair Haven Union High School in 2008. He later attended Green Mountain College before graduating from Castleton University summa cum laude—a first-generation college student—after studying international political economy, governance, and human rights. Ferguson then earned his public health degree from Columbia University, focusing on health policy, population, and family health.

Prop 5/Article 22

“Position: Vote Yes!

“Rationale: The constitutional amendment seeks to safeguard personal reproductive liberty for Vermonters. Beyond constitutional liberty, it is an essential public health interest for communities and individuals to navigate intimate decisions relating to reproductive health with autonomy and dignity without state intervention. Such decisions are best determined by patients and practitioners. In law, this amendment will facilitate the advancement of safe practices. I believe Vermonters, by and large, will support this amendment, and I believe constituents of Rutland County will vote yes come No-
(See Senate candidates, Page 8)



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SENATE CANDIDATES TERRY K. WILLIAMS (R), ANNA TADIO (D), DAVE WEEKS (R), JOSHUA FERGUSON (D), BRIDGETTE REMINGTON (D), AND BRIAN COLLAMORE (R).

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“The public relations campaign against Proposal 5 is a disturbing and misguided use of funds that could be better spent providing sex education, essential health services, STI awareness, and access to contraceptives in communities across Vermont.

“Instead, it sought to align church and state, confuse voters on the standard of strict scrutiny, and misinterpret a constitutional amendment that will ultimately protect fundamental liberties. Meanwhile, Vermonters can be proud that practitioners have called for Vermont to serve as a safe harbor in a moment of darkness.”

Mental-health services

“Position: Mental health is a policy priority.

“Rationale: Mental health services are critical public health investments in our communities. Unmet needs persist across all segments of

the population, ranging from youth to young adults, veterans, law enforcement, first responders, educators, and healthcare professionals to aging adults and caregivers who are underserved. Expanding access to mental health services must be a priority for those in high-demand professional sectors and vulnerable populations who are often left unserved or underserved.

“Mental health services are known to prevent crime, reduce suicidality, promote harm reduction, attenuate compassion fatigue, and foster recovery in communities. As a public health expert and graduate of Columbia University School of Public Health, I am well aware that mental health needs are pervasive in Vermont and around the country and that the pandemic has shown us the extent of need.

“Further, the pandemic has led to a rise in drug use and overdose deaths, a surge in suicide rates, and a host of challenges associated

with isolation and hopelessness. Youth who have no caring adults or mentoring figures consistently present in their lives are at a heightened risk.

“Mental health services can help with addressing a wide range of social determinants of health. Community-based programs have benefitted from incorporating community-building and intergenerational engagement to stem the tide of pandemic-related isolation and other risk factors.

“Youth, young adults, and the elderly can engage with one another to improve mental health and draw rural communities out of feeling isolated to promote well-being. Parents made sacrifices to raise their kids through the challenges of a pandemic, and we need to rebuild connections in our communities by supporting mental health services.

“As a public health imperative, concerns like these compelled me to help stand up a youth center in my hometown, serve on the board of Mentor Connector, partner with Project VISION, advocate for funding for statewide afterschool

enrichment programs, and stand with a new generation of leaders.

Workforce development

“Position: Vermont has an acute labor shortage.

“Rationale: Workforce development and economic growth must be pursued in parallel with business development strategies to expand opportunities. Economic and workforce development was a key focus area of the last biennium, including investments in Vermont’s career technical education system and statewide efforts to increase workforce participation across sectors.

“For instance, Vermont can identify better ways to educate and facilitate vocational training for incarcerated individuals, young adults, and immigrants. Initiatives aimed at gainful employment, education advancement across sectors, compelling incentives and benefits, and partnerships with companies may help to address gaps in workforce participation.

“Adding to this complex issue, a lack of affordable housing presents a challenge for attracting and

retaining a thriving workforce.

“I would bring the mindset and skillset of a new generation of leadership to approach these issues and ensure that Rutland County has a principled voice of civility in Montpelier. In the Senate, I hope to build upon recent progress and add vision by engaging and bringing a more diverse set of stakeholders together to innovate and problem-solve.

“By virtue of being among a new generation of leaders, I bring a unique edge in skills and strengths to facilitate connectivity, communication, and innovation on all fronts. To reiterate, underlying all of the workforce shortages are critical gaps in childcare.

Equity/Inclusivity

“Position: Vermont values.

“Rationale: In my nomination announcement, I remarked that I want my campaign to embrace a powerful sense of equity and common hope and belonging for all Vermonters—by birth and by choice. Those values are core to my ethos as a citizen, civic innovator, and champion of a new generation of leadership.

“Inequities exist in our communities that we can point to and address by working to enfranchise Vermonters of all abilities and backgrounds in our democracy, economy, and opportunity. We must also reconcile the dark hours of our history.

“Vermonters often point to a dynamic of geographic inequity, where one county receives greater attention and favor than others. In terms of public health, there are disparities in health outcomes along lines of socioeconomic status, gender, and race.

“In terms of engagement in the democratic process, the pandemic has presented an opportunity for a more open virtual democracy and digital economies accessible to all people online.

“In terms of the judiciary and judicial representation, I strongly believe we need to encourage and promote diverse prosecutors, judges, and administrators in the judicial system.

“Finally, in terms of representation, I am immensely proud that we will be sending our first woman to Congress in this election.”

Public Education

“Position: Protect public education, develop education workforce, enhance educator benefits, and improve student outcomes.

“Rationale: There are a number of key legislative initiatives and proposals on the table that will help strengthen our public education system and outcomes: (1) Develop education workforce; (2) Implementation of universal meals program; (3) Farm-to-school programs and partnerships within local and regional food systems; (4) Investments in outdoor education (See Senate candidates, Page 9)



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and experiential learning opportunities; (5) Early college preparation and support for first-generation college students; (6) Mental health services in school settings for students and professionals; (7) Enhance benefits and advance interests of retiring educators (many of whom stand-in part-time in light of shortages) and focus on attracting new educators to address shortages; and (8) Provide robust civics and social studies curriculum, relevant skilled trades curriculum, STEM curriculum, and programs to train childcare professionals, primary educators, and healthcare professionals.

“One dimension of the workforce shortage is that parents face balancing high costs and responsibilities associated with childcare and healthcare while maintaining employment or advancing in a meaningful career. These complex challenges may shed light on opportunities in public education.”

Gun control

“Position: Responsible gun ownership and common-sense safeguards.

“Rationale: The Bill of Rights is non-negotiable; the Second Amendment is non-negotiable; responsible gun ownership and sensible safeguards are compatible with the Second Amendment and the spirit of the Constitution.

“I have met hundreds of gun owners who found common ground in supporting responsible gun ownership and basic safe-

guards that seek to ensure safe storage, safety training when needed, extreme risk laws, background checks, averting ghost guns, and enforcing existing laws. I agree with Gun Owners for Responsible Gun Ownership that Second Amendment rights come with responsibilities.

Business development

“Position: Attract and grow business and promote a culture of innovation.

“Rationale: Business development is key to expanding opportunity. Vermont possesses an incredible potential for business development to invigorate industries, bolster entrepreneurship across sectors, and grow Vermont’s tax base.

“Sustainable business-friendly policies and programs should aim to encourage business development and innovation as a key objective of growing our economy by supporting businesses in childcare, technology, aviation, composting, cannabis, film industry, media, sustainable agriculture, manufacturing, food and beverage, arts and culture, broadband, renewable energy, tourism and other sectors that will benefit from broad capital investments and growth.

“A commitment to economic growth means ensuring that Vermont is attractive and competitive for investing, incubating new startups, and developing sustainable business-friendly policies.

“Coming of age in the 21st century affords unique skills and

tools to leverage technologies to govern as part of a new generation of leadership. We need the physical highways and the digital highways—where everyone can move onward together in broad development efforts.

“We have the resources to bring about a shift in how we build and navigate the road ahead. A forward-looking, cross-sector approach to business development will promise a vibrant future for Vermont.

“We can encourage new business models and support traditional businesses with adapting to stay up to speed with change, incorporate sustainable solutions—such as cutting expenses with renewable energies or entering the digital economy—introducing new technologies, evaluating business needs, and employing tools to train and upskill the workforce. We should focus the best of our energies on promoting a culture of innovation.

Agriculture

“Position: Sustainable agriculture.

“Rationale: Vermont’s agriculture sector is adapting to new pressures and demands. In the face of climate pressures, shifting seasons, and inflation, agriculture reveals both shortcomings and solutions for sustainability.

“Despite demands and pressures, agriculture remains central to Vermont’s heritage and identity. It is a key sector at the intersection of environmental stewardship, sustainable and regenerative practices, farming and food systems, research and development, and soil and nutrient management.

“Brands like Ben & Jerry’s and Cabot are powerhouse Vermont brands famously derived from our dairy industry, along with a multimillion-dollar maple product market. According to a 2021 State Agriculture Overview by the USDA, Vermont maple products represented \$56M in value of production.

“In contrast, the loss of Green Mountain College in the heart of Rutland County, with its strong emphasis on sustainable agriculture curriculum and focus on local food system innovation, left a vast void in Vermont.

“Likewise, the loss of Thomas Dairy left a void after a century in business in the community, county, and greater region, as reported by VtDigger. Communities continue to ask: Are these losses preventable?

“My vision involves strengthening our agricultural economy and business development efforts by seeking solutions that help businesses and institutions adapt to succeed in the 21st century.

Looking forward, cannabis and

hemp will be a significant emergent subsector of the agriculture economy in Vermont that may bolster economic development and offer new opportunities for entrepreneurship.

“I am proposing a special summit or forum series be held to convene policymakers and stakeholders in this emerging sector together on the campus of Castleton University to discuss innovating and growing the sector.”

Immigration to Vermont

“Position: All are welcome.

“Rationale: Vermont has a long history of welcoming immigrants, refugees, and newcomers from all walks of life. Vermonters should be proud of that legacy. Our welcoming stance speaks volumes of Vermont’s values of humanity, dignity, mutual respect, freedom, and unity.

“By embracing immigration and welcoming people of all backgrounds, our state benefits from business creation, cross-cultural competencies, higher education enrollment, workforce participa-

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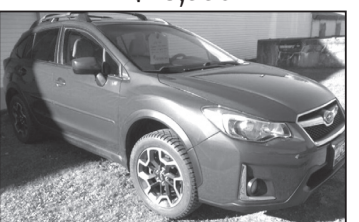
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tion, and new families who help to stitch together a multicultural fabric in our communities. We must remember we are a nation born of immigration.

“Refugee resettlement programs offer a supportive transition with the aim of self-sufficiency. As evidenced by recent resettlement efforts with Afghan citizens who served as partners with our armed forces through decades of war, resettlement programs help to advance national interests and honor multilateral commitments. USCRI Vermont has provided assistance to over 8,000 refugees in the last four decades with starting new lives in Vermont.

“Castleton University also serves as a beacon of bringing people from culturally distinct regions of the US and every region of the world together to enrich Vermont scholarship. Diversity in scholarship is a strength that contributes to

our way of life. I support Vermont institutions of higher learning in efforts to bolster international student enrollment.”

Police Reform

“Position: Support law enforcement.

“Rationale: Our police force deserves the respect and resources to do a tough job with ample support for training and tools to serve and protect our communities. I’m pro-police, law, and order.

“I support funding law enforcement at all levels, including mapping out interagency collaboration, crisis intervention teams, police social workers, and community policing models.

In recent discussions with law enforcement professionals in Rutland County, the Team Two training program facilitated by Vermont Care Partners has been cited several times to improve mental health crisis response.

“We need to stay up to pace on

new policing models and implementing best practices. To that end, I envision building support for innovative models that our law enforcement community is actively exploring. Additional measures include supporting law enforcement agencies by recruiting skilled candidates to protect and serve their communities.”

BRIDGETTE REMINGTON (D)

Bridgette Remington is an attorney in Rutland City who graduated from UVM and later Vermont Law School. She has served as Town Auditor, Rutland Planning Commission member, a judicial intern at the Vermont Supreme Court, and a Hearing Officer for the Vermont Public Utility Commission.

“My experience volunteering in Vermont communities extends from youth 4H to everything from serving as a Senator at UVM to spending eight seasons as a volunteer snowboard instructor for VT Adaptive to serving on a Town Energy committee and in flood recovery efforts after Hurricane Irene,”

she says, adding, “I am ready to put my experience in business, nonprofits, and government to work for Rutland County.”

Prop 5/Article 22

“I support Prop 5.”

Mental-health services

“My husband has worked in mental health for more than 20 years, and we know that access to mental health treatment is essential for Vermonters’ lives. Mental health services can be expanded in the following ways: Increased capacity for mental health/behavioral health services in primary care practices, increased access to telehealth for counseling, and mobile crisis services to meet people where they are.

“The new 988 crisis line is now active and is a resource for people who want to talk or text with someone for anonymous support in the moment. More mental and emotional support services and staff in school settings is another great way to work proactively to support students and their families, which can help avoid more serious issues through time.”

Workforce development

“I would work to quickly incentivize instruction and training and reduce barriers to obtaining such instruction and training (housing and childcare are essential). Support and expand training programs and workforce development opportunities that are responsive to our regional needs at CCV, Castleton, Stafford Tech, BROCC, The MINT, and Smokey House, that focus on preparing students and community members for careers in the trades, health care, public safety, cosmetology, and human services.”

“Allow creative and efficient solutions to address staffing needs as supported by professionals in the field. For example, veterinarians are facing almost impossible staffing shortages, and our community’s needs might be addressed by expanding the ability of midlevel veterinarian professionals to provide care that is now restricted just to licensed veterinarians allowing our vets to take a Saturday off or pick their kids up from school.”

Equity/Inclusivity

“Our communities are stronger when we address injustices, whether systemic racism or socioeconomic barriers to job advancements and education. We need to work together to build on our strengths and open our hearts to support and encourage new Vermonters that are eager to contribute and work hard.”

Public Education

“I support teachers and our schools 100%. As a parent of an elementary-aged student. I want to ensure that we are supporting teachers and educational professionals. My parents were not only both public school teachers in Rutland County but served in leadership roles as negotiators and representatives, ensuring that Vermont’s educators’ issues were heard.

“I intend to carry on their work by supporting educators as they strive to deal with increasing demands from our communities and from regulators. We need to ensure that our teachers’ needs are met so they can provide our students with the high-quality education our County and state are known for.

“I am concerned about a statewide push to change school choice in tuition towns like Rutland Town, Hubbardton, Danby, etc. As a resident of a tuition town, I know how important it is for some of our towns to maintain the more than 125-year-old commitment to allow students to attend independent approved schools such as Burr and Burton and Long Trail. Those independent approved schools are essential to our communities.

“I speak with teachers almost every day about the challenges they face. I will always support them and help find ways to bring their voices to Montpelier and (See Senate candidates, Page 11)

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find solutions to make our schools stronger.

“As we know, teachers are the bedrock of any community. They teach our children how to read, how to respect each other, how to have civil discourse, and how to be part of a community. They teach them our shared history, and with the help of all of you, they will support the elder and next generations of Vermonters.”

Gun control

“I support traditional Vermont gun ownership and also want to address suicide risks and gun violence. I think there are ways to do both by focusing on individual responsibility, community supports, and gun safety measures.

“Over the past couple months, I have spoken with Vermonters that are teachers, public safety officers, gun owners, mental health workers, and gun retailers who think it will be important to discuss suicide risks and gun violence through targeted restrictions related to age, assault weapons, background checks, and waiting periods.”

Business development

“We need to continue to reduce Vermonters’ tax burden while increasing our ability to generate income by expanding tax incentives to secure our continued economic revitalization and development and encourage entrepreneurship.

“We also must address staffing shortages in key sectors, such as childcare, medical professions, and the trades, by incentivizing train-

ing and education. We also have to immediately address the housing crisis.

“Our businesses need to be able to hire people, but those people must have somewhere to live and someone to care for their children. I support the addition of ancillary dwelling units, revitalization of existing housing stock, concentrated community living solutions, and incentivizing market-rate housing development through new construction and reuse of existing alternative facilities. Supporting and expanding programs through existing housing organizations, including VHFA, VHCBC, Planning Commissions, etc.

“This is an all-hands-on-deck issue; we need to ensure current Vermonters and aspiring Vermonters have an opportunity to live, work, and thrive in our state at different economic levels.”

Agriculture

“I support local agriculture. My Dad taught in West Rutland, which has seen a tremendous loss in farm families. Our whole county is experiencing this loss. I want to encourage and support our local agriculture.

“It is as important to our shared heritage as it is for the health of our communities and our future generations. The importance of our local agriculture was never more obvious than during COVID when our access to safe, affordable, nutritious local food was amazing.”

Immigration to Vermont

“I support immigration to Ver-

mont, and I know we need people to move here to fill positions in sectors facing significant staffing shortages, such as in factories, the trades, nursing, childcare, and education.

“It is worth repeating that I want to support and expand training programs and workforce development opportunities that are responsive to our regional needs at CCV, Castleton, Stafford Tech, BROCC, The MINT, and Smokey House, that focus on preparing students and community members for careers in the trades, health care, public safety, cosmetology, and human services.

“This needs to extend to potential new Vermonters quickly. Our economy is depending on addressing these employment shortages.”

Police Reform

“We need to support our public safety professionals and continue to encourage innovative ways to address our communities’ needs, such as Project Vision in Rutland.

“We need to promote robust anti-bias training and education and address regulations and policies that disproportionately impact certain racial minorities within our government agencies, educational system, the criminal justice system, and communities.

“We also must increase funding and supports for mental health, substance abuse, and rehabilitation treatment services. I support funding embedded mental health workers in emergency and police response teams.”

ANNA TADIO (D)

Anna Tadio is who was born and raised in Rutland, Vermont.

She graduated from Rutland High School and studied political science and Environmental Studies at UVM. After graduating from Lewis & Clark Law School, she says she “led students on adventure and community service trips across the U.S. and around the world. Spending time in nature influenced my commitment to environmental protection here in Vermont.

She is currently an attorney for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, working to assist refugees in obtaining lawful status in the USA and is a member of the Rutland City Board of Aldermen.

“I value family, community, and an open and accessible government that works for ALL people,” she says.

Anna Tadio for State Senate

Prop 5/Article 22

“I fully support a woman’s right to make decisions for herself and what is best for her and her family. We have a unique opportunity to permanently enshrine reproductive rights in Vermont. We can and we must pass the Reproductive Liberty Amendment! We can be a model for other states and for our federal government.”

Mental-health services

“We must increase access to needed mental health services. I have heard from many constituents that the wait times to see mental health providers are months long. We can and we must do more to increase access to mental health services for all ages.

“We must invest in more tele- (See Senate candidates, Page 14)

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Being a part of this unique and exciting club offers a variety of activities, including regular practice, a challenge board, clinics for beginner and advanced play, singles and doubles, inter-club events with other table tennis clubs, and even tournaments.

If you are interested in table tennis as a recreational or athletic activity, we're interested in you! There is a modest membership fee of only \$30, although you can come twice free as our guest. Bring your sneakers and paddle (or use ours) and have some fun playing a great game of "Pong!"

For further information about the Green Mountain Table Tennis Club, call club representative Ronald Lewis at 802-247-5913, or visit our club's website at www.gmttc.com.

2:

Wildwood Song Circle

There will be a song circle on Wednesday, November 2, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center in Rutland. Music lovers, singers, players of acoustic instruments, and listeners are welcome.

There is no charge for attending or performing, but the Center likes you to register by completing a simple form annually. For further information, call Jack Crowther at 775-1182 or e-mail Gus Bloch, song circle leader, at gusbloch@gmail.com.

3:

Wallingford Historical Society Presentation on the 1800's Wallingford Schools

An informative presentation on the 14 schools during the 1800's will be given. Facts about the locations of the schools, photos, as well as interesting tidbits about each of the schools will be discussed. Even Aldrichville had a couple schools up in the mountain which surprised some people seeing this was such a remote area. The Walling-

ford Alumni also will have an active part in our presentation.

4:

Hussam Alhallak and Hazar Mansour. From Refugees to Citizens. The Courageous Story

The presentation is from 1:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. at the Godnick Adult Center. Hussam Alhallak, his wife Hazar Mansour and their two children fled political violence in their home country of Syria in 2015, and became American citizens in July, 2022!! Hazar and Hussam will share their courageous story with us, accompanied by some of the volunteers who have helped and befriended them from the start.

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4 5:

The second annual Holiday Artisan Gift Show at the Chaffee Art Center

Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 10am-4pm. will be held this Friday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 16 South Main Street in Rutland.

The event will feature items that are unique, handmade, and affordable. Perfect for gift giving or to treat yourself. Vendors will be selling cards, pottery, wood-carved pieces, fine art in all sizes, ornaments, colorful Congolese raffia

The Audubon Brandon bird seed sale will be held at Brandon Blue Seal Feeds (on Rt. 7 south of town), the first Saturday in November. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stock up on seeds and have your bird feeding questions answered.

10:

AARP Fraud Talk at the Shoreham Congregational Church

Elliott Greenblott from AARP will give a presentation titled "Fraud, Scams, and Con Artists: Coming to a Computer Near You" at 2 p.m. at the Shoreham Congregational Church.

The talk will discuss the why and how, as well as basic defense regarding scams perpetrated over the internet. It is continuously revised to address the latest cyber threats and how to recognize malicious emails and pop-ups, and Wi-Fi issues arising from the increased use of tablets and smartphones.

This talk is free and open to the public.

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Castleton University theater arts department presents "Silent Sky"

On Thursday-Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Silent Sky" follows the true story of Henrietta Leavitt. Henrietta begins working at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s, where she and her female peers are seen as no more than human calculators performing labor in "girl hours" for a renowned astronomer.

In her free time, Henrietta tries to measure the light and distance of stars while maintaining the balance of her life on earth and her obligations to her family. Henrietta's life explores the enormous challenges of being a woman in a cutting-edge time of scientific discovery, held back by societal convention, and her belief that women and passion deserve respect in the scientific community.

Recent debuts include New York's Carnegie Hall, the Berlin Philharmonie, Vienna Konzerthaus, Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie, Paris Philharmonie, and the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. The Castalian String Quartet frequently performs at the Wigmore Hall in its home city of London. Recent and upcoming premieres include works by Charlotte Bray, Edmund Finnis, Mark Simpson, Simon Rowland-Jones, and Sir Mark-Anthony Turnage.

The quartet's name is derived from the Castalian Spring in the ancient city of Delphi. According to Greek mythology, the nymph Castalia transformed herself into a fountain to evade Apollo's pursuit, thus creating a source of poetic inspiration for all who drink from her waters.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, alumni, staff, faculty, and seniors. Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling the Casella Box Office at (802) 468-1119 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or purchased at the door.

12:

Foley Brothers' Chili Fest

Castalian String Quartet offers free concert Nov. 11

The Middlebury Performing Arts Series proudly presents the internationally renowned Castalian String Quartet in a free concert on Friday, November 11, in the Mahaney Arts Center's Robison Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Named the inaugural Hans Keller String Quartet in residence at the University of Oxford and Royal Philharmonic Society's Young Artist of the Year, the Castalian Quartet first visited Middlebury on their U.S. debut tour in 2019.

They return to treat us to a concert of exceptional works: Janáček's Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata"; Sibelius' Quartet in D Minor, "Voces intimae"; and Beethoven's Op. 130 Quartet, with the epic Grosse Fuge finale.

This free event is made possible thanks to the Sunderman Family Concert Endowment Fund in memory of Dr. F. William Sunderman Jr. and Dr. Carolyn Reynolds Sunderman.

The concert is open to on- and off-campus audiences; vaccinations and boosters (or valid medical or religious exemptions) are required. Masks are

optional (but welcome!) except under certain conditions.

The performance will also be streamed for a 48-hour window.

Free tickets for the stream are available online via advance registration. For registration, health and safety protocols, and information, call (802) 443-MIDD (6433) or go to <http://www.middlebury.edu/arts>.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Formed in 2011, the quartet studied with Oliver Wille at the Hochschule für Musik, Hannover, before being selected by the Young Classical Artists Trust in 2016. They



baskets, photography, various types of jewelry, and more. Admission is free and features a hot beverage bar with cocoa, coffee, and tea.

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Brothers Brewing 10-Year anniversary celebration and fest featuring their 10th Anniversary Ale release (a wine aged golden sour ale) and chili fest featuring local restaurants, music, games, and more!

Tickets will be donated to the local American Legion Veterans Fund.

Event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Central in downtown Brandon.

Day Craft Fair to benefit Rutland Youth Theatre!! Community event for all ages!

We are having a Holiday Craft Fair to benefit Rutland Youth Theatre!

Come do some holiday shopping or treat yourself while supporting the uber talented youth in our community!

Join us for:

- Shopping
- Kids Craft Corner
- Concessions + Rollin Rooster

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Truck

Performance by Rutland Youth Theatre
more....

Are you a crafter and interested in participating? We'd love to have you! Please complete the following form to sign-up!

<https://forms.gle/cQFTvPhZeYhBK9PT9>

Please SHARE our event with your Friends + Family! We hope to see you there from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Rutland Recreation Community Center, 134 Community Dr., Brandon, VT 05701

Sign Up Brandon

DIY (Do It Yourself) Cooperative Event held on November 10 from 10 a.m. to noon will teach you how to save energy dollars and provide free materials to support you and comfort to come at a low cost.

At this event we will cover basic weatherization steps and provide a basic kit of weatherization materials for free (retail cost \$150+—these materials are rated to save over \$150 a year; you can also learn about Heat Squad energy audits and get to sign up for a \$100 off on their typical \$150 fee; Efficiency Vermont presents their energy efficiency incentives, and you will get \$45 of energy saving materials for free, and you will learn about BROOC's program for extensive energy renovations funded by grants and low-cost loans that a large portion of participants qualify for.

Register at <http://www.solarfest.org/brandon/>
Admission is free, Registration by November 4th is required, and donations are welcomed.

This event is sponsored by the Brandon Energy Committee and SolarFest.

16:

League of Women Voters Speaker Series: The Impact of Climate Change on Vermont

The League of Women Voters of Vermont, in partnership with Kellogg-Hubbard Library presents the first in its 2022-23 lecture series on the impact of climate change on Vermont.

This season will look at its effect on the personal, economic, and ecological levels, closing with action that has been taken and what we can do individually and as a community.

The first program, on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m., presents a panel discussion of "What Climate Change Means to You." The panel, moderated by Peter Walke from Efficiency Vermont, will focus on the effects of climate change on Vermonters. Panelists include Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Vermont State Climatologist; Jared Ulmer from the Vermont Department of Health; and Julie Moore, Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

The program will be hosted

Pride Center of VT and VT Folklife Center's PRIDE 1983 Virtual Exhibit, November 18

The Castleton University Bank Gallery is hosting a display of the Pride Center of Vermont and Vermont Folklife Center's newly organized virtual exhibition, PRIDE 1983, through Jan. 15, 2023. A reception for the exhibit will take place on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022,



from 6-8 p.m.

Through interviews with organizers, photographs, and scanned images of historic documents, Pride 1983 explores the origins and lasting legacies of Vermont's first Pride March on June 25, 1983, in Burlington. The virtual exhibit can be viewed online at <http://vtfolklife.org/pride-1983>.

A program of the Pride Center of Vermont curated by Meg Tamulonis of the Vermont Queer Archives, Pride 1983 draws on archival materials from that collection as well as from UVM Special Collections, the Out in the



Open Andrews Inn Oral History Project, and the personal collections of those featured in the exhibit.

In addition, Tamulonis worked with the Vermont Folklife Center to conduct interviews with 12 activists and organizers crucial to the establishment of Pride in Burlington.

The exhibit includes a series of portrait photographs of these early pride founders taken by renowned Brooklyn-based photographer and Bennington College alumnus M. Sharkey.

"It has been an honor to work in collaboration with this team to spotlight the efforts of these courageous Vermonters," said Pride Center Executive Director Mike Bensel. "These heroes need to be celebrated for galvanizing a path towards liberation and justice for LGBTQ+ people in our great little state. We gratefully stand on their shoulders while we continue this important work."



via Zoom and is open to the public.

Attendance is free, but all guests must register at www.kellogg-hubbard.org/adult-programs.

18:

Next Stage Arts presents an evening with Ethiopian ensemble QWANQWA

Brought together by a shared passion for the power of Ethiopian music, this group shines an experimentalism based in the virtuosity of rooted traditions. With swirling masinko (one-stringed fiddle), wah-wah-violin, bass krar boom, and the unstoppable rhythm of heavy kebero (goat-skin drum) beats, powerful traditional lead African diva vocals, QWANQWA keeps the people

wrapped in celebratory attention. After making a splash at world renowned festivals Roskilde and WOMEX, and after 3 European tours under their belt, this world traveling ensemble is hitting the road for a MacArthur Foundation backed Debut US tour in 2022.

QWANQWA draws inspiration from East Africa regions of Ethiopia and beyond. Delving deep into regional beats and moods, the repertoire ranges from a trance-like song of the Eritrean tribe of Blen to a Somali rock number to Mahmud Ahmed sing-a-longs. The music is characterized by tight arrangements and extended experimental moments. The live show ranges from intimate to wild, from whispery conversations to full blown rock show, and it is hard to believe these psychedelic sounds are coming from traditional harp and violin. It is driving, powerful, and different from anything else coming out of Ethiopia in this current Golden Age of Ethiopian music.

The ensemble was founded in 2012 by American violinist Kaethe Hostetter, who first worked in Ethiopian music as a founding member of the critically acclaimed Debo Band. Since relocating to Addis in 2009, she has participated in numerous exploratory and professional projects, as she honed her sound and immersed herself further into the culture of her surroundings. In this sense, QWANQWA, the Amharic word for "language," is a project creating dialogues between cultures.

Current members of QWANQWA are Endris Hassen (masinko), Kaethe Hostetter (violin), Bubu Teklemariam (bass krar), Selam-nesh Zemene (vocalist), and Misale Legesse.

At 7:30 pm at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, VT. Tickets are \$18 advance / \$22 door.

Neshobe Pie Gobbler Fun Run Returns Nov. 24

After a two-year hiatus, the Neshobe Pie Gobbler Fun Run is back. Runners and walkers will toe the starting line on Thanksgiving morning at 8 a.m. This is an equal-opportunity event where speed doesn't matter—every 10th finisher, plus the winning male and female, will receive a freshly made pie donated by a Brandon-area resident or business.

This a low-key fun run/walk that traverses approximately three miles of Neshobe Golf Course's cart paths. It's self-timed and will be held rain, shine, or snow. Bring your visiting friends and family and create a new Thanksgiving morning tradition. Later in the day, pie winners can share their baked goods at the holiday dinner table.

"We held this event the first time in 2019, and we've been looking forward to hosting it again. More than 50 runners and walkers participated on a cold, windy, and wet day," said Bill Moore, Brandon's Recreation Director. "Sure, there's a little elbowing, speeding up, or slowing down at the finish line in an effort to be the next pie winner, but it's all in good fun."

Participants can register in advance at www.RunReg.com/neshobe-pie



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or in person starting at 7 a.m. at Neshobe's clubhouse. There is a registration fee of \$20 for 18 and under, \$25 for 19 to 64, and free for seniors 65-plus.

Proceeds benefit Brandon's Recreation Department. The first 100 participants will receive a giveaway as part of their registration fee.

Questions can be directed to Sue Hoxie, Race Director, maplerunmarketing@gmail.com.

Senate candidates

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health opportunities and support people to receive services in their homes.”

Workforce development

“We must invest in programs to support workforce development. We can grow our economy by investing in our workforce. Programs like Stafford Technical Center at Rutland High School are a great place to start and we can offer more vocational training programs in addition to investing in higher education for Vermont’s youth!”

Equity/Inclusivity

“Vermont can benefit from being a more accepting and inclusive community [that] welcomes all people. We grow through diversity and I will spearhead efforts to make our community more inclusive for ALL people regardless of their race, skin color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or religion.”

Public Education

“As a Rutland City student who went through our public schools,

I know how important our public education system is for many Vermonters. We need to continue to invest in our public education and in our teachers.”

Gun control

“I support our Second Amendment rights. I also believe in reasonable gun control and measures that can improve public safety, such as closing the ‘boyfriend loophole.’”

Business development

“We can support our businesses by ensuring we have the infrastructure to support them. Our state legislature can support TIF (Tax Increment Finance) districts in our local communities to revitalize downtown areas and attract more businesses.”

Agriculture

“We must support our local farmers and increase access in our communities to locally-grown, organic food that benefits our health. We must support our maple industry and our dairy farmers.”

Immigration to Vermont

“Immigrants benefit our com-

munity greatly by increasing cultural diversity and assisting our workforce and increasing our tax base. I am currently an Immigration Attorney for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), and before I began this job, I worked for USCRI as a job developer. I worked to find newly arrived Afghans jobs and watched them successfully integrate into the community and contribute to our society. Immigrants benefit Vermont.”

Police Reform

“We need a holistic approach to community policing. We need to invest in more Community Resource Officers to take some of the burden off our sworn officers”.

DAVE WEEKS (R)

Originally from Wallingford, Proctor resident Dave Weeks has specialized in “leading commercial high-tech, internationally sensitive projects valued in the billions” and works as a “Chaos Manager and Fortune 500 Aerospace Program Director.” He is a “combat-tested” 31-year veteran whose former ranks run from Marine Corporal to Navy Captain. He is self-described as “Calm in the harshest and most demanding conditions” with skills in business diplomacy and strategic planning that he says are “directly applicable in Vermont to ‘cross the aisle’ and improve the quality of life for all Vermonters.”

Among Weeks’ educational highlights are “Mill River High School; UVM undergrad; 3 masters in business, public administration, and national security; [and] a Ph.D. studies in National Security.”

Prop 5/Article 22

“I believe the government should not be involved in the medical decisions of women.”

Mental-health services

“This is a critical pillar in our community.”

“Support a state-supported robust safety net for our most economically challenged neighbors.

“Remain involved in the red flag gun laws.

“Ensure our veterans are properly respected due to the too-frequent mobilizations of citizen soldiers over the past 20 years.”

Workforce development

“Without local workforce development, Rutland County will continue to stagnate.

“Our non-university bound students in High Schools and Trade Schools are underemphasized. There is great pride in becoming a master tradesman. We’re sorely lacking in essential skilled workers.

“For the near-term, to satisfy our labor shortages, we must increase international ‘guest worker’ visas to fill our current manpower shortages. This is a national problem that we see every time we try to hire a plumber, carpenter, electri-

cian, machinist, or driver.”

Equity/Inclusivity

“My family and the military ingrained in me that all people bring value to the table. We should be truly blind to sex, race, religion, age, or sexual orientation.

“Equal opportunity; equal work; equal pay; equal respect.

“I believe strongly in the merit-based system.”

Public Education

“It’s clear that we don’t compensate our educators properly for their critical impact on our children’s education. Given the limited days in an annual school year ... it’s imperative that teachers’ unionization should not impact our student’s education and their parent’s job obligations.

“Prepare our future workforce with a combination of professional university graduates as well as skilled tradesmen. Our schools are too heavily focused on the college path; trade schools are underemphasized.

“Public school employees are Government workers who provide essential public services—as important as our firefighters, police, military, and civil service workers. Yes, they can strike—but—not to interrupt critical public services as important as our children’s education. We’re currently seeing dramatically poor examples of public service strikes in several sectors.

“Teachers are key public servants. They should be recognized for their community sacrifice. Wholeheartedly support the current pension for our educators but feel strongly that future pension systems should be modeled after the Federal government’s Thrift Savings Plan 401K and ROTH options.”

Gun control

“As a Marine infantryman, Navy officer, and Iraq vet, I fully understand the implicit risk of guns. For enhanced public safety, I advocate increased safety training for new owners.

“Maintain current red flag laws.”

Business development

“This is Rutland County’s #1 issue. Business development has a direct link to our economic rejuvenation. Labor shortages and our roads are a matter of priority. Rutland County has not experienced an economic boom since the end of the railroad era. The reason is simple—and we all know it—Rutland isn’t connected to any interstate. Our major arteries to the surrounding interstate system are roads designed in 1930 when the Model T was the bestselling car.

“Addressing affordable housing and infrastructure development via a rebalancing of Act 250. Our left hand and our right hand are not coordinated. While keeping an ecological perspective, we must ensure that Act 250 does not stagnate our economy with an over-bureaucratized, time-consuming, and

costly permitting process.

“Emphasize the rebranding of Vermont’s tourism industry towards a four-season destination. While maintaining the sustainability of our natural resources, we need to improve our tourism industry and its lucrative revenue.

“Invest in infrastructure that pays back—roads, broadband, cell service, dormant housing/industry that all positively effects our quality of life, business attractiveness, and tourism.

“The divisiveness of political parties is getting in the way of Vermont’s progress. What’s important is to coalesce Vermont’s political vision. We need to focus on where we want to be in 50 years. The caucus of the southwest corridor of Vermont needs to bond together for infrastructure to support our region’s economic development. Once the largest city in Vermont, Rutland now remains in the shadow of Chittenden County. While maintaining a safety net for our most challenged citizens, we need to invest our treasury into infrastructure supporting regional economic revival.”

Agriculture

“Full support for local farmers at the micro and macro level.

“Focus on increasing higher-density downtowns and village centers surrounded by farm, forest, and natural areas.”

Immigration to Vermont

“Welcome immigration to Vermont but via sustainable growth. We should see long-range population increases if the right measures are taken in Montpelier regarding our economy, workforce stabilization, and Act 250 rebalancing. This population influx will be challenged by the lack of local affordable housing. To address this effect, we need to encourage the supply side to invest in sustainable growth while renovating abandoned homes, business space, and dormant industry facilities.

“I strongly support international ‘guest visas’ to meet the labor needs of our business community for skilled and non-skilled labor.”

Police Reform

“Policing is an enormously stressful public profession—I pledge my strongest support for all our first responders.

“Strong public safety supporter—ensure our professional and volunteer community emergency service folks are provided adequate equipment, resources, training, and respect.

“Respect the rule of law in our community.

“Strengthen non-lethal deterrence equipment and techniques.”

TERRY K. WILLIAMS (R)

Terry K. Williams does not have a campaign website and has not responded to *The Reporter’s* request for a biography or answers to the questionnaire.

Town of Pittsford
Veteran’s Day Ceremony
and Veteran’s Wall Dedication
November 11, 2022 at 11:00am
426 Plains Road – Pittsford Municipal Offices

- ★ **Welcome:** Town Manager, Brenda Fox-Howard
- ★ National Anthem
- ★ **Invocation:** Pastor Michael Dwyer, Pittsford Congregational Church
- ★ **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pittsford Boy Scouts
- ★ **Keynote Address:** Major Mathew Hefner
- ★ **Song:** “My Country Tis of Thee” – led by Lothrop School Singers and Lothrop Music Teacher Carolyn Bruce
- ★ **Dedication of Veteran’s Wall:** Anne Pelkey - Pittsford Historical Society and Shelly Williams - Librarian
- ★ Taps
- ★ **Moment of Silence**
- ★ **Benediction:** Pastor Michael Dwyer, Pittsford Congregational Church
- ★ **Song:** Lothrop School Singers

Visitors are invited to see the new Veterans’ Wall at the end of the ceremony
Come Join Us as we Honor our Veterans.

All are Welcome!

House candidates

STEPHANIE JEROME (D)

Stephanie Zak Jerome of Brandon was born in Burlington and grew up in Mendon. She received a BA in history from the University of Vermont, a master's in public policy and administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a Presidential Management Fellowship. Before returning to Vermont, Jerome served as a policy analyst at NASA Headquarters.

She is the co-owner of Visual Learning Systems, publisher of a video-based K-12 science curriculum.

She is a current member of the Brandon Planning Commission, Brandon Revolving Loan Fund, and UVM Cancer Advisory Board. She has been a resident of Brandon since 1997.

She is running unopposed in the newly formed Rutland County District 9 for what would be her third term in the State House.

Prop 5/Article 22

"I am in support of Article 22, the constitutional amendment to enshrine reproductive rights in the VT Constitution. Under Vermont law, decisions related to reproductive autonomy are currently left to the patient and their medical provider. Article 22 would not change that."

Mental-health services

"This summer, during a community crisis, Brandon saw firsthand the need for more funding for mental health services and more mental health beds. There needs to be a full range of statewide mental health and recovery services, from community-based counseling and support programs to in-patient treatment facilities."

Workforce development

"I am proud of the work that I have done to build our workforce in Vermont. I played a key role in S.11, a \$113M bill that helped move Vermont forward past COVID-19, getting workforce and businesses on a sound footing. It will increase workforce participation in the areas of nursing, mental health, and the trades.

The bill funds scholarships, student loan repayments, upskilling, internships, and education incentives. It also provided forgivable loans for businesses and supports for non-profits and municipalities. I will continue to work on investments in the trades, and career and technical education, so Vermonters can earn higher wages and live better lives."

Equity/Inclusivity

"Vermont will have a stronger economy when all people are provided with equal opportunities. Going forward, I believe that equity and inclusivity will be woven into all our legislation. If our rural towns are to grow and become economically stronger, they need to be welcoming communities for all

people."

Public Education

"I am a strong supporter of public education. Quality schools help our kids, our families, and help our community grow. I believe that we must invest in our children by committing to fund equitable, high-quality pre-K to post-secondary education."

Gun control

"I respect Vermont's long tradition of safe and responsible gun ownership and our hunting culture. I am in favor of common sense gun legislation."

Business development

"I support universal broadband throughout rural Vermont as it is key to business growth and job development. Through my work in the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, I have worked diligently to get businesses on sound footing past COVID-19 and provide area businesses with information about training, forgivable loans, and economic incentives.

"I will continue to work with the Vermont Economic Development Authority, VT Small Business Administration, as well as state agencies to assist small businesses and their employees."

Agriculture

"Our working lands play a critical role in climate change mitigation, regional food security, and the state's economy. By making investments in our farms, we have the ability to transform our rural communities. I support providing capital, technical support, and education to our farms and forestry enterprises so that we keep the working landscape of Vermont vibrant and vital."

Immigration to Vermont

"Because of the pandemic, we have seen a large influx of new Vermonters to Brandon and to our state. We welcome these new residents and value what they bring to make our community stronger. Vermont must be welcoming to all and embrace the energy, creativity, and culture they bring to our economy. These new Vermonters will help our communities grow and thrive."

Police Reform

Brandon has had an excellent police department, and we were sad to see the Chief and Lieutenant retire this past year. We are fortunate to have hired a new police chief who is already making a positive impact on our community by winning grants for new equipment and programs. This is a time for creative policing, and we need to provide them with the resources to do their job well."

CHARLES "BUTCH" SHAW (R)

Charles "Butch" Shaw of Pittsford was born in Middlebury, VT, receiving his primary and secondary education in Middlebury schools and post-secondary at Mas-

sachusetts Trade Shops School in Boston, MA. Butch relocated to Pittsford in 1968 and has been a resident since.

As a licensed master electrician and traffic signal technician, he formed his own small family business in 1980 called CEA, Inc., an electrical contracting firm.

He currently serves as a Senior Safety Officer and retired Assistant Chief of the Pittsford Fire Department, where he has been a member since 1969; the current Chair of the Pittsford Board of Civil Authority and a Justice of the Peace since 1973; Legislative Representative and Commissioner, Northeast Forest Fire Protection Commission, 2012-present; a lector at St. Alphonsus Church; member of the VT State Fire Fighters Association.

He is running unopposed for the newly formed Rutland County District 8 for what would be his seventh term.

Prop 5/Article 22

"This proposal is no longer a legislative issue as it has wound its way through the arduous legislative process to amend the Vermont Constitution. The question of Article 22 is now in the hands of you, the voters. After reading the proposal and its ambiguous language and along with my personal beliefs, I voted my conscious and did not support Proposition 5 to the Constitution."

Mental-health services

"We all understand the importance of Vermont's Mental Health system of care. I recognize the current shortcomings of the current system even though Vermont is currently building a new facility to house individuals who are under the care of the Commissioner of Corrections, and [although] Rutland Hospital has recently renovated and expanded its mental health wing, it is not enough to keep up with demand.

"The Legislature must continue to fund our local mental health agencies so they can continue to provide adequately trained and staffed professionals to assist folks in need of their services. I have and would support a reasonable proposal to do so."

Workforce development/Business Development/Immigration to Vermont

"Business Development and Immigration to Vermont are all tied together in one bundle. In easy terms, without a well-trained available workforce, business development will be hampered.

"Immigration into Vermont could help supply the needed people to help alleviate the shortage of available employees in the state. Looming over all of this is the shortage of available workforce market-rate housing which we must have to attract workers.

"As we can see, this topic is a house of cards in which all of the cards need to be in place to support the others. I do support the ef-

forts of the Administration and past Legislatures to continue the work in these areas."

Equity/Inclusivity

"As we have been made aware of the shortcomings in state government in the area of inclusivity, the legislature and the current administration have partnered to consider equity in everything we, as your representatives, do.

"When considering legislation, one of the "check the box" standards is, in my opinion, does this legislation encompass all Vermonters' needs? A question not lightly asked but difficult to answer.

"To that end, equity and inclusion is now a welcome part of the conversation in all legislation I'm involved in crafting. I have discovered that the topic goes beyond the BIPOC and LGBTQ population but must also include the financially and physically marginalized populations and the isolated populations in our state.

"I support the ongoing efforts to include all Vermonters in our conversations."

Public Education

"Of course, like most Vermonters, I support our public education system, but when talking to constituents, usually the conversation turns to the high costs involved in educating our children.

"The question for me is can we provide an adequate education for an amount Vermonters can afford? I continue to think we can without undermining the quality of the education our children deserve.

"[It is] a continuing question that the Legislature has struggled with, in my time as a state representative, and has yet to resolve. More to come as the new legislative session

progresses!"

Gun control

"If gun control legislation does come before the Legislature, I will, as always, read the words before making any decisions on its merits."

Agriculture

"Today's definition of agriculture goes way beyond milk production. We are seeing alternative agricultural practices, including locally produced vegetables, beef, pork, chicken, and other meat products. The maple industry is flourishing, and wood and woodland products are becoming more valuable every day. I do support wise continued growth in this important industry."

Police Reform

"The legislature passed Act 166 in the 2020 session. This Act made sweeping changes to government structures regarding public safety. Within the law are provisions, among others, to establish a Law Enforcement Advisory Board, revamping the Criminal Justice Council to include citizen participation and other structures as they relate to public health and safety.

"In the 2020 session, the Legislature also passed Act 165, which created a statewide policy for law enforcement use of force. To complement Act 165, the legislature then passed (in 2021) Act 27—an adjustment to Act 165 to clarify when certain use of force tactics may be necessary.

"With the recently passed laws, I feel we must give these prescribed actions time to mature before moving forward with additional reform measures."

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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

Michael Dwyer recognized Glenn Horgan who taught Middle School at OVUHS for almost thirty years. He believes that his mom took the picture when Glenn first arrived as a new teacher in 1986.



Brian Fillioe of Proctor identified the man on the right as Bernie Cram of Brandon. Brian said the photo was probably from the 70s and was taken at a music store.

Terry Ferson of Brandon identified the man on the left as Danny Johnson and the man on the right as Bernie Cram. The photo is from the 70s and both men were in a band that played locally.

Kurt Kimball also recognized the two men, Dan Johnson is on the left, Bernie Cram is on the right. He says the photo is over 20 years old and was taken at a store in Brandon.

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

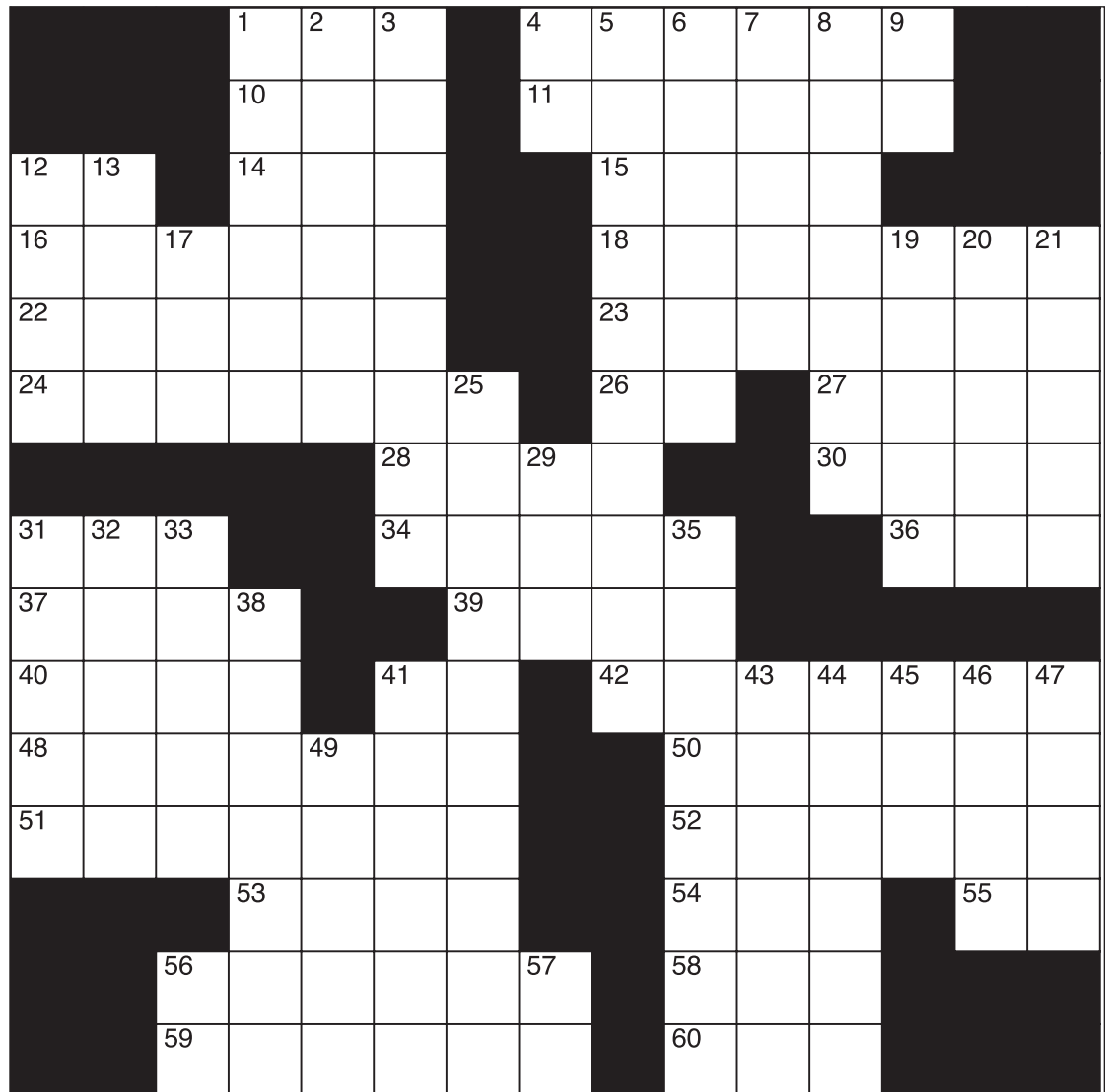
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1. The central bank of the US
4. Direct one's ambitions
10. Only
11. "Nothing ventured, nothing ---"
12. Lead
14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
15. Indicates the pitch of notes
16. Set up to blame
18. States of rest
22. Complete
23. Be around longer than
24. Instructs
26. Childless (abbr.)
27. Coffee machines do it
28. Bowfin
30. A group separate from established Church
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
34. Mends with a needle
36. When you hope to get there
37. Popular 80's pop duo
39. Beloved Mexican dish
40. Extremely small amount
41. Special therapy
42. Cause to move slowly
48. A person's natural height
50. Elicited
51. Legislator
52. Baking ingredient
53. Sandwich store
54. Peyton's little brother
55. Southeast
56. Popular Mexican beer
58. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
59. Car body manufacturer
60. Midway between south and southeast

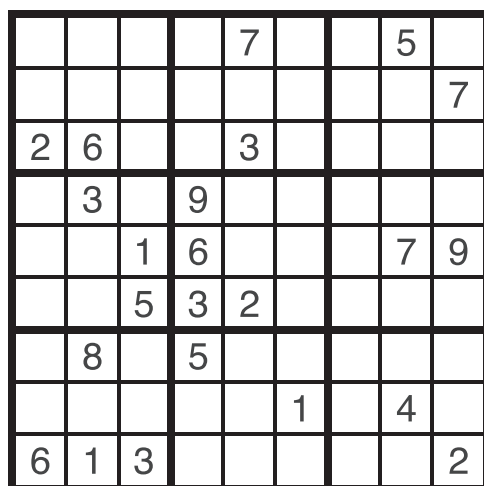
CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless volatile acid
2. A way to tangle
3. Jam rock band devotee
4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
5. Inviolable
6. Collision
7. Clumsy
8. Bends again
9. "Pollock" actor Harris
12. Flew off!
13. Soft creamy white cheese
17. Comedienne Gasteyer
19. Exclamation used for emphasis
20. Expel from one's property
21. Philly transit body
25. Small amount of something
29. Retirement account
31. Holey type of cheese
32. Young pig
33. Climbing palm
35. Discomfort
38. Bullfighter
41. High-level computer language
43. Fleshy extensions above the throat
44. Request
45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
46. Bruce and Spike are two
47. Precipice
49. Wombs
56. A radio band
57. Emphasizes an amount



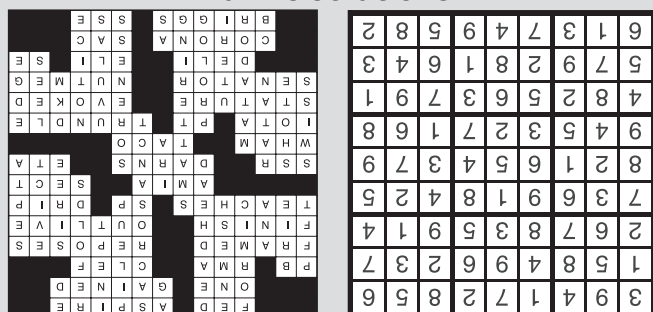
Sudoku

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.



Level: Intermediate

Puzzle solutions



November is "Adopt a Senior Pet" Month!

Here at Rutland County Humane Society (RCHS) we love our senior pets, which is why we are so excited to share that November is "Adopt a Senior Pet" month! If you have been considering adding a new furry friend to your family, have you considered opening up your home and heart to an older dog or cat? Senior dogs and cats make wonderful pets! They are more likely to already be housetrained and don't always require constant monitoring and training. They also tend to be more calm and mellow than younger animals. There may be some adjustments and training specific to your household or routines for older animals. Like humans, they may be set in their ways, so let them adjust to their new home at their own pace. Prepare for your senior pet's physical needs - this could mean committing to any known or potential medical needs or getting your home proofed and ready for their arrival (senior pets may not be as mobile as younger pets). To find out what senior animals are available for adoption, please call the RCHS Adoption Center at 802.483.6700, or check out our website at rchsvt.org.

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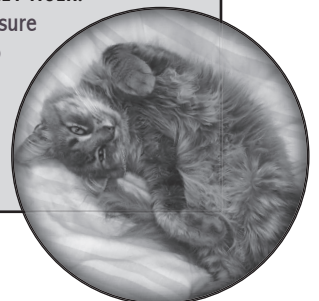


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MEET MORRIS - 1-YEAR-OLD. NEUTERED MALE. DOMESTIC MEDIUM HAIR. GREY TIGER.

Morris is a beautiful boy with a big personality! He's more of a solitude guy but is sure to add some warmth to a home with experienced cat owners. Morris was brought to RCHS as a stray, so we have no history of him with dogs or kids. He is doing well in our Community Cat room, so we feel he will do well in a home with other cats. He does spend most of his time napping in a bed, so he would probably do best in a fairly quiet home.



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Off the Shelf

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If you missed our first publishing club meeting and would like more information on our program- please reach out to chandler@brandonpubliclibrary.org for details.

TAG (our Teen Advisory Group) will be THIS Friday, 11/4, 3:30-5pm. We will now be meeting on the first Friday of each month!

Junior Graphic Novels

“Sea Serpent's Heir, Book 1: The Pirate's Daughter” by Mairghread Scott

Aella's life with her aunts on Kinamen Isle is boring. But everything changes when she awakens an ancient evil within herself: Xir, the serpent that almost destroyed the world. Worse yet a fanatical religious organization has arrived on Kinamen Isle to destroy Xir. As Aella is forced to fight for her life she'll discover that her entire world is not what it seems. Her aunts know more than they let on - and what exactly does

Did you know?

Our Brandon Publishing Group starts next week with a writing “power hour” on 11/8 at 5pm. All are welcome to come, meet and write!

the infamous Pirate Queen want with Aella?

“Mr. Wolf's Class: Snow Day” by Aron Nels Steinke

Will a snow storm send the students of Hazelwood Elementary home early? Misadventures abound with Mr. Wolf when Abdi, who is worried about a surgery his brother is having, misses the bus with his friend Henry.

“My Aunt is a Monster” by Reimena Yee

Safia thought that being blind meant she would only get to go on adventures through her audiobooks. But everything changes when she goes to live with her distant and mysterious aunt, Lady Whimsy,

who takes Safia on the journey of a lifetime! While the reclusive Lady Whimsy stops an old rival from uncovering the truth behind her disappearance, Safia experiences parts of the world she had only dreamed about. For the first time in her life, Safia is the hero of her own story, and she must do what she can to save the day.

Adult Fiction

“The Singularities” by John Banville

Newly released from prison, Felix Montgomery returns to the estate of his youth under the assumed name of Felix Mordaunt, only to discover a new family living within its drafty walls. It is the Godleys, descendants of Adam Godley, whose theories of existence plunged the world into devastating chaos. Montgomery feels as if time has stopped, or was torn, in new and strange ways. He must now contend with the strange family, their housekeeper, a biographer for Godley Sr., and a wealthy, beautiful woman from his past who comes bearing an unusual request.

Drunk squad: BPD responds to multiple cases of intoxication

Brandon Police Report

BRANDON — The Brandon Police's week of Oct. 24 began with a report of suspicious activity on River Street. Officers received a call about an intoxicated male about to get into his car. Officers went to the residence and prevented him from getting driving. He was left in the care and custody of a family member.

Later in the day, police assisted Pittsford Police in attempting to locate a person wanted on an arrest warrant. No contact was made with the subject at the suspect's residence.

At around 10 a.m. on Oct. 25, police investigated a report of a loud “pop” and then a hissing sound at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Union Street but were unable to locate the source of the sound.

Later in the day, a woman came into the police station to report fraudulent use of her credit card, followed shortly after by a report from a Center Street resident that her ex-boyfriend was exhibiting obsessive and concerning behavior, repeatedly calling her after she had broken off the relationship. Police offered some remedies for addressing the situation and encouraged her to contact the investigating officer if the calls did not stop, and criminal charges could be sought against her ex-boyfriend if she wished to pursue the matter in court later.

Officers also received a complaint of a possible drunk driver in the area of River Street but did not locate any vehicles in the vicinity fitting the description the complainant gave.

On Oct. 27, police and the Brandon Fire Department responded to a report of burning debris in the road on Carver Street near Syndicate Road. The investigating officers and the fire department located and extinguished the debris. Police and Fire personnel discovered numerous syringes around the burnt debris, which were disposed of. Police have not yet identified any suspects.

Police received a call later in the day from a mother on Franklin Street who reported that her son was out of control and was refusing to take his medication. The juvenile spoke to an embedded crisis worker and was calm during the encounter.

At around 7:30 p.m. that evening, police assisted Vermont State Police on Fern Lake Road in Leicester with a motor vehicle stop involving an alleged drunk driver. The officer stood by with the operator, who had been

taken into custody on suspicion of DUI, while the Trooper conducted a consent search of the vehicle.

Oct. 28 brought a two-car accident on Grove Street near Town Line Road. One operator was injured and subsequently transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Later, a report came in of three ATVs in the middle of the woods off Basin Road. The complainant believed that they might have been stolen. However, the vehicle identification numbers showed that none were listed as stolen. The complainant said he would speak with the property owner, who lives out of state, the next time he is back in Vermont.

Over the course of the day, police held a Drug Take Back at the station on Forest Dale Road. Police collected three cartons of unused medications and transported them to the Rutland County Sheriff's Department for destruction.

In the early hours of Oct. 29, police received a report of a suspicious truck with a trailer backed into the rear of a business on Town Farm Road. Upon investigation, a utility trailer was stolen from the property. Ashley Whitney-Jackson, 36, of Salisbury, was charged with the crime of Petit Larceny. Whitney-Jackson was released on a citation to appear in Rutland Superior Court, Criminal Division, on Jan. 1, 2023, to answer the charge.

In anticipation of “Cabbage Night” activity on Oct. 30, police rounded out their week by patrolling Brandon looking for any suspicious activity.

In other activities, Brandon Police:


On Oct. 24

- Responded to a late report of a car being hit in the downtown parking lot behind Cafe Provence. Documented for insurance purposes.
- Took fingerprints for nursing licensure and school employment.
- Prevented an intoxicated male from driving.
- Enforced traffic laws on River Street around Seminary Street.
- Responded to a citizen dis-

(See Police report, Page 19)



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

others and lighten your load. It's good to build a team of people you can trust and rely upon.

LEO July 23-Aug. 23. Leo
 If there is not much excitement happening around you right now, drum up some of your own. Try to schedule a social gathering before people get busy with the holidays.

ARIES March 21-April 20
 Try to focus on all of the things that are going right in your life right now, Aries. Avoid focusing on those things that have gone wrong. A new perspective is all you need.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
 This week you need to slow down and smell the proverbial roses, Taurus. You've likely been moving at breakneck speed and you can't maintain this momentum. Take a break.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
 Gemini, when someone presents an idea to you, use your intuition to determine if you should get involved. You can trust your gut on this decision.

CANCER June 22-July 22
 Cancer, even if you are in control of a situation, delegate some of your tasks to

through a challenging situation.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 You may need to take a few steps in one direction before you figure out that the other path is the way to go, Capricorn. Don't be afraid to make mistakes.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Aquarius, just when you're ready to move out the door, someone is trying to pull you back inside. Be firm with your resolutions. If it's time to move on, then do so.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20
 Pisces, you won't make any strides if you are not willing to take a few risks. Explore some new possibilities in the days to come.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 3 Amartya Sen, economist, Nobel-laureate (89)
 Nov. 4 Robert Mapplethorpe, photographer (d)
 Nov. 5 Vandana Shiva, philosopher, physicist (70)
 Nov. 6 Thandie Newton, actor (50)
 Nov. 7 Marie Curie, Chemist, physicist, Nobel-laureate (d)
 Nov. 8 Kazuo Ishiguro, writer, Nobel-laureate (68)
 Nov. 9 Anne Sexton, poet (d)

Police report

(Continued from Page 18)

pute between several parties near River Street.

- Assisted Pittsford Police Department in attempting to locate a person wanted on an arrest warrant on West Creek Road in Pittsford.

- Assisted Pittsford Police Department with a traffic stop on Arch Street in Pittsford.

- Made routine business checks at Walgreens on Union Street and at Hannaford's Supermarket.

On Oct 25

- Conducted a residential property watch on Pearl Street. Property watch requested for a residence on Pearl Street.

- Responded to suspicious noise at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Union Street.

- Took fingerprints for nursing licensure.

- Took a report of credit card fraud.

- Received a complaint of obsessive behavior from an ex-boyfriend.

- Received a complaint of a possible drunk driver around River Street.

On Oct 26

- Took fingerprints for day-care employment.

- Responded to a citizen dispute on Pine Tree Drive.

- Stopped a vehicle for suspected DUI on Forest Dale Road. Issued ticket for texting while driving.

On Oct 27

- Took fingerprints for nursing licensure, student teaching, and teacher licensure.

- Responded to a report of burning debris on Carver Street.

- Received a call about an out-of-control juvenile on Franklin Street.

- Assisted the Vermont State Police with a motor vehicle stop on Fern Lake Road in Leicester

- Stopped a vehicle on Grove Street for speeding and issued a warning.

ON Oct 28

- Responded to a minor motor vehicle crash on Center Street in front of The Creative Nest. No injuries were reported, and the damage to both vehicles was extremely minor. Insurance information was exchanged.

- Responded to an accident on Grove Street near Town Line Road.

- Stopped a vehicle on Conant Square for a moving violation and issued a warning.

- Responded to a report of suspicious ATV activity off Basin Road.

- Enforced speed limit on Union Street.

- Responded to a noise complaint on Barlow Avenue.

- Collected three cartons of unused medications in a Drug Take Back program and transported them to Rutland County Sheriff's Department for destruction.

On Oct 29

- Responded to a report of larceny from a building on Town Farm Road

- Conducted a drone training flight.

- Investigated a retail theft at Brandon Lumber/Ace Hardware.

- Assisted Pittsford Police in attempting to locate a person wanted on an arrest warrant on West Creek Road in Pittsford.

- Enforced speed limit on Union Street.

Oct 30

- Patrolled Union Street.

- Spotted a dog in the center of Prospect Street, located the owner, and returned the dog.

- Made a welfare check on a resident on Mt. Pleasant Drive. The resident was found to be okay.

- Enforced speed limit on Grove Street.

- Patrolled neighborhoods throughout Brandon, looking for any suspicious activity related to "Cabbage Night."

Emerge Vermont candidate training to include Jan. 14 date in Brandon

Burlington — Emerge Vermont, the state's premier organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for office, announced today that it would offer a new regional training program for women interested in running for local office.

Emerge Vermont Local is a half-day training that will provide skills and tools to enable Democratic women to run successful campaigns for school boards, selectboards, city councils, and village trustee boards on Town Meeting Day.

"We are excited to launch this new training program for women who want to serve in local office. Fewer than a third of selectboard members in Vermont are women. This training will help improve women's representation in local government," said Elaine Haney, executive director of Emerge Vermont. "Our selectboards and school boards are the connection between our communities and the decision-making that affects our

daily lives," Haney said. "But with so few women serving on these boards, it's clear we need better representation at the tables of local government."

The training will be offered in St. Albans on November 19, in Greensboro on December 10, and in Brandon on January 14, and will focus specifically on campaigning locally. Participants will develop practical knowledge in areas such as voter contact, messaging, fundraising, campaign strategy, and others.

Emerge Vermont Local is different from the organization's more comprehensive candidate training program. "Local elections typically involve fewer registered voters and smaller geographic areas than legislative campaigns. They generally occur on Town Meeting Day each spring, and so the campaign season is also relatively short and requires less fundraising," Haney explained. "The Emerge Vermont Local program will offer cam-

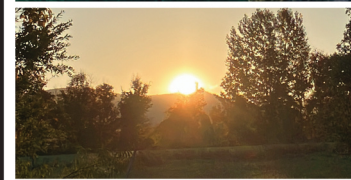
paigned training suited to the comparatively smaller local election cycle."

Emerge Vermont's deeper focus on local elections is intended to address not just the representation of women in local government but also the issues that are discussed at the table. "Women—moms, young women, women of color, and LGBTQ+ women—are not participating nearly enough in the decisions that affect our communities and our lives," said Haney. "It's not just representation. Important issues like our school curriculums, homelessness, addiction, public safety, spending, and so much more are topics of discussion for both selectboards and school boards. It's essential that Democratic women are at the local government table."

"Emerge is the gold standard in campaign training in Vermont. I'm thrilled to see them expanding their program to support can- (See Emerge Vt., Page 23)

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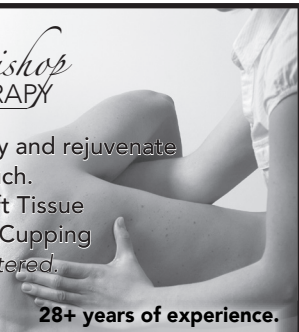
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OV soccer

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Thomas said a lot went right this fall for the Otters, who will graduate only three seniors, Thomas Politano, Ryden Richardson, and Brian Stanley.

“The guys believed in themselves and believed in each other. And we built off (former) Coach (Dick) Williams’s foundation of defending the heck out of the ball, maintaining possession, and just trying to find the back of the net. We put a little more emphasis on that this year with set plays and just creating determination, energy and effort,” he said. “These kids just battled.”

Thomas also credited the talented Tigers for their work on Saturday.

“We were just outmatched here, which is OK. You get to a point in your season where that happens,” he said. “I wish them the best of luck. Bring it home local.”

The first Tiger goal came 11 minutes in from Bosworth, the Tiger all-star right back. Eliot Schneider dribbled down the left side and sent in a serve to Bosworth for one-timer in the box. Eight minutes later Silberman buried a penalty kick in the lower left corner, and it was 2-0. Silberman struck again 32 minutes in. Center-mid Ollie Choudhury carried down the left side and crossed to the far post, where Silberman finished.

George noted the Tigers used the width of the field effectively to stretch the OV defense.

“Our forward players did such a good job getting to the end



OV GOALIE ISAIAH Wood goes high to make one of his 23 saves vs. MUHS in a D-II quarterfinal this past Saturday, won by the No. 2 Tigers over the No. 10 Otters.

line and getting the ball back across and getting us opportunities to finish,” the coach said.

Whitaker used his quickness to get past two defenders on the right side of the box and finish on the far side with five minutes

left in the half and make it 4-0.

Then the Otters had their

best chances of the day, only to see Tiger goalie Owen Lawton

dove to his left to block Owen Thomas’s initial shot, and then he also used his body to smother Lucas Politano’s point-blank rebound bid. The Otters had one more chance as the half ended, but Tiger back Gus Hodde broke up a Politano rush.

In the second half, Wood in the OV goal kept making stops, 23 in all, as the Tigers kept firing. Despite some fine saves by Wood, the Tigers added three more goals.

In the seventh minute, Robinson made it 5-0. He headed in the rebound of a 28-yard bomb by defender Toby Wells-Spackman that bounced back off the crossbar. Robinson scored again 12 minutes in, blasting a shot from the top of the box. With 22 minutes gone in the half Robinson served from the left side, and a sliding Wilkerson one-timed it home at the far post.

Lawton did not have to make a save in the half but did well to come out and beat Thomas to a through ball midway through the period. At the other end, OV back Max Derby made a couple of good defensive plays.

Afterward, Coach Thomas reflected on what he said had been a positive fall for the Otters. He said the team met its goals to bring more energy and excitement to the program.

“We did that. We had some



MUHS FORWARD RONEN Silberman's header soared over the crossbar. But he still scored twice as the No. 2 Tigers defeated the No. 10 Otters in Saturday's D-II quarterfinal.



TIGER FORWARD ZACH Wilkerson makes a play on the ball in the OV box as Otter goalie Isaiah Wood challenges during Saturday's D-II quarterfinal, won by the No. 2 Tigers over the No. 10 Otters.

really nice games,” Thomas said. “They exceeded expectations this season.”

The Tigers reached the semifinal round for the fourth straight season, and George said they have the potential to win the program’s first title.

“When we play our game, which we’ve really been able to do, we won’t get beaten,” he said. “It’s continue to do the simple things. It’s play short passes, we get into the box. We do all those things. And to beat another good team, we just have to play our game, do our thing, and continue to do it well and generate chances.”

OV closes their football season at 4-5

FAIRFAX — No. 2 seed Fairfax-Lamoille pulled away in the second half on Saturday to defeat the visiting No. 7 Otter Valley football team, 18-6.

The game was tied at half-time, 6-6, with Chase Razanouski scoring a rushing touchdown for the Otters.

The Otters mounted one long drive with the score still tied in the second half but were stopped short on fourth-and-six in Bullet territory. Fairfax-Lamoille then marched down the field to take the lead and added an insurance score later.

Two Bullets accounted for all their team’s points: Bullet QB Cooper Harvey scored a rushing touchdown and threw a TD pass to Shaun Gibson, and Gibson also ran for a touchdown.

Fairfax-Lamoille improved to 7-1 heading into a Saturday semifinal vs. Mill River. The Otters wrapped up at 4-5.

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Vermont's Regular Deer Season starts Saturday, Nov. 12

MONTPELIER — Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day regular deer season that begins Saturday, November 12, and ends Sunday, November 27.

A hunter may take one legal buck during this season if they did not already take one during the archery deer season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). A map of the WMUs is on pages 22 and 23 of the 2022 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide, available from license agents statewide.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q, a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length.

In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O, a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in western regions of the state and other valley areas," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's deer biologist Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer

more of a big woods experience with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season and a late-season bear tag (for Nov. 12-20), which cost \$28 for residents and \$102 for non-residents. Hunters under 18 years of age get a break at \$8 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Licenses are available on Fish and Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide.

"I am urging all hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick.

A 2022 Deer Season Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Hunters are required to report deer in person at a big game reporting station during the regular season. Online reporting will not be available. This requirement



HUNTERS WHO GET a deer on the opening weekend of the Nov. 12-27 deer season can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at a biological check station.

VTF&W photos by John Hall

allows biologists to collect important information from as many deer as possible.

Hunters who get a deer on November 12 or 13 can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations listed below that will be staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. unless the store closes earlier:

- Buck Stop Mini Mart – Bennington

- Keith's Country Store – Pittsford
- R&L Archery – Barre
- Putney Sunoco – Putney
- West Enosburg Country Store – Enosburg Falls
- Rack N Reel – New Haven
- Bob's Quick Stop – Irasburg
- Lead & Tackle – Lyndonville
- Village Grocery & Deli – Waitsfield
- Singleton's Store - Proctorsville

Hunters who do not go to a bio-

logical reporting station are asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website next spring.

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Name a plow

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name. The trucks that they named last year will keep the same names this year.

The principal/director should review the name to ensure that it is appropriate and not already in use. The list of 2021 plow names is on the AOT website <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/name-a-plow>.

Each school's plow name will be assigned to a plow truck at a Maintenance District garage. The sign on the truck will include the plow's name and the school that named it.

The deadline to submit a name is November 9, 2021.

AOT Maintenance District plow operators will visit the schools that name a truck this year on Thursday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate the second annual Vermont Plow Day. Schools are invited to take photos of their students and staff with the plow truck and name sign.

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didates for municipal office," said Jim Dandeneau, executive director of the Vermont Democratic Party. "At a time when races are being increasingly politicized, it's essential that women have the tools to win local election and be able to stand up for their neighbors and communities."

The training will happen from 1-5 p.m. in St. Albans on November 19, in Greensboro on December 10, and in Brandon on January 14. Registration is open for all three sessions. The cost of participation is \$35 per person. Those interested can learn more at <https://vt.emergeamerica.org/events/emerge-vermont-local/>.

For more information about Emerge Vermont, please visit <https://vt.emergeamerica.org/>.

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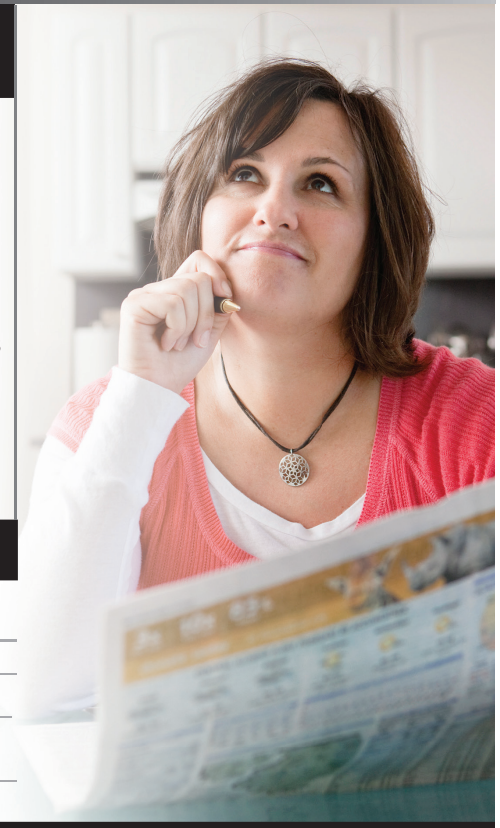
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THE SARA'S STORIES Team From Left to right: Meghan Fox, Kayla Desabrais, Alyssa Adamsen, and Jenelle Daly. Sara's Stories was founded in memory of Kayla and Jenelle's mom, Sara Gallipo.

Sara's Stories had their 6th annual Chili Cook-off and cornhole competition on October 15 at the Pittsford Rec to help sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Pittsford, Florence, Chittenden, Proctor, West Rutland, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury.

The Chili Cook-Off winners were:

- 1st Place: Tharon Malay (chili #12)
- 2nd Place: Craig Pelkey (chili #8)
- 3rd Place: Christine Maseroni (chili #10)
- Hottest: Charlie and Josephine Fox (chili #1)

The Cornhole tournament was won by Kobe Pinkham and Nickolas Newton.

Sara's Stories Chili-Cook Off



LEFT TO RIGHT Chili-Cook-Off winners: Aila Malay for her dad Tharon Malay, Christina Maseroni, Craig Pelkey, missing Charlie and Josephine Fox.



CORNHOLE WINNERS FROM left to right: Kobe Pinkham and Nickolas Newton.

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